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## ABBREVIATIONS

AJ	<i>Antiquitates Judaicae</i> , Josephus
ANRW	<i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt</i>
AusBR	<i>Australian Biblical Review</i>
BDF	Blass and Debrunner (trans. Funk), <i>A Greek Grammar of the New Testament</i>
BH	<i>Bibliothèque Historique</i> , Diodorus Siculus
Bib	<i>Biblica</i>
BJ	<i>Bellum Judaicum</i> , Josephus
BJRL	<i>Bulletin of the John Rylands Library</i>
BTB	<i>Biblical Theology Bulletin</i>
CA	<i>Contra Apionem</i> , Josephus
CBQ	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
ETL	<i>Ephemerides theologicae lovanienses</i>
EvQ	<i>Evangelical Quarterly</i>
ExpTim	<i>Expository Times</i>
FRLANT	Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments
HDR	Harvard Dissertations in Religion
HTR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
HTS	Harvard Theological Studies
JBL	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
JJS	<i>Journal of Jewish Studies</i>
JQR	<i>Jewish Quarterly Review</i>
JSJ	<i>Journal for the Study of Judaism</i>
LCL	Loeb Classical Library
LSJ	Liddell, Scott and Jones, <i>A Greek-English Lexicon</i>
LXX	Septuagint
NovT	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
NovTSup	Novum Testamentum, Supplements
NTS	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
PW	<i>Paulys Realencyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft</i> , ed. G. Wissowa

x *List of abbreviations*

RA	<i>Romaike Archaologia</i> , Dionysius of Halicarnassus
RPLHA	<i>Revue philologique, littéraire et historique de l'antiquité</i>
SBLDS	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
SBLSPS	Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers Series
SBLMS	Society of Biblical Literature Monograph Series
SJT	<i>Scottish Journal of Theology</i>
ST	<i>Studia Theologica</i>
Str-B	Strack and Billerbeck, <i>Kommentar zum Neuen Testament</i>
SVF	<i>Stoicorum Veterum Fragmenta</i> , coll. von Arnim
TDNT	<i>Theological Dictionary of the New Testament</i>
ThZ	<i>Theologische Zeitschrift</i>
V	<i>Vita</i> , Josephus
VC	<i>Vigiliae Christianae</i>
ZAW	<i>Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
ZNW	<i>Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
ZRGG	<i>Zeitschrift für Religions- und Geistesgeschichte</i>
ZThK	<i>Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche</i>