

GUIDELINES FOR BIBLE AND OLD TESTAMENT BOOK REVIEWS APPEARING IN *JETS*

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1. **TIMELINESS:** By their very nature, book reviews must be timely in order to have maximum impact. The time frame for reviews is normally three to six months. If you cannot fulfill this obligation, please contact me about a possible extension or about returning the book.

2. **FORMAT:**

A. **Book Information.** Please give the complete book information (*double spaced*) in the order and format found in recent issues of *JETS*. Two examples are given below. For more detail, see the "Instructions for Contributors" in *JETS* 44/1 (2001) 153-77.

Zondervan NIV Atlas of the Bible. By Carl G. Rasmussen. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1989, 256 pp., \$39.99.

A Grammar of Biblical Hebrew. By Paul Joüon. Translated and revised by T. Muraoka. 2 volumes. Subsidia Biblica 14/1. Rome: Pontifical Biblical Institute, 1991, xxv + 779 pp., \$35.00 paper.

B. **Layout.** Please type the review on standard 8_ x 11-inch paper, *double spaced*. Please use a ragged right margin (i.e., not justified right). Use underlining or *italics* for book titles and emphasis.

C. **Name.** Please type your name as you wish it to appear (no titles or degrees) at the end of the review, on *one line*, flush right. On the *second line*, type your institution (school, church, organization) and its city and state (abbreviated) (or country). See recent issues of *JETS* for examples.

3. **STYLE AND CONTENT GUIDELINES:** Each reviewer will obviously have his/her own writing style and special interests to highlight. However, most readers come to reviews with certain minimal expectations that should be met. Please observe the following guidelines.

- (1) The review should give the reader an accurate picture of what a book is about. That is, its contents should be adequately surveyed/summarized.
- (2) The review should evaluate the book's strengths and/or weaknesses.
- (3) The review should assess the book's place in its field (i.e., how it fits in with other books on similar topics, and what its potential value and impact will be).
- (4) The review should follow the formatting instructions above. It should be written in good, clear English, following the *JETS* style manual (in *JETS* 44/1).

The good review will not be a mere summary of a book's contents, on the one hand, nor a tendentious platform for the reviewer to advance his or her own agenda, on the other. If a review is submitted that is seriously deficient in any of the above areas, it may be returned for revision.

4. **LENGTH:** The length of a review will normally be dictated by the book's significance. A specific word count is indicated for each review. If you deviate significantly from this word count, it may be returned for shortening (or lengthening).

5. **COMPLETION:** Please E-MAIL the completed review to me at the address below, with the due date and word count indicated. Thank you for your contribution to the ministry of *JETS*.

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