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Abbreviations



AB	Anchor Bible
AGAJU	Arbeiten zur Geschichte des antiken Judentums und des Urchristentums 18
ANRW	<i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der Römischen Welt</i>
BA	<i>Biblical Archaeologist</i>
BAFCS	The Book of Acts in Its First Century Setting, 6 vols., ed. B. W. Winter (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans; Carlisle: Paternoster Press, 1993–1996)
BDAG	<i>A Greek-English Lexicon of the NT and Other Early Christian Literature</i> , by W. Bauer, rev. and ed. F. W. Danker, 3rd ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago, 2000)
BZ	<i>Biblische Zeitschrift</i>
CAH	<i>Cambridge Ancient History</i> (1966)
DNTB	<i>Dictionary of New Testament Background</i> , ed. Craig A. Evans and Stanley E. Porter (Leicester; Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity, 2000)
<i>ExpT</i>	<i>Expository Times</i>
GRBS	<i>Greek, Roman and Byzantine Studies</i>
HTR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
JBL	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
JETS	<i>Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society</i>
JPFC	<i>The Jewish People in the First Century</i> , 2 vols., ed. S. Safrai and M. Stern (Assen: Van Gorcum; Philadelphia: Fortress, 1974–1976)
JSNT	<i>Journal for the Study of the NT</i>
JSNTSS	Journal for the Study of the NT Supplement Series
JTS	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
LEC	Library of Early Christianity, ed. W. A. Meeks
NASB	New American Standard Bible
NCB	New Century Bible

NICNT	New International Commentary on the New Testament
NIGTC	New International Greek Testament Commentaries
<i>NovT</i>	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
NovTSup	Novum Testamentum Supplements
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version
NT	New Testament
<i>NTS</i>	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
<i>OCD</i>	<i>Oxford Classical Dictionary</i> (2003 ed.)
<i>OJRS</i>	<i>Ohio Journal of Religious Studies</i>
OT	Old Testament
<i>RB</i>	<i>Revue Biblique</i>
SBLDS	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
SBLRBS	Society of Biblical Literature Resources for Biblical Study
SBT	Studies in Biblical Theology
SJTOP	Scottish Journal of Theology Occasional Papers
SNTSMS	Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series
<i>TynB</i>	<i>Tyndale Bulletin</i>
<i>VigC</i>	<i>Vigiliae Christianae</i>
WTWB	<i>The Westminster Theological Wordbook of the Bible</i> , ed. Donald E. Gowan (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2003)