

Book List
New Testament II: Romans through Revelations
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Required Readings

Every student should possess and use regularly the following:

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible (including the Apocrypha) in at least one of these:

The HarperCollins Study Bible (1997)

The New Oxford Annotated Bible, 5th ed. (2018)

Kurt Aland (ed.), *Synopsis of the Four Gospels* (United Bible Societies, 2010 or earlier)

This edition only, please—either the Greek-English or the English-only version; if you know any Greek, or think you might want to learn Greek, then get the Greek-English version. In any case, get Aland's edition, *not* something called *Gospel Parallels* or any other synopsis. If you're unsure, ask me.

M. E. Boring and F. B. Craddock, *The People's New Testament Commentary* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2004)

Mark Allan Powell, *Introducing the New Testament* (Baker Academic, 2009)

Suggested Readings

Besides NRSV, you should have (and consult regularly) two or three other English translations of the NT. Aland's Synopsis provides the text of the four Gospels in Revised Standard Version (RSV), but you should have the RSV of the whole Bible (including Apocrypha); RSV reveals the structure of the original languages more readily than NRSV, though NRSV is now the most widely used English translation in our churches. In addition, I recommend the Authorised (King James) Version, the New Jerusalem Bible, and the Revised English Bible. There are many others, all with their advantages and their shortcomings; sample as many as you can.

Articles on each book of the New Testament: Romans through Revelations, and on the people and places and ideas mentioned in the biblical text, are provided in any Bible dictionary, but not all Bible dictionaries are created equal.

The best (most recent, most reliable, most helpful) are these two multivolume sets, available in the reference section of the library:

The Anchor Bible Dictionary

The New Interpreter's Bible Dictionary

A handy one-volume Bible dictionary is this one:

Mark Allan Powell (ed.), *HarperCollins Bible Dictionary*, 3rd ed. (HarperOne, 2011)

In addition to the one-volume commentary by Boring and Craddock listed above, become familiar with this set:

The New Interpreter's Bible (**not** its predecessor, called simply *The Interpreter's Bible*)

Also useful:

The Jewish Annotated New Testament, ed. A.-J. Levine and M. Z. Brettler, 2nd ed.
(Oxford, 2017)