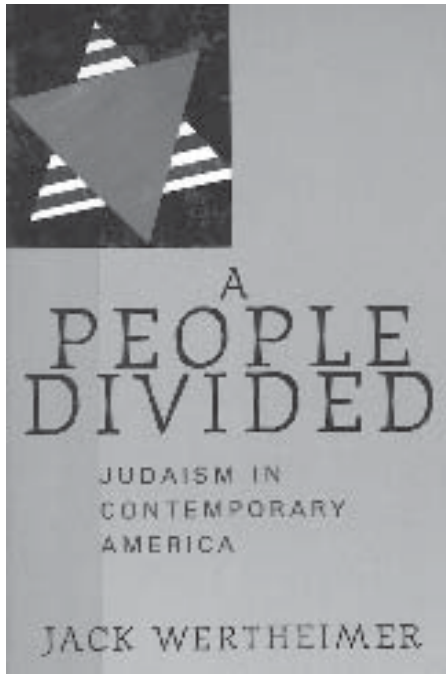


Recent Books on the Church and Israel



A People Divided: Judaism in Contemporary America, by Jack Wertheimer (Basic Books, A Division of HarperCollins Publishers, Inc., 1993), pp. 267, \$14.00.

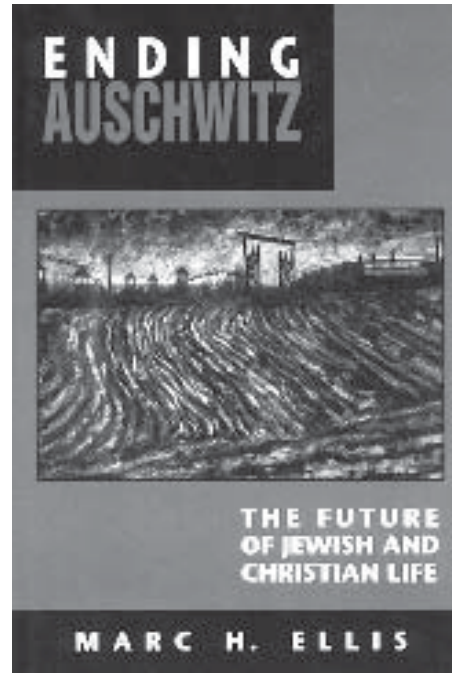
A People Divided is a brilliant analysis of how fundamental changes in the wider society have affected Jewish religious and communal life. "In this timely book, Jack Wertheimer provides an easy-to-read yet comprehensive guide showing how profound changes in American society have gradually polarized Jewish religious and communal life during the second half of the twentieth century" (*Chicago Tribune*).

Jack Wertheimer is Professor of History at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and author of *Unwelcome Strangers: East European Jews in Imperial Germany*.

Ending Auschwitz: The Future of Jewish and Christian Life, by Marc H. Ellis (Westminster/John Knox Press, 1994), pp. 162, \$16.99.

In the wake of post-Holocaust theology, the author "continues his quest for a . . . liberating Judaism . . . in relation to the two-thousand-year-old conflict with Christianity" (Rosemary Radford Ruether); "Ellis skillfully combines excellent writing . . . and thoughtful reflections on Judaism, Christianity, Auschwitz, Israel, and the Palestinians" (Richard L.

Rubenstein). "This book now takes its place in the growing canon of essential texts in the Christian-Jewish dialogue . . ." (Harvey Cox).

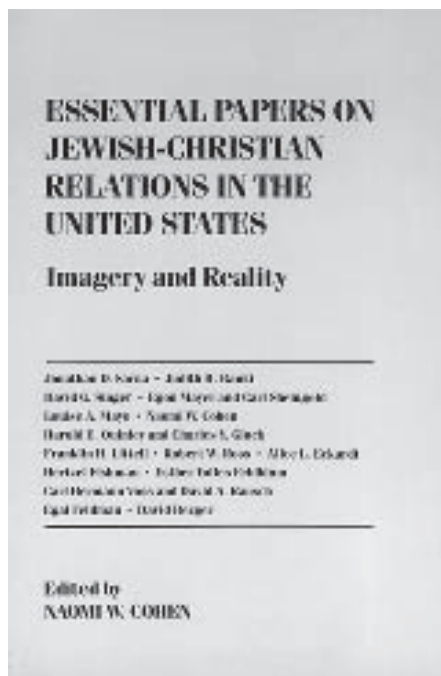


Marc H. Ellis is Professor of Religion, Culture, and Society Studies and Director of the Justice and Peace Program at Maryknoll School of Theology, Maryknoll, New York. He has written and edited many books and articles, some of which have been translated and published in Spanish, French, German, Italian, Dutch, Arabic, and Korean.

Essential Papers on Jewish-Christian Relations in the United States: Imagery and Reality, edited by Naomi W. Cohen (New York University Press, 1990), pp. 378, \$25.00.

This is a collection of papers written by Jews and Christians on issues such as the Jewish-Christian dialogue, American anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, Zionism and Israel. "The book is not, however, a collection of landmark essays in theology or the philosophy of religion. Nor, at the other extreme, is it intended to prescribe how Jews and Christians should interact. Rather, it aims at introducing the state of the field, both with respect to the substance

of the theme and to the scholarship that the theme and its subthemes have generated” (p. ix). The original contribution of this discussion is that it takes place on the American scene inasmuch as “The American experience permitted the different religions to flourish equally and autonomously. Indeed, no other land created opportunities so ripe for interfaith dialogue and cooperation. Predicated on



the interplay between imagery and social reality, the relations between Jews and Christians in America have assumed a quality never before seen in the Western world.” (p. 11).

The editor, Naomi W. Cohen, is a professor of history at Hunter College and the Graduate Center of City University of New York. She is the author of numerous books, her most recent being *The Year after the Riots: American Responses to the Palestine Crisis of 1929-30*.

Jesus and Israel: One Covenant or Two?, by David E. Holwerda (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1995), pp. 193, \$12.99.

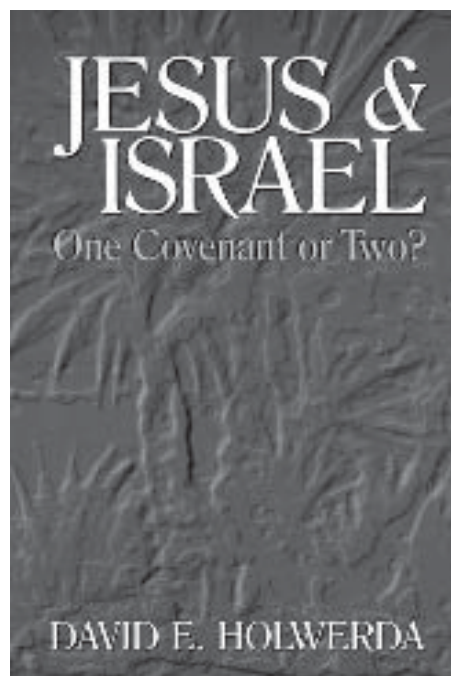
Is the ministry of Jesus for Gentiles only, while the law performs a similar function for Jews? Is God’s manner of salvation significantly different for Gentiles than for Jews?

Revisiting these and other important questions of covenant fulfillment, Reformed theologian David E. Holwerda here argues that God’s promises to Old Testament Israel cannot be understood apart from Jesus Christ.

Based on a careful exposition of key New Testa-

ment texts—including a significant in-depth study of Romans 9-11—in dialogue with a wide variety of interpreters and theologians, Holwerda maintains that the Old Testament promises of God find their complete fulfillment in Jesus Christ and the church.

Reaching his conclusions from a broad exegetical and theological base, Holwerda differs with both classic dispensationalism and the recent two-covenant theologies by arguing against drastic discontinuities between the Old and New Testaments. Instead, Holwerda defends the thesis that there is only “One Way,” essentially one covenant, and that in Jesus Christ God’s promises are set on their way to a universal fulfillment embracing both

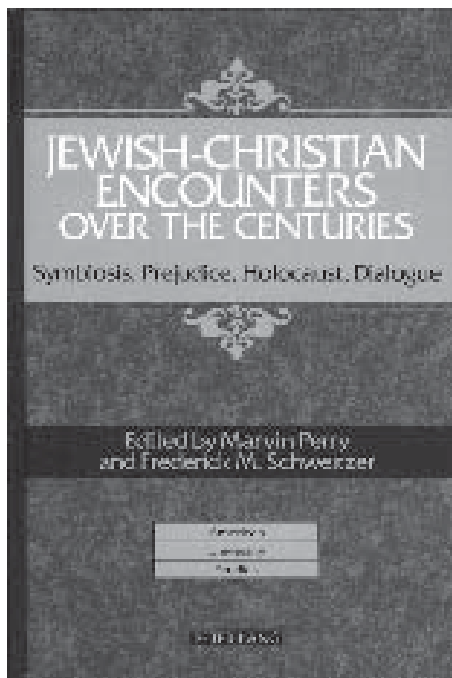


Jew and Gentile.

David E. Holwerda is Professor of New Testament Studies at Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan. His previous books include *The Holy Spirit and Eschatology*.

Jewish-Christian Encounters over the Centuries: Symbiosis, Prejudice, Holocaust, Dialogue, American University Studies, Series IX: History, Vol. 136, edited by Marvin Perry and Frederick M. Schweitzer (Peter Lang Publishing, Inc., 1994), pp. 437, \$52.95.

The nineteen essays of this book are exceptional in that, together, they cover the entire span of relations between Jews and Christians from the time of Jesus to the present. This lengthy period and complex subject required many experts and specialists, many of whom are famous in their fields. They have, however, created works of synthesis written in non-



technical language and designed largely for the interested general reader and non-specialist as well as for students seeking to come to an understanding of one of the great issues of our time.

Some of the themes highlighted in this book are: Judaism and Christianity in light of the Dead Sea Scrolls; Christian theory and practice towards the Jews from the Church Fathers through the Reformation; Judaism as interpreted in German biblical scholarship; modern antisemitism and philo-Semitism; policies and postures of the Allies and of the Vatican during World War II; and the several Christian attempts at reformulation since the Holocaust, culminating with Pope John Paul II.

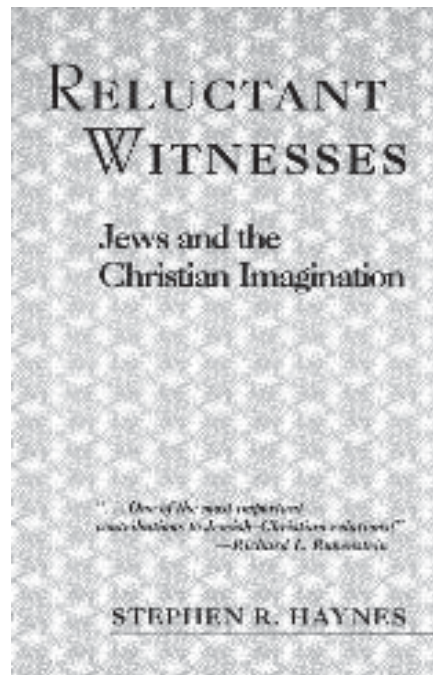
Marvin Perry received his Ph.D. from the City University of New York and is an associate professor of History at Baruch College, CUNY. His books include *An Intellectual History of Modern Europe*; *Arnold Toynbee and the Crisis of the West*; *Toynbee: Reappraisals* (co-edited with C. T. McIntire); *Western Civilization: A Brief History*; *Western Civilization: Ideas, Politics and Society* (senior author and general editor); and *Sources of the Western Tradition* (senior editor).

Frederick M. Schweitzer earned his doctorate in modern British and European History at Columbia University and is Professor of History at Manhattan College in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. He is co-compiler of *Dictionary of the Renaissance*, editor of *Festschrift, 1983*, co-editor of *The West in Global Context: A Documentary History* and the author of *A History of the Jews since the First Century A.D.* He is active as speaker, essayist, and reviewer in such areas as Arnold Toynbee's misinterpretation of Jewish His-

tory, messianism in the Dead Sea Scrolls, the demonization of the Jews, German History, and the Holocaust.

Reluctant Witnesses: Jews and the Christian Imagination, by Stephen R. Haynes (Westminster John Knox Press, 1995), pp. 221, \$18.99.

Stephen Haynes takes a hard look at contemporary Christian theology as he explores the pervasive Christian "witness-people" myth that dominates much Christian thinking about the Jews in both Christian and Jewish minds. This myth, an ancient theological construct that has put Jews in the role of living symbols of God's dealings with the world, has



for centuries, according to Haynes, created an ambivalence toward the Jews in the Christian mind with often disastrous results.

Tracing the witness-people myth from its origins to its manifestations in the modern world, Haynes finds the myth expressed in many unexpected places: the writings of Karl Barth, the novels and essays of Walker Percy, the "prophetic" writings of Hal Lindsey, as well as in the work of some North American Holocaust theologians such as Alice L. and A. Roy Eckardt, Paul van Buren, and Franklin Littell.

Stephen R. Haynes is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee, and coeditor of *To Each Its Own Meaning: An Introduction to Biblical Criticisms and Their Application*.