

NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW

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New Testament Books

Gospels

- Synoptic Gospels
 - ✓ Matthew
 - ✓ Mark
 - ✓ Luke
- Gospel of John

Acts

- Luke tradition

Epistles

- *Epistles of Paul*
 - Chronological order of Paul's letters [a guess]: 1 and 2 Thessalonians, Galatians, Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Philippians, Philemon, Colossians, Ephesians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus
 - Why such a different order in the NT layout than a chronological order?
 - Paul, Judaism, and Christianity – worldviews
- ✓ Romans
- ✓ 1 Corinthians
- ✓ 2 Corinthians
- ✓ Galatians
- ✓ Ephesians
- ✓ Philippians
- ✓ Colossians
- ✓ 1 Thessalonians

- ✓ 2 Thessalonians
- ✓ 1 Timothy
- ✓ 2 Timothy
- ✓ Titus
- ✓ Philemon

- *General Epistles*
 - ✓ Hebrews
 - ✓ James
 - ✓ 1 Peter
 - ✓ 2 Peter
 - ✓ 1 John
 - ✓ 2 John
 - ✓ 3 John
 - ✓ Jude

Apocalypse

Literature Notes

- Oral traditions, hymns, blessing prayers, creeds, spiritual utterances

- Gospel narratives
 - ✓ Selective historical frameworks

 - ✓ FT quotes

 - ✓ Parables

 - ✓ Synoptic theologies vs. Johannine theology

 - ✓ Markan priority [90% followed in Matthew and Luke]

 - ✓ Q (= Quelle, i.e., “source”) [“M” and “L”]

- Historical narratives – book of Acts
 - ✓ Sermons
 - ✓ Tradition and eye witness reporting

- Epistolary form

- Apocalyptic form
 - ✓ Isaiah 24-27; Ezekiel 40-48; Zechariah 9-14; Joel; Daniel; Matthew 24-25/Mark 13/Luke 21
 - ✓ Pseudepigraphal literature: Enoch, Sybylline Oracles, 2 Baruch, 3 Baruch, 4th Ezra, +

Resources

David de Silva, *An Introduction to the New Testament*. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2004. [conservative and nicely mixes academic and ministry questions]

Luke T. Johnson, *The Writings of the New Testament: An Interpretation*. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1986. [moderate but reads carefully]