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PREFACE

This book has its basis in a doctoral dissertation accepted by the University of Cambridge early in 1969. In its revision for publication, which was carried out in 1971, I endeavoured to take full account of literature written on the subject since the thesis had been submitted. Due to an unavoidable delay in publishing, I was later able to include reference to the bulk of the relevant material that appeared up until the beginning of 1973, though in this case only in the footnotes.

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ABBREVIATIONS

REFERENCE WORKS:

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- Bill. P. Billerbeck and H. L. Strack, *Kommentar zum Neuen Testament aus Talmud und Midrasch* (Munich, 1922-8)
- DB ed. J. Hastings, *Dictionary of the Bible* (Edinburgh, 1909)
- Funk F. Blass, ed. A. Debrunner (trans. R. W. Funk), *A Greek Grammar of the New Testament* (Cambridge, 1961)
- HDB ed. J. Hastings, *Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible* (Edinburgh, 1900)
- IDB *Interpreters' Dictionary of the Bible* (New York, 1962)
- JE *The Jewish Encyclopaedia* (New York, 1901-6)
- L/S H. G. Liddell and R. Scott, *A Greek-English Lexicon*, rev. H. S. Jones and R. McKenzie (Oxford, 1948)
- Moulton J. H. Moulton, W. F. Howard and N. Turner, *Grammar of New Testament Greek* (Edinburgh, 1908, 1929, 1963)
- M/M J. H. Moulton and G. Milligan, *The Vocabulary of the Greek Testament* (London, 1914-29)
- PCB ed. M. Black and H. H. Rowley, *Peake's Commentary on the Bible* (London, 1962)
- RGG *Die Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart* (Tübingen, 1957³)
- TDNT *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids, 1964-), ET of following
- TWNT *Theologisches Wörterbuch zum Neuen Testament* (Stuttgart, 1933-)

PERIODICALS:

- AJT *American Journal of Theology*
- Ang. *Angelos*
- ASTI *Annual of the Swedish Theological Institute*
- ATR *Anglican Theological Review*
- BA *Biblical Archaeologist*
- Bib. *Biblica*
- Bib.Tr. *Bible Translator*
- BjRL *Bulletin of the John Rylands Library*
- BS *Bibliotheca Sacra*
- BVC *Bible et Vie Chrétienne*
- BW *Biblical World*
- BZ *Biblische Zeitschrift*
- CBQ *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*
- EQ *Evangelical Quarterly*
- ET *Expository Times*
- Exp. *Expositor*

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<i>Ev.Th.</i>	<i>Evangelische Theologie</i>
<i>HTR</i>	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
<i>HUCA</i>	<i>Hebrew Union College Annual</i>
<i>IEJ</i>	<i>Israel Exploration Journal</i>
<i>Int.</i>	<i>Interpretation</i>
<i>JBL</i>	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
<i>JJS</i>	<i>Journal of Jewish Studies</i>
<i>JJSoc.</i>	<i>Jewish Journal of Sociology</i>
<i>JQR</i>	<i>Jewish Quarterly Review</i>
<i>JR</i>	<i>Journal of Religion</i>
<i>JTS</i>	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
<i>JTVI</i>	<i>Journal of the Transactions of the Victoria Institute</i>
<i>Jud.</i>	<i>Judaica</i>
<i>KD</i>	<i>Kerugma und Dogma</i>
<i>MGWJ</i>	<i>Monatschrift für die Geschichte und Wissenschaft des Judentums</i>
<i>NKZ</i>	<i>Neue kirchliche Zeitschrift</i>
<i>NRT</i>	<i>Nouvelle Revue Théologique</i>
<i>NT</i>	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
<i>NTS</i>	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
<i>Or.Sy.</i>	<i>L'Orient Syrien</i>
<i>RB</i>	<i>Revue Biblique</i>
<i>Rech.SR</i>	<i>Recherches de Science Religieuse</i>
<i>RHPR</i>	<i>Revue d'Histoire et de Philosophie Religieuses</i>
<i>RQ</i>	<i>Revue de Qumran</i>
<i>RTP</i>	<i>Revue de Théologie et de Philosophie</i>
<i>Scr.</i>	<i>Scripture</i>
<i>SJT</i>	<i>Scottish Journal of Theology</i>
<i>St.Ev.</i>	<i>Studia Evangelica</i>
<i>St.Th.</i>	<i>Studia Theologica</i>
<i>Th.</i>	<i>Theology</i>
<i>TL</i>	<i>Theologische Literaturzeitung</i>
<i>TSK</i>	<i>Theologische Studien und Kritiken</i>
<i>Tyn.B.</i>	<i>Tyndale Bulletin</i>
<i>TS</i>	<i>Theologische Studien</i>
<i>TZ</i>	<i>Theologische Zeitschrift</i>
<i>VT</i>	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
<i>WTJ</i>	<i>Westminster Theological Journal</i>
<i>ZAW</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
<i>ZEE</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für evangelische Ethik</i>
<i>ZNW</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
<i>ZTK</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche</i>