PREFACE

Within the framework of the research-programme of the section *Bijbelwetenschappen* at the *Katholieke Universiteit Nijmegen*, in which the biblical text and its reader(s) is at the centre of interest, I have done research into the position of the reader present in the text, the so-called *implied reader*, for Isaiah 6-12, during the past years.

This monograph is the first comprehensive synchronic analysis of the *implied reader* of an entire part of the Bible book Isaiah. The analysis is explicitly based on the idiom of the biblical Hebrew. Furthermore, in my research, I have incorporated two modern literary approaches in Old Testament exegesis, namely *text-linguistics* and the *domain analysis*.

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