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ABBREVIATIONS

AB	Anchor Bible
ABD	The Anchor Bible Dictionary, ed. D. N. Freedman (6 vols; N.Y.: Doubleday, 1992)
ACR	Australian Catholic Record
ANRW	Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt
AsiaJT	Asia Journal of Theology
AUSS	Andrews University Seminary Studies
Bib	Biblica
BibKir	Bibel und Kirche
BibLeb	Bibel und Leben
BibTh	Biblical Theology
BJRL	Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester
BR	Biblical Research
BrethLife	Brethren Life and Thought
BRev	Bible Review
BSac	Bibliotheca Sacra
BT	The Bible Translator
BTB	Biblical Theology Bulletin
BV	Biblical Viewpoint
BZ	Biblische Zeitschrift
CBQ	Catholic Biblical Quarterly
CovQ	Covenant Quarterly
CrisThR	Criswell Theological Review
CTJ	Calvin Theological Journal
CTM	Concordia Theological Monthly
CV	Communio Viatorum
EDNT	Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament, ed. H. Balz and G. Schneider (3 vols; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990-93)
EKK	Evangelisch-Katholischer Kommentar
Enc	Encounter
EvQ	Evangelical Quarterly
ExpTim	Expository Times
FM	Faith and Mission
FS	Festschrift
GJ	Grace Journal
GTJ	Grace Theological Journal
HeyJ	Heythrop Journal
HNT	Handbuch zum Neuen Testament
HNTC	Harper's New Testament Commentaries
HTR	Harvard Theological Review
ICC	International Critical Commentary
Int	Interpretation
JBL	Journal of Biblical Literature
JETS	Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society
JSNT	Journal for the Study of the New Testament
JSOT	Journal for the Study of the Old Testament
JTS	Journal of Theological Studies
LQHR	London Quarterly and Holborn Review

LXX	Septuagint
MelTheol	Melita Theologica
MeyerK	H. A. W. Meyer, Kritisch-exegetischer Kommentar über das Neue Testament
MT	Masoretic Text
NASB	New American Standard Bible
NBl	New Blackfriars
Neot	Neotestamentica
NIBC	New International Biblical Commentary
NICNT	New International Commentary on the New Testament
NIDNTT	The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology, ed. C. Brown (3 vols; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1975-78)
NIGTC	New International Greek Testament Commentary
NIV	New International Version
NovT	Novum Testamentum
NT	New Testament
NTS	New Testament Studies
OPTT	Occasional Papers in Translation and Textlinguistics
OT	Old Testament
QuartRev	Quarterly Review
RB	Revue Biblique
REB	Revised English Bible
ResQ	Restoration Quarterly
RevExp	Review and Expositor
RNT	Regensburger Neues Testament
RSV	Revised Standard Version
RTR	Reformed Theological Review
SBLASP	Society of Biblical Literature Abstracts and Seminar Papers
SE	Studia Evangelica
SEÅ	Svensk exegetisk årsbok
SJT	Scottish Journal of Theology
StudBibTh	Studia Biblica et Theologica
SWJT	Southwestern Journal of Theology
TD	Theology Digest
TDNT	Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, ed. G. Kittel and G. Friedrich, tr. G. W. Bromiley (10 vols; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1964-76)
ThEduc	Theological Educator
TNTC	Tyndale New Testament Commentaries
TRE	Theologische Realenzyklopädie
TrinJ	Trinity Journal
TS	Theological Studies
TynBul	Tyndale Bulletin
TZ	Theologische Zeitschrift
UBS	United Bible Societies
UltReal	Ultimate Reality and Meaning
UP	University Press
USQR	Union Seminary Quarterly Review
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary
Wor	Worship
WTJ	Westminster Theological Journal
WW	Word and World
ZNW	Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft