Record Nr. UNINA9910451175003321 Autore Seland Torrey Titolo Strangers in the Light: Philonic Perspectives on Christian Identity in 1 Peter / / Torrey Seland Leiden; ; Boston: ,: BRILL, , 2005 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-280-86843-0 9786610868438 1-4294-5356-7 90-474-0793-8 1-4337-0429-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (226 p.) Collana Biblical Interpretation Series; ; 76 Disciplina 227/.9206 Soggetti Social scientific criticism of sacred works Strangers in the Bible Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese Materiale a stampa **Formato** Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Acknowledgments; Introduction: Strangers in the Light; Chapter One: Nota di contenuto The Making of 1 Peter in Light of Ancient Graeco-Roman Letterwriting and Distribution; Chapter Two: Paroikos kai parepidemos: Proselyte Characterizations in 1 Peter?; Chapter Three: The 'Common Priesthood' of Philo and 1 Peter: A Philonic Reading of 1 Peter 2:5 & 9; Chapter Four: The Moderate Life of the Christian paroikoi: A Philonic Reading of 1 Peter 2:11; Chapter Five: "Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles" (1 Peter 2:12): Assimilation and Acculturation in 1 Peter: Epilogue; Works Cited; Index of Authors Index of Scriptural References Sommario/riassunto The author of the present work wants to throw new light on the intended readers of 1 Peter by investigating what it could possibly mean that they were to live as Strangers in the Light. It is argued that the author of 1 Peter considers his readers as living a life influenced by social circumstances very much comparable to those of the Diaspora

proselytes to Judaism. Hence similar discussions in Jewish Diaspora works can illuminate his descriptions and exhortations. Among these

Diaspora works, the works of Philo of Alexandria should be drawn into the discussions in a much more comprehensive way than has been done so far. In addition to a study of the role of Silvanus in the making of the letter, this volume contains four studies that carry out what the author calls 'philonic readings' of central issues of 1 Peter 2,5-11. The study will demonstrate the usefulness of Jewish diaspora works for understanding the social life of the early Christians.