

## PREFACE

When the Evangelical Theological Society first took shape at an organizational meeting in December of 1949, an Editorial Committee was instructed to work toward the eventual publication of a journal or a volume of papers. During the years 1953-1956 volumes of the papers read at the Society's annual meetings were printed but not published. Subsequently, the quarterly Bulletin of the Evangelical Theological Society began publication in 1958. Later, the name was changed to Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society starting with Volume 12 in 1969. Since its first year the continued publication of the Bulletin/Journal has helped fulfill the purpose of the Society, which is "to foster conservative Biblical scholarship by providing a medium for the oral exchange and written expression of thought and research in the general field of the theological disciplines as centered in the Scriptures" (Article II of the ETS Constitution).

This index covers the period 1958-1982 (vols. 1-25 of the Bulletin/Journal). Dr. Ronald Youngblood, the editor of JETS, commissioned the index as a fitting commemoration of JETS silver anniversary.

To enhance the value of this work as a source of information on the Evangelical Theological Society, more than just the contents of the Bulletin/Journal has been included. These extra materials include a separate index of the printed volumes of papers from the 1953-1956 annual meetings, as well as three tables: ETS membership statistics, ETS Presidents 1949-1982, and ETS annual meeting locations and themes 1949-1982.

Although the format of these extra materials is self-explanatory, there are several points that should be kept in mind by one using the main index to the Bulletin/Journal.

The first two volumes of the Bulletin are given three-part references (e.g., 1.3.6 is volume 1, number 3, page 6) because their numbers do not have continuous pagination. Volume 3 begins continuous pagination and therefore has two-part references (volume and page), which continues through volume 25 with the exception of volume 4, number 2. It seems volume 4, number 2 deviated from continuous pagination which was again picked up in volume 4, number 3. Therefore, number 2 is the only issue of volume 4 with three-part references.

The Subject Index was compiled by using the key words in the article titles. Because of this, if a particular article happens to discuss inerrancy, but the actual term doesn't appear in the title, that article will not appear under "inerrancy" in the index. Therefore, if one wants to do an exhaustive search of the ETS literature on a particular subject, a little detective work will still be necessary.

The Scripture Index citations for volumes 1 to 14 of the Bulletin/Journal are exhaustive. However, from volume 15 on,

only significant scripture quotations are cited. This change was deemed necessary when the proliferation of scripture citations began obscuring the usefulness of the index. The switch to listing only significant citations, starting with volume 15, was made to save the user from wading through a quagmire of prooftexting to find a meaningful reference.

I would like to thank Sally Reidy for her fine attention to detail in typing the final copy. Thanks also is due to Dr. Youngblood for his assistance in proofreading. Of course all errors in the index remain my own.

This work is dedicated to all those who seek to foster conservative Biblical scholarship.

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