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Ludwig Köhler (1880–1956) was a HB/OT scholar in Zurich. He wrote an autobiography (Köhler 1946). In Zurich, he studied theology and ancient Near Eastern languages. The NT scholar Paul Schmiedel was the teacher who most influenced Köhler; the two of them had a close relationship. Accordingly, Köhler was initially interested in the NT. In 1908, he earned his doctorate under the guidance of Jakob Hausheer by his study of the Hebrew and Greek text of Jer 1–9. That same year, after working as a pastor in Aeugst and Langnau, he was appointed as associate professor of Old Testament at the University of Zurich. In 1923, he was promoted to full professor and, in addition to teaching OT, he took on responsibilities in the area of practical theology. Köhler was considered theologically liberal. From 1930 until 1932, he served as rector of the University of Zurich. In 1936, he published a *Theologie des Alten Testaments*, which was in its fourth edition by 1966. In 1953, the *Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti Libros* (KBL) was published simultaneously in German and English, a project on which Köhler had worked over four decades. He received honorary doctorates from the Universities of Debrecen and Bern, as well as the Burkitt Medal of the British Academy.

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