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This introduction to the Jewish literature of the intertestamental period treats the material in three parts: the texts of Qumran, the OT Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha, and rabbinic literature. After García Martínez's five-page introduction to the Qumran texts, he treats halakic texts and rules; literature of an eschatological character; exegetical literature; biblical literature; poetic texts; liturgical texts; astronomical texts, calendars, and horoscopes; and the Copper Scroll (3Q15). Next Aranda Pérez provides a 28-page introduction to the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha and discusses the apocalypse—the origin of evil and victory of God; new narrations of biblical history; the path indicated by the patriarchs—the testaments; the example and the word of the prophets; new prayers; and the Jews in the Diaspora. Then after Pérez Fernández's eight-page introduction to rabbinic literature, he considers the Mishnah, midrash, and the Targums.