

## **Dr. Richard S. Hess to Receive Founders' Medallion at HUC-JIR Graduation Ceremony in Cincinnati**

**Dr. Richard S. Hess**, Earl S. Kalland Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages at **Denver Seminary** in Colorado, will receive the Founders' Medallion from the **Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR)**. The degree will be granted at HUC-JIR's Cincinnati Graduation ceremony on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at Isaac M. Wise Temple.

**Rabbi David Ellenson, Ph.D.**, announced HUC-JIR alumni recipients who will be awarded honorary Doctorates of Divinity, Music, Jewish Religious Education, and Jewish Communal Service, as well as the Founders' Medallion, in recognition of their 25 years of distinguished professional service.

Dr. Hess is Editor of the *Bulletin for Biblical Research* and the *Denver Journal: An Online Review of Current Biblical and Theological Studies*. He edits the Bulletin for Biblical Research Supplement Series and co-edits the Septuagint Commentary Series. A Ph.D. graduate from HUC-JIR, Dr. Hess has done postdoctoral research at the University of Chicago, the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem, the University of Cambridge, Tyndale House, the University of Sheffield, the Australian Institute of Archaeology in Melbourne, and Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster. Dr. Hess has authored eight research volumes, edited fourteen books, contributed to six Bible translations, published more than one hundred research articles, and written several hundred book reviews and dictionary articles. Having published studies on Genesis, Joshua, Song of Songs, and most recently Leviticus, Dr. Hess is writing commentaries on the biblical books of Genesis, Joshua, and 1 and 2 Kings. He is also working on a graduate level Old Testament introduction and editing several studies on War in the Bible, Early Israel, and the history of Israel. In preparation for publication are also studies on Solomon's succession in 1 Kings, Luwian hieroglyphic texts, Amarna cuneiform texts, and Canaanite ethics and wisdom literature.

For more information on the HUC-JIR Graduation, Investiture, and Ordination ceremonies in New York, Los Angeles, and Cincinnati, please visit <http://www.huc.edu/newspubs/pressroom/article.php?pressroomid=271>.

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