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Furthermore, place must be left for the activity of God in history if he is not to be reduced to a mere 'first cause' (prōton kinoun). Finally, Noth argues that, although Israel is to be studied in the light of her environment, she remains 'a stranger in this world of hers', the like of which is simply not found elsewhere in human history. True! And this lays upon the historian the obligation to say wherein this is so. We shall ask later whether Noth succeeds in this regard.

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² Alt, Josua, op. cit. in n.¹ finds Joshua original only in 10.1-15, 17.14ff and Ch.24; elsewhere he is secondary.

¹ . . . Alt, Josua (BZAW, 66 [1936], 13-29; reprinted in KS I, 176-192); idem, 'Erwägungen über die Landnahme der Israeliten in Palästina', PJB, 35 (1939), 8-63; reprinted in KS I 126-175, etc.

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¹ Noth, Das System der zwölf Stämme Israels (Stuttgart, W. Kohlhammer, 1930) is of fundamental importance.

But now that, one way or another, we have gotten the Israelite clans settled in Palestine, we shall skip Noth's chapter (GI, 74-95) on the constitution of the Amphictyony,¹