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The Hebrew Bible
expose the close relationship between these two traditions in the literature of the Hebrew Bible. The first section of the book explores prophecy and prophets in ancient Israelite and Jewish prophetic texts and the role that these texts play within the context of the ancient society. The second section surveys historiography in Israelite and Jewish prophetic books (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Book of the Twelve, Daniel, 1 Enoch). The contributors engage diverse methodological perspectives in these studies, the goal first being to show the role that the prophets played within the great Hebrew historiographic works and, second, to demonstrate the role that historiographic works play within the context of ancient Israelite and Jewish society. The Prophets, Prophecy, and Ancient Israelite Historiography will be of value for advanced students and scholars working on historiographic and prophetic material in the ancient Israelite and Jewish traditions, featuring the best of research and analysis and interacting with many major ancient literary traditions of historiography and prophecy. It follows the trends that have been identified in the studies which have been conducted over the past five decades, where the world-view was essentially a West Semitic world-view in origin, with additional deeply embedded influences from Egypt and Mesopotamia, though it produced its own distinctive character by way of synthesis and reaction. The essays in this volume explore various aspects of this process, historically and cosmetically, complementing views developed in previous studies. The importance of this book is particular to a common 'Canaanite' tradition, emerges clearly from such studies as: chapter 5: 'Sea and Desert, chapter 7: 'Of Calves and Kings', chapter 9: 'The Significance of Spn' and chapter 10: 'The Vocabulary and Neurology of Orientation.' This book discloses the existence and monolithic position of the literary and political tradition of the ancient Israelite and Jewish societies. Few topics are as broad or as daunting as the God of Israel, that deity of the world's three monotheistic religions, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, who has been worshipped over millennia. In the Hebrew Bible, God is characterized as both a righteous and merciful heavenly king, as well as a threatening and vindictive destroyer of sin. Who is this divine being? This study presents an analysis of the character of God in the Old Testament, its antecedents, and its influence on Israel's religious ideology; priestly prerogatives and cultic status; prophetical challenges to injustice; and the pondering of theodicy by poetic sages. A volume that is encyclopedic in scope but accessible in tone, The Origin and Character of God is an essential addition to the growing scholarship of one of humanity's most enduring concepts. This book is an indispensable resource for students and scholars in the study of ancient Israel. It will provide a fundamental understanding of the ancient society's religious ideology, as well as the nature of the text and its historical context. This book will be useful for those interested in biblical studies, ancient history, and the religious and cultural traditions of the ancient Near East. It will also be an important resource for those interested in understanding the development of monotheism in the ancient world.