Record Nr. UNINA9910455283403321 Autore Hartsock Chad Titolo Sight and blindness in Luke-Acts [[electronic resource]]: the use of physical features in characterization / / by Chad Hartsock Leiden: Boston: Brill, 2008 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-39813-X 9786612398131 90-474-3296-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (232 p.) Collana Biblical interpretation series;; v. 94 Disciplina 226.4/066 Character - Biblical teaching Soggetti Blindness in the Bible Physiognomy Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto An introduction to physiognomy -- Eyes, sight, and blindness: learning to see with physiognomic eyes -- Physiognomy and blindness in the Old Testament and Second Temple Judaism -- Physiognomy and blindness in the New Testament and other early -- Physiognomy and blindness in Luke-Acts. Sommario/riassunto The ancient world often thought in terms of physiognomics—the idea that character can be discerned by studying outward, physical features. That physical descriptions carry moral freight in characterization has been largely missed in modern biblical scholarship, and this study brings that to the forefront. Specifically, this is a study of one particular physical marker—blindness. When we look at Greco-Roman literature, a kind of literary topos begins to emerge, a set of assumptions that ancient audiences would typically make when encountering blind characters. Luke-Acts makes use of such a topos in a way that becomes programmatic, serving as a kind of interpretive key to Luke-Acts that is

generally unnoticed in modern scholarship.