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## FOREWORD

This is the Third Volume, Number 1 of the *International Journal of Biblical and Cognate Studies*. This volume contains twelve articles. The first four articles focus on the Old and New Testament. Isaac Asongo Ngobua talks about the use of persuasion to win opponents in Daniel 1:8-1. Joshua Aondoawase Ajim and Abare Kallah Appraise Social Justice in the Book of Amos and its Implications for Socio-Political and Religious Situation in Nigeria. Uzoma Amos Dike Exegetes Genesis 1:27-28; 2:20b -23 and draws Implications for Gender Relations and Sustainable Development Goals in Nigeria. Igbakua Iorjaah examines Ideological Clash in Matthew's Gospel and points out certain Implications for Societal Peace. Funke Elizabeth Oyekan takes a look at Jesus' Example of Prudence in John 6:12 and shows Implication for Curbing Mango Wastage in Ogbomosoland, Oyo State, Nigeria. There are two articles related to Christian Theology and Ethics. Aku Stephen Antombikums discusses Divine Providence and the Problem of Evil in Freewill Theism. Joshua Aondowase Ajim and Rose Yangu Ama Ethically Analyze the New Age Movement and its Implications on the Christian Faith. Valentine Ehichioya Obinyan and Faith Gloria Ehiemua examine Communalism and Contemporary Contradictions in African Society with a focus on the Perspectives of African Personality. There are two articles that focus on various aspects of the society, religion and culture. T. Alabi and K. A. Adeola discuss Issues and Realities of Graduates Unemployment in Nigeria and What the Church can do to Solve the Problem. Adeola Kehinde Adedayo, Umaru-Abdullahi Esther Vinze, and Noah Salasi Hassan describe the Social and Religious Life of the Gbagyi/Gbari People of Nigeria. The last two articles concentrate on Church History and Biblical Hermeneutics. Abraham Mbachirin and Salama J. Gandu Comparatively describe Women in Ordained Offices in the Mainline Denominations with that of the Pentecostal Churches, while, Muhammed Maman and Terwase T. Dzeka look at the Contestation on the primacy of relevance between African Indigenous Religion versus Islam and Christianity.

Given these varied academic issues disseminated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Volume, Number 1 of the *International Journal of Biblical and Cognate Studies*, I encourage scholars, emerging researchers, students and leaders from various disciplines to read these repertoire of knowledge for their responsible utilization for societal development, peace and stability.



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