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- Amarna Letters Winckler's edn. 1896, is referred to: the only edn. in English.
- Bennett W. H. Bennett, *The Book of Joshua in Hebrew*, 1895, and *The Book of Joshua* (English text), 1899, in Haupt's Polychrome Bible.
- Buhl F. Buhl, *Geographie des alten Palästina*, 1896.
- C.B. Cambridge Bible.
- C.-H., or Carpenter-Harford J. Estlin Carpenter and G. Harford, *The Hexateuch* [vol. ii.], 1900, containing the text in the R.V., with the sources distinguished typographically, and critical notes. Also *The Composition of the Hexateuch*, 1902 (a reprint of *The Hexateuch*, vol. i.).
- CIS. *Corpus Inscriptionum Semiticarum*.
- D Deuteronomy (7th cent. B.C.), or Deuteronomist.
- DB. Hastings' *Dictionary of the Bible*, 5 vols., 1898—1904.
- Dillmann A. Dillmann, *Numeri, Deuteronomium u. Josua*, 2nd edn. 1886.
- Driver S. R. Driver in Kittel's *Biblia Hebraica*, 1st edn. 1906.
- Dtc. Deuteronomic.
- E Elohist, Hexateuchal source, written probably in the Northern Kingdom, 9th—8th cent. B.C.
- Enc. Bibl. *Encyclopaedia Biblica*, edited by T. K. Cheyne and J. Sutherland Black, 4 vols., 1899—1903.

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EVV.	English Versions, Authorised and Revised.
Hex.	Hexateuch, i.e. the Pentateuch and Joshua.
H.G. or HGHL.	G. A. Smith, <i>Historical Geography of the Holy Land</i> , 4th edn., 1896.
Holzinger	H. Holzinger, <i>Das Buch Josua</i> , 1901, in Nowack's series.
J	Jehovist, Hexateuchal source, written probably in Judah, 9th cent. B.C.
Jos.	Josephus, <i>Opera</i> , ed. B. Niese, 1887—1889.
JTS.	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i> .
Judges	The Book of Judges in the Cambridge Bible.
KAT. <sup>a</sup>	<i>Die Keilinschriften und das Alte Testament</i> , 3rd edn. 1903, by H. Zimmern and H. Winckler.
KB.	E. Schrader, <i>Keilinschriftliche Bibliothek</i> (transliterations and translations of Babylonian and Assyrian texts by various scholars), 6 vols., 1889—1900.
Kh.	Khirbet = <i>ruin</i> (Arabic).
Kimhi	The commentary of Rabbi David Kimhi of Narbonne (A.D. 1160—1235), printed in Rabbinic Bibles.
LXX.	The Septuagint in Swete's edn. vol. i., 1887, 3rd edn. 1901, and Brooke and McLean's edn. <i>The Old Testament in Greek</i> , vol. i., part iv., 1917, with full critical apparatus. A special study of the Septuagint Version of <i>Joshua</i> has been published by G. Holmes, Camb. Press, 1914. The LXX. of Joshua, as will be seen in the commentary which follows, is of great value and interest. It often presupposes a more correct type of Hebr. text than the M.T., and sometimes shews wider divergencies which cannot be explained as due to textual corruption or accident or design. Apparently the Hebr. text of Joshua was once current in two forms: the one which lay before the Gk. translators.

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- and perhaps was generally accepted in Egypt; the other which is represented by the M.T., and perhaps was best known in Palestine. The latter form of the text remained open, possibly as late as 200 B.C., to additions which never found a place in the text used by the LXX.
- LXX. cod. B Codex Vaticanus, printed as the normal text by Swete and by Brooke-McLean.
- LXX. cod. A Codex Alexandrinus, a revision of cod. B often with a view to greater conformity with the Hebrew.
- LXX. Lucian Lucian's recension of the LXX., ed. by Lagarde, *Librorum Veteris Testamenti Canoniorum pars prior graece*, 1883.
- Midr. R. The Midrash Rabbah.
- M.T. The Massoretic Text of the Hebrew Bible; so called because it was handed down by the Massoretic scribes (6—10 cent. A.D.).
- NSI. G. A. Cooke, *A Text-book of North-Semitic Inscriptions*, 1903.
- om. omit, omits.
- Onom. P. de Lagarde, *Onomastica Sacra*, 1870; written in Greek by Eusebius, and translated into Latin by Jerome. This edn. is cited by pages and lines.
- PEF Qly St. Palestine Exploration Fund Quarterly Statement.
- Pesh. Peshitto, the Syriac Version of the Bible. A critical study of the Syriac text of Joshua has been published by H. Mager, *Die Peschitto zum Buche Josua*, 1916, who shews that most of the variants between Pesh. and M.T. are of a secondary nature, and due to reasons of style or corruption in the Hebr. Mager has made it clear that Lee's edn. of the text (1823) and Walton's in the London Polyglot (1657) are based upon the text of the Paris Polyglot (1645).