

JEWISH AND ZOROASTRIAN MONOTHEISM

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In *The Rise of Yahwism: The Roots of Israelite Monotheism* (Leuven: Pasters Press, 1997), J. C. De Moor analyzes the use of theophonic personal names before David's reign (pp. 10-40) and concludes they show a preference for the god El, although there were a large number of Yahwistic names too. He deciphers the original meaning of the fable of Jotham (*Judges* 9:7-19) as polytheists vigorously protesting any claim to YHWH's exclusive kingship over all the gods (pp. 271-309). In his final chapter, "YHWH-El, God of the Fathers" (pp. 310-369), he posits that the battle for supremacy between YHWH-El and Baal explains the vestiges of Baalism in the early sources.