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<td>ABLMS</td>
<td>Assyrian and Babylonian Letters Belonging to the Kouyunjik Collections of the British Museum</td>
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<td>ACEBTSup</td>
<td>Amsterdamse Cahiers voor Exegese en bijbelse Theologie: Supplement Series</td>
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<td>ANEP</td>
<td>The Ancient Near East in Pictures Relating to the Old Testament</td>
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<td>BEATAJ</td>
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<td>BKAT</td>
<td>Biblischer Kommentar, Altes Testament</td>
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<td>BZABR</td>
<td>Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für altorientalische und biblische Rechtsgeschichte</td>
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<td>Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</td>
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Abbreviations

FRLANT  Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments
HBS    Herders biblische Studien
HCOT   Historical Commentary on the Old Testament
HSM   Harvard Semitic Monographs
HSS   Harvard Semitic Studies
HTR   Harvard Theological Review
HTS   Harvard Theological Studies
HUCA  Hebrew Union College Annual
IBT    Interpreting Biblical Texts
IEJ    Israel Exploration Journal
JBL    Journal of Biblical Literature
JBR    Journal of Bible and Religion
JESHO  Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient
JNSL   Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages
JPS    Jewish Publication Society
JQR    Jewish Quarterly Review
JSJ    Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman Periods
JSOTSup Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplements
JSS    Journal of Semitic Studies
LAI    Library of Ancient Israel
LHBOTS Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies
LSTS   Library of Second Temple Studies
Le Monde de la Bible
NCB    New Century Bible
NCBC   New Century Bible Commentary
NIBCOT New International Bible Commentary on the Old Testament
NICOT  New International Commentary on the Old Testament
OBO    Orbis biblicus et orientalis
OTL    Old Testament Library
OtSt   Oudtestamentische Studiën
PEQ    Palestine Exploration Quarterly
RBL    Review of Biblical Literature
RevExp Review and Expositor
RQ     Römische Quartalschrift für christliche Altertumskunde und Kirchengeschichte
SAHL   Studies in the Archeology and History of the Levant
SBLDS  Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
SBLSS  Society of Biblical Literature Symposium Series
SBLWAW Society of Biblical Literature Writings from the Ancient World
SBT    Studies in Biblical Theology
SBTS   Sources for Biblical and Theological Study
SHANE  Studies in the History of the Ancient Near East
SHICANE Studies in the History and Culture of the Ancient Near East
SDSSRL Studies in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature
StudBib Studia Biblica
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TOTC      Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries
UCOP      University of Cambridge Oriental Publications
VT        Vetus Testamentum
VTSup     Vetus Testamentum Supplements
WMANT     Wissenschaftliche Monographien zum Alten und Neuen Testament
ZAW       Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft