

# Contents

<i>Preface</i>	<i>page xi</i>
Introduction: Wellhausen, War, and the Creation of a Nation	I
Defeat and the Birth of a New Religious Identity	2
Nation and State	4
From the Priestly Source to Ezra-Nehemiah	8
War Commemoration	10
Purpose and Plan of the Present Book	12
PART I REFUGEE MEMORIES: NEGOTIATING RELATIONS AND BORDERS WITH NEIGHBORING STATES	
1 Passages to Peace	19
Passage Denied	20
Moses's Conflicting Memory	25
Commemoration and Legislation	28
David in the Wilderness	30
War Memories as <i>Casus Belli</i>	32
Permits of Passage in an Age of Empires	35
2 Edom as Israel's Other	37
Israel's First Homecoming	37
Memories of Edomite Aggression	39
The Politics of Scapegoating	41
Judean Irredentism	43
Implications for the Documentary Hypothesis	45
Contesting Memories	46

PART II KINSHIP AND COMMANDMENT: THE TRANSJORDANIAN  
TRIBES AND THE CONQUEST OF CANAAN

3	Mapping the Promised Land	51
	The Jordan as the Nation's Border	51
	The Wadi Arnon in Deuteronomy	54
	The Transjordan in Joshua	57
	Contested Territory	59
4	The Nation's Transjordanian Vanguard	62
	The Narrative of Numbers	62
	Composition of Numbers 32	64
	The Shifting Contexts of the Account	67
	Tribes Before Kings	70
	The Nation's Avant-Garde	73
	Kinship and Command	75
	Performing Peoplehood	78
5	A Nation Beyond Its Borders	79
	Moses's Memory in Deuteronomy	80
	Affirming Allegiance in Joshua	82
	The Division of the Land	83
	Honoring Wartime Service	85
	From Celebration to Crisis	87
	Nation Versus Territory	89
	One Yhwh, One Israel	91
6	Kinship, Law, and Narrative	94
	From State Diplomacy to National Belonging	95
	Constitutional Patriotism	99
	How Does a Text Become Sacred?	101
	A Normative Past	103

PART III RAHAB: AN ARCHETYPAL OUTSIDER

7	Between Faith and Works	111
	Three Early Christian Interpreters	111
	First Epistle of Clement	113
	Letter to the Hebrews	115
	The Epistle of James	116
	Christians as Readers of the Jewish Scriptures	116
	Josephus	118
	Rahab and the Rabbis	120
	Conversion and Naturalization	122
	The Repentant Rahab	125
	From Rahab to Paul	127

8	The Composition of the Rahab Story	129
	The Rahab Story as a Narrative Frame	130
	The Place of the Rahab Story in the Narrative	132
	A City Besieged	135
	Edification of a Defeated Nation	139
	Belief and Action	141
	A New Covenant	143
	Inclusion Versus Integration	145
9	Rahab's Courage and the Gibeonites' Cowardice	148
	Archeological and Biblical Evidence	149
	Relationship to Jerusalem's Temple	152
	From Joshua to Saul	154
	An Early Memory of Joshua	155
	The Composition of Joshua 9	157
	From Saul to David	160
	Rizpah's Heroism	162
	The Gibeonites, Rahab, and Biblical War Commemoration	164
PART IV DEBORAH: MOTHER OF A VOLUNTARY NATION		
10	A Prophet and Her General	169
	The Book of Judges as a Bridge	169
	An Older Source?	171
	Deborah and Gideon	174
	The Jael Episode	175
	Deconstructing Male Power	177
	Martial Valor and Monarchic Rule	180
11	A Poetic War Monument	182
	Between Prose and Poetry	183
	Repurposing an Older Hymn	184
	A National God and Israel's Unity	190
	Religious Unity and American National Identity	192
12	A National Anthem for the North	194
	Mobilizing the Nation's Members	194
	Censure of Transjordanian Communities	198
	Judah's Absence	200
	The Curse of Meroz	202
	Meroz and the American War of Independence	204
	A Nation Without a King	208
13	Women and War Commemoration	210
	Mothers of Soldiers	210
	Political Performances	212

Between Bed and Battlefield	216
Memory as a Moral Imperative	219
14 Jael's Identities	222
The Kenites' Solidarity with Israel	222
The Kenites on the Biblical Landscape	224
From Saul to Moses	228
Fellow Travelers	230
Devotion to a Deity	232
Jael as a Kenite and a Jew	234
Conclusions: A Movable Monument and a Portable Homeland	237
Fighting for the King: War Commemoration in the Ancient Near East	237
Saving Holy Hellas: War Commemoration in the East Aegean World	241
From Athens to Jerusalem	244
Back to Wellhausen and the Nation	248
Law, Narrative, and Kinship	250
<i>Bibliography</i>	253
<i>Index of Authors' Names</i>	269
<i>Index of Biblical References</i>	273
<i>Index of Literary References</i>	278
<i>Index of Subjects</i>	280