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# Appendix A: Capitalization and Spelling Examples

See above §4.4.3 for general rules of capitalization and §2.3 for other authorities.

A

Aaronic (referring to duties and office of priests)

Aaronide (referring to genealogy and descent of Aaron)

Abba

cabiru/capiru (note cayins) (see habiru/hapiru): Apiru

ablative

abomination of desolation (with or without quotes)

Abrahamic covenant

Achaemenid ad hoc

Adapa

affix (any prefix, suffix, or infix)

Adonai

agape (roman); as Greek word, agapē Age (for archaeological periods, such as Bronze Age and Iron Age)

age of grace

agraphon, pl. agrapha Ahiram Inscription

Ahmose Ahura Mazda Akedah

Akhetaten (Tell el-Amarna) Akiba (not Akiva or Aqiba)

Akkadian Aktionsart Aleppo Codex

Alpha and Omega (as titles of Christ)

Amarna age, letters, tablets Am Ha'arets

amillennial(ism) amphictyony Anat

ancient Near East (noun)

ancient Near Eastern (adj.)

angel of the Lord

Angel of the Lord, the

ante-Christian antediluvian

ante-Nicene fathers

antichrist, the anti-Christian antimonarchic anti-Semitic

anti-Semitism

Apiru

Apocalypse, the (the book of Revelation)

apocalyptic Apocrypha, the apocryphal

Apology of Hattusilis

apothegm

apostle(s), the (the twelve apostles)

Apostle Paul (but Paul the apostle, etc.)

Apostles' Creed apostolic apostolic age

apostolic council/fathers

Apostolic Fathers (corpus of writings)

a priori Aramaean archaeology

archbishop of Canterbury (but

Archbishop Smith)

Area x (archaeological reports; area

followed by number)

ark (Noah's)

ark of the covenant

ascension, the

Ascension Day (as liturgical day)

Asclepius (not Asklepios)

Asherah

ashlar masonry

Ashur (city and god)
Ashurbanipal
Ashurnasirpal
Assyrian Empire
Assyrian King List
Astarte
atheist
Athirat
atonement, the
Atonement, the Day of
Atrahasis Epic
Augsburg Confession

Baal (Not Ba<sup>c</sup>al, unless in Semitic transcription) Baal and Anath Baal-shamayn Babylonian captivity Babylonian Chronicle Babylonian Empire Babylonian King List baptism baptism in/with/of the Holy Spirit baptism, the (of Christ) Bar Kokhba (person) Bar Kokhba revolt baraita (rabbinic gloss) baraita (pl. baraitoth; for pronouncements as such) Baraita (the specific rabbinic work) Baraita (for collections; e.g., Baraita de Sifrei, Baraita de Niddah, Baraita of Rabbi Adda) Bat Qol (or bat gol) battle of Armageddon battle of Carchemish, etc. beast, the Beatitudes, the bedouin (singular and plural) Behistun Ben Sira Benedictus (Song of Zechariah) Ben-hadad betrayal, the Bible was assessed and a various biblical

bilingual bishop of Rome (but Bishop Smith) Black Obelisk Blessing of Moses blood of Christ Bodmer papyri body of Christ book of Genesis (etc.) Book of Life book of the covenant book of the law boustrophedon Bread of Life or bread of life bridegroom, the (Christ) bulla (pl. bullae) burnt offering

C

caesura Cairo Genizah call of Amos, etc. canon, the captivity, the cartouche catalogue Catholic (faith) catholic (universal) Catholic Church Catholic Epistles (or Letters) casuistic CD-ROM central hill country century (the first century; first-century [adj.]) cereal offering Chaldean charismatic (noun and adj.) charismatic movement Chebar River Chester Beatty papyri chief priest chosen people Christian (noun and adj.) Christian era christianize Christlike christocentric Christology, christological

christophany Chronicler, the church (body of Christ) church (institution) church age church father(s) (but the Fathers of the church) city of David city of God city-state Classical Arabic coastal plain Code of Hammurabi Codex Alexandrinus, Codex Vaticanus, etc. colon (pl. cola; also bicola, tricola) Comforter, the commandment (first, second, etc.; but Ten Commandments) Community Rule (1QS) (see also Manual of Discipline) conquest period copy editor (n.), copy edit (v.) coregency coregent cosmogony council Council of Trent covenant (old covenant, new covenant) Covenant Code (Exod 21-23) creation, the Creation Epic or Epic of Creation ( = Enuma Elish) Creator creedal (not credal) crown prince cross (upon which the crucifixion took place) cross, the (synecdoche for the entire salvation event) Crucified One or crucified one, the crucifixion, the crucifixion of Christ Crusades cupbearer curse, the

D stem dagesh forte dagesh lene Damascus Covenant (see preferred Damascus Document) Damascus Document (CD) Danel (legendary king in Ugaritic text) David's champions Davidic (adj.; see Davidide) Davidic monarchy/kingdom/covenant Davidide (member of the royal house) Day of Atonement day of judgment day of Pentecost Day of the Lord Dead Sea Scrolls (but a Dead Sea scroll) Decalogue (Ten Commandments) Deity, the deity of Christ demiurge demotic deuterocanonical Deutero-Isaiah Deuteronomic Deuteronomic source Deuteronomist Deuteronomistic History/Historian deuteropauline Deutero-Zechariah devil, the diacritical mark Diaspora (the event or the dispersed community) Diatessaron diglot diphthong disciples Dispersion distich divided kingdom divided monarchy divine Divine Warrior

Documentary Hypothesis

dunam

Cyrus Cylinder

Dynasty (as in Eighteenth or 18th etymology/etymological Dynasty; note Twelfth-Thirteenth Eucharist eucharistic Dynasties) Evangelist (John the; the Fourth, etc.) evangelist (popular) evangelize ex nihilo E account **Execration texts** Ea exile (the condition) early church early church fathers exile, the (the Babylonian captivity) Early Church Fathers (title of work) exilic exodus, the Easter Eastern Orthodox Church extispicy (the oracular reading of viscera) extrabiblical Eden Edict of Ammisaduqa editio princeps Eighteen Benedictions faith elect, God's elect fall, the Elephantine papyri fall of humanity Elohist source fall of Jerusalem e-mail Farewell Discourses (in John) Father, the (referring to God) emperor, an Fathers, the (but church fathers; Early **Emperor Constantine** Church Fathers [38-vol. collection] empire, the Empire, Neo-Babylonian/Roman etc. but early church fathers) favissa (pl. favissae) (pits for burying end time, the end-time (adj.) cult objects) Enheduanna feast day Enlil Feast of Firstfruits Enuma Elish (see Creation Epic) Feast of Pentecost (etc.) ephod Feast of Tabernacles Epic of Creation (see Creation Epic) Fertile Crescent majoritoned Epic of Gilgamesh fertility god(dess) Festival of Weeks/Booths/Passover epilogue Epistle to the Romans (etc.) Festschrift(en) Epistles, the First Evangelist Epistles, Paul's (etc.) First Jewish Revolt eponym first missionary journey First Temple period Eridu Genesis Erra firstborn Erra Epic firstfruits eschatology Fish Gate Esdraelon Plain flood, the Etemenanki sandan karangalan ka madalah footwashing form criticism (n.), form-critical (adj.), eternal life form-critical school eternity etiological (not aetiological) Former Prophets etiology (not aetiology) fosse (ditch, moat) etion (not aition)

Four Document Hypothesis habiru/ḫapiru (see ʿabiru/ʿapiru): Habiru Fourth Evangelist hades Fourth Gospel haggadah (not aggadah) Fourth Philosophy haggadic (not aggadic) funerary offerings hagiographa halakah, halakic, halakist G half-brother half-tribe G stem gaon hallelujah gaonic hanging gardens Hanukkah garden of Eden hapax legomenon (pl. hapax legomena) gehenna gematria haplography General Epistles (or General Letters) Hasidic genizah, a Hasidim Gentile(s) (noun and adj.) Hasmonean geographical name Hatti ger (pl. gerim) Hattusas (Boghazköy) Gezer Calendar Haustafel(n)Gilgamesh heaven glaçis (pl. glaçis) Hebraism gnosis Hebrew Bible gnostic (noun and adj.) hectare Gnosticism Heilsgeschichte God Almighty hell God Most High Hellenism Godfearer(s) Hellenistic Godhead hellenize godless he-locale godlike hendiadys godly henotheism golden calf, the Heptateuch good news Herodian gospel (a book of the gospel genre); goshesed pel (= the good news, the kerygma) Hexaemeron Gospel of (title), the (but Matthew's Hexapla (Hexaplaric) gospel) hieroglyph gospels (generically); Gospels, the (a high priest division of the canon) the englishment hill country goy (pl. goyim) Great Commission, the Hillel the Elder Historical Books (of the Bible) Great Rift Valley (= Jordan Valley) history of religions school Greco-Roman Hittite Law Code Greek (noun and adj.) Greek Testament souths is at the country Holiness Code (Lev 17–26) Holy City Grundlage(n)Holy Land guilt offering holy of holies

H

Judean holy war judgment day Horus house of David judges, the humanity K Hymns of Thanksgiving (1QH) Hurrian Kabbalah Kanesh (Kultepe) Karatepe inscription Kassite idolaters Keret Epic (or Kirta) imago Dei kerygma Immanuel Kethib Imperial Aramaic Ketubim or Ketuvim (a division of the Inanna's Descent to the Netherworld canon) incarnation Khirbet inclusio Khirbet el-Qôm Indo-European Khirbet Qumran infancy gospels Kimchi infix King (referring to God) Instruction of Amenemhet King Herod king list (but Sumerian King List, etc.) intertestamental intertestamental period king of Israel ipsissima verba King of kings King's Highway ipsissima vox Ishme-Dagan kingdom, the kingdom of God/heaven Ishtar Israelite settlement Koine Greek Koran: use Qur'an instead Izbet Sartah Kuntillet 'Ajrûd Jacobian Jamnia (but preferred is Yavneh) Lachish letters Jannaeus Lachish Ostracon x JEDP Lamb of God, the Lamentation over the Destruction of Jehovah Jerusalem Council Sumer and Ur Lamentation over the Destruction of Ur Jew ste same I amerycze a sibblika Jewish land of Israel Jewish War lapidary last day, the Johanan (not Yohanan) last days Johannine Last Judgment, the Journey of Wen-Amon Jubilee, Jubilee Year Last Supper, the Judah Latter Prophets Judah the Patriarch law (versus grace) Law, the (Pentateuch; a division of the Judaic Judaism canon) Judaizer(s) law book Judea

law code law of Moses, Jewish law, law of Israel Laws of Ur-Nammu lectio brevior/difficilior/facilior Legend of King Keret/Kirta Legend of Sargon, The lemma Leningrad Codex (or Leningradensis) Letter of Aristeas Letter to the Galatians (etc.) Letters, the Levant, the Levantine Level 4 (archaeological reports, level followed by number) Leviathan levirate Levite Levitical lex talionis Light of the World or light of the world limmu lists lingua franca (roman) Literature, Second Temple (etc.) lithic loanword locus classicus Locus x (archaeological reports, followed by number) logion (pl. logia) Logogram Lord, the (referring to one of the persons of the Trinity) Lord of Hosts Lord of lords Lord's Day Lord's Prayer Lord's Supper lordship lordship of Christ Lower Egypt (political division) lower Galilee (geographical division) Lukan Luke-Acts

Madeba Map magi Magnificat (Song of Mary) Major Prophets, the (a division of the canon) Maker, the (referring to God) man of sin Man of Sorrows or man of sorrows Manichaean Manual of Discipline (1QS) (see also Community Rule) Mari letters, tablets Mark Antony Markan Masorah Masoretes masoretic (but Masoretic Text) mater lectionis (pl. matres lectionis) Matthean medieval Megillah (pl. Megilloth) Memphite Theology menorah mercy seat Merenptah merkabah (not merkevah or merkaba) Merodach-baladan messiah (in general) Messiah, the messiahship messianic messianic age metheg Mican microliths Middle Ages Middle Assyrian Laws Middle Assyrian period Middle Babylonian period middle Euphrates middot midrash (pl. midrashim) midrashic mighty men mina minor judges Minor Prophets, the (a division of the canon)

minuscule

Macat

Maccabean

Neofiti Mishnah Mishnaic Hebrew Neo-Hittite neo-orthodoxy Mitanni neo-Pentecostalism Moabite Stone neoplatonic monarchic period neoplatonism moon-god Nergal and Ereshkigal Mosaic covenant Nevi'im Mosaic law Mot (Death personified) new age new covenant Mount of Olives new heaven and new earth Mount of Transfiguration new Jerusalem Mount Sinai New Moon (festival) mud brick (noun) new moon, the mud-brick (adj.) New Testament (noun and adj.) Muhammad (not Mohammed) New World (as opposed to Old World) Murabba cat New Year festival Murashu archive Nicene Creed Muratorian Canon/Fragment Nile Delta Muslim (not Moslem) Nineveh Mycenaean nomina sacra Myth and Ritual school noncanonical mythopoeic non-Christian (but unchristian) nonidolatrous N non-Pauline north Arabia N stem northern Israel Nabatean northern kingdom Nag Hammadi codices Northwest Semitic nahal notariqon Nahal Hever Nuzi texts (not Nuzu) name of God Naram-sin Narmer 0 nation-state Official Aramaic nativity, the Old Assyrian period nawamis (beehive burials) Old Babylonian period Nazirite old covenant Near East Old Latin Nebiim or Nevi'im (a division of the Old South Arabic canon) Old Syriac Nebuchadnezzar (unless Nebuchadrezzar Old Testament (noun and adj.) is important to the point) Old World Neco Omride dynasty Negev (not Negeb) Neo-Assyrian period (but Neo-Assyrian **Omrides** only begotten of the Father Empire) only begotten Son Neo-Babylonian period (but Neo-Babylonian Empire) Ongelos

oral law

neo-Evangelicalism

period, as in Roman period, Chalcolithic Oral Torah period (cf. Age/Empire), First oral tradition Intermediate period Orient period of the judges oriental Persian Empire orientalist person of Christ original sin Orthodox (Judaism; Eastern Orthodox) personal name persons of the Trinity (but Third Person orthodoxy of the Trinity) Orthostat(s) pesher Osiris Peshitta ostracon (pl. ostraca) Petrine Oxyrhynchus papyri (but cf. P.Oxy. 250) Phaestos Disk Pharaoh (when used as a proper name) Pharisaic pagan Pharisees palace complex pilgrim festivals Paleo-Canaanite paleography Piye (Piankhy) palimpsest place name plain (as in Esdraelon plain) papponymy papyrus (pl. papyri) Pleistocene parable of the Good Samaritan plene writing parable of the Wicked Tenants (etc.) Poetic(al) Books (of the Bible) paradise pope, the Paraleipomenon Pope John XXIII parallelismus membrorum postapostolic Parousia, the postbiblical paschal postdiluvian passim (roman) postexilic passion, the post-Nicene Passion Narrative postresurrection Passover (noun and adj.) potsherd (not potshard) Passover Seder pre-Christian Pastoral Epistles prediluvian patriarchal narratives preexilic patriarchal period/age premillennial(ism) patriarchs, the premonarchic patristic(s) priesthood, the Pauline Epistles (or Letters) priesthood of Christ Pentateuch Priestly Code/Document pentateuchal Priestly source Pentecost priestly writings pentecostal (adj.) Prison Epistles Pentecostal (noun) promised land penult/penultima proof text (n.), prooftext (v.) people of Israel percent (spelled out in text; % in Prophecy of Neferti Prophet Jeremiah parentheses) Prophetic(al) Books (of the Bible) pericope (pl. pericopae) prophets

Prophets, the (a division of the canon) root form Protestant(ism) Rosh Hashanah Proto-Semitic royal psalms Rule of the Community (see preferred Com-Proto-Sinaitic Proto-urban period munity Rule or Manual of Discipline) Proverbs/Words of Ahiqar psalm, a Psalm 23, the Twenty-third Psalm Psalms of Ascent (section of the book Sabbath, the (noun and adj.) of Psalms); psalms of ascent (genre Sabbatical cycle of psalms) Sabbatical Year Sadducees psalms, royal salvation history psalmist, the Samaritan Chronicle(s)/Pentateuch Psalter, the (book of Psalms) Sanhedrin, the pseudepigrapha (in general) Satan Pseudepigrapha, the satanic pseudepigraphic (adj.) satrap Satrapy Satrap Q Savior, the (referring to Jesus) Qadesh scarab scribal Qere . scribe ginah scriptio continua Ooheleth Queen of Heaven scriptural Scripture, Scriptures (when referring to Queen of Sheba the Bible as a canonical text) queen of the South Sea Peoples (public rolate) and as an age quiescent letter na Talowska (zabata ku) siyun Sea-Land Qumran Second Cataract (Nile) Qumranic Second Council of Nicea Qur'an (not Koran) second coming R Second Evangelist Second Isaiah rabbi(s) second missionary journey and also seems rabbinic Second Temple period/literature Rameses (place) Sed festival Ramesses (person) Sefire Stela Ramesside segholate Re (not Ra) Seleucids reader-response criticism (adj.) seminomadic Received Text Redeemer, the (referring to Jesus) Semitic Semitism(s) Reformation, the property of acts of second sensus plenior Reformers Septuagint resurrection, the Sermon on the Mount (in Matthew) return, the Sermon on the Plain (in Luke) risen Lord Servant of the Lord (Second Isaiah) Roman Empire servant passages Roman Senate

Servant Songs settlement period Tacanach Shalmaneser tabernacle shalom Table of Nations Shamash and in the same of the Tale of Aqhat sheikh Tale of Sinuhe Shema, the Tale of Two Brothers Sheol Talmud And Approximent Inspect to be the shofar(s) at the transment ser alterdance talmudic response to applicate themselves as Siddur Tanak (Tanakh for the JPS edition) Siloam Inscription Siloam Pool (but pool of Siloam) Tannaim Tannaitic sin offering Sitz im Leben Targum (pl. Targumim) Son, the (referring to Jesus) Targum of Jonathan (etc.) Son of God targumic Son of Man Telepinu Myth Song of Deborah televangelist Song of Moses tell/tel Song of the Sea of Appropriate and Appropriate Sea Tell Deir 'Allā Song of Ullikummis Tell Fekheriye sopherim temple, the; Solomon's temple source criticism Temple Mount southern kingdom Ten Commandments Spirit, the Tendenz Spirit Baptism terra-cotta (noun and adj.) spirit of God leakersters a see alike well Testaments, both spring (as in Gihon spring) testimonia stela (pl. stelae) Tetragram/Tetragrammaton stich (rene 2 feet) 8 Tetrateuch Stoic(ism) apold in linema broom? Textus Receptus store cities and a suppose the store of the theophoric Third Dynasty of Ur (or Ur III period) storm-god Story/Tale of Sinuhe Third Evangelist Story/Tale of Two Brothers third missionary journey Stratum x (archaeological reports: threshing floor stratum followed by number) throne name Succession Narrative Suffering Servant Thutmose Sumerian Law Code Tiglath-pileser sun-god torah (instruction) syllabary Torah, the (a division of the canon) synagogue synoptic (adj.) Tosefta Synoptic Gospels, the toward Synoptic Problem, the Trans-Euphrates Synoptics, the transfiguration, the Syria-Palestine Transjordan(ian)

treaty form

Syro-Palestinian

Trinity (cap. when referring to God);
Holy Trinity; Trinitarian (as in Trinitarian controversies)
Tukulti-Ninurta Epic
Tutankhamun
Twelve, the
twelve apostles
twelve tribes
twelve-tribe league
Twenty-first Psalm (etc.)

### II

Ugarit (Ras Shamra) Ugaritic Upper Egypt unchristian Uncial underworld (adj.) Underworld, the united kingdom united monarchy Upper Egypt upper Galilee upper Mesopotamia Ur III period (or Third Dynasty of Ur) Urim and Thummim Ur-text utopia

# V

vassal treaties
vaticinium ex eventu
verb form
versions, the (Greek versions, Coptic
versions, etc.)
vice-regent
Virgin, the (Mary)
virgin birth, the
vis-à-vis
Vorlage(n)
Vulgate

## W

wadi(s) Wadi ed-Daliyeh/Qelt (etc.) Wailing Wall War Scroll (1QM) Way, the Way of the Sea West Bank West Semitic Western church Western text Western Wall whole burnt offering whole offering wilderness (but Wilderness of Zin) wilderness wanderings wisdom (movement, quality) Wisdom (personified) Wisdom literature wisdom tradition wise men wonderworker Word, the (= Jesus) word of God wordplay worldview worship/worshipper/worshipping Writings, the (a division of the canon) Written Torah

### V

Yahweh (not Jahweh)
Yahwist (not Jahwist) source
Yam (Sea personified)
Yamhad
Yarim-Lim
Yavneh (not Jamnia)
Year of Jubilee
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)

# Z

Zadokite Fragments (see preferred
Damascus Document)
Zealots
ziggurat
Zimri-Lim
Ziusudra Myth
Zoroastrian(ism)