

# CONTENTS

INTRODUCTION ix

1. *Genesis: Taking on Tradition* 1
2. *Exodus: History, Faith, and Covenant* 35
3. *Leviticus: Ritual and Community* 71
4. *Numbers: Politics in the Wilderness* 108
5. *Deuteronomy: Legacies* 140

NOTES 173

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS 179

INDEX 181