

Some Aspects and Effective History of the Old Testament Feminine Presence

The paper focuses on some autonomous and strong female characters of the OT and the relecture of the related texts in the Bible and in patristic writings. In the OT figures like Deborah, Ruth, Huldah, Judith or Esther appear as independent actors, taking decisions regarding their life and / or assuming public functions which influence the fate of their community. The strong and sympathetic female characters of the OT have no effective history in the NT. In patristic and medieval exegesis the remarkable female characters do not disappear, but lose their autonomous importance and their outstanding features, and they never become the embodiment of the woman