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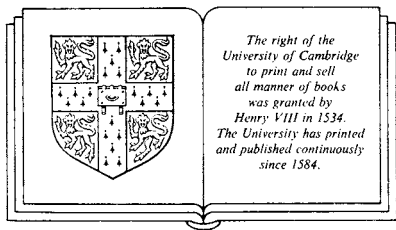
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To Dot and Leslie

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PREFACE

This study was conceived, strangely enough, under a thatch roof in a village in northeastern Nigeria, where I was working on the translation of the Higi New Testament from 1968 to 1974. It was given shape in the following years at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, under the tutelage of Dr Ralph P. Martin, and finally brought to birth at the University of Oxford in 1979, where it was presented in the form of a thesis to the Faculty of Theology for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. This book has grown out of that thesis.

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ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| AB | Anchor Bible |
| AGJU | Arbeiten zur Geschichte des antiken Judentums und des Urchristentums |
| <i>Amer. Jour. Theol.</i> | <i>American Journal of Theology</i> |
| Ana. Bib. | Analecta Biblica |
| <i>Ang. Theol. Rev.</i> | <i>Anglican Theological Review</i> |
| <i>Ann. Swed. Theol. Inst.</i> | <i>Annual of the Swedish Theological Institute</i> |
| ASNU | Acta Seminarii Neotestamentici Upsaliensis |
| ATANT | Abhandlungen zur Theologie des Alten und Neuen Testaments |
| ATD | Acta Theologica Danica |
| <i>Aus. Bib. Rev.</i> | <i>Australian Biblical Review</i> |
| BET | Beiträge zur Evangelischen Theologie |
| BHT | Beiträge zur Historischen Theologie |
| <i>Bib. Res.</i> | <i>Biblical Research</i> |
| <i>Bib. Theol. Bull.</i> | <i>Biblical Theology Bulletin</i> |
| <i>Bib. Trans.</i> | <i>Bible Translator</i> |
| <i>Bib. Zeit.</i> | <i>Biblische Zeitschrift</i> |
| <i>BJRL</i> | <i>Bulletin of the John Rylands Library of Manchester University</i> |
| BNTC | Black's New Testament Commentaries |
| BS | Biblische Studien |
| BU | Biblische Untersuchungen |
| BZNW | Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die Neutestamentliche Wissenschaft |
| CB | Coniectanea Biblica |
| CBC | Cambridge Bible Commentary |
| <i>CBQ</i> | <i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i> |
| CGT | Cambridge Greek Testament |
| CGTC | Cambridge Greek Testament Commentary |
| CNT | Commentaire du Nouveau Testament |
| <i>Comm. Viat.</i> | <i>Communio Viatorum</i> |
| <i>Con. Theol. Mon.</i> | <i>Concordia Theological Monthly</i> |
| EB | Études Bibliques |
| EKKNT | Evangelisch-Katholischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament |
| <i>Eph. Theol. Lov.</i> | <i>Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses</i> |

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| <i>EpR</i> | <i>Epworth Review</i> |
| ET | English translation |
| <i>Ev. Theol.</i> | <i>Evangelische Theologie</i> |
| <i>ExT</i> | <i>Expository Times</i> |
| FRLANT | Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments |
| GrNT | Grundrisse zum Neuen Testament |
| GTA | Göttinger Theologische Arbeiten |
| <i>Harv. Theol. Rev.</i> | <i>Harvard Theological Review</i> |
| <i>Hey. Jour.</i> | <i>Heythrop Journal</i> |
| <i>Hist. of Religs.</i> | <i>History of Religions</i> |
| HNT | Handbuch zum Neuen Testament |
| HTKNT | Herders Theologischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament |
| HUT | Hermeneutische Untersuchungen zur Theologie |
| <i>IB</i> | <i>Interpreter's Bible</i> |
| ICC | International Critical Commentary |
| <i>IDB</i> | <i>Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible</i> |
| <i>Interp.</i> | <i>Interpretation</i> |
| <i>JBL</i> | <i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i> |
| <i>JR</i> | <i>Journal of Religion</i> |
| <i>JSNT</i> | <i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i> |
| <i>JTS</i> | <i>Journal of Theological Studies</i> |
| KEKNT | Kritisch-exegetischer Kommentar über das Neue Testament |
| <i>Ker. u. Dog.</i> | <i>Kerygma und Dogma</i> |
| LHD | Library of History and Doctrine |
| <i>Luth. Qtr.</i> | <i>Lutheran Quarterly</i> |
| MarTS | Marburger Theologische Studien |
| <i>Mél. Sci. Rel.</i> | <i>Mélanges de Science Religieuse</i> |
| <i>Mish. Ber.</i> | <i>Mishnah Berakoth</i> |
| <i>Mish. Men.</i> | <i>Mishnah Menahoth</i> |
| <i>Mish. Shab.</i> | <i>Mishnah Shabbath</i> |
| MNTC | Moffatt New Testament Commentary |
| MünTS | Münchener Theologische Studien |
| NA | Neutestamentliche Abhandlungen |
| NCB | New Century Bible |
| NCIB | New Clarendon Bible |
| <i>NIDNTT</i> | <i>New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology</i> |
| NLCNT | New London Commentary on the New Testament |
| <i>Nov. Test.</i> | <i>Novum Testamentum</i> |
| NTD | Das Neue Testament Deutsch |
| NTL | New Testament Library |
| <i>NTS</i> | <i>New Testament Studies</i> |
| NTSR | New Testament for Spiritual Reading |
| OBO | Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis |
| PNTC | Pelican New Testament Commentaries |
| <i>Rech. Sci. Rel.</i> | <i>Recherches de Science Religieuse</i> |

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| <i>Rev.Bib.</i> | <i>Revue Biblique</i> |
| <i>Rev.Sci.Phil.Théol.</i> | <i>Revue des Sciences Philosophiques et Théologiques</i> |
| <i>Rev.Thom.</i> | <i>Revue Thomiste</i> |
| SANT | Studien zum Alten und Neuen Testament |
| SB | Stuttgarter Bibelstudien |
| S.-B. | Strack-Billerbeck |
| SBL | Society of Biblical Literature |
| SBM | Stuttgarter Biblische Monographien |
| SBT | Studies in Biblical Theology |
| SHAW | Sitzungsberichte der Heidelberger Akademie der Wissenschaften |
| SJLA | Studies in Judaism in Late Antiquity |
| <i>SJT</i> | <i>Scottish Journal of Theology</i> |
| SM | Sermon on the Mount |
| SNT | Supplements to Novum Testamentum |
| SNTS | Society for New Testament Studies |
| SR | <i>Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses</i> |
| Stud. and Docu. | Studies and Documents |
| <i>Stud.Theol.</i> | <i>Studia Theologica</i> |
| TBC | Torch Bible Commentaries |
| TD | Theologischen Dissertationen |
| <i>TDNT</i> | <i>Theological Dictionary of the New Testament</i> |
| <i>Theol.</i> | <i>Theology</i> |
| <i>Theol.Arbeiten</i> | <i>Theologische Arbeiten</i> |
| <i>Theol.Stud.</i> | <i>Theological Studies</i> |
| <i>Theol.u.Glaube</i> | <i>Theologie und Glaube</i> |
| <i>Theol.Zeit.</i> | <i>Theologische Zeitschrift</i> |
| THNT | Theologischer Handkommentar zum Neuen Testament |
| TICP | Travaux de l'Institut Catholique de Paris |
| TNTC | Tyndale New Testament Commentaries |
| <i>Tri.Theol.Zeit.</i> | <i>Trierer Theologische Zeitschrift</i> |
| TU | Texte und Untersuchungen zur Geschichte der altchristlichen Literatur |
| <i>Tyn.Bull.</i> | <i>Tyndale Bulletin</i> |
| <i>Un.Sem.Qtr.Rev.</i> | <i>Union Seminary Quarterly Review</i> |
| UNT | Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament |
| VIKJ | Veröffentlichungen aus dem Institut Kirche und Judentum |
| WC | Westminster Commentaries |
| WCB | World Christian Books |
| WMANT | Wissenschaftliche Monographien zum Alten und Neuen Testament |
| <i>Z.Ev.Eth.</i> | <i>Zeitschrift für Evangelische Ethik</i> |
| ZNW | <i>Zeitschrift für die Neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i> |
| ZST | <i>Zeitschrift für Systematische Theologie</i> |
| ZThK | <i>Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche</i> |