Trauma and Zion: Narrative Healing

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ABSTRACT

Interfacing the work of Paul Ricoeur on time, narrative, and identity with that of Judith Herman on trauma, this paper explores the ways in which the prophetic book of Ezekiel and the pseudepigraphal book 4 Ezra spoke to the needs of ancient Jews in times of crisis by offering a realm in which readers could symbolically play out their trauma, experience catharsis, and reconfigure the greatest hopes of Israel.
Zion applies her acceptance of the narrative explanation that sin leads to divine punishment in the final verses of the poem as she urges God to punish her enemies, since they too have done evil (1:22). “Let them be like I am,” she asks, and may this be done “on the day you have announced” (1:21). Lam 1 by itself provides a narrative of explanation of the disaster that befell the city, but this narrative does not survive the speech of the two voices that continues in the next poem. Kolk, B. van der. 2014. The Body Keeps Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma. New York: Viking. Lanzmann, C. 1995. Trauma and Zion: Narrative Healing. Joshua Johnson. Interfacing the work of Paul Ricoeur on time, narrative, and identity with that of Judith Herman on trauma, this paper explores the ways in which the prophetic book of Ezekiel and the pseudepigraphal book 4 Ezra spoke to the needs of ancient Jews in times of crisis by offering a realm in which readers could symbolically play out their trauma, experience catharsis, and. Interfacing the work of Paul Ricoeur on time, narrative, and identity with that of Judith Herman on trauma, this paper explores the ways in which the prophetic book of Ezekiel and the pseudepigraphal book 4 Ezra spoke to the needs of ancient Jews in times of crisis by offering a realm in which readers could symbolically play out their trauma, experience catharsis, and. Johnson, J. (2012). Trauma and Zion: Narrative Healing. Lumen Et Vita, 2(1). https://doi.org/10.6017/lv.v2i1.1858. The problem of survival, in trauma, thus emerges specifically as the question: What does it mean for.