The President’s Page

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The 1998 double issue of JATS you hold in your hands contains some of the best papers and addresses from the 1998 Jerusalem Bible Conference, all peer-reviewed by two or more referees. Those who were there will never forget that wonderful week, but memories of papers heard is fleeting. Now all subscribers can read the complete versions, including notes. Many are groundbreaking. All are useful and interesting. May you be blessed as you study.

I’m pleased to welcome Ed Christian as the new editor of JATS. He was elected managing editor in Jerusalem and brought the 1997 double issue on Revelation to completion. Last summer, following Frank Holbrook’s retirement, he was elected editor. Like C. S. Lewis before him, he is an English professor by occupation who brings that literary training to his teaching and writing about the Bible, approaching it, as it were, on its unprotected flank rather than head on through the usual well-armored medium of seminary studies. I think you’ll find that, also like Lewis, he helps us see the Word in fresh ways.

I’m also pleased to welcome two new associate editors on whom Dr. Christian will be leaning for technical and theological expertise: William Shea, recently retired from the Biblical Research institute, and Roy Gane, Old Testament professor at the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews and also associate editor of AUS. They are among our denomination’s most capable scholars.

You may notice some stylistic changes in this issue. The type is smaller, which means we can include more articles. We have switched from endnotes to footnotes, as this is more convenient for readers, and we have begun hyphenating. You might discover some minor stylistic quirks in some articles with things like quotation marks and spacing, due to authors using a large variety of word processing programs, some of which don’t translate perfectly to the Macintosh computers and programs used by the staff. We hope you will bear with us as knowledge increases and the editors run to and fro learning new technologies.