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With the submission of this volume for publication a thirty-year-long project draws to an end. As I wrote in vol. 1, this project began in 1982 and now, in 2012 it is coming to a close with the publication of vol. 2, which is in fact the fourth and last volume. In the entire project some 15490 names were collected, of which 9247 are valid, namely there is certainty that they were indeed Jews (see Table 9 below). Thus we may conclude that, give or take a handful of persons I have missed, this is the size of the Jewish population whose names have been preserved to date from the almost millennium of Late Antiquity (330 BCE–650 CE).

Since 1982, publication and data collection technologies have changed beyond recognition. When I started this project there were no PCs and no word-processing programs. When I published vol. 1 in 2002, for lack of funds, and because I was working alone, I was already using outdated data-processing software, and this has not improved in the last decade. Scholars over the year have written to me to complain about this. For example, it has been pointed out that volumes 3 and 4 cover almost the entire millennium of this project and that more precise chronological information about certain names cannot be easily sifted out of the corpus. If the information in these volumes should become accessible and more user-friendly to the interested public, it should become electronic, interactive and placed online. If I find the time and energy, perhaps this would be a project I will pursue in the future.

But meanwhile to this volume: As in previous collections, I am most grateful to a large number of people who helped in bringing this volume to fruition. First and foremost, I am grateful to the DFG, the German Research Foundation, who have generously funded students who have worked with great dedication on this volume: Olaf Pinkpank, and Jeschua Hipp. I am also most grateful to my assistant, Thomas Ziem, who, as always, followed the work on the volume with great interest and helped bring it to its final form.

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In the course of preparing this volume for publication we were sidetracked by a smaller project that was a by-product of the big name-project – namely Elijah's cave. This is an important site from Late Antiquity in Haifa, Israel, which contains a large number of unpublished inscriptions, 51 of which are published in the appendix to this volume, the vast majority of which are merely names. 79 names were added to this volume as a result of this research project. Many thanks are owed to people who actively participated in bringing this publication about. First and foremost I must thank my student Olaf Pinkpank for his perseverance and dedication in the first stages of this project. He discovered his epigraphic abilities and used them to the utmost. When the project was already underway, Pinkpank's insights have been invaluable. It is for this reason that he too is signed as co-author to the Appendix. Pinkpank was also instrumental in enlisting the services of my student Marcel Gaida for the project. Marcel saw the possibilities of new photoshop and other software technologies for the documenting the entire cave and reconstruction and reading of badly preserved inscriptions. Many inscriptions would have remained completely illegible without his intervention. Also most helpful were my two amateur photographers, Prof. Matthew Morgenstern of Haifa University and Tsur Sofer. I am very grateful to them both for the many photographs they took, a number of which are published in this volume. I am also grateful to Prof. Naomi Cohen of Haifa University who assisted me in making contact with the authorities on location and to the administration of the Elijah cave for allowing me to document the ancient inscriptions.

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If this study teaches us anything, it is that names are important. I hope I have not overseen any name that should have been mentioned here.

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List of Abbreviations

(Includes two kinds of abbreviations: 1. Abbreviations of references from the body of the corpus; 2. Abbreviations of works cited more than once.)

A/M	Arabic/Male
<i>AB</i>	<i>Analecta Bollianda</i>
Abel, <i>RB</i> 20 (1911)	F.-M. Abel, "Inscriptions de Jéricho et de Scythopolis," <i>RB</i> 20 (1911) 286–93.
Abel, <i>RB</i> 34 (1925)	F.-M. Abel, "Tombeaux récemment découverts a Marisa," <i>RB</i> 34 (1925) 267–75.
Abu'l Fath	P. Stenhouse, <i>The Kitab al-Tarikh of Abu'l Fath</i> (Unpublished PhD on microfiche) and translation (Sydney 1985).
<i>Acta Nerei et Achillei</i>	<i>Acta SS. Nerei et Achillei: Text und Untersuchung</i> (Leipzig 1893).
<i>Acta Sanctorum</i>	G. Henschen (ed.), <i>Acta sanctorum quotquot toto orbo coluntur vel a catholicis scriptoribus celebrantur quae ex Latinus et Graecis</i> (Paris 1684).
<i>Acts of Mar Mari</i>	A. Harrak, <i>The Acts of Mar Mari the Apostle</i> (Writings from the Greco-Roman World 11; Atlanta, 2005).
<i>Acts of Paul</i>	W. Schneemelcher, "Acts of Paul," in E. Hennecke, W. Schneemelcher, <i>New Testament Apocrypha</i> II (Philadelphia 1964) 322–90.
<i>Actus Petri cum Simone</i>	in R. A. Lipsius and M. Bonnet, <i>Acta Apostolorum Apocrypha</i> I (Leipzig 1891) 45–103.
Adler & Séligsohn, <i>REJ</i> 45 (1902)	E. N. Adler and M. Séligsohn, "Une Nouvelle Chronique Samaritaine," <i>REJ</i> 45 (1902) 70–98; 223–54.
<i>AE</i>	<i>L'année épigraphique</i>
<i>AJ</i>	Josephus, <i>Jewish Antiquities</i> .
Alt, <i>ZDPV</i> 47 (1924)	A. Alt, "Epigraphische Nachlese," <i>Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästinavereins</i> 47 (1924) 91–9.
<i>AMB</i>	J. Naveh and S. Shaked, <i>Amulets and Magic Bowls: Aramaic Incantations of Late Antiquity</i> (Jerusalem 1987).
Amit, "Inscribed and Stamped Ring Stands"	D. Amit, "Inscribed and Stamped Ring Stands from the Pottery Workshop at Binyanei Ha'uma," in D. Amit, O. Peleg-Barkat and G. D. Stiebel (eds.), <i>New Excavations in Jerusalem and its Surroundings</i> (Jerusalem 2010) 130–40.
<i>AN</i>	<i>Archaeological News</i>
<i>AOFCI</i>	I. Eph'al and J. Naveh, <i>Aramaic Ostraca of the Fourth Century BC from Idumaea</i> (Jerusalem 1996).

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- Appelbaum, Isaac & Landau, *SCI* 6 (1981–2) S. Appelbaum, B. Isaac and Y. Landau, “Varia Epigraphica,” *SCI* 6 (1981–2) 98–118.
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- Avi-Yonah, *BIES* 9 (1942) M. Avi-Yonah and M. Schwabe “Epitaph of a Jewess from Beth Shearim,” *BIES* 9 (1942) 30–2 (Hebrew).
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- Avigad, *BIES* 31 (1967) N. Avigad, “Several Aramaic Inscriptions,” *BIES* 31 (1967) 211–7 (Hebrew).
- AZ* *Avodah Zarah*
- b* BT
- B/F Biblical/Female
- B/M Biblical/Male
- Bahat, *AN* 44 (1973) D. Bahat, “The Synagogue at Beit Shean,” *AN* 44 (1973) 9 (Hebrew).
- Bahat & Druks, *AN* 36 (1970) D. Bahat and A. Druks, “The Ancient Synagogue at Beit Shean,” *AN* 31 (1970) 7 (Hebrew).
- Barag, *AN* 41–2 (1972) D. Barag, “The Ancient Synagogue in Ein Gedi – 1971,” *AN* 41–2 (1972) 36–7 (Hebrew).
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- Batz, *ESI* 117 (2005) S. Batz, “Wadi Fukin,” *ESI* 117 (2005) www.Hadashot-esi.org.il/report_detail
- BB* *Bava Batra*
- Bekkum, *Poems of Yehudah* W. J. van Bekkum, *Hebrew Poetry from Late Antiquity: Liturgical Poems of Yehudah. Critical Edition with Introduction & Commentary* (Leiden 1998).
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- Ben-Zvi, *BIES* 10 (1943) I. Ben-Zvi, “Two Judaeo-Aramaic Epitaphs from the Vicinity of Zoar,” *BIES* 10 (1943) 35–8 (Hebrew).
- Ben Zvi, *JPOS* 13 (1933) I. Ben Zvi, “A Third Century Aramaic Inscription in Er-Rāma,” *JPOS* 13 (1933) 94–6.
- Bekh* *Bekhorot*
- Ber* *Berakhot*
- Bes* *Betsah*

- BIES* *Bulletin of the Israel Exploration Society*
Bik *Bikkurim*
BM *Bava Metsia*
BQ *Bava Qamma*
 Bratke, *Religionsgespräch* E. Bratke, *Das sogenannte Religionsgespräch am Hof der Sasaniden, (Texte und Untersuchungen zur Geschichte der altchristlichen Literatur 4; Leipzig 1899).*
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BS 3 N. Avigad, *Beth She'arim III: Report on the Excavations During 1953–1958* (Jerusalem 1976).
 BT Babylonian Talmud (=Bavli)
 Bull, *BASOR* 180 (1965) R. J. Bull, "Field X (The Fifth Campaign at Balâta [Shechem])," *BASOR* 180 (1965) 32–4.
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 Chabot, *Dionysius of Tell-Mahre* 4 J.-B. Chabot, *Chronique de Denys de Tell-Mahré Quatrième Partie* (Paris 1895).
CIIP *Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaeae/Palaestinae* 1/1 Jerusalem (Berlin 2011); 1/2 Jerusalem (Berlin 2011); 2 Caesarea and the Middle Coast (Berlin 2011).
CIJ J.B. Frey, *Corpus Inscriptionum Judaicarum* (2 vols.; Rome 1936–52).
CIL 16 *Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum* 16 (Berlin 1974).
CIS 2/1 *Corpus Inscriptionum Semiticarum* 2/1 (Paris 1902).
CIS 4/2 *Corpus Inscriptionum Semiticarum* 4/2 (Paris 1911).
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- Ecl Rab* *Ecclesiastes Rabbah*
Ed *Eduyot*
EI *Eretz Israel*
EJ *Encyclopedia Judaica*
Eruv *Eruvin*
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 Esth *Esther*
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- G/M Greek/Male
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Lexicon of Jewish Names in Late Antiquity: Part II: Palestine 200–650

Introduction

Part II of this series is the last volume to be produced. As with the previous volumes, its structure follows closely the concept and results of *Part I: Palestine 330 BCE–200 CE*. In this Introduction I will only outline the apparent differences between this volume and its predecessors, resulting from the fact that it is geographically and chronologically different, and thus highlights other aspects of Jewish name-giving in Late Antiquity.

Geography (Palestine): In this volume I collect the names of Jews who originate in Palestine (west and east of the Jordan), and also Sinai (which for the Romans, for part of the period was also part of Provincia Palaestina) and western Syria, which (as I explained in vol. 1, Introduction 6.3.1.3, p. 48, and particularly vol. 4, Introduction, p. 1) was in many respects not just very close to Palestine geographically, but was also culturally part of the same Jewish society, particularly the Galilean one, which became so dominant after the year 200.

Chronology: See vol. 1, p. 1. Since this volume is a direct continuation of vol. 1, the date chosen to begin it is the one where Part I ends. The date which ends this volume, as in Parts III and IV, signifies the end of antiquity, with the conquest of Jewish Palestine by the Arab Muslims. In this entire period Palestine continued under Roman rule through its various manifestations (including its conversion to Christianity, its move to Constantinople and the fall of the Western Roman Empire) which were characterized by the growing Christianization of Palestine and its population.

Onomasticon: See vol. 1, p. 1.

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