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## FOREWORD

This is the Second Volume of the *International Journal of Biblical and Cognate Studies*. The volume contains fourteen articles. The first four articles focus on the Old Testament. Emmanuel Ordue Usue and Nathaniel Tarhuan Ateyo compare the handling of land disputes in the Enneateuch and in Tiv Society. Daniel Bem Apuuivom, Christopher Terande Annger and Henry Terpase Iortyer examine Deborah's leadership success in Judges 4:1-24 and its implications for women inclusion in church leadership in Nigeria. Faith Gloria Ehiemua discusses a feminist perspective on alcohol consumption in non-consensual sex using Genesis 19:30-38 as her point of departure. Peter Tyohemba Anyam deals with the role of Satan in the book of Job and the Portrait of *Tsav* (Witchcraft) in Tiv Traditional Religion. Meanwhile, focusing on the intertestamental period, Abel Aor Inyaregh and Eneajo Abalaka Idachaba, examine extensively, a Collision of Identities in Ideological Struggle between Judeanism and Hellenism, with lessons for Nigerian Christians. There are four articles which are related to the New Testament. Igbakua Iorjaah and Sylvester Ugbegili analysed how to respond to Covid-19 Pandemic in the Light of History and End Times Bible Prophecies. While, Adinya Godwin Ogabo and Emmanuel Moses Sebu examine Servant Leadership Model from a Philosophico-Socioreligious perspective for Nigeria's Leadership Challenge. Udemé Basseý Asanga rereads Ὑποτασσόμενοι in Ephesians 5:21-33 within the Context of Paul's General Teaching on Submission in Christian Marriage. Peter Olanrewaju Awojobi looks at Jesus' Methods of Communication and their Implications for Nigerian Pastors. There are two articles in Christian Ethics. Godwin Nyijime Toryough and Joyce Member Usue carefully discuss a Christian perspective on social teaching and justice in relation to the Fulani herdsmen Militia attacks on farmers in Benue State, Nigeria while, Patricia Mwuese Saluun and Luther Anum Timin assess Drug and Substance Abuse among the Youth in Nigeria and point out certain Challenges and Prospects for addressing such. There are also two additional articles that relate to church history. Ebenezer Deji Ogunrinde and Joshua Ajenifari take a look at Cohesion as an Aspect of Textuality in "Pentecostal Gospel Print Advertisements" in Ekiti State, Nigeria, while, Joseph Jar Kur show cases the Cost-Benefit Analysis of Gospel Musical Practice among the Universal Reformed Christian Church (URCC/NKST) of Nigeria and Surveys Creative Right Holders' Development. In the last article, Ameh Ambrose Ejeh juxtaposes the philosophy behind Ruga and Fulanization with *Ewa W'oche* in Idoma Political Philosophy.

I therefore, encourage scholars and students of various disciplines to read this academic treasure, as captured in the *International Journal of Biblical and Cognate Studies* for their responsible scholarly, religious and socio-political engagements.

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**Prof. Emmanuel Ordue Usue**

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