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ABBREVIATIONS

AB	Anchor Bible
ABD	<i>Anchor Bible Dictionary</i> . Edited by David Noel Freedman. 6 vols. New York: Doubleday, 1992.
AnBib	Analecta Biblica
ANES	<i>Ancient Near Eastern Studies</i>
ANETS	Ancient Near Eastern Texts and Studies
AnOr	Analecta Orientalia
AOAT	Alter Orient und Altes Testament
AOS	American Oriental Series
<i>AuOr</i>	<i>Aula Orientalis</i>
BEATAJ	Beiträge zur Erforschung des Alten Testaments und des antiken Judentums
<i>Bib</i>	<i>Biblica</i>
<i>BibInt</i>	<i>Biblical Interpretation</i>
BIWL	Bibliographies and Indexes in World Literature
BZABR	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für altorientalische und biblische Rechtsgeschichte
BZAW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft
CBQ	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
CBR	<i>Currents in Biblical Research</i>
CIS	Copenhagen International Series
<i>CurBS</i>	<i>Currents in Research: Biblical Studies</i>
DCH	<i>Dictionary of Classical Hebrew</i> . Edited by David J. A. Clines. 9 vols. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 1993–2014.
DSD	<i>Dead Sea Discoveries</i>
EHLL	<i>Encyclopedia of Hebrew Language and Linguistics</i> . Edited by Geoffrey Khan. 4 vols. Leiden: Brill, 2013.
FAT	Forschungen zum Alten Testament

FRLANT	Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments
FTS	Freiburger Theologische Studien
HALOT	<i>The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament</i> . Ludwig Koehler, Walter Baumgartner, and Johann J. Stamm. Translated and edited under the supervision of Mervyn E. J. Richardson. 4 vols. Leiden: Brill, 1994–1999.
HAR	<i>Hebrew Annual Review</i>
HBS	Herders Biblische Studien
HCOT	Historical Commentary on the Old Testament
HThKAT	Herders Theologischer Kommentar zum Alten Testament
HUCA	<i>Hebrew Union College Annual</i>
ICC	International Critical Commentary
IDBSup	<i>Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible: Supplementary Volume</i> . Edited by Keith Crim. Nashville: Abingdon, 1976.
JAAR	<i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>
JBL	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
JCS	<i>Journal of Cuneiform Studies</i>
JHS	<i>Journal of Hebrew Scriptures</i>
JQR	<i>Jewish Quarterly Review</i>
JSJSup	Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman Periods Supplement Series
JSOT	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament</i>
JSOTSup	Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series
JSPSup	Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha Supplement Series
JSS	<i>Journal of Semitic Studies</i>
KAI	<i>Kanaanäische und aramäische Inschriften</i> . Herbert Donner and Wolfgang Röllig. 2nd ed. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 1966–1969.
KTU	<i>Die keilalphabetischen Texte aus Ugarit</i> . Edited by Manfred Dietrich, Oswald Loretz, and Joaquín Sanmartín. AOAT 24/1. Neukirchen-Vluyn: Neukirchener Verlag, 1976.
LHBOTS	Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies
NEchtBAT	Neue Echter Bibel: Altes Testament

NIDB	<i>The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible</i> . Edited by Katharine Doob Sakenfeld. 5 vols. Nashville: Abingdon, 2006–2009.
NJPS	<i>Tanakh: A New Translation of the Holy Scriptures according to the Traditional Hebrew Text</i> . Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1985.
NSKAT	Neuer Stuttgarter Kommentar, Altes Testament
OBO	Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis
Or	<i>Orientalia (NS)</i>
OTL	Old Testament Library
OTS	Old Testament Studies
PEPP	<i>The Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics</i> . 4th ed. Edited by Roland Greene. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012.
PTL	<i>PTL: A Journal for Descriptive Poetics and Theory of Literature</i>
RevQ	<i>Revue de Qumran</i>
RTT	Research in Text Theory
SBLDS	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
ScrHier	Scripta Hierosolymitana
SEÅ	<i>Svensk exegetisk årsbok</i>
Sem	<i>Semitics</i>
SJ	Studia Judaica
SJOT	<i>Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament</i>
STDJ	Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah
SubBi	Subsidia Biblica
THB	Text of the Hebrew Bible
VT	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
VTSup	Supplements to <i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
WMANT	Wissenschaftliche Monographien zum Alten und Neuen Testament
ZKT	<i>Zeitschrift für katholische Theologie</i>