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A Morphosyntax and Syntax of Septuagint Greek
by Takamitsu Muraoka

This is the first ever comprehensive analysis of the morphosyntax and syntax of Septuagint Greek, based on the most up-to-date editions of the Septuagint. Though this is a synchronic grammar, comparisons with Classical Greek, the Greek of contemporary literature of the Hellenistic-Roman period, papyri and epigraphical data, and New Testament Greek have been undertaken. Attempts were made to determine in what ways and to what extent the structure of the Semitic source languages may have influenced the selection of particular constructions by the translators.

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by Dominique Charpin

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