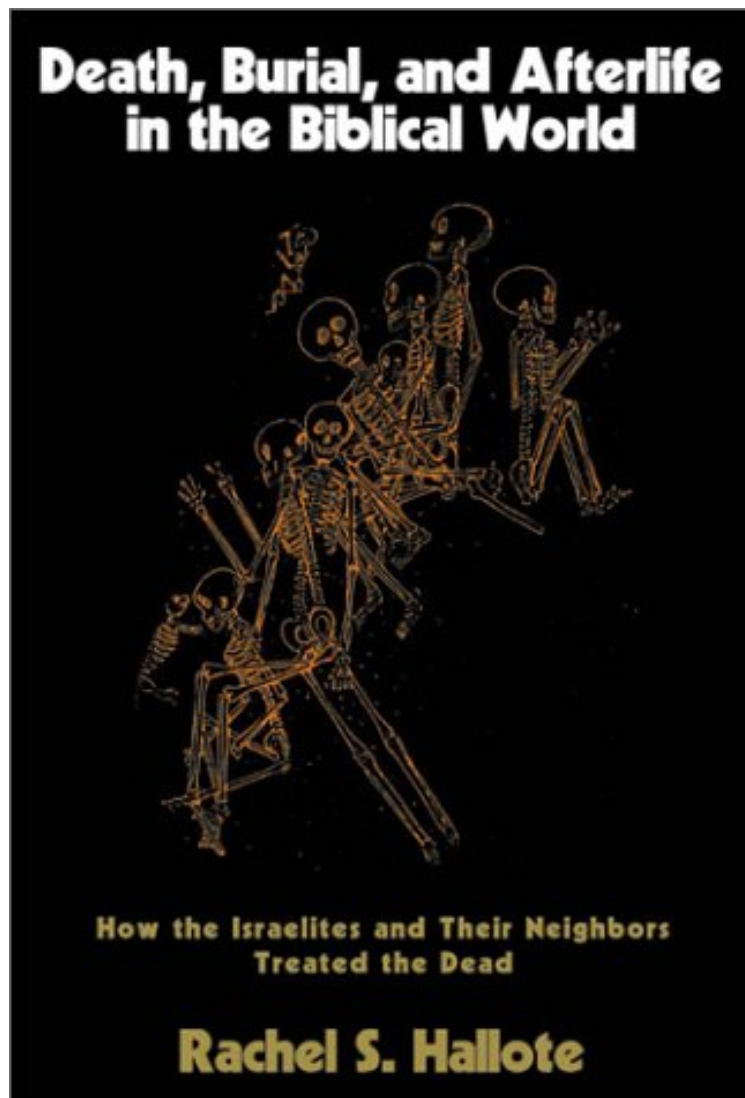


[PDF] Death, Burial, and Afterlife in the Biblical World: How the Israelites and Their Neighbors Treated the Dead

Death, Burial, and Afterlife in the Biblical World: How the Israelites and Their Neighbors Treated the Dead

Rachel S. Hallote

*DOC | *audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub*



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

#1352471 in Books Ivan R. Dee 2001-10-16Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 8.62 x .95 x 6.30l, .94 #File Name: 1566634016256 pages | File size: 73.Mb

Rachel S. Hallote : Death, Burial, and Afterlife in the Biblical World: How the Israelites and Their Neighbors Treated the Dead before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Death, Burial, and Afterlife in the Biblical World: How the Israelites and Their Neighbors Treated the Dead:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Family tiesBy quaThis book came as ordered from - it was new -

and it was reasonably priced. The author has done a credible job in explaining the real religion that was practiced. It gives the reader the power to see through the many euphemisms that are used in religious and historical writings. 8 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Half a Good Book By Geoffrey W. Dennis A classic example of an author with about 30,000 - 40,000 words worth of interesting things to say, but who has to write 100,000 + words to get published. Her early chapters are very good, pulling together everything we know about Israelite burial and notions of the afterlife. But then...she's done, with too much to publish as an article, but too little for a book. So she keeps going - rabbinic practices, modern practices, and you can just see her expertise fade the more she has to pad to get to a desired book size. The later chapters are thin. Sometimes she makes elementary errors, like where she argues that the word "casket" is a euphemism for the more frightful "coffin," when in fact they refer to two different types of containers (the first has four side panels, the latter has six). She especially seems poorly informed about what actually happens at and around modern funerals. Her observations on post-biblical Jewish funerary practices and beliefs are riddled with such superficialities. This book is well worth the reader's time for the early material (though one could go straight to Hanan Brichto's revelatory essay 1950s "Kith, Kin and Afterlife: a Biblical Complex" and get much of this). Purchase, certainly, but know what you are getting (and what you aren't).

While the religion of the Bible has long fascinated readers and scholars, the Israelite attitude toward death remains clouded in mystery even though certain mortuary customs have been passed intact through the ages into modern Judaism. The inherently conservative nature of burial practices and related beliefs explains why, despite being vilified by kings, a Cult of the Dead survived for centuries among the common people. Rachel Hallote's fascinating book examines the archaeological, literary, and artistic evidence for the burial practices of biblical times, their antecedents and successors. Ms. Hallote traces Judaic attitudes toward the dead across the centuries, as burial practices were transformed by the Jews' encounter with Persia, Greece, and Rome, and their evolution into the practices of modern Judaism and Christianity. She carries the story forward to the present, with its complex interplay of religious, political, and social beliefs that characterize Western attitudes toward death, burial, and afterlife. While Israelites and early Jews would regularly tamper with their graves, pushing skeletons aside and collecting bones, such rituals are now regarded as desecration proving that even death can be politicized.

Full of fascinating, albeit religiously controversial material. (Journal Of The Royal Musical Association) Bold...a fascinating account that is accessible, clear and well-informed. (Ian Morris, author of *Burial and Ancient Society*) A sparkling synthesis of the land of Israel to this day...masterful control...a wonderful read. (Baruch Halpern, Pennsylvania State University) This book, suitable for a lay or professional audience, provides a highly readable and engaging non-technical and general introduction to the topic of death and the afterlife in ancient Israel through modern times. (Ann E. Killebrew, *Religious Studies*) [Hallote's book] definitely deserves a place in the collections of most academic libraries. (Wade Kotter, *CHOICE*) About the Author Rachel Hallote, who directs and teaches at the Jewish Studies Program at Purchase College (SUNY), has studied and written on the archaeology of death for more than ten years. She holds a doctorate in Near Eastern archaeology from the University of Chicago and is now a working archaeologist who spends her summers excavating in Israel.