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Abbreviations

BETL Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium BZNW Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die Neutestamentliche Wissenschaft HTRHarvard Theological Review

JSNTS Journal for the Study of the New Testament Supplement

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NRSV New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

SNTSMS Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series WUNT Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament

