A BIBLIOGRAPHICAL *CLAVIS*TO THE WORKS OF JACOB OF EDESSA

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PREFACE

- [1] Jacob of Edessa († 708) ranks without a doubt among the most prolific and most original writers of Syriac literature. Belonging to the first generation of Syrian Christians who grew up under Islamic rule, he has in many respects contributed to the consolidation and further expansion of the Syriac cultural heritage. For these reasons, his writings have had a great impact on later authors. However, many of these writings have not been preserved in their entirety. Others have only reached us through a complicated process of transmission or can only be studied on the basis of later adaptations or reworkings.
- Jacob has not fared well in modern scholarly research. A considerable part of his preserved work has remained unpublished to the present day and a comprehensive monograph on him is still missing. In recent years, however, a number of students and scholars have been studying various aspects of Jacob's works and some major publications may be expected in the near future.
- [3] This growing interest in Jacob's works and place in Syriac literary culture has found expression, among other things, in a

symposium organized at the University of Leiden on 4 and 5 April 1997 under the title "Jacob of Edessa († 708) and the Syriac culture of his day". Scholars from various countries took part in this symposium, the proceedings of which will be published soon. On that occasion a bibliography was compiled and distributed among the participants. It is published here in a slightly expanded form.

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A first list was compiled on the basis of C. Moss, Catalogue of Syriac Printed Books and Related Literature in the British Museum (London, 1962) and, for the subsequent years, the bibliographies prepared by S.P. Brock and published in Parole de l'Orient 4 (1973): 393–465, 10 (1981–82): 291–412, 14 (1987): 289–360, 17 (1992): 211-301, now conveniently brought together in book form: S.P. Brock, Syriac Studies. A Classified Bibliography (1960–1990), Kaslik, 1996. While this original list has been thoroughly checked and updated, a great number of new items have been added for those publications which do not primarily deal with Jacob (and cannot therefore directly be retrieved from existing bibliographies), but contain nevertheless valuable discussion or analysis of his works. Under "References" those publications are listed which touch upon aspects of Jacob's works and in one way or another shed some (new) light on them. Catalogues of manuscripts have in principle not been included; the manuscript tradition of Jacob's works deserves a separate publication.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ANRW Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt CSCO Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium

GOF Göttinger Orientforschungen

JAs Journal asiatique

JTS The Journal of Theological Studies

LM Le Muséon

OC Oriens Christianus

OCA Orientalia Christiana Analecta
OCP Orientalia Christiana Periodica
OLA Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta

OLP Orientalia Lovaniensia Periodica

OrSuec Orientalia Suecana

OS L'Orient Syrien
PdO Parole de l'Orient
PO Patrologia Orientalis

ROC Revue de l'Orient Chrétien

ZDMG Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft

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