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## FOREWORD

This is the Maiden Edition of the *International Journal of Biblical and Cognate Studies*, a publication of the Department of Religion and Cultural Studies, Benue State University, Makurdi. This maiden edition contains firstly, four articles on subject matters relating to the Old Testament. Emmanuel Ordue Usue examines the Implications of קָרָן in Prov 10:4 for Economic Management in Nigeria. John IorerenBuruku discusses the socio-economic justice as portrayed in Leviticus 25 and relates it to the Nigerian context. Peter O. Awojobi highlights the prophetic ethics from ancient Israel and draws it home to Nigeria. Meanwhile, Godwin Nyijime Toryough, examines scholarly viewpoints on Genesis 1-2 with a focus on the days of creation.

Secondly, the Journal covers four articles on topics drawn from the New Testament. Oyebode Jegede and Abare Yunusa Kallah exposit 1 Timothy 3:1-7 concerning church leadership qualifications. Igbakua Iorjaah examines the conceptions of *Harmagedon*: the Victorious Word of God in Judgement alluded to in Revelation 19:11-14. Similarly, Julius Adesina points out how to properly utilize consequentialist ethics for development of Nigeria. Abel AorInyaregh takes a close reading of the Mystery of the Doctrine of Death and the Intermediate state as a guide through the dilemma of the unknown. Solomon Terhemen Igyor critically appraises Luther's Two kingdoms' Doctrine.

Thirdly, six other scholars examine various subject matters relating to Inter-Disciplinary studies. Isaac Jesuvi Julius and Agnes Adeyeye touch on the relationship between prophecy and inspiration in Christianity. Kingsley Nwaike emphasizes the use of mother-tongue for biblical hermeneutics as a tool for strengthening Christianity in Africa. Comfort Kamimi Gemade and Terzungwe Inja highlight the role of the Church in tackling the menace of noise pollution in Urban Benue. Emmanuel OrdueUsue and Gideon TerungwaTsenzuul examine Disaster Management in Benue State and the Role of Religious Institutions. Meanwhile, Patricia Mwuese Saluun and Luther Anum Timin provide a biblical perspective on guiding the youth to understand the negative effects of gambling in Nigeria. Finally, Dorathy Nguemo Afaor concludes by discussing the changing phase of *Shagba* (wealth) in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tiv society.

I therefore, encourage scholars and students of various persuasions to read this wealth of knowledge, projected on every single page of this *International Journal of Biblical and Cognate Studies* for their responsible scholarly, religious and socio-political engagements.

April 2020

**Prof. Emmanuel Ordue Usue**

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