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PREFACE

My interest in the Greek translation of the Bible was first kindled by a course given by the late Professor I.L. Seeligmann in the second year of my B.A. studies at the Hebrew University (1962), and ever since this area has remained one of the main focuses of my scholarly interest. The six section heads of the thirty-eight chapters reflect the various aspects of my investigations on the Septuagint: lexicography, translation technique and exegesis, the Septuagint and the textual criticism of the Hebrew Bible, the Septuagint and the literary criticism of the Hebrew Bible, and the revisions of the Septuagint. The first section contains several general studies.

This volume contains the great majority of my articles devoted to the Septuagint, with the exclusion of introductory articles on the Septuagint in encyclopaedias and handbooks, articles which were *Vorarbeiten* for my book *The Text-Critical Use of the Septuagint in Biblical Research* (Jerusalem Biblical Studies 2, 8; First edition 1981; Second edition, revised and enlarged, 1997; Jerusalem: Simor), and most articles related to the CATSS project (Computer Assisted Tools for Septuagint Studies).

The thirty-eight studies collected in this book were originally published between the years 1971 and 1997 in various journals and monographs. For a detailed list of these sources, see pp. xiii-xiv

All the studies included in this monograph have been revised, expanded, or shortened, in some cases considerably. In two cases two articles have been combined to form a new one. In all instances I tried to integrate in the analysis studies which appeared subsequent to the original articles. In some cases the discussion could be shortened by referring to two monographs: my aforementioned book *TCU* and *Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible* (Minneapolis and Assen/Maastricht: Fortress Press and Van Gorcum, 1992).

I owe a debt of sincere gratitude to several people who helped me to create the present version of my collected writings on the Septuagint. Steve Daley kindly read the complete manuscript critically, and remarked on many details. Janice Karnis improved the English of half of the chapters in the book. In the technical production of the volume I was greatly helped by my children. While the more recent articles were

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