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Preface

In 1976, in one of his early publications, the honoree of this volume, Edward L. Greenstein published an article with his long-time colleague at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, David Marcus, on the statue and inscription of the fifteenth-century Idrimi, king of Alalakh.¹ The inscription tells of how Idrimi was forced to flee his birthplace of Aleppo and became a refugee at several stops in the southern Levant. At each locale Idrimi tells us that he made the “dwelling” of those who had dwellings “secure” and provided dwellings for those who had none. At some of these stops, he encountered other refugees who looked to him for guidance and salvation, growing his power base as he went. Ed writes, “to be recognized and accepted in stages is a pattern that is reminiscent of biblical narratives in which Moses returns from Midian to Egypt and David amasses support as he rises to power.”² Ed would revisit the trope of the fugitive hero many times over during the course of his fifty-year career. The theme that emerges in all of these figures—biblical and non-biblical—is that these figures, possessing natural talents, had to move to other spaces where they could share their gifts of leadership with others in need and later return even stronger to a position of leadership within their own nation. The pinnacle of Idrimi’s achievements is his restoration of the cultic rites of Alalakh “just as ... our fathers performed them.”³ Idrimi writes that he himself continually performed these rites and that he entrusted them to his son.

The Irish poet and playwright Oscar Wilde opined that “life mirrors art.” With the publication of this volume, we editors, colleagues, and stu-

1. Edward L. Greenstein and David Marcus, “The Akkadian Inscription of Idrimi” *JANESCU* 8 (1976): 58–96.

2. Edward L. Greenstein, “Autobiographies in Ancient Western Asia,” *CANE* 3:2427.

3. Lines 87–90, as translated in Greenstein, “Autobiographies in Ancient Western Asia,” *CANE* 3:2424.

dents of Ed can say that in this case the honoree mirrors the subject of his scholarship. The trajectory of Ed's career saw him move from one country to another, then from one university to another. At each stop he toiled to provide nearly unrivaled assistance to colleagues and students alike, and at each stop new audiences came into contact with his scholarly and pedagogical gifts and appreciated the high standing he held within the discipline. All who sought his council could be assured that he would challenge them to rise to the highest critical standards they could in their philological and cross-cultural comparative claims, thus passing on the best tradition he had learned from his own dissertation advisor, the late Moshe Held.

Attending the Joint Program between Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary as an undergraduate, he graduated with two BA degrees in 1970. He went on to earn a Master of Arts in Judaica at the Jewish Theological Seminary (1974). He capped his formal academic training by earning his PhD at Columbia in 1977. Even before graduating, he joined the Seminary's faculty in 1976 and spent the next twenty years there until making aliyah to Israel in 1996. During those twenty years Ed developed a reputation as one who was dedicated to ensuring that his students' academic "dwellings" were secure. This was exhibited both in his tireless work supervising graduate students but also in helping the students at JTS adopt critical methodologies within the framework of Jewish tradition and practice.

When assessing the totality of his prodigious output, one is struck by the expertise Ed demonstrated in a host of areas that are astonishing in their breadth as well as in their depth. Here we see a scholar who clearly made many stops on an intellectual trek, building bridges between disciplines that had not been built before. Throughout his career Ed expanded his application of other disciplines and theoretical perspectives to Semitic and biblical studies. He was among the first to apply advanced training in linguistic theory (generative syntax and phonology, psycholinguistics, later anthropological linguistics, philosophy of language in connection with translation theory) and deep reading in contemporary literary theory (structuralism, poststructuralism, reader theory, deconstruction, gender theory, discourse analysis) to ancient Semitics and biblical language and literature. Indeed, one of the most characteristic features of Ed's academic publications was that they were always philological—but rarely only philological. While there are other scholars who may have delved more deeply than Ed in some of these areas, there are few whose scholarship has ranged as widely as Ed's has, while at the same time never sacrificing depth.

Looking back, many of Ed's studies, at the time they appeared, were at the cutting edge of biblical and Semitic scholarship, such as "Two Variations of Grammatical Parallelism and Their Psycholinguistic Background" (1974, appearing 1975); "Trans-Semitic Idiomatic Equivalency and the Derivation of Hebrew *ml'kh*" (1979); "The Riddle of Samson" (1981); "An Equivocal Reading of the Sale of Joseph" (1982); and "Theories of Modern Bible Translation" (1983). These and other titles in Ed's bibliography demonstrate his astonishing breadth of scholarship: "One More Step on the Staircase" (1977); "How Does Parallelism Mean?" (1983); "Deconstruction and Biblical Narrative" (1989); "An Introduction to a Generative Phonology of Biblical Hebrew" (1992); "Sensitivity to Language in Rashi's Torah Commentary" (1993). Moreover, Ed has published some fifty articles on the book of Job alone; these studies, of course, culminated in the recent publication of Ed's *Job: A New Translation* (2019). Truly, one cannot fail to be anything other than overwhelmed at the colossal nature of his scholarly achievements.

Among Ed's signal achievements during his years in the United States, three are worthy of note.⁴ First, he began editing *Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society* (originally of Columbia University) in 1974. Together with his good friend David Marcus, the founding editor of the journal, Ed created a journal of international repute. When Ed took over the editorship, he continued David Marcus's practice of encouraging younger scholars to publish their work in *JANESCU*. The published volumes include approximately 350 articles written by over two hundred scholars and students from all over the world.

Ed also took an active part in the Columbia University Hebrew Bible Seminar, one of the university's historic "learned societies." Additionally, he served a term as chair of the seminar. Assuming the chairmanship during the seminar's twenty-fifth anniversary, he wrote an essay about its history, its participants, and the topics covered during the years since its establishment. Ed took special pride in the fact that the vast preponderance of seminar papers that were presented resulted in eventual publication.

In the early 1970s, the late Seminary chancellor Gerson Cohen of blessed memory determined to reshape the Seminary's academic structure and in particular reimagined advanced study as a full-fledged graduate school. Thereupon Ed together with Professor Yochanan Muffs, also of

4. For much of what is included in this section, we are indebted to Ed's very dear friend, Professor David Marcus.

blessed memory, reorganized the JTS Bible Department. Together they established PhD and masters-level standards, including bibliographies for comprehensive examinations and other requirements; the number of graduate students in Bible multiplied. In these and other ways, Ed and Yochanan created all of the contours of graduate-school training in Bible. After Professor Moshe Held died, Ed and David stepped up to offer courses in Akkadian and Ugaritic, so that in time the JTS Bible Department became the Department of Bible and Ancient Semitic Languages, a name that it retained until quite recently, indeed receiving the best scholarly traditions from his predecessors to pass on to his students. In the process, Ed and David determined to create a department that was the envy of the Seminary, fostering an atmosphere of collegiality and mutual support, which is still the case. All in all, the Seminary Bible Department is what it is today on account of what Ed and his colleagues accomplished all those many years ago.

But there is more. Ed delved into translation theory and promoted Everett Fox's work in this regard; he helped to shape the journal *Prooftexts* from its inception and through its first decade; he served two terms as editor of the SBL's Semeia Studies series; he helped found the SBL Hebrew Linguistics section; he helped develop the SBL Structuralism unit into its poststructuralist phase. Furthermore, Ed accomplished all this in the service of these various disciplines, doing so with a spirit of warmth and collegiality, much as he did in publishing numerous reviews of the work of his colleagues. All the while, Ed spent countless hours patiently supervising the doctoral work of more students than most professors would ever attempt to advise in a scholarly lifetime.

However, all of this was merely "the first act." In 1996, following an extended stay as a visiting scholar at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Ed and his wife Beverly finally made aliyah to Israel. The Jewish Theological Seminary's loss was Israel's gain. Ed's arrival on the scene of academic biblical study in Israel represented the infusion of new perspectives by an internationally acclaimed scholar. Ed was the first to offer courses within a Bible program in Israel on postmodern approaches to biblical literature, including reader theory, feminist interpretation, and deconstruction. Ed's work with students at Tel Aviv University through 2006, and thereafter at Bar-Ilan University, where he is now professor emeritus, brought Ed into contact with students coming from often vastly different orientations than those he had taught at JTS. Ed often noted that at Tel Aviv he saw it as his calling to expose his predominately secular students to the value of

medieval rabbinic exegesis and his calling at Bar-Ilan to expose his largely Orthodox student body to the value of critical methodology. Here he was able to help train clergy Jewish and Christian alike in the critical study of the Hebrew Bible, preparing them for their respective ministries in Israel and far beyond. In his time in Israel, Ed oversaw seventeen master's theses and twenty-six doctoral theses, and at the time of his retirement he was still mentoring more graduate students than any other member of the Bar-Ilan Bible department.

Ed's notion of civic service to the Israeli academic community during this time was unsurpassed. He served numerous times on the Bible and ancient Near Eastern committees of the Israel Science Foundation, the organizing committee in Bible for the World Congress of Jewish Studies, the Israel Prize committee in Bible, the oversight committees for the Council of Higher Education, and was a founding member of the Israel Association for Assyriology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies.

But his civic contributions went beyond the field of biblical studies. He was a long-time member of the academic board of Resling, a publisher for the broad Israel public; he edited and introduced the Hebrew edition of Stanley Fish's classic *Is There a Text in This Class?* and was a consultant of several guides for high school Bible curricula.

One of the curious aspects of Biblical Hebrew is that in order to acquiesce to a request the responder must utter a word from the request itself; biblical Hebrew knows no simple word for yes. By contrast, Ed knows no simple word for no. The nearly seventy essays in this collection are a testimony to the admiration and indebtedness felt by friends, colleagues, and students from around the world. The essays encompass and are arranged according to all of the major areas of study to which Ed has contributed: Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Biblical Hebrew and Northwest Semitic Languages, Biblical Law and Narrative, Biblical Wisdom and Poetry, Biblical Reception and Exegesis, and Postmodern Readings of the Bible.

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We have chosen as a title for this collection a citation from the words of Genesis that contains a wordplay on the first name of the honoree of this volume. *Ve-’ed ya’aleh* is the transliteration of the opening words of Gen 2:6: “*and a flow [’ed] would well up [ya’aleh] from the ground and water the whole surface of the earth.*” Ed’s scholarship and boundless willingness to share of his time and expertise have nourished all of us, and it is our hope and prayer that his fountain will continue to sprout forth for many years to come.

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Abbreviations

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1QIsa ^a	Isaiah ^a
A.J.	Josephus, <i>Antiquitates judaicae</i>
Anab.	Arrian, <i>Anabasis</i>
Avod. Zar.	Avodah Zarah
Avot R. Nat.	Avot de Rabbi Nathan
b.	Babylonian Talmud
B. Bat.	Bava Batra
B. Metz.	Bava Metzi'a
Ber.	Berakhot
C. Ap.	Josephus, <i>Contra Apionem</i>
Cant. Rab.	Canticles Rabbah
Doctr. chr.	<i>De doctrina christiana</i>
Eruv.	Eruvin
Esth. Rab.	Esther Rabbah
Gen. Rab.	Genesis Rabbah
Git.	Gittin
Hag.	Hagigah
Hist.	Herodotus, <i>Historiae</i>
Hul.	Hulin
Ker.	Keritot
Ket.	Ketubbot
LAB	Liber antiquitatum biblicarum
Lam. Rab.	Lamentations Rabbah
Lev. Rab.	Leviticus Rabbah
m.	Mishnah
Ma'as.	Ma'aserot
Meg.	Megillah
Mek.	Mekilta

Men.	Menahot
Midr. Lam.	Midrash Lamentations
Mo'ed Qat.	Mo'ed Qatan
Nid.	Niddah
Pesah.	Pesahim
Pesiq. Rab Kah.	Pesiqta de Rab Kahana
Pirqe R. El.	Pirqe Rabbi Eliezer
Qidd.	Qiddushin
Rab.	Rabbah
Rosh Hash.	Rosh Hashanah
Sanh.	Sanhedrin
Shabb.	Shabbat
Shev.	Shevi'it
Sop.	Soperim
t.	Tosefta
Ta'an.	Ta'anit
Tanh.	Tanhuma
Ter.	Terumot
Tg. Onq.	Targum Onqelos
Tg. Ps.-J.	Targum Pseudo-Jonathan
Yad.	Yadayim
Yebam.	Yebamot

Secondary Sources and General

2	second-person
3	third-person
AASF	<i>Annales Academiae Scientiarum Fennicae</i>
AASOR	<i>Annual of the American Schools of Oriental Research</i>
AB	Anchor Bible
AbB	Altbabylonische Briefe in Umschrift und Übersetzung
ABD	Freedman, David Noel, ed. <i>Anchor Bible Dictionary</i> . 6 vols. New York: Doubleday, 1992.
AEL	Lichtheim, Miriam. <i>Ancient Egyptian Literature</i> . 3 vols. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1971–1980.
AH	<i>anno Hegirae</i> (in the year of [Muhammad's] Hegira [622 CE])
AHw	Soden, Wolfram von. <i>Akkadisches Handwörterbuch</i> . 3 vols. Wiesbaden, 1965–1981.

AIL	Ancient Israel and Its Literature
AJBI	<i>Annual of the Japanese Biblical Institute</i>
AKM	Abhandlungen für die Kunde des Morgenlandes
ALASP	Abhandlungen zur Literatur Alt-Syren-Palästinas und Mesopotamiens
ANEM	Ancient Near East Monographs
ANEP	Pritchard, James B., ed. <i>The Ancient Near East in Pictures Relating to the Old Testament</i> . 2nd ed. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994.
ANET	Pritchard, James B., ed. <i>Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament</i> . 3rd ed. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1969.
AnOr	Analecta Orientalia
AnSt	<i>Anatolian Studies</i>
AOAT	Alter Orient und Altes Testament
AoF	<i>Altorientalische Forschungen</i>
AOTC	Abingdon Old Testament s
ArBib	The Aramaic Bible
ARM	Archives royales de Mari
AS	Assyriological Studies
AS	<i>Aramaic Studies</i>
ASV	American Standard Version
ATANT	Abhandlungen zur Theologie des Alten und Neuen Testaments
AuOr	<i>Aula Orientalis</i>
AuOrS	<i>Aula Orientalis-Supplementa</i>
AYBRL	Anchor Yale Bible Reference Library
BaghM	<i>Baghdader Mitteilungen</i>
BBB	Bonner biblische Beiträge
BBR	<i>Bulletin for Biblical Research</i>
BBRSup	Bulletin for Biblical Research Supplements
BBS	King, L. W. <i>Babylonian Boundary-Stones and Memorial Tablets in the British Museum</i> . London: The British Museum, 1912.
BBVOT	Berliner Beiträge zum vorderen Orient, Texte
BDB	Brown, Francis, S. R. Driver, and Charles A. Briggs. <i>A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament</i>
BETL	Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium

BHH	Reicke, Bo, and Leonhard Rost, eds. <i>Biblisch-historisches Handwörterbuch: Landeskunde, Geschichte, Religion, Kultur</i> . 4 vols. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1962–1966.
BHS	Elliger, Karl, Wilhelm Rudolph, et al., eds. <i>Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia</i> . Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelschiftung, 1977.
Bib	<i>Biblica</i>
BibInt	<i>Biblical Interpretation</i>
BibInt	Biblical Interpretation Series
BibOr	<i>Biblica et orientalia</i>
BibSem	The Biblical Seminar
BIFAO	<i>Bulletin de l'Institut français d'archéologie orientale</i>
BJS	Brown Judaic Studies
BK	<i>Bibel und Kirche</i>
BKAT	Biblischer Kommentar Altes Testament
BN	<i>Biblische Notizen</i>
BO	<i>Bibliotheca Orientalis</i>
BSac	<i>Bibliotheca Sacra</i>
BSOAS	<i>Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies</i>
BT	<i>The Bible Translator</i>
BTZ	<i>Berliner Theologische Zeitschrift</i>
BZABR	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für altorientalische und biblische Rechtsgeschichte
BZAW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft
CAD	Gelb, Ignace J., et al. <i>The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago</i> . 21 vols. Chicago: The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, 1956–2010.
CAL	Kaufman, Stephen A., ed. <i>Comprehensive Aramaic Lexicon</i> . http://cal.huc.edu .
CANE	Sasson, Jack M., ed. <i>Civilizations of the Ancient Near East</i> . 4 vols. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1995.
CAT	Dietrich, Manfred, Oswald Loretz, and Joaquín Sanmartín, eds. <i>The Cuneiform Alphabetic Texts from Ugarit, Ras Ibn Hani and Other Places</i> . 3rd ed. AOAT 360. Münster: Ugarit-Verlag, 2013.
CBC	Cambridge Bible Commentary

CBET	Contributions to Biblical Exegesis and Theology
CBQ	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
CEB	Common English Bible
CEV	Contemporary English Version
CHANE	Culture and History of the Ancient Near East
<i>ChrCent</i>	<i>Christian Century</i>
CML	Driver, Godfrey R., ed. <i>Canaanite Myths and Legends</i> . Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1956. 2nd ed. edited by John C. L. Gibson, 1978.
ConBOT	Coniectanea Biblica: Old Testament Series
COS	Hallo, William W., and K. Lawson Younger Jr., eds. <i>The Context of Scripture</i> . 4 vols. Leiden: Brill, 1997–2016.
CRAI	<i>Comptes rendus de l'Académie des inscriptions et belles- lettres</i>
CTH	Catalog der Texte der Hethiter
<i>CurBR</i>	<i>Currents in Biblical Research</i>
CUSAS	Cornell University Studies in Assyriology and Sumerol- ogy
DBAT	<i>Dielheimer Blätter zum Alten Testament und seiner Re- zeption in der Alten Kirche</i>
DBH	Dresdner Beiträge zur Hethitologie
DCH	Clines, David J. A. ed. <i>Dictionary of Classical Hebrew</i> . 9 vols. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 1993–2014.
DDD	Toorn, Karel van der, Bob Becking, and Pieter W. van der Horst, eds. <i>Dictionary of Demons and Deities</i> . 2nd edition. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999.
DULAT	Olmo Lete, Gregorio del, and Joaquín Sanmartín. A <i>Dictionary of the Ugaritic Language in the Alphabetic Tradition</i> . 3rd ed. 2 vols. Translated and edited by Wil- fred G. E. Watson. HdO 1.67. Leiden: Brill, 2015.
EA	El-Amarna tablets. According to the edition of Jørgen A. Knudtzon. <i>Die el-Amarna-Tafeln</i> . Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1908–1915. Repr., Aalen: Zeller, 1964. Continued in Anson F. Rainey, <i>El-Amarna Tablets, 359–379</i> . 2nd ed. Kevelaer: Butzon & Bercker, 1978.
EBib	Études bibliques
EBR	Klauck, Hans-Josef, ed. <i>Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception</i> . Berlin: de Gruyter, 2009–.
ECC	Eerdmans Critical Commentary

<i>EHLL</i>	Khan, Geoffrey, ed. <i>Encyclopedia of Hebrew Language and Linguistics</i> . 4 vols. Leiden: Brill, 2013.
<i>EncJud</i>	Skolnik, Fred, and Michael Berenbaum, eds. <i>Encyclopedia Judaica</i> . 2nd ed. 22 vols. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2007.
<i>ErIsr</i>	<i>Eretz-Israel</i>
ESV	English Standard Version
<i>EvQ</i>	<i>Evangelical Quarterly</i>
<i>EvT</i>	<i>Evangelische Theologie</i>
<i>ExpTim</i>	<i>Expository Times</i>
f.pl.	feminine plural
FAT	Forschungen zum Alten Testament
FCB	Feminist Companion to the Bible
FFC	Folklore Fellows Communications
FOTL	Forms of the Old Testament Literature
FRLANT	Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments
f.s.	feminine singular
GCT	Gender, Culture, Theory
GKB	Bergsträsser, Gotthelf. <i>Hebräische Grammatik</i> . 2 vols. Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1918–1929.
GKC	Kautzsch, Emil, ed. <i>Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar</i> . Translated by Arther E. Cowley. 2nd ed. Oxford: Clarendon, 1910.
GVG	Brockelmann, Carl. <i>Grundriss der vergleichenden Grammatik der semitischen Sprachen</i> . 2 vols. Berlin: Reuther & Reichard; New York: Lemcke & Buechne, 1908–1913. Repr., Hildesheim: Olms, 1961.
<i>HAL</i>	Koehler, Ludwig, Walter Baumgartner, and Johann J. Stamm. <i>Hebräisches und aramäisches Lexikon zum Alten Testament</i> . 3rd ed. 2 vols. Leiden: Brill, 1995, 2004.
<i>HALOT</i>	Koehler, Ludwig, Walter Baumgartner, and Johann J. Stamm. <i>The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament</i> . Translated and edited under the supervision of Mervyn E. J. Richardson. 4 vols. Leiden: Brill, 1994–1999.
<i>HAR</i>	<i>Hebrew Annual Review</i>
HAT	Handbuch zum Alten Testament
HBM	Hebrew Bible Monographs

HBS	Herders biblische Studien
HCOT	Historical Commentary on the Old Testament
HCSB	Holman Christian Standard Bible
HRCS	Hatch, Edwin, and Henry A. Redpath. <i>Concordance to the Septuagint and Other Greek Versions of the Old Testament</i> . 2 vols. Oxford: Clarendon, 1897. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998.
HS	<i>Hebrew Studies</i>
HSM	Harvard Semitic Monographs
HSS	Harvard Semitic Studies
HTKAT	Herders Theologischer Kommentar zum Alten Testament
HTR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
HUCA	<i>Hebrew Union College Annual</i>
HvTSt	<i>Hervormde Teologiese Studies (HTS Teologiese Studies/ HTS Theological Studies)</i>
IBHS	Waltke, Bruce K., and Michael O'Connor. <i>An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax</i> . Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1990.
IDB	Buttrick, George A., ed. <i>The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible</i> . 4 vols. New York: Abingdon, 1962.
IDBSup	Crim, Keith, ed. <i>Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible: Supplementary Volume</i> . Nashville: Abingdon, 1976.
IEJ	<i>Israel Exploration Journal</i>
Int	<i>Interpretation</i>
IOS	<i>Israel Oriental Studies</i>
ISBL	Indiana Studies in Biblical Literature
JAAR	<i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>
JANEH	<i>Journal of Ancient Near Eastern History</i>
JANER	<i>Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions</i>
JANESCU	<i>Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society of Columbia University</i>
JAOS	<i>Journal of the American Oriental Society</i>
Jastrow	Jastrow, Marcus. <i>A Dictionary of the Targumim, the Talmud Babli and Yerushlami, and the Midrashic Literature</i> . 2 vols. London: Luzac, 1903.
JBA	Jewish Babylonian Aramaic
JBL	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
JBQ	<i>Jewish Bible Quarterly</i>

JBR	<i>Journal of Bible and Religion</i>
JCS	<i>Journal of Cuneiform Studies</i>
JEA	<i>Journal of Egyptian Archaeology</i>
JEOL	<i>Jaarbericht van het Vooraziatisch-Egyptisch Gezelschap (Genootschap) Ex oriente lux</i>
JFSR	<i>Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion</i>
JHS	<i>Journal of Hebrew Scriptures</i>
JJS	<i>Journal of Jewish Studies</i>
JLR	<i>Journal of Law and Religion</i>
JNF	incantation bowl in private collections being edited by J. N. Ford (courtesy of Ms. Lisa Marie Knothe)
JNSL	<i>Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages</i>
JPA	Jewish Palestinian Aramaic
JPS	Jewish Publication Society
JQR	<i>Jewish Quarterly Review</i>
JR	<i>Journal of Religion</i>
JRAS	<i>Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society</i>
JSem	<i>Journal of Semitics</i>
JSJSup	Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism
JSOT	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament</i>
JSOTSup	Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series
JSP	<i>Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha</i>
JSQ	<i>Jewish Studies Quarterly</i>
JSS	<i>Journal of Semitic Studies</i>
JTS	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
JSQ	<i>Jewish Studies Quarterly</i>
KAI	Donner, Herbert, and Wolfgang Röllig. <i>Kanaanäische und aramäische Inschriften</i> . 2nd ed. Wiesbaden: Harrasowitz, 1966–1969.
KAR	Ebeling, Erich. <i>Keilschrifttexte aus Assur religiösen Inhalts</i> . 2 vols. Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1919–1923.
KAT	Kommentar zum Alten Testament
KAV	Schroeder, Otto. <i>Keilschrifttexte aus Assur verschiedenen Inhalts</i> . Osnabrück: Zeller, 1920.
KBL	Koehler, Ludwig, and Walter Baumgartner. <i>Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti libros</i> . 2nd ed. Leiden: Brill, 1958.
KBo	<i>Keilschrifttexte aus Boghazköi</i> . Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1916–1923; Berlin: Gebr. Mann, 1954–.

KJV	King James Version
KTU	Dietrich, Manfred, Oswald Loretz, and Joaquín Sanmartín, eds. <i>Die keilalphabetischen Texte aus Ugarit</i> . 3rd ed. Münster: Ugarit-Verlag, 2013.
KUSATU	<i>Kleine Untersuchungen zur Sprache des Alten Testaments und seiner Umwelt</i>
KWU	Tropper, Josef. <i>Kleines Wörterbuch des Ugaritischen</i> . Elementa Linguarum Orientis 4. Weisbaden: Harrassowitz, 2008.
LÄ	Helck, Wolfgang, Eberhard Otto, and Wolfhart Westendorf, eds. <i>Lexikon der Ägyptologie</i> . Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 1972.
LANE	Languages of the Ancient Near East
LAPO	Littératures anciennes du Proche-Orient
LBH	Late Biblical Hebrew
Leš	<i>Lešonenu</i>
LHBOTS	Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies
LingAeg	<i>Lingua Aegyptia</i>
LSAWS	Linguistic Studies in Ancient West Semitic
MARI	<i>Mari: Annales de recherches interdisciplinaires</i>
MARV	<i>Mittelassyrische Rechtsurkunden und Verwaltungstexte</i>
MÄS	Münchener ägyptologische Studien
MC	Mesopotamian Civilizations
MGWJ	<i>Monatsschrift für Geschichte und Wissenschaft des Judentums</i>
m.pl.	masculine plural
MRLA	Magical and Religious Literature of Late Antiquity
MRS	Mission de Ras Shamra
m.s.	masculine singular
Mus	<i>Muséon: Revue d'études orientales</i>
MVAG	Mitteilungen der Vorderasiatisch-ägyptischen Gesellschaft
NA ²⁸	<i>Novum Testamentum Graece</i> , Nestle-Aland, 28th ed.
NABU	<i>Nouvelles assyriologiques brèves et utilitaires</i>
NAC	New American Commentary
NASB	New American Standard Bible
NedTT	<i>Nederlands theologisch tijdschrift</i>
Neot	<i>Neotestamentica</i>
NET	New English Translation; http://netbible.com

NETS	New English Translation of the Septuagint
NIB	Keck, Leander E., ed. <i>The New Interpreter's Bible</i> . 12 vols. Nashville: Abingdon, 1994–2004.
NICOT	New International Commentary on the Old Testament
NIV	New International Version
NJPS	New Jewish Publication Society
NM	Neo-Mandaic
NOAB	Coogan, Michael D., ed. <i>The New Oxford Annotated Bible with the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books</i> . New York: Oxford University Press, 2007.
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version
OBO	Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis
OBT	Overtures to Biblical Theology
O.Cairo	ostrakon in the Egyptian Museum, Cairo
OEANE	Meyers, Eric M. ed. <i>The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East</i> . 5 vols. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997.
OED	<i>Oxford English Dictionary</i>
OIP	Oriental Institute Publications
OJA	<i>Oxford Journal of Archaeology</i>
OLZ	<i>Orientalistische Literaturzeitung</i>
OM	Orient et Méditerranée: archéologie
ORA	Orientalische Religionen in der Antike
Or	<i>Orientalia</i>
OTE	<i>Old Testament Essays</i>
OTL	Old Testament Library
OTP	Charlesworth, James H., ed. <i>Old Testament Pseudepigrapha</i> . 2 vols. New York: Doubleday, 1983–1985.
OtSt	Oudtestamentische studiën
Ox. Opp. Add.	manuscript in the Bodleian Library, Oppenheim Collection
PAAJR	<i>Proceedings of the American Academy of Jewish Research</i>
PAe	<i>Probleme der Ägyptologie</i>
PIHANS	Publications de l'Institut historique-archéologique néerlandais de Stamboul
PLO	Porta Linguarum Orientalium
PRU	Le Palais royal d'Ugarit
PSB	<i>Princeton Seminary Bulletin</i>
Qad	Qadmoniot

R	Rawlinson, Henry, et al. <i>The Cuneiform Inscriptions of Western Asia</i> . 5 vols. London: Bowler, 1861–1909.
RA	<i>Revue d'assyriologie et d'archéologie orientale</i>
RAI	Rencontre assyriologique internationale
RB	<i>Revue biblique</i>
RBL	<i>Review of Biblical Literature</i>
REg	<i>Revue d'Égyptologie</i>
REJ	<i>Revue des études juives</i>
RelSRev	<i>Religious Studies Review</i>
ResOr	Res Orientales
RevQ	<i>Revue de Qumran</i>
RGTC	Répertoire géographique des textes cunéiformes
RIMA	The Royal Inscriptions of Mesopotamia, Assyrian Periods
RIME	The Royal Inscriptions of Mesopotamia, Early Periods
RIMS	The Royal Inscriptions of Mesopotamia Supplements
RIA	Ebeling, Erich, et al., eds. <i>Reallexikon der Assyriologie</i> . Berlin: de Gruyter, 1928–.
RS	Ras Shamra
RSO	Ras Shamra-Ougarit
RSO	<i>Rivista degli studi orientali</i>
SAA	State Archives of Assyria
SAAS	State Archives of Assyria Studies
SAAB	<i>State Archives of Assyria Bulletin</i>
SAAS	State Archives of Assyria Studies
SAK	<i>Studien zur Altägyptischen Kultur</i>
SANER	Studies in Ancient Near Eastern Records
SAOC	Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization
SBH	Standard Biblical Hebrew
SBLDS	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
SBTS	Sources for Biblical and Theological Study
ScrHier	Scripta Hierosolymitana
SEL	<i>Studi epigrafici e linguistici sul Vicino Oriente antico</i>
Sem	<i>Semitica</i>
SGKAO	Schriften Zur Geschichte und Kultur des Alten Orients
Shnaton	<i>Shnaton: An Annual for Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies</i>
SJOT	<i>Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament</i>
SJT	<i>Scottish Journal of Theology</i>

SMEA	<i>Studi Micenei ed Egeo Anatolici</i>
SSLL	Studies in Semitic Languages and Linguistics
StBoT	Studien zu den Boğazköy-Texten
STDJ	Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah
StPohl	Studia Pohl
SubBi	Subsidia Biblica
SymS	Society of Biblical Literature Symposium Series
TA	<i>Tel Aviv</i>
TDOT	Botterweck, G. Johannes, and Helmer Ringgren, eds. <i>Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament</i> . Translated by John T. Willis et al. 8 vols. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1974–2006.
TEV	Today's English Version
THAT	Jenni, Ernst, and Claus Westermann, eds. <i>Theologisches Handwörterbuch zum Alten Testament</i> . 2 vols. Munich; Kaiser, 1971.
TOTC	Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries
<i>Transeu</i>	<i>Transeuphratène</i>
T-S	manuscript in the Taylor-Schechter Collection, Cambridge University Library
TSAJ	Texte und Studien zum antiken Judentum
TSO	Texte und Studien zur Orientalistik
TTKY	Türk Tarih Kurumu yayınlarından
TUAT	Kaiser, Otto, ed. <i>Texte aus der Umwelt des Alten Testaments</i> . Gütersloh: Mohn, 1984–.
<i>TvT</i>	<i>Tijdschrift voor Theologie</i>
TZ	<i>Theologische Zeitschrift</i>
UBL	Ugaritisch-biblische Literatur
UF	<i>Ugarit-Forschungen</i>
UNP	Parker, Simon B., ed. <i>Ugaritic Narrative Poetry</i> . WAW 9. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1997.
VA	item in the collection of the Vorderasiatisches Museum, Berlin
VAS	Vorderasiatische Schriftdenkmaler
VAT	museum siglum of the Vorderasiatisches Museum, Berlin
Vat. ebr.	Hebrew manuscript from the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana

VWGTh	Veröffentlichungen der Wissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft für Theologie
VT	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
VTSup	Supplements to Vetus Testamentum
WAW	Writings from the Ancient World
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary
WC	Westminster Commentaries
WGL	Weidner God List
WMANT	Wissenschaftliche Monographien zum Alten und Neuen Testament
WO	<i>Die Welt des Orients</i>
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament
WVDOG	Wissenschaftliche Veröffentlichungen der deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft
YJS	Yale Judaica Series
ZA	<i>Zeitschrift für Assyriologie</i>
ZAH	<i>Zeitschrift für Althebräistik</i>
ZÄS	<i>Zeitschrift für ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde</i>
ZBK	Zürcher Bibelkommentare
ZDMG	<i>Zeitschrift der deutschen morgenländischen Gesellschaft</i>

SBL Press