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The New Dictionary of Biblical Theology will quickly establish itself as an essential building block of every library of basic biblical reference books. Building on its companion volumes, the New Bible Dictionary and New Bible Commentary, this work takes readers to a higher vantage point where they can view the thematic terrain of the Bible in its canonical wholeness. In addition, it fills the interpretive space between those volumes and the New Dictionary of Theology. At the heart of this work is an A-to-Z encyclopedia of over 200 key biblical-theological themes such as atonement, creation, eschatology, Israel, Jesus Christ, the kingdom of God, redemption, suffering, wisdom and worship. Students and communicators of the Bible will be well served by articles exploring the theology of each biblical book. And for those interested in the wider discipline of biblical theology, major articles explore foundational issues such as the history of biblical theology, the challenges raised against biblical theology, and the unity and diversity of Scripture. Over 120 contributors drawn from the front ranks of biblical scholarship in the English-speaking world make the New Dictionary of Biblical Theology a work of distinction and a benchmark of evangelical biblical theology at the turn of the twenty-first century. Bibliographies round out all articles, directing readers to research trails leading out of the Dictionary and into crucial studies on every subject. Cross-references throughout send readers through the varied maze of reading pathways, maximizing the usefulness of this volume. Comprehensive, authoritative and easily accessible, the New Dictionary of Biblical Theology is certain to establish itself as an essential resource for students of the Bible and theology.

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Bob Hayton says

Excellent resource. I've read about 1/3 of it, and you really could read the whole thing. Part 1 includes helpful introductions and articles about Biblical Theology. Part 2 gives a Biblical Theology overview of the Bible, book by book. Part 3, is the dictionary, it covers various topics and themes: highlighting how the Biblical literature develops and treats those topics. Very, very helpful, even as Biblical Theology is. D.A. Carson contributes, and everything is top notch. You'll learn so much more about the Bible, and things will make more sense to you as you view the whole of what the Bible said on the topic. Highly Recommended.

Sylvan Finger says

Of all the books that were available to me to help understand my biblical theology and exegesis class this was the most helpful. This guy is a bible guru. I'd love to do bible studies with this guy.

Matthew says

I did not read the entire dictionary. I was required to read the introductory articles in the first 104 pages. They are spectacular. I read a few of the essays on books of the bible and other topics and they are also top notch.

Taylor Reavely says

Definitely a reference book worth keeping!

Andy says

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Cbarrett says

This is a helpful resource. I am including because of the introductory chapters that are worth the price of the book. Here are the highlights:

"Biblical Theology" by B.S. Rosner

"Exegesis and Hermeneutics" by Kevin Vanhoozer

"The Unity and Diversity in Scripture" by Craig Blomberg

"New Testament Use of the Old Testament" by Craig Evans

"Relationship of Old Testament and New Testament" by Graeme Goldsworthy

"Systematic Theology and Biblical Theology" by D. A. Carson

These introductory essays are helpful and insightful.

John Yelverton says

A wonderful compendium of short and concise articles on the people, places, things, and concepts of the Bible.

Ben says

This "dictionary" was not quite what I expected. It is comprised of 3 major sections. Section one is a collection of articles written on various topics related to the study and use of Biblical Theology. Section Two is a collection of articles written on each of the books of the Bible. And, Section 3 is a collection of articles that deal with particular "themes" in Scripture. Section 3 is the most "dictionary-like," but since the whole book is dedicated to Biblical Theology as a discipline, it bears its name appropriately.

This book definitely qualifies as a reference book, but one worthy to have if you are a pastor or are active in Bible teaching. Biblical Theology as a discipline was new to me coming to Trinity and I find that it is a critical approach to accurate understanding of God's word.

Jackson Brooks says

A useful reference book.

Daniel Alvers says

This book is a wide angle book that is very straight forward and good for overviews. It also provides direction for further study if needed. I liked it better than other dictionaries I have read. I had to read selected articles for OT II class.

Seth Mcdevitt says

I actually wish there were more articles. My only gripe with this resource is that I think they cut it a little short.

Dwight Davis says

Although I didn't read the entire book, I had to read over half of the articles for a class this semester. A really great resource. As with all edited volumes, some of the entries are better than others. The stand-out entries for me were on the nature of biblical theology, the atonement, creation, and sin. A must-own resource for any pastor and for theologians interested in doing work in the area of biblical theology.

Scott says

Very good. Read the first section for course work. Vanhoozer's essay, "Exegesis & Hermeneutics," stands out.
