Table of Contents

PrefaceIX
List of AbbreviationsXIII
Section I. Cultural Autonomy and Independence in the Historical Sciences
JAN DIETRICH Liberty, Freedom, and Autonomy in the Ancient World: A General Introduction and Comparison
PAUL WEIRICH Models of Cultural Transmission23
CHRISTOPH WULF Implicit Decision Making in Rituals43
DAVID SMITH Addressing the Dilemmas of Ethno-Cultural Diversity in the Modern World: National-Cultural Autonomy – Utopian Vision or Practical Solution?
Section II. Aram and Israel in the Biblical Sources
ECKART OTTO The Arameans in the Book of Deuteronomy77
YIGAL LEVIN Aram and Arameans in Chronicles
ГНОМАЅ RÖMER The Strange Conversion of Naaman, Chief of the Aramean Army105
NILI WAZANA From Joshua to Zakkur: Military Coalitions in the Story of the Conquest of the Land (Joshua 10–11) in the Light of the Kurkh Monolith and the Stele of Zakkur 121
SRAEL FINKELSTEIN Between Jeroboam and Jeroboam: Israelite Identity Formation

Section III. Archaeological Perspecives on the Arameans in the Northern Levant

DOMINIK BONATZ The Myth of Aramean Culture159
Daniele Morandi Bonacossi Iron Age Mishrifeh: An Aramean Specialized Production Center in the Hamath Kingdom?
Section IV. Archaeological Perspectives on the Aramean/Israelite Inter-relations in the Southern Levant
SHUICHI HASEGAWA 'En Gev in the Iron Age II: Material Culture and Political History211
NAAMA YAHALOM-MACK, NAVA PANITZ-COHEN, AND ROBERT A. MULLINS An Iron Age I Cultic Context at Tel Abel Beth-Maacah
ADI ELIYAHU-BEHAR, VANESSA WORKMAN, AND AMIT DAGAN Early Iron Production at Philistine Tell es-Safi/Gath vs. Israelite Tel Megiddo 251
Yifat Thareani
Archaeology of an Imagined Community: Tel Dan in the Iron Age IIa263
GUNNAR LEHMANN Hazael in the South
ASSAF KLEIMAN Invisible Kingdoms? Settlement Oscillations in the Northern Jordan Valley and State Formation in Southwestern Syria
Section V. Historical Perspectives on Aramean-Israelite Interactions
OMER SERGI The Memory of the Kingdom of Geshur in Biblical Literature315
KAREL VAN DER TOORN Arameans and Israelites in Papyrus Amherst 63
CHRISTIAN FREVEL State Formation in the Southern Levant – The Case of the Arameans and the Role of Hazael's Expansion
HERBERT NIEHR The Relations between the Kingdoms of Hamath and Israel

YUVAL LEVAVI	
A Peculiar Taxation Practice of Judean Exiles in Rural Babylonia and Its Possible Connection to Building Activity in Late Sixth Century Judah39	95
Section VI. Historical Perspectives on Later Periods	
LEEOR GOTTLIEB From Translation to Midrash: On the Role of Aramaic Targum towards the End of the First Millennium CE41	11
ABRAHAM TAL Between Early and Late Samaritan Aramaic	21
JOHN HEALEY "Arameans" and Aramaic in Transition – Western Influences and the Roots of Aramean Christianity43	33
ESTHER ESHEL AND IAN STERN Divination Texts from Maresha44	47
MARCO FRENSCHKOWSKI Are Syrians Arameans? Some Preliminary Remarks on Syriac Ethnic Identity in Late Antiquity45	57
Index of Ancient Written Sources48	85
Index of Ancient Names49	93