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Ancient Cult and Modern Methods: Unearthing the Religions of Ancient Israel and the Surrounding Cultures

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In this Special Issue, we look into the study of religion and ritual in the Iron Age I and II (ca. 1200–586 BCE) in Israel itself and in the environs, including the wider Levant and southwest Asia. We welcome studies that are taking new looks at this important time period, using fresh eyes and methodologies to explore an old topic that is ripe for revisiting after a century of scholarship. Beyond what is known from the texts, what can we know about the personal space of religion and ritual? How did domestic religion differ from that of the larger centralized institutions, as represented in monumental or dedicated structures? How did religious practices differ between the various cultures of the Levant in this time period and what did they share?

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