

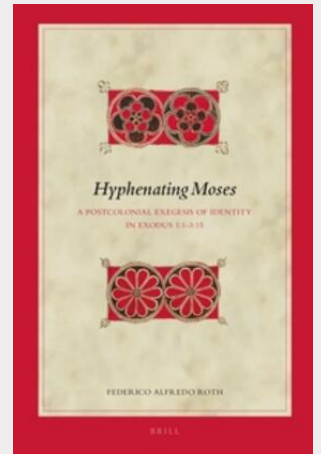
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A Postcolonial Exegesis of Identity in Exodus 1:1-3:15

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