

## In Conversation With Thomas Römer, The So-Called Deuteronomistic History: A Sociological, Historical And Literary Introduction (London: T. & T. Clark, 2005)

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### Abstract

This conversation with Thomas Römer, *The So-Called Deuteronomistic History: A Sociological, Historical and Literary Introduction* (London: T. & T. Clark, 2005) began in a special session of the Deuteronomistic History section of the Society of Biblical Literature at the SBL annual meeting held in November 2008, in Boston, MA. It includes an introduction by the editor and contributions by Richard Nelson, Steven McKenzie, Eckart Otto, and Yairah Amit. It concludes with a response by Thomas Römer.

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The So-Called Deuteronomistic History: A Sociological, Historical, and Literary Introduction, by Thomas Römer. London: T&T Clark, 2006. Pp. x + 202. \$100.00. (hardcover). 4 Römer lays out the social and historical context of the Neo-Assyrian period, which scholars find so strongly reflected in cultural and ideological imitation in parts of Deuteronomy and Joshua, but not in Judges, and in parts of the stories of David and Solomon, as well as the history of the monarchies down to the time of Josiah. From these clues Römer reconstructs a small Deuteronomistic library collection consisting of a first edition of Deuteronomy, a story of the conquest by Joshua found primarily in Joshua 6-12, and a first history of the monarchy from David to Josiah. Israelite prophecy and the deuteronomistic history. Ancient Israel and Its Literature Thomas C. Römer, General Editor. Editorial Board Suzanne Boorer. Marc Brettler Victor H. Matthews Benjamin D. Sommer. Court Prophets during the Monarchy and Literary Prophets in the So-Called Deuteronomistic History Diana Edelman .51. Prophetic Memories in the Deuteronomistic Historical and the Prophetic Collections of Books Ehud Ben Zvi .75. Prophets and Prophecy in Joshua-Kings: A Near Eastern Perspective Martti Nissinen.103. U. Rütterswörden; BTSt 58; Neukirchen-Vluyn: Neukirchener, 2004), 60–95; T. Römer, The So-Called Deuteronomistic History: A Sociological, Historical and Literary Introduction, New York: T&T Clark, 2005; M. Witte et al. (eds.), Die deuteronomistischen Geschichtswerke. Redaktions- und religionsgeschichtliche Perspektiven zur „Deuteronomismus“-Diskussion in Tora und Vorderen Propheten (BZAW 365; Berlin and New York: de Gruyter, 2006); H.-J. Stipp, Das deuteronomistische Geschichtswerk (ÖBS 39; Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2011). Thomas B. Dozeman et al.; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2011), 289–302. 25See Otto, Deuteronomium im Pentateuch: „Alles Recht ist in Babylonien wie im gesamten Alten Orient Königsrecht“ (123).