



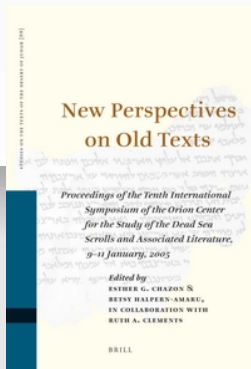
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Chapter Summary

This chapter sets out two linked theses. The first is that the evidence that has accumulated for the existence of a Jewish community is now substantial and compelling. The second is that the type of mysticism attested at Qumran, for w

the later Christian term *angelikos bios*, somehow fed into not only later Jewish but also later Christian mysticism, a the genealogy of the western mystical tradition. There are two ways in which we can identify mysticism at Qumra attempt to show that certain Dead Sea texts contain such close parallels in thought, terminology and praxis to oth mystical as to be plausibly placed in the same category. Secondly, can we find anything at Qumran which would c definition of mysticism?.

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