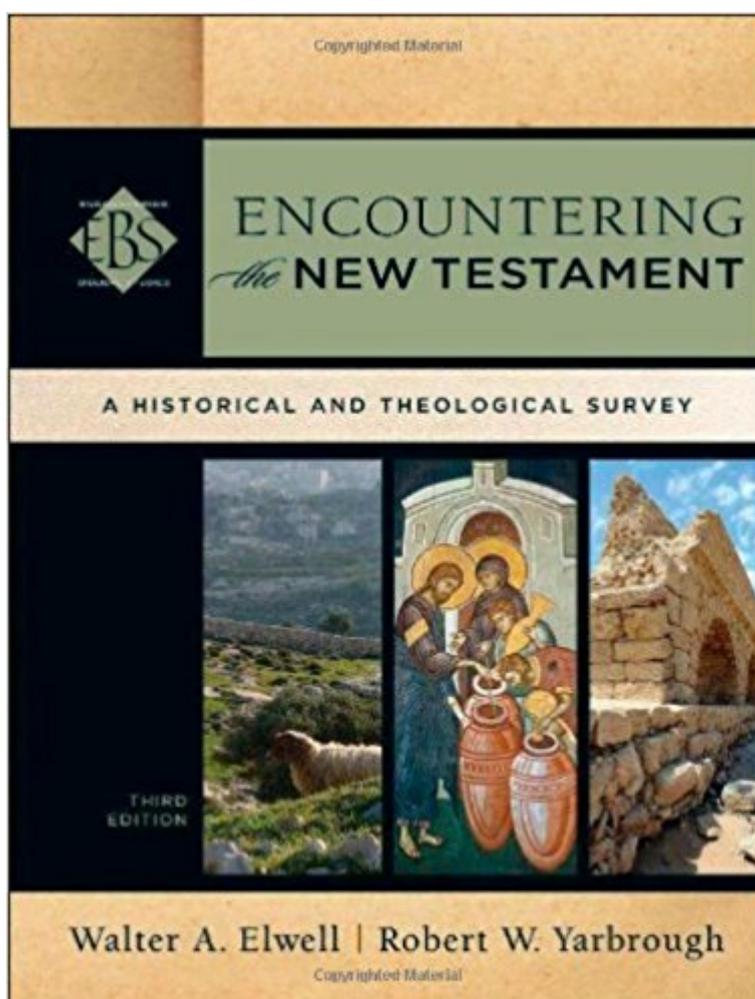


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# Encountering The New Testament: A Historical And Theological Survey (Encountering Biblical Studies)



## Synopsis

Studying the New Testament can be an exciting--and intimidating--experience. This readable survey is designed to make the adventure less daunting and more rewarding. Two experienced classroom teachers offer a new edition of their bestselling and award-winning textbook, now with updated content and a new interior design. Other distinguishing features include: • abundant images, maps, and charts--all in full color • sidebars that address ethical and theological concerns and provide primary source material • focus boxes isolating key issues • chapter outlines, learning objectives, and summaries • study questions

Students of the New Testament will find this introductory text both informative and engaging. An accompanying website through Baker Academic's Textbook eSources offers a wide array of resources for students and professors. Resources for students include flash cards, self quizzes, and introductory videos. Resources for professors include discussion questions, suggestions for class activities, PowerPoint slides, an instructor's manual, and a test bank.

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"Encountering the New Testament is a highly commendable introduction to the study of the New Testament. The text provides a fine foundation upon which a professor in a classroom can build." --Robert W. Bernard, *Southwestern Journal of Theology*

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Like the OT Version, I bought this for a class and found it very helpful! Great depth and many interesting historical and archeological insights. This was required for a seminary course and supplemented with other readings. I consider myself a beginner student of the individual NT books. This, by itself, would not be sufficient for an overview of the NT. It is a great supplement that I will return to. I would strongly recommend this for Christian High School upper level or entry level undergrad students.

My daughter used this book for her high school homeschool education in Bible. She especially enjoyed the background information about each gospel writer and book. Some of the study questions were too in depth for use with the time we had. Overall, it is a good book and very informative.

In "Encountering the New Testament", the chapters move sequentially, which reads like a standard text book. It wasn't bad, however I was hoping the format would have been then same as "Encountering the Old Testament" which is broken down like an outline, and contains a chapter summary before an entire section, (i.e. Pentateuch, History, Poetry and Wisdom, Major Prophets,

Minor Prophets). In "Encountering the Old Testament" the pre-chapter summaries allowed the reader to understand the intent of each section before diving into each book separately, this lacking in "Encountering the New Testament". The information is still really good, however for someone who hasn't had a formal teaching of the chronology of Paul's travels I found it disorienting.

This is not an easy book to follow and not well-written in my opinion. The Zondervan Handbook to the Bible which encompasses the Old and New Testament provides a better overview and translation to many of the stories in the Bible. Encountering the New Testament is based upon the views of the authors, Elwell and Yarbrough, and references other works to validate their views. The Zondervan handbook is a combination of multiple authors or contributors with great side articles throughout the chapters that give a little more in depth explanation of certain ideas or theories.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the study and reading of this book. I also took the time to answer the questions posed at the end of each chapter. The study of New Testament survey gave me a detailed glimpse into the background of each individual book contained within the New Testament. This book shared with me insight into the authorship, the date, and the place of which they were written. It also gave me insight into what life was like during the time these God-inspired books were written. Perhaps more importantly, it also shared with me as to why these books were written by men who had such zeal for Christ that they were willing to count the cost, even if it meant certain death at the hands of their persecutors. As a believer preparing for full time ministry as a missionary overseas, I was most struck by this book's description of Paul's life and his numerous missionary journeys. Paul took at least three missionary journeys for certain, but possibly several more. His overwhelming love for Christ and his desire to see others saved from the eternal torments of hell is what drove Paul all across the Roman world. Like all New Testament believers, Paul was willing to suffer persecution, torture, and suffering, all for the sake of the cross. What a great model of inspiration Paul is to not only me, but for all believers who are charged with the task of sharing the Gospel to the end of the earth. Finally, it is my hope from the knowledge that I have gained from the completion of this book, that God will use it not for selfish ambition or gain, but solely for the purpose to glorify God, especially amongst the people that God will place in my path. I have indeed learned much, and I look forward to sharing this knowledge in my Bible studies amongst the Roma people of Albania, where my family and I will soon begin serving.

I purchased the "Encountering the Old Testament Biblical Studies" and found the material very well

formatted, written material was on point and the graphics were great. I purchased "Encountering the New Testament" with the same expectation of this publication meeting the same requirements and I was not disappointed. Seminary and Biblical Students as well as Laypersons will find this publication most helpful.

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