



Top experts on Egypt and Nubia assess *The Rescue of Jerusalem*

“Absolutely essential reading for anyone interested in the Nubian pharaohs, in Biblical history, or in Assyrian imperialism...Well researched, brilliantly reasoned, and a mine of new information for the ancient historian - as well as the historian of modern racism.”

Timothy Kendall
Leader of numerous archaeological expeditions to Nubia
Dept. of African-American Studies, Northeastern University

“I am greatly impressed by the scope of Aubin's evidence and the trustworthiness of his thesis. I sincerely hope his important book will receive a large audience.”

Jean Leclant
Former secretary-general of the International Association of Egyptologists
Former Egyptology Chair at the Collège de France

“As someone who has spent much of his professional life studying ancient Egypt and the Sudan, I have read with great interest and admiration Henry Aubin's *The Rescue of Jerusalem*. The author addresses a poorly understood, but important, historical episode - King Sennacherib's abandonment of the siege of Jerusalem in 701 B.C.E., an event which is widely held to have made possible the development of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. In his powerful, wide-ranging analysis, Aubin has demonstrated that a key problem that has hindered the analysis of this event is the pervasive racism that led scholars to discount the effectiveness of the Kushite kings who controlled Egypt during the 25th Dynasty. By successfully countering this image, Aubin is able to construct a highly plausible argument that it was the arrival of an Egyptian army that saved Jerusalem at this time. He is also able to account for why this explanation does not survive in the Hebrew accounts that are available to us.

“Aubin successfully achieves his primary goal: he provides the most convincing explanation of what caused the Assyrians to retreat from Jerusalem. In the course of doing this, however, he accomplishes three other goals that in my opinion are of even greater importance. First, he presents the most persuasive panorama I have read of interstate relations from Babylon all the way to Meroe around 700 B.C.E. Second, his unbiased view of the Kushite rulers of Egypt during the 25th Dynasty completely revises our understanding of Egyptian society at this period.

“As someone familiar with the evidence he uses, I reproach myself for not drawing the revolutionary and totally convincing conclusions about these rulers that Aubin has formulated. Third, he has unmasked, thoroughly and effectively, the unconscious racism that has mangled the scholarly understanding of Egypt for more than a century.

“Aubin's insights are of astonishing breadth, originality and importance and deserve to be known to as many readers as possible.”

Bruce Trigger
McGill University
Author of *Early Civilizations: Ancient Egypt in Context*, *History of Archaeological Thought, History and Settlement in Lower Nubia*, *The Late Nubian Settlement in Arminna West* and *Ancient Egypt: A Social History*