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ABBREVIATIONS

We have adopted the abbreviation of the *SBL Handbook of Style: For Ancient Near Eastern, Biblical, and Early Christian Studies*, Ed. Patrick H. Alexander et al., Peabody 1999. Additional abbreviations are as follows:

- IGRR Inscriptiones graecae ad res romanas pertinentes, I. Edited by
 R. Cagnat et al.
SCI Scripta Classica Israelica

