

# DIVINE REGENERATION AND ETHNIC IDENTITY IN 1 PETER

In this book, Katie Marcar examines how 1 Peter draws together metaphors of family, ethnicity, temple, and priesthood to describe Christian identity. She examines the precedents for these metaphors in Second Temple Judaism and early Christianity in order to highlight the originality, creativity, and theological depth of the text. She then explores how these metaphors are combined and developed in 1 Peter to create complex, narratival metaphors that reframe believers' understanding of themselves, their community, and their world. Integrating insights on ethnicity and race in the ancient and modern world, as well as insights from metaphor studies, Marcar examines why it is important for Christians to think of themselves as one family and ethnic group. Marcar concludes by distilling the metaphors of divine regeneration down to their underlying systematic metaphors.

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To my Mother and Father





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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

This book follows the abbreviations given in *The SBL Handbook of Style* (2007). Selected abbreviations are listed here.

BDAG	W. Bauer,	F. W.	Danker,	W. F. Arndt,	and F. W.

Gingrich, Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature, 3rd

ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000)

BJS Brown Judaic Studies

BrDAG Franco Montanari, Madeleine Koh, and Chad

Matthew Schroeder, eds., The Brill Dictionary of

Ancient Greek (Leiden: Brill, 2015)

CBQ Catholic Biblical Quarterly
CBR Currents in Biblical Research
DJD Discoveries in the Judean Desert

GLAJJ Menahem Stern, Greek and Latin Authors on Jews and

Judaism, 2 vols. (Jerusalem: The Israel Academy of

Sciences and Humanities, 1976)

HTR Harvard Theological Review
ICC International Critical Commentary
JBL Journal of Biblical Literature

JSNT Journal for the Study of the New Testament JSNTSup Journal for the Study of the New Testament

Supplement Series

JSOTSup Journal for the Study of the Old Testament

Supplement Series

LCL Loeb Classical Library

LNTS Library of New Testament Studies

LSJ Henry George Liddell, Robert Scott, and Henry

Stuart Jones, A Greek-English Lexicon (Oxford:

Clarendon, 1966)

NovTSup Novum Testamentum Supplements

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#### List of Abbreviations

NTS New Testament Studies RevQ Revue de Qumran

RSV Revised Standard Version

SNTSMS Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series SVF Hans Friedrich Augustus Arnim, ed., Stoicorum

veterum fragmenta. 3 vols. (Stuttgart: Teubner, 1964

[1903-1905])

TDNT Gerhard Kittel and Gerhard Friedrich, eds.,

Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, trans. Geoffrey W. Bromiley, 10 vols. (Grand Rapids, MI:

Eerdmans, 1964–1976)

TDOT G. Johannes Botterweck, Helmer Ringgren, and

Heinz-Josef Fabry, eds., Theological Dictionary of the

Old Testament, 15 vols. (Grand Rapids, MI:

Eerdmans, 1979–2006)

TLG Thesaurus Linguae Graecae
WBC Word Biblical Commentary

WUNT Wissenschaftliche Untersuchung en zum Neuen

Testament

