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PREFACE

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ABBREVIATIONS

- AfO* *Archiv für Orientforschung*
- ANET* *Ancient Near Eastern Texts relating to the Old Testament*, ed. J. B. Pritchard, 2nd edn, Princeton 1955
- ARMT* Archives Royales de Mari:
vol. I: G. Dossin (ed.), *Correspondance de Šamši-Addu*, Paris 1946
vol. II: C. F. Jean (ed.), *Lettres diverses*, Paris 1941
vol. V: G. Dossin (ed.), *Correspondance de Iašmaḥ-Addu*, Paris 1946
vol. VI: J. R. Kupper (ed.), *Correspondance de Baḥdi-Lim*, Paris 1953
- ATD* Das Alte Testament Deutsch, ed. A. Weiser, Göttingen
- AThR* *Anglican Theological Review*
- BASOR* *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*
- BHS* *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*
- BK* *Biblischer Kommentar*, ed. M. Noth and H. W. Wolff, Neukirchen
- BoTU* *Die Boghazköi-Texte in Umschrift*, ed. E. Forrer, WVDOG 41 and 42, Leipzig 1922 and 1926
- BWANT* *Beiträge zur Wissenschaft vom Alten und Neuen Testament*, Leipzig
- BZAW* *Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft*, Berlin
- CBQ* *Catholic Bible Quarterly*
- CH* *Codex Hammurabi*
- EA* J. Knudtzon, *Die El-Amarna Tafeln*, Leipzig 1907-8
- EvTh* *Evangelische Theologie*
- HAT* *Handbuch zum Alten Testament*, ed. O. Eissfeldt, Tübingen
- HUCA* *Hebrew Union College Annual*
- IB* *Interpreter's Bible*
- ICC* *International Critical Commentary*, Edinburgh

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<i>IEJ</i>	<i>Israel Exploration Journal</i>
<i>JB</i>	Jerusalem Bible
<i>JBL</i>	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
<i>JTS</i>	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
<i>KAI</i>	H. Donner and W. Röllig, <i>Kanaanäische und aramäische Inschriften</i> , 2nd edn, Wiesbaden 1966
<i>KBo</i>	<i>Keilsschrifttexte aus Boghazköi</i> , ed. H. H. Figulla <i>et al.</i> , WVDOG 30, 36, 68, 72, 78, 79, 82, 86 and 90, Leipzig 1916–
<i>KUB</i>	<i>Keilsschrifturkunden aus Boghazköi</i> , 28 vols., Berlin 1921–44
<i>LXX</i>	Septuagint
<i>MT</i>	Massoretic Text
<i>MVAG</i>	Mitteilungen der vorderasiatisch-ägyptischen Gesellschaft, Leipzig
<i>NEB</i>	The New English Bible
<i>OS</i>	<i>Oudtestamentische Studiën</i>
<i>OTL</i>	Old Testament Library, London
<i>PEQ</i>	<i>Palestine Exploration Quarterly</i>
<i>PJB</i>	<i>Palästinajahrbuch des deutschen evangelischen Instituts für Altertumswissenschaft des Heiligen Landes zu Jerusalem</i>
<i>RV</i>	Revised Version
<i>SBTh</i>	Studies in Biblical Theology, London
<i>STh</i>	<i>Studia Theologica</i> , Lund
<i>VT</i>	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
<i>VTE</i>	D. J. Wiseman, 'The Vassal Treaties of Esarhaddon', <i>Iraq</i> 20 (1958)
<i>VTS</i>	Supplements to <i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
<i>WMANT</i>	Wissenschaftliche Monographien zum Alten und Neuen Testament, Neukirchen
<i>WVDOG</i>	Wissenschaftliche Veröffentlichungen der deutschen Orientgesellschaft, Leipzig
<i>ZAW</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
<i>ZDPV</i>	<i>Zeitschrift des deutschen Palästina-Vereins</i>
<i>ZThK</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche</i>