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The sixteen essays in this fine collection, a *Festschrift* for Rex Mason, deal with the exilic, Persian, and Hellenistic periods of ancient Judah. Rex Mason was tutor in Hebrew and Old Testament Studies at Regent's Park College in Oxford from 1975 to 1993. A tribute (pp. 1-2) and a bibliography (pp. 3-4) open the volume. The essays are: "The Deuteronomic Law of Centralisation and the Catastrophe of 587 B.C." by Ronald E. Clements (pp. 5-25); "Faces of Exile in Old Testament Historiography" by J. G. McConville (pp. 27-44); "Dislocation and Adaptation in the Exilic Age and After" by Paul M. Joyce (pp. 45-58); "The Canonical Meaning of the Book of the Twelve" by John Barton (pp. 59-73); "Interbiblical Quotations in Joel" by Richard Coggins (pp. 75-84); "Reinventing the Wheel: The Shaping of the Book of Jonah" by Katharine J. Dell. (pp. 85-101); "The Language of Warfare in Zechariah 9-14" by T. R. Hobbs (pp. 103-28); "The Politics of Religion in the Persian Period" by Samuel Balentine (pp. 129-46); "Psalmody and Apocalyptic in the Hebrew Bible: Common Vision, Shared Experience" by Susan Gillingham (pp. 147-69); "'Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?' Job 28 as a Riddle for Ancient and Modern Readers" by Paul S. Fiddes (pp. 171-90); "Apocalyptic Imagery as Political Cartoon?" by David S. Russell (pp. 191-200); "The Problem with I Esdras" by H. G. M. Williamson (pp. 201-16); "Isaianic Traditions in the Book of Enoch" by M. Knibb (pp. 217-29); "The Development of Belief in Life after Death in Ancient Israel" by John Day (pp. 231-57); "The Apocrypha and Biblical Theology: The Case of Interpersonal Forgiveness" by David J. Reimer (pp. 259-82). The volume concludes with an index of selected sources (pp. 283-93).