



## Between Symbolism and Realism

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Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht Gm Nov 2011, 2011. Buch. Book Condition: Neu. 23.7x16x cm. Neuware - Bennie H. Reynolds analyzes of the language (poetics) of ancient Jewish historical apocalypses. He investigates how the *dramatis personae*, i.e., deities, angels/demons, and humans are described in the Book of Daniel (chapters 2, 7, 8, and 10 12) the Animal Apocalypse (1 Enoch 85 90), 4QFourKingdoms(a-b) ar, the Book of the Words of Noah (1QapGen 5 29 18 ), the Apocryphon of Jeremiah C, and 4QPseudo-Daniel(a-b) ar. The primary methodologies for this study are linguistic- and motif-historical analysis and the theoretical framework is informed by a wide range of ancient and modern thinkers including Artemidorus of Daldis, Ferdinand de Saussure, Charles Peirce, Leo Oppenheim, Claude Lévi-Strauss, and Umberto Eco. The most basic contention of this study is that the data now available from the Dead Sea Scrolls significantly alter how one should conceive of the genre apocalypse in the Hellenistic Period. This basic contention is borne out by five primary conclusions. For example, while some apocalypses employ symbolic language to describe the actors in their historical reviews, others use non-symbolic language. Some texts, especially from the Book of Daniel, are mixed cases. Among the apocalypses...



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