

EDITORIAL

1988 was a good year for *JETS*. Except for the March issue, each of the other three issues was mailed—and hopefully received—in the month printed on its cover. Getting our *Journal* out on time is a difficult task in the best of situations, especially the first issue of the year (this particular number being no exception). Any one or a combination of obstacles can cause seemingly interminable delays. Kudos to Eisenbrauns, our new typesetters, for their help in keeping us on track last year. And many thanks as well to Bruce Waltke, area editor of *OT* for *Best in Theology*, published by *Christianity Today*. Bruce honored *JETS* by selecting two out of four articles from it as representing the “best” (according to the standards of that annual) in *OT* studies for their January 1988 issue.

1989 bids fair to be another good year for *JETS*. We are delighted to present our members and subscribers with a new and more contemporary format, beginning with the current issue. Last year, a copy of *JETS* measured 5½" × 8½"; this year, each issue will sport a 6" × 9" trim size (like *JBL*, *CBQ*, *HTR*, etc.). Last year, we used 9-point type; this year, we will be using 10-point type, enhancing readability. (Margins will be wider as well.) Last year, each issue was 128 pages long; this year, each issue will contain 144 pages (resulting in an overall space gain, however slight). And for the first time, this year will see the introduction of advertising into the pages of *JETS* (resulting in an overall space loss, however slight—but canceled out by the larger page count). All in all, the refurbished *JETS* should offer a more pleasing appearance.

Thanks also are due to all those who contribute to the pages of our *Journal*, whether members or nonmembers. To my editorial board, and especially to Mike Bauman and Royce Gruenler, the book review editors, goes a particularly fond expression of gratitude.

A sad note: After serving as book review editor (Bible) for the past two years, Royce has found it necessary to resign—partially because of other commitments, but also because of the chronic and serious illness of one of his immediate family members. We will miss you, Royce; thanks again for your helpful participation during your all-too-brief tenure.

A happy note: Ferris McDaniel, professor of *OT* at Columbia Biblical Seminary in South Carolina, has agreed to serve as book review editor (Bible) and began his work as of January 1, 1989.

Another happy note: It is my pleasure to invite all of you to the forty-first annual meeting of ETS, which will be held November 16-18, 1989, at Bethel Theological Seminary, West Campus, San Diego, California. Our new all-purpose building is now under construction and will be ready in time to accommodate you—be the good Lord willin' and the creek don't run dry.

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