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## Abbreviations

- AB: *Analecta Bollandiana*  
ACO: Acta Conciliorum Œcumenicorum  
ACW: Ancient Christian Writers  
AJP: *American journal of philology*  
ANRW: *Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt*  
ATR: *Anglican theological review*  
BAR: British Archaeological Reports  
BASP: *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists*  
BCTH: *Bulletin du Comité des Travaux Historiques et Scientifiques*  
BETL: *Bibliotheca ephemeridum theologicarum lovaniensium*  
BHG: *Bibliotheca Hagiographica Graeca*  
BHO: *Bibliotheca Hagiographica Orientalis*  
BSNAF: *Bulletin de la Société Nationale des Antiquaires de France*  
BZAW: Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft  
CCSG: Corpus Christianorum Series Graeca  
CCSL: Corpus Christianorum Series Latina  
CIL: *Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum*  
CJ: *Codex Justinianus*  
CMC: *Cologne Mami-Codex* (P. Colon. inv. nr. 4780)  
COLLÉFR: Collection de l'École française de Rome  
CPG: *Clavis Patrum Graecorum*  
CRAI: *Comptes rendus des séances de l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres*  
CSCO: Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium  
CSEL: Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum  
CTh: *Codex Theodosianus*  
DACL: *Dictionnaire d'archéologie chrétienne et de liturgie*  
DK: Diels, H. and W. Kranz, eds., *Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker*  
DOP: *Dumbarton Oaks Papers*  
DSP: *Dictionnaire de spiritualité ascétique et mystique, doctrine et histoire*  
Ep(p): Letter(s)  
FOTC: Fathers of the Church  
GCS: Griechischen christlichen Schriftsteller  
GNO: Gregorii Nysseni Opera  
GRBS: *Greek, Roman and Byzantine studies*

*List of abbreviations*

- H.E.*: *Historia ecclesiastica* (Church history)  
*H.L.*: Palladius, *Historia Lausiaca*  
*Hom.*: homily, -ies  
*HTR*: *Harvard theological review*  
*IGRR*: *Inscriptiones Graecae ad res Romanas pertinentes*  
*ILCV*: *Inscriptiones Latinae Christianae Veteres*  
*ILS*: *Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae*  
*INS. CHR.*: *Inscriptiones Christianae urbis Romae septimo saeculo antiquiores*  
*JAAR*: *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*  
*JbAC*: *Jahrbuch für Antike und Christentum*  
*JECS*: *Journal of early Christian studies*  
*JRS*: *Journal of Roman studies*  
*JTS*: *Journal of theological studies*  
*LCL*: Loeb Classical Library  
*LXX*: Septuagint  
*MANSI*: J. D. Mansi, ed., *Sanctorum conciliorum et decretorum collectio nova*  
*MEFRA*: *Mélanges de l'École française de Rome, antiquité*  
*MGH AA*: *Monumenta Germaniae Historica – auctores antiquissimi*  
*MGH LEG*: *Monumenta Germaniae Historica – leges*  
*MGH SCR. MER.*: *Monumenta Germaniae Historica – scriptores rerum merovingicarum*  
*NHC*: Nag Hammadi Codex  
*NPNF*: Select Library of Nicene and Post Nicene Fathers of the Church  
*OCA*: *Orientalia Christiana Analecta*  
*OECT*: Oxford Early Christian Texts  
*Or.*: *Orations*  
*PG*: *Patrologia Graeca*  
*PL*: *Patrologia Latina*  
*PLRE*: *Prosopography of the Later Roman Empire*  
*PO*: *Patrologia Orientalis*  
*Proc. Brit. Acad.*: *Proceedings of the British Academy*  
*Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc.*: *Proceedings of the Cambridge Philosophical Society*  
*Proc. Royal Anthro. Instit.*: *Proceedings of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland*  
*PTS*: *Patristische Texte und Studien*  
*RAC*: *Reallexikon für Antike und Christentum*  
*RE*: *Realencyklopädie für protestantische Theologie und Kirche*  
*REL*: *Revue des études latines*  
*RendPontAcc*: *Atti della Pontificia accademia romana di archeologia, Rendiconti*  
*RHE*: *Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique*  
*SA*: *Studia Anselmiana*  
*SC*: *Sources chrétiennes*  
*SEA*: *Studia ephemeridis 'Augustinianum'*  
*SEG*: *Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum*  
*SH*: *Subsidia Hagiographica*

*List of abbreviations*

SP: *Studia Patristica*

SPA: *Studien der Patristischen Arbeitsgemeinschaft*

ST: *Studi e Testi*

ThPh: *Theologie und Philosophie*

TRE: *Theologische Realenzyklopädie*

TU: *Texte und Untersuchungen*

VChr: *Vigiliae Christianae*

WSA: *Works of St Augustine*

ZAC: *Zeitschrift für antikes Christentum*

ZÄS: *Zeitschrift für Ägyptische Sprache und Alterthumskunde*

ZKG: *Zeitschrift für Kirchengeschichte*

ZNTW: *Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft*

ZPE: *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik*

ZPT: *Zeitschrift für Philosophie und Theologie*











Map 3 Byzantium and the Near East, c. 600



Map 4 Edessa and the Orient, c. 600