

## EDITORIAL

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the editors of *Scriptura*, Prof Johann Kinghorn and Mr Jan-Hendrik Vreken, and to the executive of the Biblical Studies Society of Southern Africa (BSSSA) for entrusting me with this edition of *Scriptura* entitled *The Bible and Wo(men): Texts and Contexts*. It has been a singular pleasure and a great honour to work with all the reviewers, editors, and authors who have contributed to the creation of this volume.

Both women and men - from varying cultural backgrounds and different academic institutions in South Africa - have become intimately involved in this project from the start, be it as authors, editors, or reviewers. The authors have employed a variety of approaches, ranging from the literary to the sociological, in order to analyse the issue of power in women's lives and how it relates to the Bible and current Feminist arguments in both academic and popular literary material. This makes *The Bible and Wo(men): Texts and Contexts* a highly representative volume in terms of methodology, gender, culture, and institutional affiliation.

It is hoped that *The Bible and Wo(men): Texts and Contexts* will continue the ongoing debate regarding women, power, Feminism, and the Bible, and contribute to the practical interpretation and application of the issues raised.

My sincere thanks to all involved. May God bless you.

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