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Abbreviations

<i>AGRW</i>	<i>Associations in the Greco-Roman World</i> , ed. Ascough, Harland, and Kloppenborg
<i>AION</i>	<i>Annali dell'Istituto Orientale di Napoli</i>
<i>AJP</i>	<i>American Journal of Philology</i>
<i>Anc. Soc.</i>	<i>Ancient Society</i>
<i>AThR</i>	<i>Anglican Theological Review</i>
<i>BAR</i>	<i>Biblical Archaeology Review</i>
<i>BCH</i>	<i>Bulletin de correspondance hellénique</i>
<i>BJS</i>	Brown Judaic Studies
<i>CCSL</i>	Corpus Christianorum: Series latina
<i>CIL</i>	<i>Corpus inscriptionum latinarum</i>
<i>CurBS</i>	<i>Currents in Research: Biblical Studies</i>
<i>CW</i>	<i>Classical World</i>
<i>EPRO</i>	Études préliminaires aux religions orientales dans l'empire romain
<i>FGH</i>	<i>Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker</i> , ed. F. Jacoby
<i>GR</i>	<i>Greece and Rome</i>
<i>HSCP</i>	<i>Harvard Studies in Classical Philology</i>
<i>HTR</i>	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
<i>HTS</i>	Harvard Theological Studies
<i>HUCA</i>	<i>Hebrew Union College Annual</i>
<i>Inscr. Erythrai</i>	Engelmann & Merkelbach, <i>Die Inschriften von Erythrai und Klazomenai</i>
<i>IFayum</i>	Bernand, <i>Inscriptions grecques du Fayoum</i> .
<i>IG</i>	<i>Inscriptiones graecae</i>
<i>ILS</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae</i>
<i>IPerg</i>	Fränkel, <i>Die Inschriften von Pergamon</i>
<i>JAAR</i>	<i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>

<i>JAC</i>	<i>Jahrbuch für Antike und Christentum</i>
<i>JdI</i>	<i>Jahrbuch des deutschen archäologischen Instituts</i>
<i>JECS</i>	<i>Journal of Early Christian Studies</i>
<i>JFSR</i>	<i>Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion</i>
<i>JHS</i>	<i>Journal of Hellenic Studies</i>
<i>JJS</i>	<i>Journal of Jewish Studies</i>
<i>JÖAI</i>	<i>Jahreshefte des österreichischen archäologischen Instituts in Wien</i>
<i>JQR</i>	<i>Jewish Quarterly Review</i>
<i>JRA</i>	<i>Journal of Roman Archaeology</i>
<i>JRS</i>	<i>Journal of Roman Studies</i>
<i>JSNT</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i>
<i>JTS</i>	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
<i>L. A. B.</i>	<i>Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum</i> of Pseudo-Philo
<i>LCL</i>	Loeb Classical Library
<i>MMA</i>	Metropolitan Museum of Art
<i>NGSL</i>	Lupu, <i>Greek Sacred Law</i>
<i>NTOA</i>	Novum Testamentum et Orbis Antiquus
<i>OGIS</i>	<i>Orientis graeci inscriptiones selectae</i>
<i>P&P</i>	<i>Past and Present</i>
<i>P.Coll Youtie</i>	<i>Collectanea Papyrologica: Texts Published in Honor of H.C. Youtie</i>
<i>PColon</i>	<i>Kölner Papyri</i>
<i>PCPS</i>	<i>Proceedings of the Cambridge Philological Society</i>
<i>P. dem. Berlin</i>	Spiegelberg, <i>Demotische Papyrus aus den königlichen Museen zu Berlin</i>
<i>P. dem. Cairo</i>	Spiegelberg, <i>Catalogue général des Antiquités égyptiennes du Musée du Caire</i>
<i>P. dem. Lille</i>	Sottas, <i>Papyrus démotiques de Lille</i>
<i>P. dem. Prag.</i>	Erichsen, <i>Die Satzungen einer ägyptischen Kultgnossenschaft aus der Ptolemäerzeit</i>
<i>P. Fouad</i>	<i>Les Papyrus Fouad I</i> , ed. P. Jouguet
<i>PG</i>	<i>Patrologia graeca</i>
<i>PLond</i>	Skeat, <i>Zenon Archive</i> .
<i>P. Mert.</i>	Rees, Bell, & Barns, <i>A Descriptive Catalogue of the Greek Papyri in the Collection of Wilfred Merton II</i>
<i>PMich</i>	Boak, <i>Papyri from Tebtunis</i> .
<i>POxy</i>	<i>Oxyrhynchus papyri</i>
<i>PPM</i>	<i>Pompeii, pitture e mosaici</i> , ed. Ida Baldassare et al.
<i>PW</i>	Pauly & Wissowa, <i>Realencyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft</i>

1QS	<i>Rule of the Community</i> (Dead Sea Scrolls)
REA	<i>Revue des études anciennes</i>
RevPhil	<i>Revue de philologie</i>
SBLDS	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
SIG	<i>Sylloge inscriptionum graecarum</i>
StPatr	<i>Studia Patristica</i>
TANZ	Texte und Arbeiten zum neutestamentlichen Zeitalter
TAPA	<i>Transactions of the American Philological Association</i>
Vg	Vulgate
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament