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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

SL-1  Source Legend One *(the legend of Jericho conquest)*
Dtr-1  Deuteronomistic One Story *(Noth: Most of Joshua 1-11)*
Dtr-2  Deuteronomistic Two Story *(Noth: Mostly Joshua 12-24)*
AJSL  American Journal of Semitic Language
BA    The Biblical Archaeologist
BASOR Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research
BTS   Biblical and Theological Studies
BZ    Biblische Zeitschrift
BZAW  Beiheft; Zeitschrift fur die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft
EQ    The Evangelical Quarterly
JBL   The Journal of Biblical Literature
JQR   The Jewish Quarterly Review
JTS   The Journal of Theological Studies
PRR   The Presbyterian and Reformed Review
PrG   The Presbyterian Guardian
PTR   The Princeton Theological Review
RB    Revue Biblique
ThR   Theologische Rundschau
WThJ  The Westminster Theological Journal
ZAW   Zeitschrift fur die alttestamentlich Wissenschaft
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<td>Zeitschrift für die deutschen morgenländischen Gesellschaft</td>
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<td>OT</td>
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