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783. [Isaiah] LUIGINO BRUNI, *Dialoghi della notte e dell' aurora: Una rilettura di Isaia* (Lapilazzuli; Bologna: EDB, 2018). Pp. 240. Paper €20. ISBN 978-88-10-55927-0.

B. is professor of political economy at Lumsa University in Rome. The 28 short reflections inspired by the Book of Isaiah making up the volume were originally published in the Italian newspaper *Avvenire*, for which B. is an editor. The essays follow the sequence of the Book of Isaiah, with each essay revolving around a particular passage of the book. Recurring themes throughout the essays, e.g., are idolatry, injustice and indifference to its victims, and false prophecy in Isaiah's time and in our own. The volume closes with a one-page bibliography.—C.T.B.

784. [Jeremiah 1–25] MARK A. O'BRIEN, OP, *Discerning the Dynamics of Jeremiah 1–25 (MT)* (Adelaide, Australia: ATF Press Publishing, 2017). Pp. xxxi + 263. Paper \$44.95. ISBN 978-1-925643-28-2.

At a first reading, the Book of Jeremiah makes a rather chaotic impression with its abrupt changes of speakers, addressees and tone, grammatical breaks, and repetitions. In this synchronic study of MT Jeremiah 1–25, O'B. seeks to trace the dynamic movement of the book's first half (designated by him as "Indictment of Israel the Once Faithful Bride of Yhwh") over the course of its four main subsections: 1:1–3:5; 3:6–10:25; 11:1–20:18; and 21:1–25:38. In so doing, he shows how later units build on earlier ones, responding to questions suggested by what precedes, and progressively nuancing the portrayals of Yhwh, Jeremiah and the people in their often contentious interactions in such a way that the prophet is gradually seen to align himself with the perspective of Yhwh on Judah's deserved punishment (which itself will, however, ultimately lead to the people's restoration in accordance with the program laid out for Jeremiah's ministry by Yhwh in 1:10). From O'B.'s analysis it thus emerges that Jeremiah 1–25 is less disordered than might appear initially and is definitely "more than the sum of its parts."—C.T.B.

785. [Ezekiel] WOJCIECH PIKOR, *The Land of Israel in the Book of Ezekiel* (LHBOTS 667; New York: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2018). Pp. 288. \$114. ISBN 978-0-5676-7884-3.

P.'s volume is a translation of a Polish original. It comprises an Introduction followed by 5 chapters (The Context of the Motif of the Land in the Book of Ezekiel; The Phenomenology of the Land of Israel; The History of Israel Written from the Perspective of the Land; The Land of the New Covenant; and the Vision of the New Land of Israel in Ezekiel 40–48), and a Conclusion. P. sums up his findings as follows: The history of the salvation depicted in the Book of Ezekiel may be labeled geotheology. The Babylonian exile put into question the hitherto operative axioms of faith, including the land's function as a sign of God's choice of Israel and of Israel's abiding by the covenant with Yhwh. Ezekiel's approach to the land is much wider, as he shows the land's active role in constructing the relationship of covenant between Yhwh and Israel. The following elements constitute characteristic features of Ezekiel's theology of the land: (1) the land of Israel as the unifying principle of the Book of Ezekiel; (2) the relationality of the land of Israel; (3) the history of the covenant in the context of the Promised Land; (4) the Promised Land of the covenant of peace; (5) the sacral dimension of the land's restoration; and (6) the new community of the covenant in the Promised Land. A historical and theological study of the land of Israel in the Book of Ezekiel proves that the prophet proposes a perspective on the Promised Land that is unique in the context of the OT. This new perspective is the result