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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my family, whom I immensely appreciate. My feelings echo the alewife Siduri's advice to the forlorn Gilgamesh:

As for you, Gilgamesh, let your belly be full. Dance and be merry by day and night, by night and day make a feast of rejoicing, day and night dance and play. Let your garments be white, your head washed, bathe in water. Cherish the little child that holds your hand. Let your spouse delight in your embrace. For this too is the lot of mankind.

(Gilgamesh, OB, X:III:6-14)

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ABBREVIATIONS

1 Chr	1 Chronicles
1 Kgs	1 Kings
1 Sam	1 Samuel
1 Chr	1 Chronicles
2 Chr	2 Chronicles
2 Kgs	2 Kings
2 Sam	2 Samuel
AASOR	<i>Annual of the American Schools of Oriental Research</i>
AB	Anchor Bible
ABD	<i>Anchor Bible Dictionary</i> , D. N. Freedman, ed.
AJSL	<i>American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literature</i>
ANEP	<i>Ancient Near East in Pictures</i> , J. B. Pritchard, ed.
ANET	<i>Ancient Near Eastern Texts</i> , J. B. Pritchard, ed.
AOAT	<i>Alter Orient und Altes Testament</i>
ARE	<i>Ancient Records of Egypt</i> , J. H. Breasted, ed.
ARM	<i>Archives royales de Mari</i>
ASAE	<i>Annales du Service des antiquités de l'Égypte</i>
ASORDS	<i>American Schools of Oriental Research Dissertation Series</i>
AV	Authorized Version
BA	<i>Biblical Archaeologist</i>
BAR	<i>Biblical Archaeology Review</i>
BASOR	<i>Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research</i>
BCE	Before the Common Era
Bib	<i>Biblica</i>
BN	<i>Biblische Notizen</i>
CahRb	<i>Cahiers de la Revue biblique</i>
CAD	<i>The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago</i>
CAT	<i>The Cuneiform Alphabetic Texts</i> (Revised and Enlarged KTU)

<i>CBQ</i>	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
CE	Common Era
<i>CIH</i>	<i>Corpus inscriptionum semiticarum, pars IV, inscriptiones himyariticas et sabaeas continens.</i>
<i>CMHE</i>	<i>Canaanite Myth and Hebrew Epic</i> , Frank M. Cross, Jr.
<i>CTA</i>	<i>Corpus des tablettes en cunéiformes alphabétiques</i> , A. Herdner
Dan	Daniel
Deut	Deuteronomy
<i>DJD</i>	<i>Discoveries in the Judaean Desert</i>
<i>DMOA</i>	<i>Documenta et Monumenta Orientis Antiqui</i>
<i>EANE</i>	<i>The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East</i> , E. Meyers, ed.
EB	Early Bronze
Exod	Exodus
Ezek	Ezekiel
fig(s).	figure(s)
Gen	Genesis
HB	Hebrew Bible
<i>HSM</i>	<i>Harvard Semitic Monographs</i>
<i>HTR</i>	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
<i>HUCA</i>	<i>Hebrew Union College Annual</i>
<i>Ibid.</i>	<i>ibidem</i> , in the same place
<i>IBOT</i>	<i>Istanbul Arkeoloji Müzelerinde Bulunan Bogaköy Tabletleri</i>
<i>ICC</i>	<i>International Critical Commentary</i>
<i>IDB</i>	<i>Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible</i> , G. A. Buttrick, ed.
<i>IEJ</i>	<i>Israel Exploration Journal</i>
Isa	Isaiah
<i>JANES</i>	<i>Journal of the Ancient Near East Society</i>
<i>JAOS</i>	<i>Journal of the American Oriental Society</i>
<i>JARCE</i>	<i>Journal of the American Research Center in Egypt</i>
<i>JBL</i>	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
<i>JCS</i>	<i>Journal of Cuneiform Studies</i>
<i>JEA</i>	<i>Journal of Egyptian Archaeology</i>
Jer	Jeremiah

<i>JESHO</i>	<i>Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient</i>
Jn	John
<i>JNES</i>	<i>Journal of Near Eastern Studies</i>
Josh	Joshua
<i>JPS</i>	<i>Jewish Publication Society</i>
<i>JQR</i>	<i>Jewish Quarterly Review</i>
<i>JSOT</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament</i>
JSOT SS	Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series
<i>JTS</i>	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
Judg	Judges
<i>KAH</i>	<i>Keilschrifttexte aus Assur historischen Inhalts</i>
KJV	King James Version
<i>KTU</i>	<i>Keilalphabetische Texte aus Ugarit</i> , vol. 1. M. Dietrich, O. Loretz, and J Sanmartin, eds.
<i>KUB</i>	<i>Keilschrifturkunden aus Boghazköi</i>
LB	Late Bronze
Lev	Leviticus
Lk	Luke
LXX	Septuagint
MB	Middle Bronze
<i>MDIK</i>	<i>Mitteilungen des deutschen archäologischen Instituts, Kairo</i>
MK	Middle Kingdom
Mt	Matthew
MT	Masoretic Text
<i>MVAG</i>	<i>Mitteilungen der vorderasiatischen Gesellschaft</i>
N	Number
n(n).	note(s)
<i>NEAEHL</i>	<i>The New Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavations in the Holy Land</i> , E. Stern, ed.
NK	New Kingdom
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version
Num	Numbers
OBO	Orbis biblicus et orientalis
OK	Old Kingdom
<i>OLP</i>	<i>Orientalia lovaniensia periodica</i>
<i>Or</i>	<i>Orientalia</i>

<i>OTL</i>	<i>Old Testament Library</i>
p(p).	page(s)
<i>PE</i>	<i>Praeparatio evangelica</i> , Eusebius
<i>PEF</i>	Palestine Exploration Fund
<i>PEQ</i>	<i>Palestine Exploration Quarterly</i>
pl(s).	plate(s)
<i>PRU</i>	<i>Le Palais Royal d'Ugarit</i> , C. F. Schaeffer and J. Nougayrol, eds.
Ps(s)	Psalm(s)
<i>PWCJS</i>	<i>Proceedings of the . . . World Congress of Jewish Studies</i>
<i>RB</i>	<i>Revue biblique</i>
<i>RHA</i>	<i>Revue hittite et asiatique</i>
<i>RHR</i>	<i>Revue de l'histoire ecclésiastique</i>
<i>RSV</i>	Revised Standard Version
<i>SAM</i>	Sheffield Archaeological Monographs
<i>SJOT</i>	<i>Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament</i>
<i>SSEA</i>	<i>Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities</i>
<i>TDOT</i>	<i>Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament</i>
<i>UF</i>	<i>Ugarit-Forschungen</i>
<i>Urk</i>	<i>Urkunden des ägyptischen Altertums</i>
<i>VT</i>	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
<i>VTSup</i>	<i>Vetus Testamentum Supplements</i>
<i>WFD</i>	Wadi Fidan
<i>ZA</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für Assyriologie</i>
<i>ZÄS</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für Ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde</i>
<i>ZAW</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
<i>ZDMG</i>	<i>Zeitschrift der deutschen morgenländischen Gesellschaft</i>
<i>ZDPV</i>	<i>Zeitschrift des deutschen Palästina-Vereins</i>
<i>Zec</i>	<i>Zechariah</i>

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