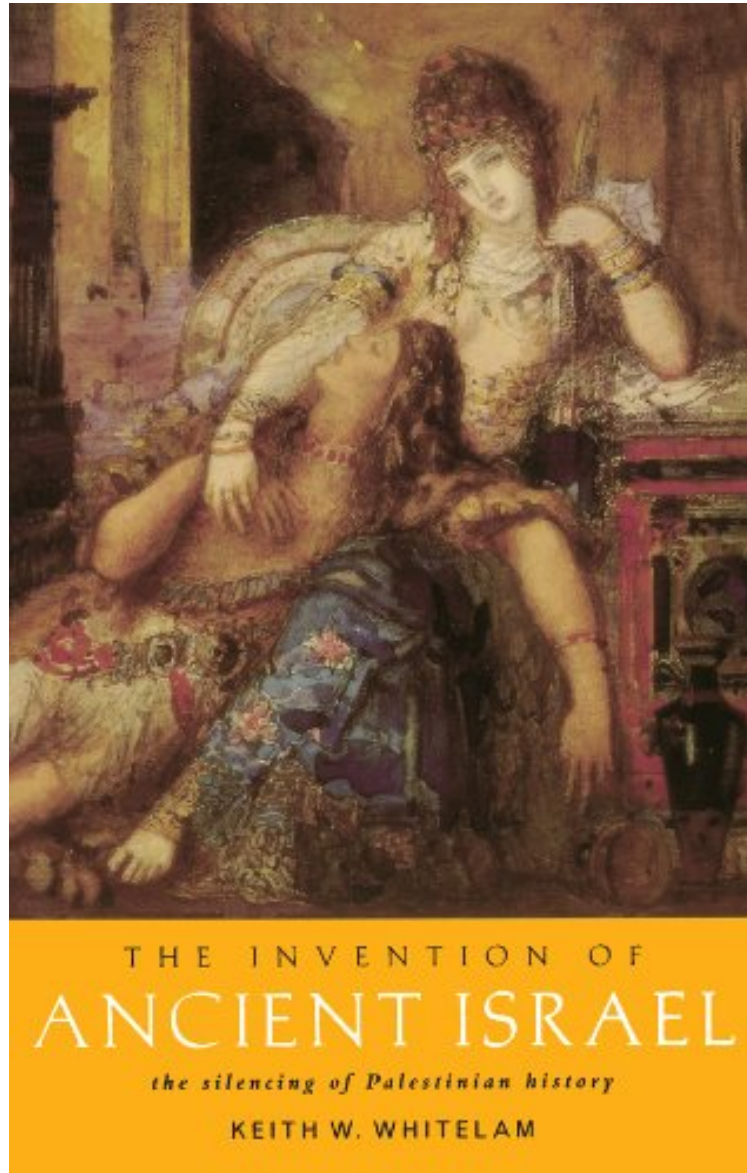


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 Employing a Foucauldian genealogy of history, Whitelam finally exposed the reproduction of truths biblical scholars have resorted to in an attempt to bestow legitimacy on their cause. Although, I read the book in Arabic, I felt compelled to comment on the original version and commend Whitelam's systematic and scientific methodology in exposing the myths that shroud the existence of the Zionist movement. Whitelam clearly draws a lot from Said's efforts in Orientalism furthering the need to situate biblical discourse in the context of imperialism and colonial discourses. It is enough to remember that Israeli historians themselves are beginning to question the body of 'knowledge' that was created during the course of the 20th century especially in light of the archeological discoveries that have failed to lend credence to the claim an ancient Israeli kingdom existed in the West Bank. In fact, all discoveries so far are corroborating the version of history that stipulates the existence of an Arab and Philistine societies at the end of the Iron age and the early Bronze age. The old testament itself contains many contradictions in relation to the manufactured history of the Zionists which served as the main source for biblical reconstructions of history.  
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 Von Ein Kunde  
 Finally someone has the nerve to address a subject that has been hidden from the Western World for so long. The land and people of Palestine have been consistently slandered and their image blurred by the pro-Israeli publishing houses of the Western World. It is refreshing to finally find a book that addresses the truth about what really happened in Palestine. It is so unfortunate that this book will never become a New York Times Best Seller. It cannot be as it is full of truth about the Zionist and their modern exploitation of biblical passages. The modern day Zionist Jews are no more connected to the ancient Hebrews than Mexicans are connected to Jesus of Nazareth.  
 Brilliant book that must be read by anyone wanting the truth about the Middle East.  
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 Keith Whitelam's construction is first rate. He provides a patient, disciplined, and thoroughly competent survey of the available evidence regarding the historicity and ethnological extraction of the modern populace of Israel. Though this book has aroused ire in the minds of some Zionists, the evidence cited by Whitelam is actually very mundane and thoroughly cognizable to those of us who are competent in the field. Those who have read Arthur Koestler's excellent works on the Medieval eradication of Jewry will find themselves on very familiar ground here. Definitely worth reading.

Kurzbeschreibung  
 The Invention of Ancient Israel shows how the true history of ancient Palestine has been obscured by the search for Israel. Keith W. Whitelam shows how ancient Israel has been invented by scholars in the image of a European nation state, influenced by the realisation of the state of Israel in 1948. He explores the theological and political assumptions which have shaped research into ancient Israel by Biblical scholars, and contributed to the vast network of scholarship which Said identified as 'Orientalist discourse'. This study concentrates on two crucial periods from the end of the late Bronze Age to the Iron Age, a so-called period of the emergence of ancient Israel and the rise of an Israelite state under David. It explores the prospects for developing the study of Palestinian history as a subject in its own right, divorced from the history of the Bible, and argues that Biblical scholars, through their traditional view of this area, have contributed to dispossession both of a Palestinian land and a Palestinian past. This controversial book is important reading for historians, Biblical specialists, social anthropologists and all those who are interested in the history of ancient Israel and Palestine.  
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 "The Invention of Ancient Israel is a remarkable work of scholarship, certainly audacious enough, despite its painstaking manner, to undermine many unthinking presuppositions about ancient biblical history . . . the book possesses that keen independence of spirit and vision that is so rare and so invigorating when one encounters it."-Edward Said, "The Times Literary Supplement"  
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 "... fascinating ... This is a timely, pioneering study ... .. author is to be congratulated for producing an extremely provocative and, for the most part, faithful mirror in which the discipline of biblical studies may behold its unflattering reflection."-  
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