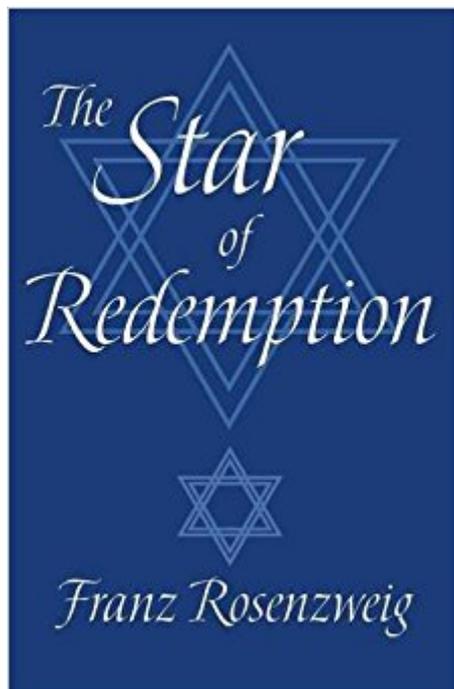


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understand not just Rosenzweig himself, but the cultural tradition he constantly refers to. Add to this that Rosenzweig was a true master of the German language, able to use all its resources and refinements, and you have a job that would send most translators running for the exits. The Hallo translation certainly has its faults, but I would maintain that it is still the best choice for anyone who cannot read Rosenzweig in the original. I will give an example.

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