In *The Jewish Dietary Laws in the Ancient World* Jordan D. Rosenblum explores how cultures critique and defend their religious food practices. In particular, he focuses on how ancient Jews defended the kosher laws, or *kashrut*, and how ancient Greeks, Romans, and early Christians critiqued these practices. As the kosher laws are first encountered in the Hebrew Bible, this study is rooted in ancient biblical interpretation. Rosenblum explores how commentators in antiquity understood, applied, altered, innovated upon, and contemporized biblical dietary regulations. He shows that these differing interpretations do not exist within a vacuum; rather, they are informed by a variety of motives, including theological, moral, political, social, and financial considerations. In analyzing these ancient conversations about culture and cuisine, he dissects three rhetorical strategies deployed when justifying various interpretations of ancient Jewish dietary regulations: reason, revelation, and allegory. Finally, Rosenblum reflects upon wider, contemporary debates about food ethics.

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Abbreviations

1QapGen Genesis Apocryphon
11QT\textsuperscript{a} Temple Scroll\textsuperscript{\textit{a}}
AB Anchor Bible
\textit{ANF} Ante-Nicene Fathers
\textit{b.} Babylonian Talmud (\textit{Bavli})
\textit{b.} \textit{ben/bar} (“son” in Hebrew/Aramaic)
BJS Brown Judaic Studies
\textit{CBQ} Catholic Biblical Quarterly
\textit{CD} Damascus Document (Cairo Genizah copy)
Chr Chronicles
Col Colossians
Cor Corinthians
Dan Daniel
Deut Deuteronomy
Eccl Ecclesiastes
Esth Esther
\textit{ETL} Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses
Exod Exodus
Ezek Ezekiel
Gal Galatians
Gen Genesis
\textit{GLA}J\textit{J} Greek and Latin Authors on Jews and Judaism
Hos Hosea
\textit{HTR} Harvard Theological Review
Isa Isaiah
\textit{JAA}R Journal of the American Academy of Religion
\textit{JALS} Journal of Ancient Judaism Supplement Series
\textit{JBL} Journal of Biblical Literature
Jer Jeremiah
\textit{JJS} Journal of Jewish Studies

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JQR  Jewish Quarterly Review
JSIJ Jewish Studies, an Internet Journal
JSJ Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman Periods
JSNT Journal for the Study of the New Testament
JSOTSup Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series
JSQ Jewish Studies Quarterly
Kgs Kings
LCL Loeb Classical Library
Lev Leviticus
m. Mishnah
Matt Matthew
NPNF Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers
NRSV New Revised Standard Version
Num Numbers
OTL Old Testament Library
OTP Old Testament Pseudepigrapha
PGM Papyri Graecae Magicae (Greek Magical Papyri)
Prov Proverbs
Ps Psalm
R. Rabbi
Rom Romans
Sam Samuel
SJLA Studies in Judaism in Late Antiquity
Song Song of Songs
t. Tosefta
Tim Timothy
TSAJ Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism
y. Jerusalem Talmud (Yerushalmi)
ZAW Zeitschrift für die altestamentliche Wissenschaft