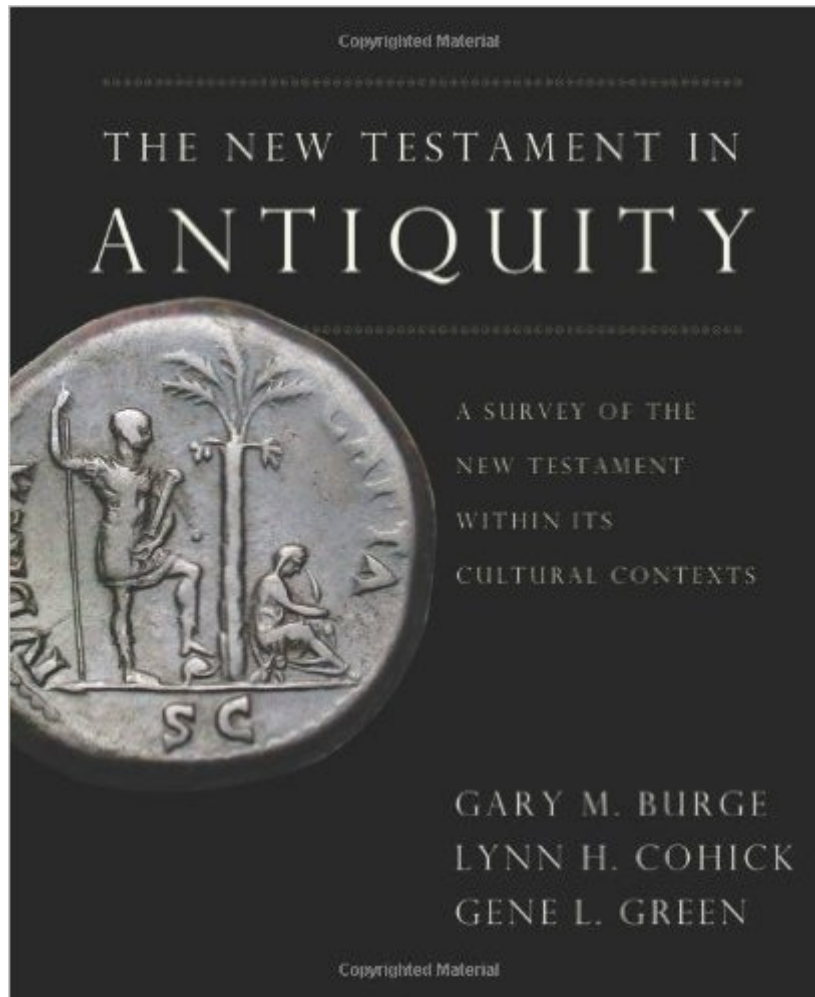


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The New Testament in Antiquity: A Survey of the New Testament Within Its Cultural Contexts by Burge, Cohick and Green is an excellent resource for studying the New Testament. The book is labeled as, and probably largely used as, a textbook for college and seminary students, but I can attest to the fact that it is not limited to just classroom use. I am not in Bible College or Seminary and I found the book to be very beneficial. Much of our understanding of what is written in the Bible

starts with understanding the contexts in which it was written. If we misunderstand, or misrepresent the original context we can come away with a warped and incorrect view of what a passage of Scripture actually says. This is where a New Testament survey is helpful for a better understanding of the Bible. This book begins with a few introductory chapters that lay the groundwork for a better understanding of the New Testament. These chapters are: Studying the New Testament, The Historical Setting of the New Testament, The World of Jesus in His Jewish Homeland, The Mediterranean World of the Apostle Paul, Sources for the Story of Jesus, The Story of Jesus and The Teachings of Jesus. These chapters are helpful in viewing the big picture of the New Testament before the authors explore the individual books more closely. The introductory chapter briefly focuses on topics like our bias, the importance of context, knowing the land, knowing the history, and knowing the culture. These are vital for proper interpretation. One of the first things I noticed as I was working through these chapters is the amount of pictures, charts, maps and timelines. I do not believe that there are back to back pages in the entire book that are void of some form of visual help.

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