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Abbreviations

<i>AAeg</i>	<i>Analecta Aegyptiaca</i>
AB	Anchor Bible
ABRL	Anchor Bible Reference Library
ABS	Archaeology and Biblical Studies
AIL	Ancient Israel and Its Literature
AnBib	Analecta Biblica
AMD	Ancient Magic and Divination
AOAT	Alter Orient und Altes Testament
AOTC	Abingdon Old Testament Commentaries
<i>ASJ</i>	<i>Acta Sumerologica</i>
ATANT	Abhandlungen zur Theologie des Alten und Neuen Testaments
<i>AThR</i>	<i>Anglican Theological Review</i>
<i>AuOr</i>	<i>Aula Orientalis</i>
<i>BBR</i>	<i>Bulletin for Biblical Research</i>
<i>BBRSup</i>	<i>Bulletin for Biblical Research, Supplements</i>
BCOTWP	Baker Commentary on the Old Testament Wisdom and Psalms
BETL	Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium
<i>BibInt</i>	<i>Biblical Interpretation</i>
<i>BJRL</i>	<i>Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester</i>
BJS	Brown Judaic Studies
BKAT	Biblischer Kommentar, Altes Testament
BZAW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft
BZNW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft
<i>CANE</i>	<i>Civilizations of the Ancient Near East</i>
<i>CBQ</i>	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
CBQMS	Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series

<i>CurBR</i>	<i>Currents in Biblical Research</i>
CHANE	Culture and History of the Ancient Near East
ConBOT	Coniectanea Biblica: Old Testament Series
<i>CurBS</i>	<i>Currents in Research: Biblical Studies</i>
CSHJ	Chicago Studies in the History of Judaism
<i>CTM</i>	<i>Concordia Theological Monthly</i>
<i>CurBR</i>	<i>Currents in Biblical Research</i>
<i>CurBS</i>	<i>Currents in Research: Biblical Studies</i>
CUSAS	Cornell University Studies in Assyriology and Sumerology
DCLS	Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Studies
<i>DSD</i>	<i>Dead Sea Discoveries</i>
EJL	Early Judaism and Its Literature
<i>ETL</i>	<i>Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses</i>
<i>ExpTim</i>	<i>Expository Times</i>
FAT	Forschungen zum Alten Testament
FCB	Feminist Companion to the Bible
FOTL	Forms of the Old Testament Literature
FRLANT	Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments
GBS	Guides to Biblical Scholarship
<i>GTJ</i>	<i>Grace Theological Journal</i>
HAT	Handbuch zum Alten Testament
HBM	Hebrew Bible Monographs
<i>HBT</i>	<i>Horizons in Biblical Theology</i>
HKAT	Handkommentar zum Alten Testament
<i>HS</i>	<i>Hebrew Studies</i>
HSM	Harvard Semitic Monographs
HSS	Harvard Semitic Studies
HThKAT	Herders Theologischer Kommentar zum Alten Testament
<i>HTR</i>	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
HTS	Harvard Theological Studies
<i>HUCA</i>	<i>Hebrew Union College Annual</i>
IB	Interpreter's Bible
IBC	Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching
ICC	International Critical Commentary
IEKAT	Internationaler Exegetischer Kommentar Zum Alten Testament
<i>Int</i>	<i>Interpretation</i>
<i>JAJ</i>	<i>Journal of Ancient Judaism</i>
<i>JAAR</i>	<i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>

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JAJSup	Journal of Ancient Judaism, Supplements
JANESCU	<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>
JBQ	<i>Jewish Bible Quarterly</i>
JBR	<i>Journal of Bible and Religion</i>
JEA	<i>Journal of Egyptian Archaeology</i>
JHS	<i>Journal of Hellenic Studies</i>
JQR	<i>Jewish Quarterly Review</i>
JSJ	<i>Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman Periods</i>
JSJSup	Journal for the Study of Judaism, Supplements
JSNTSup	Journal for the Study of the New Testament Supplement Series
JTOT	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament</i>
JTOTSup	Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series
JSS	<i>Journal of Semitic Studies</i>
JTISup	Journal for Theological Interpretation, Supplements
KAT	Kommentar zum Alten Testament
LCL	Loeb Classical Library
LHBOTS	The Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies
MTSR	<i>Method and Theory in the Study of Religion</i>
NCB	New Century Bible
NEchtB	Neue Echter Bibel
NICOT	New International Commentary on the Old Testament
OBC	Orientalia Biblica et Christiana
OBO	Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis
ÖBS	Österreichische biblische Studien
OBT	Overtures to Biblical Theology
OLA	Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta
ORA	Orientalische Religionen in der Antike
OTE	<i>Old Testament Essays</i>
OTL	Old Testament Library
OtSt	<i>Oudtestamentische Studiën</i>
PAe	Probleme der Ägyptologie
RB	<i>Revue biblique</i>
RelSoc	<i>Religion and Society</i>
RIPBC	Routledge Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Biblical Criticism

SAACT	State Archives of Assyria Cuneiform Texts
SAOC	Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilizations
<i>SB</i>	<i>Sammelbuch griechischer Urkunden aus Aegypten</i>
SBLDS	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
SBLRBS	Society of Biblical Literature Resources for Biblical Study
SBLSymS	Society of Biblical Literature Symposium Series
SBS	Stuttgarter Bibelstudien
SBT	Studies in Biblical Theology
SHBC	Smyth and Helwys Bible Commentary
<i>SJT</i>	<i>Scottish Journal of Theology</i>
SOTSMS	Society for Old Testament Studies Monograph Series
SPAW	Sitzungsberichte der Preussischen Akademie der Wissenschaften
<i>SR</i>	<i>Studies in Religion</i>
StBibLit	Studies in Biblical Literature (Lang)
STDJ	Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah
SymS	Symposium Series
THOTC	Two Horizons Old Testament Commentary
<i>TLZ</i>	<i>Theologische Literaturzeitung</i>
TOTC	Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries
TUMSR	Trinity University Monograph Series in Religion
<i>TynBul</i>	<i>Tyndale Bulletin</i>
<i>UF</i>	<i>Ugarit-Forschungen</i>
<i>VT</i>	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
VTSup	Supplements to Vetus Testamentum
WAW	Writings from the Ancient World
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary
WLAW	Wisdom Literature from the Ancient World
WMANT	Wissenschaftliche Monographien zum Alten und Neuen Testament
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament
<i>ZA</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für Assyriologie</i>
<i>ZÄS</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde</i>
<i>ZAW</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
ZBK	Zürcher Bibelkommentare
<i>ZTK</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche</i>