

# The Use of Exodus in Hebrews

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*The Use of Exodus in Hebrews* illustrates how traditions and hermeneutics have significantly determined people's valuations of the relationship between the Old and New Covenants in Hebrews. By showing how the author of Hebrews uses the canonical revelation from Exodus to argue rhetorically, ontologically, and hermeneutically that Jesus Christ is the New Covenant priest in the heavenly tabernacle, this book offers an epistemological lens from Exodus to identify the correct view of the relationship between the Old and New Covenants.

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# Editor's Preface

More than ever the horizons in biblical literature are being expanded beyond that which is immediately imagined; important new methodological, theological, and hermeneutical directions are being explored, often resulting in significant contributions to the world of biblical scholarship. It is an exciting time for the academy as engagement in biblical studies continues to be heightened.

This series seeks to make available to scholars and institutions, scholarship of a high order, and which will make a significant contribution to the ongoing biblical discourse. This series includes established and innovative directions, covering general and particular areas in biblical study. For every volume considered for this series, we explore the question as to whether the study will push the horizons of biblical scholarship. The answer must be *yes* for inclusion.

In this volume King She has sought to fill a void in the manner in which scholars have interpreted the Books of Hebrews. She notes that the preponderance of studies on Hebrews have focused on what he views as a “descriptive analysis of the Old Testament citations in Hebrews and have not yet moved toward a prescriptive one via ontological analysis of reason conceived by *Auctor*.” The author focuses on Heb 9:22–23 as the basis for his arguments noting that the use of *analogia entis* by *Auctor* is principal in the construction of a biblical Christology. While She does not see the descriptive interpretation as the final approach to the text, he does acknowledge its importance and builds on it to construct his argument. This study is certain to generate widespread discourse, particularly in evangelical scholarship, and will not only further expand the biblical horizon, but will do so in a direction that invites further conversation.

The horizon has been expanded.

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Series Editor



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# Abbreviations

AB	Anchor Bible
ALGHJ	Arbeiten zur Literatur und Geschichte des hellenistischen Judentums
AUSDDS	Andrews University Seminary Doctoral Dissertation Series
AUSS	<i>Andrews University Seminary Studies</i>
BETL	Bibliotheca ephemeridum theologiarum lovaniensium
BHS	<i>Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia</i> . Edited by K. Elliger and W. Rudolph. Stuttgart, 1983.
<i>Bib</i>	<i>Biblica</i>
BIS	Biblical Interpretation Series
BKC	<i>Bible Knowledge Commentary</i> . Edited by J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck. 2 vols. Wheaton, 1983–1985.
<i>BSac</i>	<i>Bibliotheca sacra</i>
<i>BTB</i>	<i>Biblical Theology Bulletin</i>
BU	Biblische Untersuchungen
BZAW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft
BZNW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft
CBET	Contributions to Biblical Exegesis and Theology
CBQ	Catholic Biblical Quarterly
CBR	<i>Currents in Biblical Research</i>
ConBNT	Coniectanea biblica: New Testament Series
CRS	Commentary Reference Series
CTJ	<i>Calvin Theological Journal</i>
CTQ	<i>Concordia Theological Quarterly</i>
DOTP	<i>Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch</i> . Edited by T. D. Alexander and D. W. Baker. Downers Grove, 2003
DRCS	<i>Daniel and Revelation Committee Series</i> . Edited by F. B. Holbrook. 7 vols. Silver Spring, 1986–1992
DTIB	<i>Dictionary for Theological Interpretation of the Bible</i> . Edited by K. J. Vanhoozer. Grand Rapids, 2005
EBC	<i>The Expositor's Bible Commentary</i> . Edited by F. E. Gaebelein. 12 vols. Grand Rapids, 1976–1992
<i>EvRT</i>	<i>Evangelical Review of Theology</i>
<i>EvQ</i>	<i>Evangelical Quarterly</i>
<i>EvT</i>	<i>Evangelische Theologie</i>
FB	Forschung zur Bibel

FRLANT	Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten and Neuen Testaments
GDR	Gorgias Dissertations: Religion
GTJ	<i>Grace Theological Journal</i>
HTR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
ICC	International Critical Commentary
IBS	<i>Irish Biblical Studies</i>
JATS	<i>Journal of the Adventist Theological Society</i>
JBL	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
JETS	<i>Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society</i>
JSNT	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i>
JSNTSup	Journal for the Study of the New Testament: Supplement Series
JSOTSup	Journal for the Study of the Old Testament: Supplement Series
KEK	Kritisch-exegetischer Kommentar über das Neue Testament (Meyer-Kommentar)
KSUM	Korean Sahmyook University Monographs: Doctoral Dissertation Series
LXX	<i>Septuaginta: Id est Vetus Testamentum graece iuxta LXX interpretes</i> . Edited by A. Rahlfs. Stuttgart, 1979
MNTS	McMaster New Testament Studies
MT	Masoretic Text
MTS	Marburger theologische Studien
NA <sup>27</sup>	<i>Novum Testamentum Graece</i> . Edited by Barbara and Kurt Aland, Johannes Karavidopoulos, Carlo M. Martini, and Bruce M. Metzger. 27th rev. ed. Stuttgart, 1993
NAC	New American Commentary
Neot	<i>Neotestamentica</i>
NICNT	New International Commentary on the New Testament
NIDNTT	<i>New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology</i> . Edited by C. Brown. 4 vols. Grand Rapids, 1975–1985
NIDOTTE	<i>New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis</i> . Edited by W. A. VanGemeren. 5 vols. Grand Rapids, 1997
NIGTC	New International Greek Testament Commentary
NovT	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
NovTSup	Supplements to Novum Testamentum
NS	<i>New Scholasticism</i>
NT	New Testament
NTL	New Testament Library
NTM	New Testament Monographs
NTS	<i>New Testament Studies</i>

NTTS	New Testament Tools and Studies
NZSTR	<i>Neue Zeitschrift für systematische Theologie und Religionsphilosophie</i>
OT	Old Testament
OTNT	Ökumenischer Taschenbuchkommentar zum Neuen Testament
PRS	<i>Perspectives in Religious Studies</i>
SBL	Society of Biblical Literature
SBLDS	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
SBLSPS	Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers Series
SEAJT	<i>South East Asia Journal of Theology</i>
SHS	Scripture and Hermeneutics Series
SJT	<i>Scottish Journal of Theology</i>
SNT	Studien zum Neuen Testament
SNTSMS	Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series
SPS	Sacra pagina Series
SupJSJ	Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism
TynBul	<i>Tyndale Bulletin</i>
TCICD	<i>Three Central Issues in Contemporary Dispensationalism: A Comparison of Traditional and Progressive Views.</i> Edited by H. W. Bateman IV. Grand Rapids, 1999
TDNT	<i>Theological Dictionary of the New Testament.</i> Edited by G. Kittel and G. Friedrich. Translated by G. W. Bromiley. 10 vols. Grand Rapids, 1964–1976
TDOT	<i>Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament.</i> Edited by G. J. Botterweck, H. Ringgren, and Heinz-Josef Fabry. Translated by J. T. Willis et al. 15 vols. Grand Rapids, 1974–2006
TJ	<i>Trinity Journal</i>
TRu	<i>Theologische Rundschau</i>
TS	<i>Theological Studies</i>
TWOT	<i>Theological Workbook of the Old Testament.</i> Edited by R. L. Harris, G. L. Archer Jr. 2 vols. Chicago, 1980.
TZ	<i>Theologische Zeitschrift</i>
VF	<i>Verkündigung und Forschung</i>
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary
WMANT	Wissenschaftliche Monographien zum Alten und Neuen Testament
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament
ZAW	<i>Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
ZNW	<i>Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>



Part One: Descriptive Use of  
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