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EDITOR'S PREFACE

This issue is rather slimmer than normal. The adage “quality over quantity” certainly applies, however, as this issue includes valuable and thoughtful student work. With me for this issue was David Peterson, who will be taking over as editor in chief at my graduation in April. David is a junior in the Ancient Near Eastern Studies major on the Hebrew track.

Continuing the tradition begun in Volume 7.1, we have included Joshua Bodine’s excellent review of the important controversy surrounding dating in Iron Age Palestine. He provides a thorough introduction into this important Near Eastern topic and his article “Gates, Dates, and Debates: A Review of Megiddo’s Monumental Gate and the Debates over Archaeology and Chronology in Iron Age Palestine” can be found on page 1. We also have included an article that was presented at the Students of the Ancient Near East Symposium on Friday, 29 January 2010. David Ferguson’s “‘I Never Did an Evil Thing’: An Examination of Hittite Sin and Religious Sensibility,” another interesting and well-done piece, is on page 55.

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