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ABBREVIATIONS FOR JOURNALS AND REFERENCE WORKS

- ABD *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, 6 vols., D. N. Freedman, ed. (New York: Doubleday, 1992)
- AJP *American Journal of Philology*
- ANRW *Aufstieg und Niedergang der Römischen Welt*
- ARN *The Fathers According to Rabbi Nathan* (trans. Judah Goldin [New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1955])
- ATR *Anglican Theological Review*
- AusBR *Australian Biblical Review*
- BAR *Biblical Archaeology Review*

BDAG	Walter Bauer, F. Danker, W. F. Arndt, and F. W. Gingrich, <i>Greek–English Lexicon of the New Testament</i> , 2nd ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1979)
BI	<i>Biblical Interpretation</i>
BJRL	<i>Bulletin of the Johns Rylands University Library of Manchester</i>
BSac	<i>Bibliotheca Sacra</i>
BTB	<i>Biblical Theology Bulletin</i>
BTrans	<i>Bible Translator</i>
BZ	<i>Biblische Zeitschrift</i>
CBQ	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
CP	<i>Classical Philology</i>
CurTM	<i>Currents in Theology and Ministry</i>
CW	<i>Classical World</i>
DR	<i>Downside Review</i>
EBib	<i>Études bibliques</i>
ETL	<i>Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses</i>
EvQ	<i>Evangelical Quarterly</i>
EvT	<i>Evangelische Theologie</i>
ExpT	<i>Expository Times</i>
G & R	<i>Greece and Rome</i>
HeyJ	<i>Heythrop Journal</i>
HR	<i>History of Religion</i>
HSCPh	<i>Harvard Studies in Classical Philology</i>
HTR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
HUCA	<i>Hebrew Union College Annual</i>
IBS	<i>Irish Biblical Studies</i>
IDB	<i>Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible</i>
IEJ	<i>Israel Exploration Journal</i>
IESS	<i>International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences</i>
JAAR	<i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>
JBL	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
JECS	<i>Journal of Early Christian Studies</i>
JHS	<i>Journal of Hellenic Studies</i>
JRS	<i>Journal of Roman Studies</i>
JSJ	<i>Journal for the Study of Judaism</i>
JSNT	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i>
JSOT	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament</i>
JTS	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
LSJ	Henry Liddell, Robert Scott, and Henry Jones, <i>A Greek–English Lexicon</i> (Oxford: Clarendon, 1968)
LTP	<i>Laval théologique et philosophique</i>

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M-M	James Moulton and George Milligan, <i>The Vocabulary of the Greek Testament</i> Illustrated from the Papyri and Other Non-Literary Sources (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1952)
NTS	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
NovT	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
PEQ	<i>Palestine Exploration Quarterly</i>
PRS	<i>Perspectives in Religious Studies</i>
PTR	<i>Princeton Theological Review</i>
RAC	<i>Reallexikon für Antike und Christentum</i>
RB	<i>Revue Biblique</i>
ResQ	<i>Restoration Quarterly</i>
RevExp	<i>Review and Expositor</i>
RSRev	<i>Religious Studies Review</i>
SBLSP	<i>Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers</i>
SJTh	<i>Scottish Journal of Theology</i>
ST	<i>Studia Theologica</i>
Str-B	H. Strack and P. Billerbeck, <i>Kommentar zum Neuen Testament Aus Talmud und Midrash</i> (Munich: Beck, 1922)
SVTQ	<i>St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly</i>
TAPA	<i>Transactions and Proceedings of the American Philological Association</i>
TBT	<i>The Bible Today</i>
TDNT	<i>Theological Dictionary of the New Testament</i> , Gerhard Kittel, ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1964)
TJT	<i>Toronto Journal of Theology</i>
TS	<i>Theological Studies</i>
TynB	<i>Tyndale Bulletin</i>
TZ	<i>Theologische Zeitschrift</i>
VT	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
WTS	<i>Westminster Theological Journal</i>
ZAW	<i>Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
ZNW	<i>Zeitschrift für die Neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
ZRG	<i>Zeitschrift für Religions- und Geistesgeschichte</i>

ABBREVIATIONS FOR CLASSICAL AUTHORS

Aristotle, <i>N.E.</i>	<i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>
Aristotle, <i>Poet.</i>	<i>Poetics</i>
Aristotle, <i>Rhet.</i>	<i>Rhetoric</i>
Cicero, <i>De Orat.</i>	<i>De Oratore</i>
Cicero, <i>Tusc. Disp.</i>	<i>Tusculan Disputations</i>
<i>Exod. Rab.</i>	<i>Exodus Rabbah</i>
<i>Gen. Rab.</i>	<i>Genesis Rabbah</i>
Gregory of Nyssa, <i>De Beat.</i>	<i>De Beatitudinis</i>

Gregory of Nyssa, <i>Or. Cat.</i>	<i>Oratorio Catechetica Magna</i>
Josephus, <i>Ant.</i>	<i>Antiquities</i>
Justin Martyr, <i>Dial.</i>	<i>Dialogue with Trypho</i>
<i>m. Ket.</i>	<i>Mishnah Kettuboth</i>
<i>m. Shab.</i>	<i>Mishnah Shabbath</i>
Philo, <i>Abr.</i>	<i>On Abraham</i>
Philo, <i>Cher.</i>	<i>On the Cherubim</i>
Philo, <i>Ebr.</i>	<i>On Drunkenness</i>
Philo, <i>Flacc.</i>	<i>Flaccus</i>
Philo, <i>Heres</i>	<i>Who Is the Heir</i>
Philo, <i>Leg. All.</i>	<i>Allegorical Interpretation</i>
Philo, <i>Migr.</i>	<i>On the Migration of Abraham</i>
Philo, <i>Mos.</i>	<i>Life of Moses</i>
Philo, <i>Mut.</i>	<i>On the Change of Names</i>
Philo, <i>Plant.</i>	<i>On Noah's Work as a Planter</i>
Philo, <i>Post.</i>	<i>On the Posterity and Exile of Cain</i>
Philo, <i>Q. Ex.</i>	<i>Questions of Exodus</i>
Philo, <i>Sac.</i>	<i>On the Sacrifices of Abel and Cain</i>
Philo, <i>Somn.</i>	<i>On Dreams</i>
Pliny, <i>H.N.</i>	<i>Natural History</i>
Quintilian, <i>Inst. Orat.</i>	<i>Institutio Oratoria</i>
Stobaeus, <i>Ecl.</i>	<i>Eclogae</i>
<i>Tg. Ps.-J.</i>	<i>Targum Pseudo-Jonathan</i>
<i>Tg. Neo.</i>	<i>Targum Neofiti</i>
Xenophon, <i>Mem.</i>	<i>Memorabilia</i>

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