

New Testament Essential Bibliography

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New Testament Interpretation

- Erickson, Richard. *A Beginner's Guide to New Testament Exegesis: Taking the Fear Out of Critical Method*. IVP, 2005. (Exceptional)
- +Fee, Gordon; Stuart, Douglas. *How to Read the Bible for all It's Worth*. 4th ed. Zondervan, 2014. (Along with Strauss, the best general introduction to interpreting Scripture)
- +Strauss, Mark. *How to Read the Bible in Changing Times: Understanding and Applying God's Word Today*. Intersity Press, 2011. (Along with Fee, the best general introduction to interpreting Scripture)

Textual Criticism

- Metzger, B.M. *A Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament*. Rev. ed. United Bible Societies, 1995. (Concise discussion of all important textual variants)
- *Metzger, B.M. *The Text of the New Testament: Its Transmission, Corruption, and Restoration*. 3rd ed. Oxford, 1992. (Exceptional and full treatment)
- +Porter, Stanley; Pitts, Andrew. *Fundamentals of New Testament Textual Criticism*. Eerdmans, 2015. (Now the best mid-level book on this subject)

Translations

- +Dewey, David. *A User's Guide to Bible Translations*. Intersity Press, 2005. (Essential)
- Fee, Gordon; Strauss, Mark. *How to Choose a Translation for All Its Worth*. Zondervan, 2007.

Reference

- Lawrence, Paul; Walton, John. *The IVP Atlas of Bible History*. InterVarsity, 2006.

Intersity Press Dictionaries

- Evans, C.A.; Porter, S. *Dictionary of New Testament Background*. IVP, 2000.
- Hawthorne, G; Martin, R.; Reid, D. *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*. IVP, 1993.
- Green, Joel; McKnight, Scott. *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*. IVP, 1992.
- Martin, Ralph; Davids, Peter. *Dictionary of the Later New Testament and Its Developments*. IVP, 1997.

4 dictionaries available on CD as part of the IVP Reference Collection. (Essential)

- Green, Joel; Brown, Jeannie; Perrin, Nicolas. *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*. 2nd ed. IVP, 2013. (Many/most of the articles have been written by different scholars that wrote for the 1st edition so that one gets a second opinion on many issues. Worth having both editions).

Historical Background

- Green, Joel; McDonald, Lee Martin. *The World of the New Testament: Cultural, Social, and Historical Contexts*. Baker, 2013. (Exceptional collection of essays on most relevant topics)
- +Hubbard, Moyer. *Christianity in the Greco-Roman World*. Hendrickson, 2009. (Exceptional study of the 1st century context of the early church).
- +Jeffers, James. *The Greco-Roman World of the New Testament*. Intersity, 1999. (Exceptional)
- Nickelsburg, George. *Jewish Literature Between the Bible and the Mishnah*. 2nd ed. Fortress, 2005. (Exceptional introduction to 2nd Temple Jewish literature)
- *Schurer, Emil. *The History of the Jewish People in the Age of Jesus Christ, 175 BC – AD 135*.

4 volumes. Revised by G. Vermes & F. Millar. T & T Clark, 1973-1987. (Extraordinary..but essential to use the Vermes and Millar revised edition...the original edition is unreliable)
+Simmons, William. *Peoples of the New Testament World: An Illustrated Guide*. Zondervan, 2008.

Jewish Texts

Charlesworth, J.H., ed. *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha*. 2 vols. Pb. Hendrickson. (Best collection of 2nd Temple Jewish texts now available in pb for a mere \$47...originally \$150)
Vermes, G., ed. *The Complete Dead Sea Scrolls in English*. 7th ed. Penguin, 2012.
Whiston, W. *The Works of Josephus*. rev. ed. Hendrickson, 1987.

New Testament Introduction

*Hagner, Donald. *The New Testament: An Historical and Theological Introduction*. Eerdmans, 2012.
(By far the best book on this topic)
Patzia, Arthur. *The Making of the New Testament: Origin, Collection, Text & Canon*. IVP, 1995.
+Strauss, Mark. *Four Portraits-One Jesus*. Zondervan, 2008.

Canon

Bruce, F.F. *The Canon of Scripture*. InterVarsity Press, 1988.
MacDonald, Lee Martin. *Formation of the Bible: The Story of the Church's Canon*. Hendrickson, 2011.
Metzger, Bruce. *The Canon of the New Testament*. Oxford University Press, 1997.

Gospels

Aland, K., ed. *Synopsis of the Four Gospels*. American Bible Society. Rev. ed. 2010. (Essential)
Porter, Stanley; Byer, Bryan, eds. *The Synoptic Problem: Four Views*. Baker, 2016.
+Stein, Robert. *Studying the Synoptic Gospels*. 2nd ed. Baker, 2001. (Exceptional)

Jesus

Beasley-Murray, G.R. *Jesus and the Kingdom of God*. Eerdmans, 1988.
Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels (2013). Worth having both the 1st and 2nd editions as many articles in the 2013 edition are by different scholars. Many excellent short articles on *key* topics.
Evans, Craig A. *Fabricating Jesus: How Modern Scholars Distort the Gospels*. IVP Books, 1006.
*Keener, Craig. *The Historical Jesus of the Gospels*. Eerdmans, 2009. (Exceptional)
Stein, Robert. *Method and Message of Jesus' Teaching*. 2nd ed. Westminster, 1994.

Parables (Always check the best commentaries as well)

*Snodgrass, Klyne. *Stories with Intent: A Comprehensive Guide to the Parables of Jesus*. Eerdmans, 2008. (By far the best book on the parables. Absolutely essential)
Stein, Robert. *An Introduction to the Parables of Jesus*. Westminster, 1981
Wenham, David. *The Parables of Jesus*. IVP, 1989. (Excellent popular exposition)

New Testament Theology

Ladd, George; Hagner, D.A. (ed). *A Theology of the New Testament*. Rev. ed. Eerdmans, 1993.
Marshall, I.H. *Theology of the New Testament*. IVP, 2004.

Divorce and Remarriage

Instone-Brewer, David. *Divorce & Remarriage in the Church: Biblical Solutions for Pastoral Realities*. Intervarsity Press, 2006. (Exceptional)
Strauss, Mark. Ed. *Remarriage After Divorce in Today's Church: Three Views*. Zondervan 2006.
(Gordon Wenham, William Heth and Craig Keener argue the different positions. Excellent)

Gender Issues

- Pierce, Ronald; Groothuis, Rebecca, Merrill; Fee, Gordon, eds. *Discovering Biblical Equality: Complementarity Without Hierarchy*. IVP, 2005. (Exceptional)
- Stackhouse, David. *Partners in Christ: A Conservative Case for Egalitarianism*. Rev. ed. IVP, 2015. (Essential, concise, thoughtful, balanced. Start here. Note: Originally published as *Finally Feminist*)
- Johnson, Alan, ed. *How I Changed My Mind About Women in Leadership: Compelling Stories from Prominent Evangelicals*. Zondervan, 2010. (An outstanding, riveting book in which representative evangelicals in this generation chronicle their own, sometimes painful, journey on this issue. 26 contributors. Best are: Stan Gundry, Cornelius Plantinga, Bill and Lynne Hybels, Gilbert Bilezikian, John Stackhouse, Alice Matthews, I. Howard Marshall, Tony Campolo.)
- Tucker, Ruth. *Black and White Bible, Black and Blue Wife*. Zondervan, 2016. (JesusCred Book of the Year)

Election/Perseverance

- Marshall, I.H. *Kept By the Power of God: A Study of Perseverance and Falling Away*. Bethany, 1969. (Best discussion of this issue)
- Olson, Roger. *Against Calvinism*. Zondervan, 2011. (Exceptional...now the best critique of Calvinism)
- Walls, Jerry; Dongell, Joseph. *Why I am Not a Calvinist*. IVP, 2004.
- Ware, Bruce, ed. *Perspectives on the Doctrine of God: Four Views*. InterVarsity Press, 2008. (Ware and Helm argue the Calvinist perspective, Olson and Sanders the Arminian position. Exceptional book.)

Eschatology

- Grenz, Stanley. *Millennial Maze: Sorting Out the Evangelical Options*. Intervarsity, 1992. (Exploring this issue within the framework of the main approaches to eschatology. Exceptional)
- Hultberg, Alan, ed. *Three Views on the Rapture: Pretribulation, Prewrath or Postribulation*. 2nd ed. Zondervan, 2010.
- Walls, Jerry L. *Heaven, Hell and Purgatory: A Protestant View of the Cosmic Drama*. Baker, 2015.

Other Issues

- Barclay, John. *Paul and the Subversive Power of Grace*. Grove Books, 2016. (28 page booklet with a masterful summary of his 600+ page *Paul and the Gift*, perhaps the most important book on Pauline theology written in my life time. Only \$6...but must be ordered online at: <https://grovebooks.co.uk/products/b-80-paul-and-the-subversive-power-of-grace>)
- Crump, David. *Knocking on Heaven's Door: A New Testament Theology of Petitionary Prayer*. Baker, 2006. (Exceptional)
- Fee, Gordon. *Pauline Christology*. Hendrickson, 2007. (Exceptional)
- Keener, Craig. *Gift and Giver: The Holy Spirit for Today*. Baker, 2001.
- Sprinkle, Preston, ed. *Four Views on Hell*. Zondervan, 2016. (Stackhouse, Walls and Parry are A+)