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*Hebrew Language Study in the Middle Ages* is a collection of twenty newly edited and updated research articles written by Professor Ilan Eldar. Eldar has been working and publishing in this area since 1937. His new book pulls together his previous research into linguistic theory and reading in the Middle Ages and adds new insights.

The work is divided into two main parts: 1. The Hebrew Language; 2. The Reading of the Bible. Each chapter begins with an introduction and is structured in the same way. All aspects of the Hebrew language, including its origins; how it has been influenced by other languages (mainly Arabic); the ways in which it was studied by the Jews of Europe and in the Yemen; grammatical concepts like the trilateral root; the use of vowels and the study of vowel length, as well as the editing of dictionaries and grammars, are examined here. The book concludes with detailed indices, including an index of bibliographic abbreviations; an index of linguistic terms; lists of names of authors and places, and an index of previous papers.

Eldar's *Hebrew Language Study in the Middle Ages* will enrich every academic library that deals with the development of the Hebrew language. Hopefully it will be translated into English and other languages.

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