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Abbreviations

AB	Anchor Bible
ABD	<i>Anchor Bible Dictionary</i>
ABRL	Anchor Bible Reference Library
ACCS	Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture
ADAIK	Abhandlungen des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts Kairo
AEL	<i>Ancient Egyptian Literature</i>
AJBI	<i>Annual of the Japanese Biblical Institute</i>
AJSR	<i>Association for Jewish Studies Review</i>
ANF	<i>Ante-Nicene Fathers</i>
ANET	<i>Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament</i>
AOAT	Alter Orient und Altes Testament
ARM	Archives royales de Mari
ATANT	Abhandlungen zur Theologie des Alten und Neuen Testaments
ATD	Das Alte Testament Deutsch
AWEAT	<i>Archiv für die wissenschaftliche Erforschung des Alten Testaments</i>
AYBRL	Anchor Yale Bible Reference Library
BA	<i>Biblical Archaeologist</i>
BAR	<i>Biblical Archaeology Review</i>
BASOR	<i>Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research</i>
BBB	Bonner biblische Beiträge
BEATAJ	Beiträge zur Erforschung des Alten Testaments und des antiken Judentums

BETL	Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium
BEvT	Beiträge zur evangelischen Theologie
BHTh	Beiträge zur historischen Theologie
BHQ	Biblia Hebraica Quinta
BIAS	Bible in Africa Studies
<i>Bib</i>	<i>Biblica</i>
BibS(N)	Biblische Studien (Neukirchen, 1951–)
<i>BJRL</i>	<i>Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester</i>
BJS	Brown Judaic Studies
BKAT	Biblicher Kommentar, Altes Testament
BWANT	Beiträge zur Wissenschaft vom Alten und Neuen Testament
BZABR	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für altorientalische und biblische Rechtsgeschichte
BZAW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft
<i>CAD</i>	<i>The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago</i>
<i>CBQ</i>	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
CHANE	Culture and History of the Ancient Near East
CML	<i>Canaanite Myths and Legends</i> , ed. G. R. Driver (Edinburgh, 1956; 2nd ed. J. C. L. Gibson 1978)
ConBOT	Coniectanea Biblica: Old Testament Series
COS	<i>The Context of Scripture</i> (Brill, 1997–2002)
CTA	<i>Corpus de tablettes en cunéiformes alphabétiques découvertes à Ras-Shamra-Ugarit de 1929 à 1939</i> , ed. A. Herdner, Mission de Ras Shamra 10 (Paris 1963)
<i>CTJ</i>	<i>Calvin Theological Journal</i>
CUSAS	Cornell University Studies in Assyriology and Sumerology
<i>CV</i>	<i>Communio Viatorum</i>
DBW	Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works
<i>EBR</i>	<i>Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception</i>
<i>EncJud</i>	<i>Encyclopedia Judaica</i>
<i>EvT</i>	<i>Evangelische Theologie</i>

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FAT	Forschungen zum Alten Testament
FC	Fathers of the Church Patristic Series
FCB	Feminist Companion to the Bible
FOTL	Forms of the Old Testament Literature
FRLANT	Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments
FzB	Forschung zur Bibel
HBM	Hebrew Bible Monographs
HBOT	<i>Hebrew Bible/Old Testament: The History of Its Interpretations</i> (Göttingen, 2000)
HBS	Herders Biblische Studien
HBT	<i>Horizons in Biblical Theology</i>
HCOT	Historical Commentary on the Old Testament
HKAT	Handkommentar zum Alten Testament
HThKAT	Herders theologischer Kommentar zum Alten Testament
HTR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
HUCA	<i>Hebrew Union College Annual</i>
IEJ	<i>Israel Exploration Journal</i>
Int	<i>Interpretation</i>
JAAR	<i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>
JASup	Journal of Ancient Judaism, Supplements
JANER	<i>Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions</i>
JANES	<i>Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society of Columbia University</i>
JAOS	<i>Journal of the American Oriental Society</i>
JBL	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
JCS	<i>Journal of Cuneiform Studies</i>
JHS	<i>Journal of Hebrew Scriptures</i>
JITC	<i>Journal of the Interdenominational Theological Center</i>
JNES	<i>Journal of Near Eastern Studies</i>
JSOT	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament</i>
JSOTSup	Journal for the Study of the Old Testament, Supplements
JTI	<i>Journal for Theological Interpretation</i>
JTISup	Journal for Theological Interpretation, Supplements

<i>JTS</i>	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
KTU	<i>Die keilalphabetischen Texte aus Ugarit</i> , ed. M. Dietrich, O. Loretz, and J. Sanmartín, AOAT 24/1 (Neukirchen-Vluyn, 1976)
LHBOTS	The Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies
MThSt	Marburger theologische Studien
NCBC	New Cambridge Bible Commentary
<i>NCHB</i>	<i>New Cambridge History of the Bible</i>
NIV	New International Version
<i>NOAB</i>	<i>New Oxford Annotated Bible</i>
<i>NPNF</i> ^I	<i>Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers</i> , Series 1
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version
OBO	Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis
OBO.SA	Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis, Series Archaeologica
OBT	Overtures to Biblical Theology
<i>Or</i>	<i>Orientalia</i> (NS)
OTL	Old Testament Library
OTS	Old Testament Studies
<i>PEQ</i>	<i>Palestine Exploration Quarterly</i>
PTMS	Pittsburgh Theological Monograph Series
<i>RA</i>	<i>Revue d'assyriologie et d'archéologie orientale</i>
RAI	Rencontre assyriologique internationale
<i>RB</i>	<i>Revue biblique</i>
SAAS	State Archives of Assyria Studies
SBL	Society of Biblical Literature
SBLRBS	SBL Resources for Biblical Study
SBLSymS	SBL Symposium Series
SBLWAW	SBL Writings from the Ancient World
SemSt	Semeia Studies
SNT	Studien zum Neuen Testament
SSN	Studia Semitica Neerlandica
TB	Theologische Bücherei: Neudrucke und Berichte aus dem 20. Jahrhundert
<i>ThPh</i>	<i>Theologie und Philosophie</i>
ThSt	Theologische Studien

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<i>TLZ</i>	<i>Theologische Literaturzeitung</i>
<i>TynBul</i>	<i>Tyndale Bulletin</i>
UBL	Ugaritisch-biblische Literatur
<i>UF</i>	<i>Ugarit-Forschungen</i>
VT	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
VTSup	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i> , Supplements
VWGTh	Veröffentlichungen der Wissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft für Theologie
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary
WMANT	Wissenschaftliche Monographien zum Alten und Neuen Testament
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament
ZAW	<i>Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
ZTK	<i>Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche</i>

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