THE WRITINGS OF ROBERT L. THOMAS, TH. D.: A SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY 1956-1999

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Dr. Robert L. Thomas has been involved in theological writing for over forty years. During that time, he has published in almost every conceivable venue and been extensively involved in the editorial direction of significant works in biblical studies. This bibliography breaks down his writings into their major categories. The entries are listed in chronological order within each section, with the exception of the *Editorial Supervision and/or Translation* category. Here his work is broken down according to the level of editorial oversight which he had for each project. Additionally, Dr. Thomas has been active writing and reading papers in several scholarly societies, such as the Evangelical Theological Society. Since most of those papers have subsequently been published in other formats, only those papers as yet unpublished are listed in a separate category.

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