

Special Issue

Myth-Making in the Hebrew Bible

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue features biblical scholars working directly with myth-making in the Hebrew Bible, engaging with past theorization of myth and theorizing myth-making themselves. The study of myth-making in the Hebrew Bible is central to interdisciplinary work on ancient Near Eastern and ancient Mediterranean literature and religion. Therefore, a primary aim of this issue is for biblical scholars to speak to scholars within our field as well as scholars in adjacent fields, who might have had less exposure to how far discussion of myth-making in the Hebrew Bible has come: far beyond outdated popular dichotomies of the Bible, as proper history and Truth, versus Myth, as false or others' stories. This Special Issue will contribute to existing scholarship on the topic of myth-making in the Hebrew Bible by building on foundational discussions of the category of myth within Biblical Studies and taking up the charge of past scholars to continue to scrutinize how we implicitly and explicitly use theories of myth.

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