
PREFACE

The theme of the 1994 Congress of Southern Africa Biblical Studies Society was Biblical values and contemporary South African Society. The congress was hosted by the Department of Biblical Studies, University of Pretoria and was held in Pretoria on 27 and 28 May 1994.

A selection of the papers presented at the congress is included in this volume of Scriptura as is the normal annual practice. Once again the papers which were submitted for publication were evaluated by fellow academics in the specific field. After final approval by the editorial committee it was sent through for publication. The three main papers focused on the theme and dealt with three specific 'values' namely the Bible and the social sciences and justice and woman. The short papers dealt with the several diverse topics.

One of the short papers, published in this issue, dealt with the growth of the Southern African Biblical Studies Society. Prof Wil Vosloo, author of the article, was the chairperson for many years and the driving force behind the growth and development of the Society. He provided more than leadership. In and outside of the Society he was an advocate for Biblical Studies as a subject at secondary and tertiary level. On the behalf of the editorial committee and we believe all the members all the members of the Society a sincere and special word of appreciation to Prof Wil Vosloo for the long years of selfless service to the Society and to the subject. His name was and will be associated with the Society for many years to come.

It is once again our hope that this volume will serve the academic discussion about the Bible and its relevancy to South African Society.

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