**Lexical and Phrasal Innovations in the Hebrew of the Hellenistic Period: The Evidence of 1 Maccabees**

Despite almost unanimous agreement that 1 Maccabees is based on a Hebrew *Vorlage*, this text has not yet been utilized for studying the Hebrew of the Hellenistic period. The present paper attempts to fill this gap by examining 1 Maccabees together with other sources from the period, thus revealing and analyzing a series of lexical and phrasal innovations in the Hebrew of the Hellenistic period. Although the extant text of 1 Maccabees is written in Greek, it is possible, through a careful reconstruction of the original Hebrew text, comparison with other sources such as the Dead Sea scrolls, and use of other epigraphic evidence, to show that 1 Maccabees contains rich data that is valuable for investigating the Hebrew of the Hellenistic era – and, in particular, that of the early Hasmonean period. This data also carries ramifications for theoretical questions entailed in lexical and historical study of the Hebrew of the Hellenistic period.