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## PREFACE

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## ABBREVIATIONS

AG	(Walter Bauer's) <i>Greek–English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature</i> , translated and adapted by W.F. Arndt and F.W. Gingrich (Chicago–Cambridge, 1957)
ATR	<i>Anglican Theological Review</i>
BDF	F. Blass and A. Debrunner, <i>A Greek Grammar of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature</i> , translated and edited by R.W. Funk (Chicago London, 1961)
BJRL	<i>Bulletin of the John Rylands Library</i>
BNTC	Black's New Testament Commentary
BZ	<i>Biblische Zeitschrift</i>
BZGBE	Beiträge zur Geschichte der biblischen Exegese
BZNW	Beiheft zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft
CBQ	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
EQ	<i>Evangelical Quarterly</i>
ET	English Translation
EVV	English Versions
ExpT	<i>Expository Times</i>
FS	<i>Festschrift</i>
HTR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
HTS	Harvard Theological Studies
ICC	International Critical Commentary
JBL	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
JTS	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
LSJ	<i>A Greek–English Lexicon</i> , by H.G. Liddell and R. Scott, revised by H.S. Jones (Oxford, 1940)
LXX	Septuagint version of the OT
MK	Meyer Kommentar (Kritisch–exegetischer Kommentar über das Neue Testament, begründet von H.A.W. Meyer)
MT	Massoretic Text of the Hebrew Bible
Migne PG	<i>Patrologia, Series Graeca</i> , edited by J.P. Migne (Paris, 1844–)
NEB	New English Bible

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<i>NKZ</i>	<i>Neue kirchliche Zeitschrift</i>
<i>NovT</i>	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
<i>NRT</i>	<i>Nouvelle Revue Théologique</i>
n.s.	new series
<i>NTS</i>	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
1QS	Rule of the Community ( <i>serekh hayyahad</i> ) from Qumran Cave 1
par	(and) parallel(s)
<i>PTR</i>	<i>Princeton Theological Review</i>
RSV	Revised Standard Version
<i>RTR</i>	<i>Reformed Theological Review</i>
S.B.L.	Society of Biblical Literature
<i>SJT</i>	<i>Scottish Journal of Theology</i>
<i>TDNT</i>	(G. Kittel's and G. Friedrich's) <i>Theological Dictionary of the New Testament</i> , translated by G. Bromiley (Index Volume compiled by R. Pitkin), 10 volumes (Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1964–76)
TKNT	(Herders) Theologischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament
<i>TLZ</i>	<i>Theologische Literaturzeitung</i>
<i>TZ</i>	<i>Theologische Zeitschrift</i>
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament
ZK	Zahn Kommentar (Kommentar zum NT herausgegeben von Theodor Zahn)
<i>ZNW</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>

Abbreviations of the titles of the works of Philo and other ancient writers follow the pattern of *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology* (I, pp. 31–40), edited by Colin Brown (Exeter, 1975).

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