

## COMING EVENTS

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The annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature will, as has become the practice now, be a joint venture with the American Academy of Religion and is scheduled for December 18-23 in San Francisco. The program covers a very diverse and wide-ranging field, while the results of recent research will be discussed in various seminar groups. Dr P G R de Villiers of the department of Biblical Studies at Stellenbosch has been invited to present a paper in the seminar group on apocalyptic literature. He will discuss his research on 4 Ezra under the title, *"Understanding the Way of God: Form, Function and Message of the Historical Review in 4 Ezra 3:4-27."*

CONGRESS ON THE CHURCH IN THE 1980's 18-21 JANUARY 1982, PRETORIA

A unique congress on the role of the church in South Africa in the coming decade is being planned for the latter half of January, 1982 at the University of Pretoria. For the first time the various theological societies in South Africa (Dogmatics, Missiological, Old Testament, New Testament, Church Historical and Practical Theological Societies) will partake in a joint venture to bring together representatives of all possible viewpoints and to concentrate on questions like: What role does the church play in the sustaining or the moulding of this society? What role ought it or ought it not to play? The aim is to examine the church and its task from all various theological angles. By inviting as wide a variety of speakers (including leading theologians) and participants, with their different backgrounds, it is hoped that new perspectives on the common task of the church will be opened, together with fresh insights into the position of others.

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