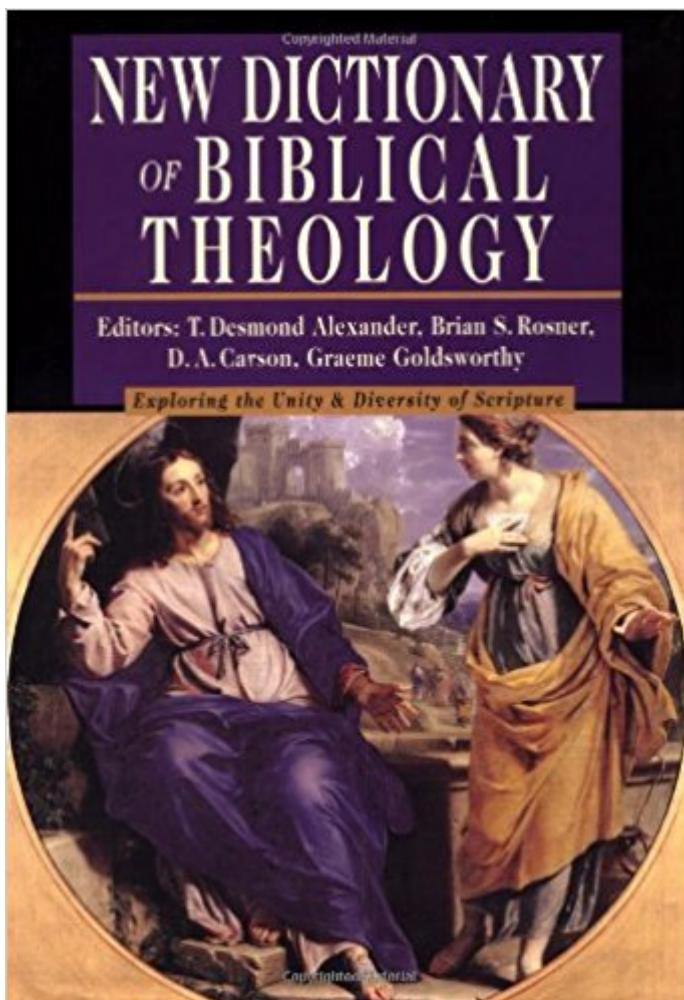


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# New Dictionary Of Biblical Theology: Exploring The Unity & Diversity Of Scripture (IVP Reference Collection)



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"The advent of the New Dictionary of Biblical Theology is both timely and highly significant. It is timely because of the increasing recognition in both scholarly and popular Christian circles of the need to integrate biblical themes, ideas and passages into the message of the Bible as a whole (whatever diversity there may be within it). The volume is important because of the quality and scope of its articles, which are helpfully divided into three sections: those dealing with fundamental issues relating to biblical theology, articles about various books and corpora of the Scriptures, and those on key biblical topics. This dictionary will be an invaluable aid to all students and teachers of the Bible who want to understand the relation of the parts to the whole thrust of the Scriptures."

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If you need a dictionary - for ministry or academic purposes - on theological terms and concepts found in the Bible then this book is perfect for you. It is very comprehensive and deep enough for scholars yet easy enough to read for the inquisitive lay person. It has many articles discussing pertinent issues in biblical studies (e.g., hermeneutics, the relationship between OT and NT, the relationship between systematic and biblical theology, etc.), provides a good overview of all the books of the Bible, and discusses practically every issue found in Scripture. I would even be bold enough to say that this is the best volume in the whole IVP dictionary series. Whether you're a

minister or seminary student get this book for your library. You will never regret purchasing this very important and resourceful volume in the series.

This book, A Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament, and A Dictionary of Biblical Imagery, among others are heralds of a new era dawning in Evangelical scholarship. For most of the 20th century the dominant approach to Biblical interpretation, even among Evangelicals was based on higher critical assumptions about the independence of each book of the Bible. Therefore, rather than look at themes as they develop in the Bible, atomistic, and sometimes even deconstructing approaches were preferred. Source criticism, while still popular in some circles is now less credible, and where credible less popular and this has opened the door for a new generation of scholars to look at the Bible as a whole without getting laughed out of town. This approach of looking at themes as they develop throughout the canon is known as "Biblical Theology." The editors of this book are the leaders in the evangelical wing of that movement. What this means to the layperson or pastor is that this book is worth a cover to cover read. Here you have scholars developing and examining the themes of the Bible in a way that rarely occurs in other kinds of resources. This kind of thematic development, if you are not accustomed to it will open up a whole new world in your preaching and Biblical Interpretation. One of the most important references on my shelf.

As expected

Very helpful in the process of studying themes.

A rich and helpful resource.

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