

New Testament Interpretation

Notes about the interpretation of, in, and around biblical literature

About

The Site

The title, “New Testament Interpretation,” is intentionally ambiguous. First, and perhaps most obviously, the phrase designates thoughts about *interpreting the New Testament itself*. Second, the phrase also includes consideration of *how the New Testament interprets the literature that it uses*. Of course, this second sense can never fully be separated from the first because interpreting the New Testament entails, at points, understanding how the New Testament interprets the preceding literature that it embraces. Nevertheless, one may still maintain a meaningful distinction of focus between these two senses.

Third, playing with the phrase “New Testament Interpretation” even a bit more, the phrase designates “*testament interpretation*” that is “*new*.” This way of reading the phrase “New Testament Interpretation” itself also contains two senses. On the one hand, the phrase generally embraces contemporary interpretation of biblical literature and discussions that attempt to advance this literature’s study. On the other hand, as C. S. Lewis once quipped in his perennially lively prose, “All that is not eternal is eternally out of date.”¹ Thus, in this sense, what is chronologically “older” may still be qualitatively “newer,” and vice versa.²

Besides notes that address these three categories, the blog also contains some additional, miscellaneous entries that address other, related interests.

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1. C. S. Lewis, *The Four Loves* (http://www.wtsbooks.com/product-exec/product_id/2679/nm/Four+Loves+%28Paperback%29?utm_source=dstark&utm_medium=blogpartners) (New York: Harcourt Brace, 1960; repr., 1991), 137.

2. Cf. C. S. Lewis, "On the Reading of Old Books," in *God in the Dock* (http://www.wtsbooks.com/product-exec/product_id/205/nm/God+in+the+Dock%3A+Essays+on+Theology+and+Ethics?utm_source=dstark&utm_medium=blogpartners), ed. Walter Hooper (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1970), 200–7.

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