



Kregel Style Manual

Preparing a Manuscript for
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We are delighted you are writing your manuscript for Kregel Academic & Professional Books. Our wish is to make your experience enjoyable, and to that end we have compiled this brief style guide.

This document supplements the 15th edition of *The Chicago Manual of Style (CMS)*¹ the definitive guide for most writers, editors, and publishers, including Kregel. Therefore, we have included cross references to *CMS* in parentheses with the hope that you'll consult *CMS* frequently.

Though *CMS* represents our primary style guide, *The SBL Handbook of Style (SBL)*² should be consulted on matters not addressed by *CMS*. *SBL* offers excellent advice for biblical studies in general, and it contains numerous abbreviations of scholarly journals and reference works.

For spelling and word usage, we prefer the unabridged *Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language* and its abridgment, *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th ed.

Bear in mind that this guide is not intended to be exhaustive. Rather, it addresses only those situations that tend to create the most confusion and ambiguity. If it – or *CMS* and *SBL* – fails to adequately answer your questions, please contact your editor.

I. Preparing Your Manuscript (2.3–2.46)

Writing a manuscript is a rewarding yet demanding venture since you are responsible for everything between the two covers. This includes not only writing the manuscript, but also securing permissions, artwork, illustrations, and preparing the indexes (though usually the publisher hires a professional indexer and charges the expense to the author's royalty account).

A. Manuscript Preparation. The manuscript should be written as a Microsoft Word (6.0 or higher) document typed double-spaced on one side of the paper. Any font in 12 point size can be used. A single space (rather than two) should be used between sentences. All subheads should be 12 point and start on a new line with one or two spaces above. The level of subheads should be distinguished by type style (e.g., A-level subheads styled boldface, all capitals, centered; B-level, boldface, italic, flush left; C-level, italic, flush left; D-level, italic and run into text with period following it). The manuscript must be numbered. In order to preserve correct spacing between words, only the left-hand margin should be justified. The margins should be one inch on all four sides.

¹ *The Chicago Manual of Style: The Essential Guide for Writers, Editors, and Publishers* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003).

² *The SBL Handbook of Style: For Ancient Near Eastern, Biblical, and Early Christian Studies* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1999). It is available online at www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/SBLHS.pdf.

B. Rights and Permissions. If securing permissions from the copyright holder is necessary, ask Kregel for a form letter that can be adapted for your project. Permission will need to be obtained for quotations that exceed fair use. (See CMS 4.75–4.84 for an excellent discussion of what constitutes fair use.) For illustrative items, a usage fee might be required as well as a permission fee. Please consult with your editor before agreeing to such an arrangement. The copyright page of most Bibles mentions how many verses can be used without the need to secure permission. If payment is necessary, Kregel will pay the fees and charge the amount to future royalties (unless you prefer to make the payment yourself).

C. Manuscript Submission. Please be sure to include the following elements with the final submission:

- Title page (with your name exactly as you want it to appear on the cover)
- Dedication
- Table of contents
- Foreword (if applicable)
- Preface and/or introduction
- Acknowledgments (if you want it to appear separately from the preface)
- List of abbreviations (if applicable; styled according to *SBL*)
- Text (with footnotes either at the foot of the page or gathered separately)
- Tables, charts, and illustrations (with its placement in the manuscript clearly identified by a number and title—e.g., “Table 1.1 “Elements of the New Covenant here”)
- Appendixes (if applicable)
- Glossary (if applicable)
- Bibliography (if applicable)

Please mail the completed hard copy and CD to the following address:

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II. Indexing (18.1-148)

Since subject and/or Scripture indexes enhance most academic and professional books, we encourage including them. To ensure the highest quality, Kregel hires a professional indexer. The reasonable, industry-standard cost is then initially paid by Kregel, but it is charged to your royalty account. In some cases, the author may choose to compile the indexes, particularly Scripture since they are fairly straightforward. Please consult with your editor.

III. Documenting Books (16.1–120 and 17.1–147)

The traditional notes/bibliography style and the more recent author-date system represent the two main methods of documenting. Kregel prefers the former. Sometimes called the humanities style, the notes/bibliography style uses the time-honored system for biblical, theological, and related disciplines. The latter format, called the author-date system, is typically used for works in the physical, natural, or social sciences.

If your work is in biblical studies, we prefer you use the documentation style recommended by *CMS* rather than using the *SBL* method. If, however, you feel strongly about using the *SBL* method, we can make exceptions. Please inform your editor.

The following discussion uses the traditional notes/bibliography method, which is explained and illustrated in detail in *CMS*. Note that book titles and names of journals and magazines are italicized and not underlined or boldfaced.

A. Differences Between Notes and Bibliography. The elements of a book that appear in notes, regardless of their placement, are separated with commas and parentheses; bibliographies, however, are separated with periods.

Note entry:

1. Craig G. Bartholomew and Michael W. Goheen, *The Drama of Scripture: Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2004), 41–45.
2. J. H. Kurtz, *Offerings, Sacrifices, and Worship in the Old Testament* (1863; reprint, Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1998), 110–23.
3. D. Brent Sandy, *Plowshares and Pruning Hooks: Rethinking the Language of Prophecy and Apocalyptic* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2002), 37.
4. Adolf Schlatter, *The History of the Christ: The Foundations of New Testament Theology*, trans. Andreas J. Köstenberger (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1997), 9–15.

Bibliographic entry:

Bartholomew Craig G., and Michael W. Goheen. *The Drama of Scripture: Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2004.

Kurtz, J. H. *Offerings, Sacrifices, and Worship in the Old Testament*. 1863. Reprint, Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1998.

Sandy, D. Brent. *Plowshares and Pruning Hooks: Rethinking the Language of Prophecy and Apocalyptic*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2002.

Schlatter, Adolf. *The History of the Christ: The Foundations of New Testament Theology*. Trans. Andreas J. Köstenberger. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1997.

B. Subtitle. Since subtitles are often times more informative of the book's contents than its main title, they should be included in both the notes and bibliography unless the title is abbreviated (see III.G and CMS 16.3).

C. Name of Publisher. The full name of the publisher is not necessary (Eerdmans, not Wm. B. Eerdmans Company). Also, note that the entry above for Bartholomew and Goheen only includes Baker, even though technically it is sponsored by one of their divisions: Baker Academic. The same principle holds true in some cases for *Press* (Moody, Fortress), but it should be included when *Press* is part of a publisher's name (InterVarsity Press, NavPress, Free Press). Names of university presses are spelled out (University of Chicago Press).

D. State of Publisher. When it is necessary to add the state of the publisher in order to clarify a city that may be unknown or confusing to the reader, Kregel prefers the use of two-letter, no-period abbreviations method used by the U. S. Postal Service (MI, OH). (This is a change from the fuller abbreviations, which has been traditionally used in notes and bibliographies [Mich., Ohio]). Appendix A provides a complete listing of state abbreviations. Incidentally, adding MI to Grand Rapids is not necessary.

E. Ibid., Idem, and Op.Cit. The abbreviation *ibid.* ("in the same place") should be used to refer to a work cited in the note immediately preceding. It is set in roman type with a period. When several works by the same person are cited successively in the same note, *idem* ("the same") may be used. It too should be set in roman type, but it should not be followed by a period since it is not an abbreviation. *Op.cit.* ("in the work cited") and its sister *loc.cit.* ("in the place cited") are now considered obsolete and should not be used.

F. Numbering of Notes. If your word-processing software will allow, please number the notes, beginning with 1, within each chapter rather than numbering them consecutively throughout the manuscript. This can be done using a section break between each chapter instead of a page break. Please consult with your editor if this poses a difficulty. Also, full bibliographic data of a particular work must be provided at the first citation of each chapter – if you do not include a bibliography (see next paragraph).

G. When Full Citations Are Not Necessary. If your bibliography contains all the notes cited in the text, you do not need to provide the full bibliographic data in the notes – even the first citation of a particular work. Rather, you can abbreviate all the notes (see CMS 16.3).

Bibliographic entry:

Haffemann, Scott J., *The God of Promise and the Life of Faith: Understanding the Heart of the Bible*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2001.

First note citation that includes a full bibliography:

1. Hafemann, *God of Promise*, 101–3.

H. Placement of Notes. For academic and professional works the notes will appear at the foot of the page in the printed book. However, books intended for a general audience will typically have the notes placed at the back of the book or chapter.

IV. Documenting Periodicals (17.148–203)

A. Journals

Note entry:

1. Kevin J. Vanhoozer, “Lost in Interpretation? Truth, Scripture, and Hermeneutics,” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 48, no. 1 (2005): 89.

Bibliographic entry:

Vanhoozer, Kevin J. “Lost in Interpretation? Truth, Scripture, and Hermeneutics.” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 48, no. 1 (2005): 89–114.

B. Magazines

Note entry:

1. Ron Kaspriske, “The Complete Guide to Caveman Golf,” *Golf Digest*, November 2005, 100.

Bibliographic entry:

Kaspriske, Ron. “The Complete Guide to Caveman Golf.” *Golf Digest*, November 2005.

C. Internet. For material drawn from online sources, provide as much information that can be obtained: author, title, owner of the site, URL, and date accessed.

Note entry:

1. David Neff, “Preaching Augustine,” *Christianity Today*, <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2005/121/52.0.html> (accessed 6 June 2005).

Bibliographic entry:

Neff, David. "Preaching Augustine." Christianity Today.
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2005/121/52.0.html>.

If there is no author, the owner of the site can substitute.

V. Citing Books of the Bible

The name of a biblical book should be spelled out in the text, but abbreviated within parentheses. However, if a book of the Bible appears within parentheses without a chapter number or chapter number and verse, it should be spelled out. The same rules apply to notes. Use Arabic numerals rather than Roman when referring to multiple books of the same name.

The Gospel of John is different from the synoptic Gospels.

Jesus claimed to fulfill the Law and the Prophets (Matt. 5:17).

One book of the New Testament (Revelation) contains apocalyptic literature.

The authorship of 1 and 2 Timothy is debated.

Appendix B provides Kregel's preferred abbreviations for biblical books.

VI. Using Hebrew, Greek, and Transliteration

Kregel only accepts manuscripts with Unicode fonts for biblical languages.³ If your manuscript does not use Unicode, you may be able to convert them. Check with the company that produced your biblical languages software for the availability of a Unicode converter.

If your manuscript uses the original languages of the Bible and/or transliteration of them, you should be aware of the following.

A. Correct Fonts. For Hebrew, Kregel requires Laser Hebrew fonts for Unicode created by Linguist's Software (www.linguistsoftware.com). Even though you may use a Unicode font for Greek from another font maker for composing your manuscript, Kregel will normally use Linguist Unicode Greek fonts in the final product. Whether using Greek or Hebrew in your manuscript, please provide electronic sample files at an early stage for testing in digital, print, and web layouts.

³ One of the best places to learn about Unicode is at their official website: www.unicode.org. It gives the history of Unicode and allows you to print charts of the Unicode numbers for Greek and Hebrew.

B. Acquisition of Fonts. If your book extensively uses biblical languages, Kregel will give you Linguist fonts for your use. This will be stated in your contract.

C. Word Processor. If at all possible, use the latest version of Microsoft Word since it contains the recent Unicode fonts and the most up-to-date program files for processing Unicode. If you do not have the latest version of Microsoft Word, you can normally produce an acceptable file with Greek in Microsoft Word for the Mac (2004 or later) or Microsoft Word for the PC (2003 or later).

Since Microsoft Word for the Mac in any of its versions cannot handle right-to-left languages, only Microsoft Word for the PC (2003 or later) is acceptable for Hebrew. If you are using Mellel on the Mac for Hebrew, you can save your file in the rtf format and open it correctly in Microsoft Word on the PC and then submit a Microsoft Word file.

When using your Microsoft Word processor with biblical languages, make sure you have downloaded the latest version of Uniscribe (dll file) from Microsoft. Uniscribe is the Microsoft system for properly rendering Unicode-encoded text.

D. Entry of Greek and Hebrew. You will need to set up your Mac (System Preferences) or Windows (Control Panel) computer to use international languages. You may create biblical language characters in Unicode directly in your word processor with the hexadecimal Unicode numbers available from the Unicode website or from the character palette on your computer. You can find out in the help menus of your system or word software how to type Unicode numbers to create language characters. This method will work for occasional entries of biblical languages, but for book-wide use you will need special keyboard software that maps Greek and Hebrew characters to normal English keystrokes but yet encodes them with proper Unicode numbers. If Kregel supplies you a biblical language font from Linguist Software, it will also include special keyboard software for typing Greek or Hebrew.

When typing Greek and Hebrew words, please be aware that the order entry of characters and marks can be important in getting the correct results. Read carefully any instructions about order entry in your keyboard software. The order entry of consonants, vowels, accents, and cantillation marks is particularly important in the typing of Hebrew. A helpful discussion about order entry can be found in the "SBL Hebrew User Manual" at www.sblsite.org/educational/BiblicalFonts_SBLHebrew.aspx. While this information specifically applies to SBL fonts and may not be applicable to all fonts, it will give you a general understanding of the importance of order entry.

Please use Word character styles on all Greek and Hebrew entries as opposed to just highlighting the Greek or Hebrew and selecting the font. Character styles are created the same way as paragraph styles and are in the same dialog box. The use of character styles does several things for us: (1) it allows us to automatically update the font choice,

(2) it prevents the formatting from being lost in Word or InDesign conversion, and (3) it makes it easier to search for problems.

E. Transliteration. It is generally no longer necessary to use special fonts for the transliteration of most Greek or Hebrew words. Many recent Unicode fonts have all the characters needed for normal transliteration. For large-scale use of transliteration, Kregel may supply you with an appropriate font from Linguist Software. Whatever you use, be sure that it is a Unicode font.

When transliterating Hebrew, please use the academic style given in *The SBL Handbook of Style* (5.1.1.). For Greek, follow the style provided in 5.3. (*The SBL Handbook* is available online at www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/SBLHS.pdf). Note that apostrophe marks should not be used in place of correct Unicode rough breathing marks or other Unicode diacritical marks.

VII. Quoting Others (11.1–11.50)

A. When to Quote. In most cases your writing will be stronger if you rephrase another author's words rather than quoting them. Quoting too much mutes your own voice in deference to others. However, quoting an authority at a critical point or quoting an apt comment will strengthen your work.

B. Length of Quotes. Try to keep quotations short. And try to merge them seamlessly "into your own sentence."

C. Introducing Quotes. If you use a longer quotation, introduce it smoothly so that it fits naturally into the discussion. Try to avoid introductory phrases as "John Does writes:" or "Jane Doe stated:" since these constructions are redundant. If a quotation is introduced with the words *the following* or *thus*, a colon is used. However, commas are used after verbs such as *replied*, *stated*, *said*, etc.

"The product that any writer has to sell," writes William Zinsser, "is not the subject written about, but who he or she is. I often find myself reading with interest about a topic I never thought would interest me."

E. B. White says the following about William Strunk's classic writing guide: "I treasure *The Elements of Style* for its sharp advice, but I treasure it even more for the audacity and self-confidence of its author."

The writing guru stated, "Look for clutter in your prose and prune it ruthlessly."

D. Biblical Quotes. If you quote from one translation of the Bible, or if you use your own translation, please notify the reader in the preface or somewhere at the outset of the book. If you use a variety of translations, identify which translation is used at each quotation (with no comma between the Scripture reference and the abbreviation):

(Gen. 1:1 NIV).

E. Run-in or Block Quotation? If a quote is 100 words or more (or c. 8 lines), use a block quote. Otherwise, run it in with the text.

F. Accuracy. Please double-check the accuracy of each quote.

VIII. Using Ellipsis Marks (11.51–11.71)

Omissions are indicated with three or four dots with a space between each one. Three dots mark an omission within a quoted sentence, while four indicate the omission of one or more sentences. When using four dots, note that the first dot represents the period of the sentence and the remaining three indicate the omission. Note the example below:

Writing isn't a skill that some people are born with and others aren't. . . . If you can think clearly, you can put what you think and what you know into writing.

IX. Punctuating

A. Hyphens and Dashes (6.80–6.94). A hyphen (-) is the standard mark used in compound words, names, and word divisions. The second dash, called an en dash because it is the length of an *n* (-), connects inclusive numbers. The longest dash is called an em dash (—), which is an all-purpose mark used to set off an abrupt break or interruption and to signal a long appositive or summation. Used frequently in good prose, the em dash is “stronger than a comma, less formal than a colon, and more relaxed than parentheses.”¹

If your word processor will not allow you to create an em dash, use two hyphens instead (--).

“Hee-haw!” said the four-year old from Tennessee.

The new covenant is promised in Jeremiah 31:31–34.

The professor — he had been awake most of the night — came to class in a less than cheerful mood.

Faith, hope, and love — these are Paul’s three key virtues.

B. Colon (6.63–69). A colon can be used to introduce a formal statement, an extract, a subtitle, speech in dialogue, a list, or a series. It is always preceded by a complete main clause. It should not be used to introduce a list that is a complement or an object of an element in the introductory statement.

A writer needs the following on his desk: dictionary, style guide,
and lots of Starbucks coffee
The three bears had porridge, beds, and chairs.

not

The three bears had: porridge, beds, and chairs.

Because the clause following a colon is not considered a new sentence, it is not necessary to capitalize the first word. The only exception is when the colon is used to introduce summary information or as a subtitle. For example:

General description: This is a short, easy hike.

Bear Aware: Hiking and Camping in Bear Country

C. Series Comma (6.19–24). Use a comma before the last item in a series. When elements within a series contain internal punctuation, or if they are long and complex, use a semicolon to separate the series.

The colors of the American flag are red, white, and blue.

For our trip we bought a camp stove, with plenty of extra fuel;
a three-person tent, so we'd have more room; and two sets of water
filters.

D. Semicolon (6.57–62). A semicolon is used between the two parts of a compound sentence (independent or coordinate clauses). Adverbs such as *however, hence, thus, indeed, therefore, then, accordingly, etc.*, should be preceded by a semicolon and followed by a comma when used as a transition between independent clauses.

The left fork of the trail leads to the lake; the right fork takes
you back to the trailhead.

The right fork leads back to the trailhead; therefore, we took
the other route.

E. Placement of Punctuation with Closing Quotation Marks (6.8–9). Periods and commas are always placed inside the closing quotation marks, whether double or single. All other punctuation marks – colons, semi-colons, question marks, exclamation points – are placed outside. However, if a question or exclamation point belong with the quoted matter, they should be inside.

Take, for example, the first line of “To a Skylark”: “Hail to thee, blithe spirit!”

Which biblical author said, “O wretched man that I am!”?

“Where are you from?”

“Watch out!”

X. Possessives with Names

For names ending in silent *s*, *z*, or *x* the possessive can generally be formed in the usual way without suggesting an incorrect pronunciation:

Descartes’s works

Exceptions to the rule for forming the possessive are the names *Jesus* and *Moses*:

in Jesus’ name

Moses’ leadership

These exceptions depart from the guidance given in the 15th edition of *CMS* (though it is recommended in the 14th edition).

Also, other exceptions are names with more than one syllable and an unaccented ending pronounced *eez*. Because of euphony, the possessive *s* is seldom added to such names:

Ramses’ tomb

Xerxes’ army

XI. Using the Right Word (5.198–202)

A. That/Which. Though both are relative pronouns, they are not interchangeable. And though *which* “sounds more correct, more acceptable, more literary,” observes William Zinsser. “It’s not.”⁴ *That* restricts, that is, it narrows a category or identifies a particular

⁴ William Strunk Jr., and E. B. White, *The Elements of Style*, 3d ed. (New York: Macmillan, 1979), 9.

item. *Which* does not restrict or narrow or identify; rather, it adds some information to an item is already categorized or identified.

The lawn mower *that* is broken is in the garage. (*That* identifies which one – not the one in working order but the one in need of repair.)

The lawn mower, *which* is broken, is in the garage. (*Which* adds a fact about the only mower in question.)

B. Who/Whom. Avoid one of two extremes: using *who* entirely or using *whom* to overcorrect. Use *who* when someone is the subject of a sentence, clause, or phrase. Use *whom* when someone is the object of a verb or preposition.

The man *who* went hiking forgot his backpack.

Does anyone know to *whom* this backpack belongs?

XII. Odds and Ends

A. Kregel uses gender-inclusive language unless specified differently by an author.

B. Pronouns referring to Deity will be dealt with on a project-by-project basis.

C. Prepositions used in a title or heading should be lowercased if they are four letters or less. Otherwise, they should be capitalized.

D. Words used as words should be italicized with their definitions appearing inside quotation marks. Examples of an exception to this rule are words appearing in Greek and Hebrew fonts, which cannot be italicized.

E. The word *verse* should be abbreviated “v.” and *verses* should be abbreviated “vv.” when used within parentheses.

F. Periods, colons, or any other marks of punctuation should never have more than a single space after them.

G. Do not use periods in acronyms: ETS, not E. T. S. (Exception: if the organization requires periods.)

H. Put a space between initials in a person’s name (C. S. Lewis). However, when proofreading, do not allow initials to be broken up onto separate lines.

I. Use “6 A.M. (not 6:00 a. m.), “5:30 P.M.” or, “Hours are from 1 to 4:30 P.M.” When proofreading, make sure that A.M. and P.M. appear as small caps.

J. Regions should be lowercased: south-central, north-central, northwestern, southeastern. However, capitalize the word when it is used as a description rather than a direction, as in *Western art*, *Midwest*, the *West* (but *western* Montana). Also, capitalize the word when it refers to a specific region of the United States: *West*, the *West Coast*, the *Southwest*.

K. Emphasizing too much loses its effectiveness. Please use italics sparingly (and never use underlining or boldface to emphasize).

L. Commas are no longer required around *Jr.* and *Sr.* For example, George W. Wilson Jr. will be late for supper.

XIII. Four Writing Myths

Myth# 1: Don’t begin the sentence with *And*. And don’t start a sentence with *But*.

Reality: Good writing does use this construction occasionally, though not frequently.

Myth #2: Don’t split infinitives. *Reality:* “The split infinitive is so common among the very best writers,” contends University of Chicago’s English and linguistic professor Joseph Williams, “that when we make an effort to avoid splitting it, we invite notice.”⁵

Myth #3: Don’t end a sentence with a preposition. *Reality:* No less than a prose stylist as Winston Churchill did so and he defended it by asserting that “this is the kind of arrant pedantry up with which I shall not put.”

Myth #4: Don’t use any contractions and don’t write in the first person in academic writing. *Reality:* While breezy prose is less than professional, a stiff and detached tone is also undesirable. Don’t be afraid of using the first person. And use contractions when it’s natural.

⁵ Joseph M. Williams, *Style: Toward Clarity and Grace* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990), 186.

XIV. Uppercasing and Lowercasing (8.97–8.119)

The following list provides Kregel's preferred system of commonly used religious terms.

Note that the word *gospel* should be lowercased when referring to the kerygma (message), but uppercased when either referring to one of the four canonical books or to the four books as a whole. The reason for doing so is to make an important distinction in the theological literature. However, other words designating a section of the Bible are generally lowercased: *book*, *epistle*, *psalm*, and *letter*. They should be capitalized only when referring to the actual title of a book as given in the Bible translation being used.

A

Aaronic priesthood	ante-Nicene fathers
Abba	anti-Catholic
abomination of desolation	antichrist (the general spirit)
Abrahamic covenant	Antichrist (the person)
Abraham's bosom	anti-Christian
Abraham's side	antichurch
Abyss, the	antilegomena
Adonai	anti-God
advent, the	anti-Semitism
Advent season	anti-Trinitarian
Advocate, the	Apocalypse, the (Revelation of John)
age of grace	apocalyptic
age to come, the	Apocrypha, the
agnosticism	apocryphal (cap only if Apocrypha is meant)
Almighty, the	apostle Peter
almighty God	Apostle to the Gentiles (Paul)
Alpha and Omega (titles of Christ)	apostles, the
amillenarian	Apostles' Creed, the
amillennial (-ism) (-ist)	apostolic age
ancient Near East (-ern)	apostolic benediction (e.g., 2 Cor. 13)
Ancient of Days, the (God)	apostolic council (Acts 15)
angel (cap if theophany)	apostolic faith
angel Gabriel, the	archangel
angel of the Lord (cap if theophany)	ark, the (Noah's)
Annunciation, the	ark of the testimony
Anointed, the	ark of the covenant
Anointed One, the	Arminian (-ism)
anointing of the sick	Ascension, the
ante-Christian	Ascension Day

Athanasian Creed
 atheism (ist)
 atonement, the
 Augsburg Confession

B

babe in the manger, the
 baby Jesus, the
 Babylonian captivity (Jews)
 baptism
 baptism, the (of Christ)
 Battle of Armageddon
 Beast, the (Antichrist)
 Beatitudes, the
 Beelzebub
 Being (God)
 Beloved Apostle, the
 betrayal, the
 Bible, the
 Bible Belt, the
 Bible school
 biblical
 blessed name (Christ)
 Blessed Virgin
 blood of Christ
 body, the (of Christ)
 Book, the (Bible)
 book of Genesis (etc.)
 Book of Life (book of judgment)
 book of the covenant
 book of the law
 Book of the Twelve, the
 Book of Truth
 boy Jesus, the
 brazen altar
 Bread of Life (Bible or Christ)
 Bridegroom, the
 bride of Christ
 brotherhood of man
 burnt offering

C

Calvary

Calvinist (-ic) (-ism)
 Canon, the (Scripture)
 canon of Scripture, the
 Captivity, the (of the Jews)
 catechumen
 catholic (universal)
 Catholic Church, the (the Roman
 Catholic Church)
 Catholic Epistles (James, etc.)
 Catholicism
 Celestial City (abode of redeemed)
 charismatic
 charismatic church
 charismatic movement
 cherub(im)
 chief priest
 Chief Shepherd
 child Jesus
 children of Israel
 chosen people (Jews)
 Christ
 Christ child
 christen (-ing)
 Christian (noun and adj.)
 Christian Era
 Christianize (-ization)
 Christianlike
 Christlike
 Christmas Day
 Christmas Eve
 Christmastide
 christocentrism
 Christology (-ical)
 church, the (body of Christ)
 church (building)
 church (service)
 church age
 church and state
 church fathers (the Fathers)
 church in America
 church invisible
 church militant
 Church of England

Church of Rome
 church triumphant
 church universal
 church visible
 City of David
 Comforter, the (Holy Spirit)
 commandment (first, etc.)
 Commandments, the Ten
 Communion (sacrament)
 confirmation
 Counselor, the (Holy Spirit)
 covenant, the (old, new)
 covenant of grace
 covenant of works
 creation, the (the act)
 creation, the (the result)
 Creator, the
 cross, the (the event)
 cross (the wooden object)
 crown
 crucifixion, the
 crucifixion of Christ, the
 Crusades, the
 curse, the

D

Daniel's Seventieth Week
 Davidic covenant
 Davidic law
 Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)
 day of grace
 day of judgment
 day of Pentecost
 day of the Lord
 Dead Sea Scrolls
 Decalogue, the (Ten Commandments)
 Defender (God)
 deism (-ist)
 Deity, the
 deity of Christ
 Deluge, the (the Flood)
 demon (-ic)
 Deuteronomic

devil, a
 Devil, the (Satan)
 Diaspora (event and people)
 disciples
 dispensation (-alism) (-alist)
 dispensation of the Law
 dispersion, the
 divided kingdom (period of
 history)
 divine
 Divine Father (God)
 divine guidance
 Divine Providence (God)
 Divinity, the (God)
 divinity of Christ, the
 Door, the (Christ)
 doxology
 Dragon, the (Satan)

E

early church
 Eastern church
 Eastern religions
 Eastern Rites
 Easter Sunday
 ecumenism (-ical)
 El
 Eleven, the
 Elohim
 El Shaddai
 Emmaus road
 end-time (adj.)
 end times, the
 Enemy, the (Satan)
 Epiphany
 epistle (John's epistle, etc.)
 epistle to the Romans (etc.)
 Epistles, the (NT apostolic letters)
 eschatology (-ical)
 Eternal, the (God)
 Eternal City, the (Rome)
 eternal God, the
 eternal life

eternity
 Eucharist
 Evangel (any of the four Gospels)
 evangelical (adj.)
 evangelicals (-ism)
 evangelist (Gospel writer)
 evangelist (someone who
 evangelizes)
 Evil One, the (Satan)
 exile, the
 exodus, the
 extrabiblical
 extreme unction (*prefer* anointing of the
 sick)

F

faith, the (Christianity)
 faith healing
 fall, the
 fall of man
 false christs
 False Prophet (of Revelation)
 false prophet(s)
 Father (God)
 Father of Lies (Satan)
 fatherhood of God
 Fathers, the (of the church)
 Feast (meaning Passover)
 Feast of Booths (Sukkoth)
 Feast of Esther (Purim)
 Feast of Firstfruits
 Feast of Tabernacles
 Feast of the Dedication (Hanukkah)
 Feast of the Lights (Hanukkah)
 Feast of the Passover (Pesach)
 Feast of Unleavened Bread
 First Adam
 First advent
 First Cause, the
 Firstborn, the (Christ)
 firstfruits
 first person of the Trinity
 flood, the

four Gospels, the
 fourth Gospel, the
 free will
 fundamentalist(s) (-ism)
 fundamentals of the faith

G

Galilean, the (Christ)
 garden of Eden
 garden of Gethsemane
 gehenna
 Gemara
 General Epistles
 Gentile, a (distinguished from
 Jew)
 Gentile laws
 Gloria Patri
 gnostic (generic)
 Gnostic (-ism) (specific sect)
 god (pagan)
 God (Yahweh)
 Godhead (essential being of God)
 godhead (godhood or godship)
 godless
 godlike
 godly
 God-man
 godsend
 God's house
 Godspeed
 God's Word (the Bible)
 God's word (his statement or promise)
 godward
 golden candlesticks, the
 Golden Rule, the
 Good Book, the
 Good Friday
 good news, the
 Good Samaritan (*but* the parable of the
 good Samaritan)
 Good Shepherd (Jesus)
 good shepherd (the parable of the good
 shepherd)

Gospel (John's Gospel, etc.)
 Gospel of Matthew
 Gospels, the (the canonical writings)
 gospel, the (the kerygma)
 gospel truth
 grain offering
 Great Awakening, the
 Great Commandment, the
 Great Commission, the
 Great High Priest, the
 great judgment, the
 Great Physician, the
 Great Shepherd, the
 great tribulation, the
 great white throne, the
 Ground of Being
 Guide, the (Holy Spirit)

H

hades
 hagiographa
 hagiographer
 hagiographic
 Hail Mary
 Hallel
 Hanukkah (Feast of the Dedication)
 Head, the (Christ head of the church)
 heaven (abode of the redeemed)
 heavenly Father
 Heidelberg Catechism
 hell
 Herodian
 Herod's temple
 high church
 high priest, a
 High Priest, the (Jesus)
 high priest, a
 High Priestly Prayer, the
 Historical Books, the (div. of OT)
 holiness
 Holiness Code (Lev. 17-26)
 Holiness Movement, the
 Holy Bible

Holy Book (Bible)
 Holy City (present or New Jerusalem)
 Holy Communion
 holy day of obligation (Roman Catholic)
 Holy Eucharist
 holy family
 Holy Ghost (*prefer* Holy Spirit)
 Holy Grail
 Holy Land (Palestine)
 Holy of Holies
 holy oil
 Holy One, the (God, Christ)
 holy order(s)
 Holy Place
 Holy Roller
 Holy Saturday
 Holy Scriptures
 Holy See
 Holy Spirit
 Holy Thursday
 Holy Trinity
 holy water
 Holy Week (before Easter)
 Holy Writ (Bible)
 Holy Year (Roman Catholic)
 homologoumena
 house of the Lord

I

immaculate conception, the
 Immanuel
 incarnation, the
 incarnation of Christ
 infant Jesus, the
 inner veil
 Intercessor, the (Christ)
 intertestamental
 Isaian or Isaianic

J

Jacob's Trouble
 Jehovah
 Jeremiah or Jeremianic

Jesus Prayer, the
 Jewish Feast (Passover)
 Jewish New Year (Rosh Hashanah)
 Johannine
 John the Baptist
 John the Beloved
 John the Evangelist
 Jordan River (*but* the river Jordan)
 Jubilee (year of emancipation)
 Judaic
 Judaica
 Judaism (-ist) (-istic)
 Judaize (-r)
 Judean
 Judeo-Christian
 judges, the
 Judgment Day
 judgment seat of Christ

K

kerygma
 King (God or Jesus)
 kingdom, the
 kingdom age
 kingdom of God
 kingdom of heaven
 kingdom of Israel
 kingdom of Satan
 King James Version
 King of Glory (Christ)
 King of Kings (Christ)
 kingship of Christ
 kinsman-redeemer
 koinonia
 Koran, Koranic (*prefer* Qur'an)

L

Lady, our
 lake of fire
 Lamb, the (Christ)
 Lamb of God (Christ)
 Lamb's Book of Life
 land of Canaan

Land of Promise
 last day(s), the
 last judgment, the
 last rites
 Last Supper, the
 last times, the
 Latin Rite
 laver
 law (as opposed to grace)
 Law, the (Pentateuch)
 law of Moses, the
 law of Moses, a (general)
 Lawgiver (God)
 Lent (-en)
 Levitical
 Levitical decrees
 liberal (-ism)
 Light (Truth or Christ)
 Light of the World (Christ)
 Litany, the (Anglican)
 living God
 living Word, the (Bible)
 Logos, the
 Lord, the
 Lord of Hosts
 Lord of Lords
 Lord's Anointed, the (Christ)
 Lord's Day, the
 lordship of Christ
 Lord's Prayer, the
 Lord's Supper, the
 Lord's Table, the
 Lost Tribes
 lost tribes of Israel
 Love Chapter, the
 low church
 Lukan

M

magi
 Magnificat, the (Song of Mary)
 Majority Text
 Major Prophets, the (div. of OT)

major prophets (people)
 mammon
 Man, the (Jesus)
 Man of Sin (Satan)
 Man of Sorrows
 Marcan or Markan
 Masorete
 Masoretic text
 Mass, the (liturgy of the Eucharist)
 matrimony (sacrament)
 Matthean
 Mediator, the (Christ)
 mercy seat
 Messiah, the (Christ)
 messiahship
 messianic
 midtribulation (-al)
 millenarian (-ism) (-ist)
 millennial kingdom
 Millennium, the
 Minor Prophets, the (div. of OT)
 minor prophets (people)
 Miserere, the
 Mishnah
 modernist (-s) (-ism)
 moon-god
 Mosaic
 Mosaic law (Pentateuch or Ten
 Commandments)
 Most High, the
 Mount of Olives
 Mount of Transfiguration
 Mount Olivet
 Mount Olivet Discourse
 Mount Sinai
 Muhammad (preferred)
 Muslim (preferred)

N

name of Christ, the
 nativity, the
 nativity of Christ, the
 Near East

Neo-Babylonian Empire
 neoorthodox (-y)
 neo-pentecostalism
 neoplatonic
 new birth
 New City (part of modern
 Jerusalem)
 new covenant
 new covenant (NT)
 new heaven and new earth
 New Jerusalem (heaven)
 New Testament church
 Nicene Creed
 Nicene fathers
 Ninety-five Theses
 non-Christian (noun and adj.)
 Nonconformism (-ist)
 northern kingdom
 Nunc Dimittis

O

Old City (part of modern Jerusalem)
 old covenant
 old covenant (OT)
 Olivet discourse
 Omega, the
 Omnipotent, the
 One, the (*but* the one true God)
 Only Begotten, the
 only begotten of the Father
 only begotten Son of God
 orthodox (-y)
 outer court (of the temple)

P

Palestinian covenant
 Palm Sunday
 papacy
 parable of the prodigal son
 Paraclete, the
 Paradise (garden of Eden)
 paradise (heaven)
 Parousia

partial rapture
 Paschal Lamb (Jesus)
 Passion Sunday (fifth Sunday in
 Lent)
 Passion Week
 Passover
 Passover Feast
 Passover Lamb (Jesus)
 Pastoral Epistles
 Pastoral Letters
 patriarch, a
 Patriarch, the (Abraham)
 Pauline Epistles
 Paul's epistles
 Paul's letters
 Paul the apostle
 peace offering
 penance
 Pentateuch
 Pentecost
 Pentecostal (-ism)
 person of Christ
 persons of the Trinity
 Pesach (Passover)
 Petrine
 Pharaoh (when used as name without
 article)
 pharaoh, the (general)
 pharisaic (attitude)
 Pharisaic (in reference to Pharisees)
 Pharisee
 Pilgrims, the
 pillar of cloud
 pillar of fire
 Poetic Books, the (div. of OT)
 pope, the
 Pope John Paul II
 postbiblical
 post-Christian
 postexilic
 postmillennial (-ism) (-ist)
 post-Nicene fathers
 pre-Christian
 predestination
 premillenarian
 premillennial (-ism) (-ist)
 pretribulation (-al)
 priesthood of believers
 priesthood of Christ
 Prime Mover
 Prince of Darkness
 Prince of Peace (Christ)
 Prison Epistles
 Prison Letters
 Prodigal Son, the (*but* the parable of
 the prodigal son)
 Promised Land (Canaan or heaven)
 Promised One, the
 prophet Isaiah (etc.), the
 Prophetic Books, the (div. of OT)
 prophets, the (people)
 Prophets, the (books of OT)
 Protestant (-ism)
 Providence (God)
 providence of God
 providential
 psalm, a
 Psalm 119 (etc.)
 psalmic
 psalmist, the
 Psalms, the (OT book)
 Psalter, the (the Psalms)
 pseudepigrapha (-l)
 purgatory
 Purim (Feast of Esther)

Q
 Qumran
 Qur'an, Qur'anic (*preferred*)

R
 rabbi
 rabbinic (-al)
 rapture, the
 real presence
 Received Text, the

Redeemer, the
 Reformation
 Reformed church
 Reformed theology
 Reformers
 resurrection, the
 resurrection of Christ
 rite(s)
 Rock, the (Christ)
 Roman Catholic Church
 Roman Rite
 Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New
 Year)

S

Sabbath (day)
 sabbatical (noun and adj.)
 sacrament(s)
 sacramentalism (-ist)
 Sacramentarian (-ism)
 Sacred Host
 sacred rite(s)
 Sadducee
 Sanhedrin
 Satan
 satanic
 satanism
 Savior
 scribe
 scriptural
 Scripture(s) (Bible; used as noun and
 adj.)
 scripture(s) (other religions)
 second Adam, the (Jesus)
 second advent, the
 second coming, the
 second coming of Christ
 second person of the Trinity
 seder
 Semite (-ic) (-ism)
 Septuagesima
 Septuagint
 seraph(im)

Sermon on the Mount
 Serpent, the (Satan)
 seven sacraments, the
 Seventh-day Adventist
 Seventieth Week
 Shabuoth (Pentecost)
 shalom
 shalom aleichem
 Shechinah
 sheol
 Shepherd Psalm, the
 Shulammite
 Sin-Bearer, the
 sin offering
 Solomon's temple
 Son of God
 Son of Man
 sonship of Christ
 southern kingdom
 Sovereign Lord
 stations of the cross
 Sukkoth (Feast of Booths)
 Sunday school
 sun-god
 Sun of Righteousness
 Supreme Being, the
 Sustainer (God)
 synagogue
 synoptic Gospels
 synoptic problem
 Synoptics, the
 synoptic writers, the

T

tabernacle, the (OT building)
 table of showbread
 Talmud, talmudic
 Tanak (or Tanach)
 Targum, targumic
 Te Deum
 temple, the (at Jerusalem)
 temptation, the
 temptation in the desert, the

temptation of Christ, the
Ten Commandments (*but* the second
commandment, etc.)

tent

Tent of Meeting

Tent of the Testimony

Ten Tribes, the

ten tribes of Israel, the

Testaments, the

Textus Receptus

third person of the Trinity

Thirty-nine Articles (Anglican)

throne of grace

Thummim

time of Jacob's trouble

time of the Gentiles, the

time of the judges, the

tomb, the

torah (instruction)

Torah (div. of OT)

Tower of Babel

transfiguration, the

Transjordan

Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

Tree of Life

tribe of Judah

tribulation, the (historical event)

Trinitarian

Trinity, the

triumphal entry

triune God

Twelve, the

twelve apostles, the

Twenty-third Psalm

U

unchristian

ungodly

united kingdom (of Israel)

universal church

universalism (-ist)

unscriptural

Upanishads

upper room, the

Upper Room Discourse

Urim

V

vacation Bible school

Vedas, Vedic

viaticum

Victor, the (Christ)

Vine, the (Christ)

virgin birth, the

Virgin Mary, the

visible church

Vulgate

W

Water of Life (Christ)

Way, the (Christ)

way, the truth, and the life

Western church

Western Rites

Westminster Catechism

Wicked One, the (Satan)

Wisdom Literature, the (div. of OT)

wise men

Word, the (Bible or Christ)

Word made flesh (Christ)

Word of God (the Bible)

Word of Life

Word of Truth, the

Writings, the

Y

Yahweh

Year of Jubilee

Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)

Yuletide

Appendix A: State Abbreviations

Alabama	AL	Montana	MT
Alaska	AK	Nebraska	NE
Arizona	AZ	Nevada	NV
Arkansas	AR	New Hampshire	NH
California	CA	New Jersey	NJ
Colorado	CO	New Mexico	NM
Connecticut	CT	New York	NY
Delaware	DE	North Carolina	NC
Florida	FL	North Dakota	ND
Georgia	GA	Ohio	OH
Hawaii	HI	Oklahoma	OK
Idaho	ID	Oregon	OR
Illinois	IL	Pennsylvania	PA
Indiana	IN	Rhode Island	RI
Iowa	IA	South Carolina	SC
Kansas	KS	South Dakota	SD
Kentucky	KY	Tennessee	TN
Louisiana	LA	Texas	TX
Maine	ME	Utah	UT
Maryland	MD	Vermont	VT
Massachusetts	MA	Virginia	VA
Michigan	MI	Washington	WA
Minnesota	MN	West Virginia	WV
Mississippi	MS	Wisconsin	WI
Missouri	MO	Wyoming	WY

Appendix B: Abbreviations for Books of the Bible

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis	Gen.
Exodus	Exod.
Leviticus	Lev.
Numbers	Num.
Deuteronomy	Deut.
Joshua	Josh.
Judges	Judg.
Ruth	Ruth
1 Samuel	1 Sam.
2 Samuel	2 Sam.
1 Kings	1 Kings
2 Kings	2 Kings
1 Chronicles	1 Chron.
2 Chronicles	2 Chron.
Ezra	Ezra
Nehemiah	Neh.
Esther	Esther
Job	Job
Psalms(s)	Ps. (Pss.)
Proverbs	Prov.
Ecclesiastes	Eccl.
Song of Songs	Song
Isaiah	Isa.
Jeremiah	Jer.
Lamentations	Lam.
Ezekiel	Ezek.
Daniel	Dan.
Hosea	Hos.
Joel	Joel
Amos	Amos
Obadiah	Obad.
Jonah	Jonah

Micah	Mic.
Nahum	Nah.
Habakkuk	Hab.
Zephaniah	Zeph.
Haggai	Hag.
Zechariah	Zech.
Malachi	Mal.

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew	Matt.
Mark	Mark
Luke	Luke
John	John
Acts	Acts
Romans	Rom.
1 Corinthians	1 Cor.
2 Corinthians	2 Cor.
Galatians	Gal.
Ephesians	Eph.
Philippians	Phil.
Colossians	Col.
1 Thessalonians	1 Thess.
2 Thessalonians	2 Thess.
1 Timothy	1 Tim.
2 Timothy	2 Tim.
Titus	Titus
Philemon	Philem.
Hebrews	Heb.
James	James
1 Peter	1 Peter
2 Peter	2 Peter
1 John	1 John
2 John	2 John
3 John	3 John
Jude	Jude
Revelation	Rev.
