

The Septuagint is an important source for the study of ancient Judaism and, in terms of textual development and theology, is to be embedded in the literature of the last three centuries BCE. At the same time, the Septuagint often is the authoritative reference text of ancient Christian reception of the so-called Old Testament. The first section of the essays collected in this volume deals with the interpretation of the Septuagint, primarily the historical and the prophetic books. Questions of textual criticism and theology are addressed in the two sections on the New Testament (Gospel of Mark, Acts, and Paul) and Patristics (for example, Justin, Jerome). The final section is devoted to the interpretation of Old Testament texts (Gen 2–3; Gen 28:10–22; Jer 10:1–16; Psalms), themes (notion of God; pseudo-prophecy) and figures (Adam, Abraham, Hannah).

The present volume contains essays by Martin Meiser on the interpretation of the Septuagint, especially the historical and prophetic books, on the reception of the Septuagint in the New Testament, on textual criticism of the Septuagint in quotations from early Christian authors, and on the patristic interpretation of Old Testament texts, themes, and figures.