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ABBREVIATIONS

AB  Anchor Bible
ABD  Anchor Bible Dictionary
BDB  The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon
Bib  Biblica
BibInt  Biblical Interpretation
BT  Bible Translator
BZAW  Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft
CBQ  Catholic Biblical Quarterly
EN  Ezra-Nehemiah
EvQ  The Evangelical Quarterly
HALOT  Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament
HB  Hebrew Bible
IFJ  International Federation of Journalists
IPV  InterVarsity Press
JBL  Journal of Biblical Literature
JHS  Journal of Hebrew Scriptures
JJS  Journal of Jewish Studies
JOTT  Journal for Translation and Textlinguistics
JSOT  Journal for the Study of the Old Testament
JSOTSupp  Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement
NAC  New American Commentary
NCBC  New Cambridge Bible Commentary
NICOT  New International Commentary on the Old Testament
NSBT  New Studies in Biblical Theology
RN  Ruth narrative
SABS  Society of Asian Biblical Studies
SBL  Society of Biblical Literature
SJOT  Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament
TDOT  Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament
TJ  Trinity Journal
TWOT  Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament
VT  Vetus Testamentum
WBC  Word Bible Commentary
ZAW  Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft
PREFACE

The seeds for this collection of essays were sown during the 2012 meeting of the Society of Asian Biblical Studies (SABS) at Sabah Theological Seminary, Kotakinabalu, Malaysia (13–15 June). A lot of the conversations around mealtimes and the breaks circled around the story and the book of Ruth, and so we asked several participants for contributions. As with most book projects, many people were interested but over time the enthusiasm of some died down. Put another way, not all who wanted to glean for this book project came to the field. Nonetheless, other contributors (who did not attend the Malaysia meeting) came to the threshing floor.

Except for the essay by Sin-lung Tong (chapter 3), which is a revision of his article published in CMS Journal [Chinese Mission Seminary] 13 (2013): 57–73 and published here with the permission of the journal editor, the other essays have not been published before.

We offer this collection together with an invitation for other collections that engage in regionally based studies, and for seeking to understand what it means, and what is involved, in reading biblical texts in lived contexts, in Asia and yonder.

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