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Our announcement of the seventh year's issue of the *Biblische Zeitschrift* is somewhat belated. The able manner in which the periodical continues to be conducted and the interesting repertoire which it again offers to its readers in this volume certainly deserve the fullest notice that can be given to any scientific theological publication, no matter whether published in the interest of Protestant or Catholic convictions. A mere glance at the table of contents of these four *Hefte* will show how varied and up-to-date the contributions are. We find here such articles as the following: The Bible-Canon of Flavius Josephus; the Genealogy of Jesus according to St. Luke; On the Number Seven of the Diaconate in the Mother-church at Jerusalem; The Name Mirjam; Aretas IV, King of the Nabataeans; a historico-exegetical study on 2 Cor. 11:32 ff. and many others of an equally important and timely character. The only criticism we could wish to offer as to the makeup of the *Zeitschrift* is the one we have made before, viz. that it seems to avoid the discussion of more strictly doctrinal or even biblico-theological problems, as the enumeration of the above titles, which is fairly representative of the entire table of contents of the volume before us, will easily show. Can this have anything to do with the absolutely fixed doctrinal position of the Roman Church, which would leave room for freer movement only in the fields of literary history, and archaeological research? None the less we can heartily recommend the perusal of this periodical to Protestant readers. The time is surely past when the old adage was true *Catholica non leguntur*. A very careful bibliography to which all alphabetical index of all the authors discussed is appended, renders the volume highly valuable as an aid in Biblical study independently of its own contents.