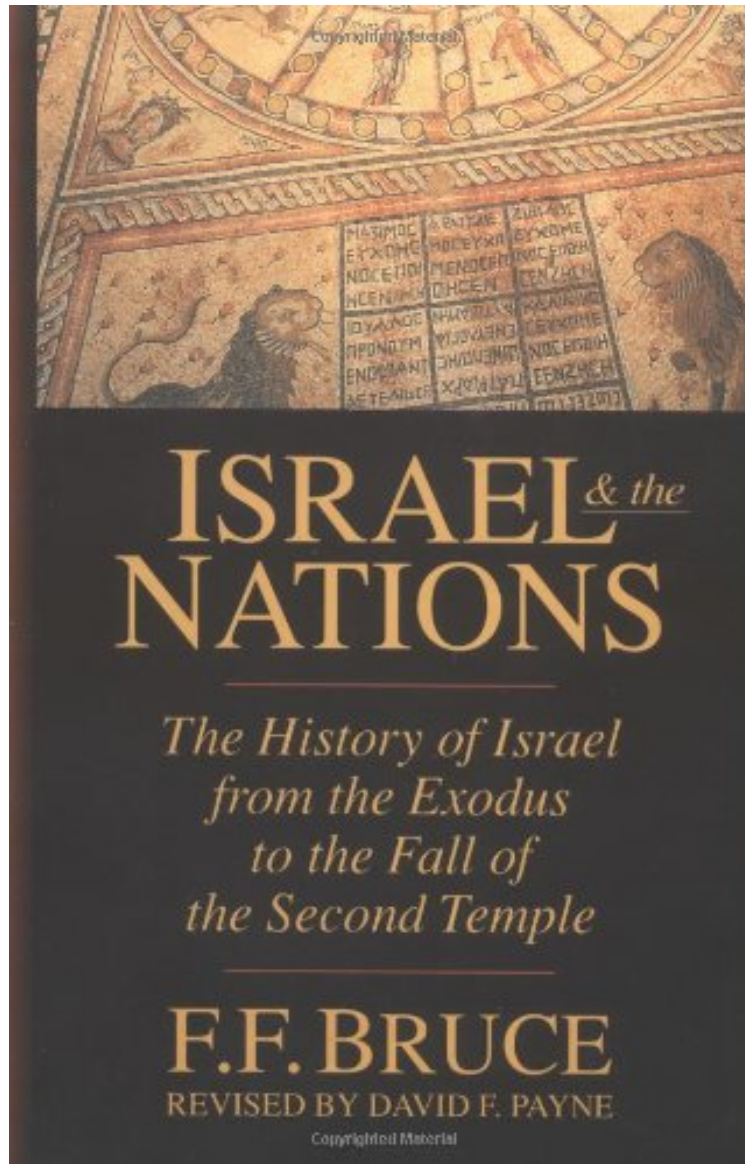


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"An excellent sketch of the history of Israel, written with a splendid clarity" (John Bright)
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