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In his monograph “Wenn die Götter auferstehen und die Propheten rebellieren” (“When the Gods Resurrect and the Prophets Rebel”) Glanz offers an integrated approach to the question of reality in a postmodern culture, in dialogue with the biblical prophetic worldview. This prophetic outlook on reality reveals a criticism of religion (in biblical times the religions of the nations/Gentiles), which is similar to the modern religious criticism as revealed in the works of Marx, Feuerbach, Freud, Nietzsche, and others, where religion is rejected as a human projection of desires, hopes, and fears, and thus the faith in god(s) as a merely human invention. The biblical prophets have a very similar standpoint: common religion (as manifested in the nations) is merely an attempt to have a god/several gods at man's bidding, gods who can be manipulated by certain rituals, sacrifices, and other religious activity to give to man what man wants. But—and that is the big difference—they hold that true religion is only to be found with JHWH, the God of Israel, who cannot be manipulated but is an independent being who reveals himself when, where, and to whom he wants. Revelation always starts with God, never with man. There is no ritual mechanism made by man that ensures the reaction and blessings of JHWH, but rather JHWH himself reveals what he wants. The Bible is full of signs of JHWH's independency: “he speaks when he wants—even then, when nobody asks or inquires for it. He gives fertility—even then, when nobody expects it anymore. JHWH is a personality with His own will and own ideas, and this is the reason why he can become a ‘you,’ an *opposite* for man. The prophets declare that JHWH is a real ‘you’ for man and not only a mere reflection [of human desires]” (91. Translation by A. Kaiser). In an easily readable and intellectually inviting way, Glanz takes his reader on a journey through the implications this basic thought has for our understanding of reality: of history, of the future, of creation, of sin and sense, of fear, longing, and anthropology, as well as of death. Always dialoguing with