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David Noel Freedman, a professor of history at the University of California, San Diego, who holds the UCSD Endowed Chair in Hebrew Biblical Studies, has won three awards for his contributions to the Anchor Bible Series.

The awards are: Special Award for the Anchor Bible Dictionary (1992); Best Old Testament Book Award: Anchor Bible Commentary on "Leviticus 1-16" (by J. Milgrom-1991), and Best New Testament Book Award: Anchor Bible Reference Library: "A Marginal Jew (Rethinking the Historical Jesus)," (J. Meier- 1991).

The Anchor Bible Project is the most expansive and extended project concerning the Bible in the English-speaking world. At this time, 53 volumes of the Commentary have appeared, along with eight volumes in the Reference Library, and six volumes of the Anchor Bible Dictionary.

The three series, a vast project begun in 1956 by Freedman and a colleague, the late William Albright, involve a new translation of the Old and New Testaments and Apocrypha, with commentaries by scholars in the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths. Freedman's work has greatly influenced the ecumenical movement and the cooperative interfaith dialogue among scholars.

Since Albright's death in 1971, Freedman has assumed total editorial responsibility for the series, now two-thirds completed. He co-wrote the Hosea and Amos volumes of The Anchor Bible Series.

Freedman is also editor-in-chief of the new multi-volume Anchor Bible Dictionary.

A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, Freedman was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1944. He received his Ph.D. in Semitic Languages and Literature from Johns Hopkins University. He has taught at Western (later Pittsburgh) Theological Seminary, San Francisco Theological Seminary, Graduate Theological Union and the University of Michigan (where he was named Arthur F. Thurmau Professor of Biblical Studies in 1984). He came to UCSD in 1986.

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