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Language

Manuscripts should be written in English. Spelling (British or American) should be consistent throughout. Note also the following conventions: judgment, acknowledgment, abridgment, etc.; -ize rather than -ise, except in the case of certain words that must be spelled (in British spelling) with -ise e.g., advertise, compromise, enterprise, prise, advise, exercise.

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All use of foreign languages (whether ancient or modern) is to be followed by a translation into English (usually in parentheses). Alternatively, one could refer to a term in English and then place the foreign term in parentheses. If a foreign quotation is brief, the English translation may follow it in parentheses. If it is a longer quotation, provide the translation in a footnote.

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Software

If you have Windows you should use MS Office Word 2010 (or newer), which handles non-Latin scripts well. Users of (Mac) OS X may use MS Word 2004, 2008, 2011, or 365 if their text does *not* contain Hebrew, Aramaic, or Syriac; if it does, use Mellel (www.mellel.com). Save your text in .doc format.

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Please also see the following links:

Greek: brill.com/sites/default/files/special_scripts_handling_greek.pdf;

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Abstract and Keywords

After the author affiliation there should be a one-paragraph abstract (100 to 120 words) followed by 2-6 keywords.

Headings

You should ensure that you are consistent in the scheme of levels of headings. We normally have up to three levels of headings and we ask that authors should follow this, where possible. Headings are not numbered, flush left as follows.

The First Level Heading

The Second Level Heading

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Albert B. Jones, *Matthew* (ed. L. Smith; JSNTSup, 24; Sheffield: JSOT Press, rev. edn, 1984), p. 23.



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James H. Charlesworth (ed.), *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha*, I, *Apocalyptic Literature* (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1983).

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To cite a chapter in a collected work (note: provide complete page numbers for the chapter and then the specific page[s] being referenced in parentheses):

J. Louis Martyn, 'Have We Found Elijah?', in R. Hamerton-Kelly and R. Scrogg (eds.), *Jews, Greeks and Christians: Religious Cultures in Late Antiquity* (Festschrift W.D. Davies; trans. J. Smith; SJLA, 21; Leiden: Brill, 2nd edn, 1976), pp. 181-219 (181-83).

Article

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Howard Clark Kee, 'Defining the First-Century CE Synagogue: Problems and Progress', *NTS* 41 (1995), pp. 481-500 (485).

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This should include (where available) the author, the title (place: publisher, date of print copy), the web host, the date, text divisions, the URL and the date accessed, using the following style:

Esther McIntosh, 'The Concept of the Person and the Future of Virtue Theory: Macmurray and MacIntyre', *Quodlibet*, 3:4 (2001), para. 1-14 at para. 6. Online: <http://www.quodlibet.net/mcintosh-virtue.shtml> [accessed 11 January 2007].

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Abbreviations

True abbreviations end with a full-stop (period), but contractions should not: e.g. repr.; but edn, Mr, Jr, etc. But plural abbreviations are not contractions. Thus: chs., eds., etc. Common abbreviations such as ms, RSV, BC, AD, (we prefer BCE, CE) should not be punctuated. State names are PA, CT, etc.

Capitalization

When referring to Gospels, whether canonical or non-canonical, the term should be capitalized. When referring to the concept of the Christian gospel, the term is lower case. For further help with capitalization, see *The SBL Handbook of Style*, "Appendix A: Capitalization and Spelling Examples.



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Foreign Words and Phrases

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Possessive of Proper Names

For possessives of proper names ending in s or another sibilant, add 's, e.g. Childs's Introduction, Jones's views, but note two exceptions: (1) names ending in an 'eez' sound, such as Sophocles' and Moses'; (2) names ending in an '-us' form, such as Jesus' and Josephus'.

Use of Biblical Abbreviations

When quoting biblical references, please give full chapter and verse numbers (do not use ff.).

Use the following abbreviations for *Hebrew Bible/Old Testament* (note when to use and not use a period; see comments above concerning abbreviations vs. contractions):

Gen., Exod., Lev., Num., Deut., Josh., Judg., Ruth, 1 Sam., 2 Sam., 1 Kgs, 2 Kgs, 1 Chron., 2 Chron., Ezra, Neh., Ps., (pl Pss.), Prov., Eccl. (or Qoh.), Song (or Cant.), Isa., Jer., Lam., Ezek., Dan., Hos., Joel, Amos, Obad., Jon., Mic., Nah., Hab., Zeph., Hag., Zech., Mal.

Use the following abbreviations for *New Testament* (note when to use and not use a period; see comments above concerning abbreviations vs. contractions):

Mt., Mk, Lk., Jn, Acts, Rom., 1 Cor., 2 Cor., Gal., Eph., Phil., Col., 1 Thess., 2 Thess., 1 Tim., 2 Tim., Tit., Phlm., Heb., Jas, 1 Pet., 2 Pet., 1 Jn, 2 Jn, 3 Jn, Jude, Rev.



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In sequences of biblical and bibliographical references, chapter and book divisions should be marked by a semi-colon: *Gen.* 3.1, 7, 8; 14.6; 24.4; *Exod.* 3.17; etc.

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