History and Memory in the Dead Sea Scrolls

The nature and reliability of the ancient sources are among the most important issues in the scholarship on the Dead Sea Scrolls. It is noteworthy, therefore, that scholars have grown increasingly skeptical about the value of these materials for reconstructing the life of the Teacher of Righteousness. Travis Williams’ study is designed to address this new perspective and its implications for historical inquiry. He offers an important corrective to popular conceptions of history and memory by introducing memory theory as a means of informing historical investigation. Charting a new methodological course in Dead Sea Scrolls research, Williams reveals that properly representing the past requires an explanation of how the mnemonic evidence found in the relevant sources could have developed from a historical progression that began with the Teacher. His book represents the first attempt in Dead Sea Scrolls scholarship to integrate history and memory in a comprehensive way.

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To my parents
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AJJS *Australian Journal of Jewish Studies*

BIAC *Bulletin of the Institute for Antiquity and Christianity*

BPC *Biblical Performance Criticism*

CCWJC Cambridge Commentaries on Writings of the Jewish and Christian World, 200 BC to AD 200

CJA *Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity*

CQS *Companion to the Qumran Scrolls*

CST *Contemporary Studies in Theology*

CTSRR *College Theology Society Resources in Religion*

EC *Early Christianity*

ECRW *Early Christianity in the Roman World*

GSPT *Gorgias Studies in Philosophy and Theology*


HBM *Hebrew Bible Monographs*

IMJ *Israel Museum Journal*

JAJSup *Journal of Ancient Judaism Supplement Series*
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