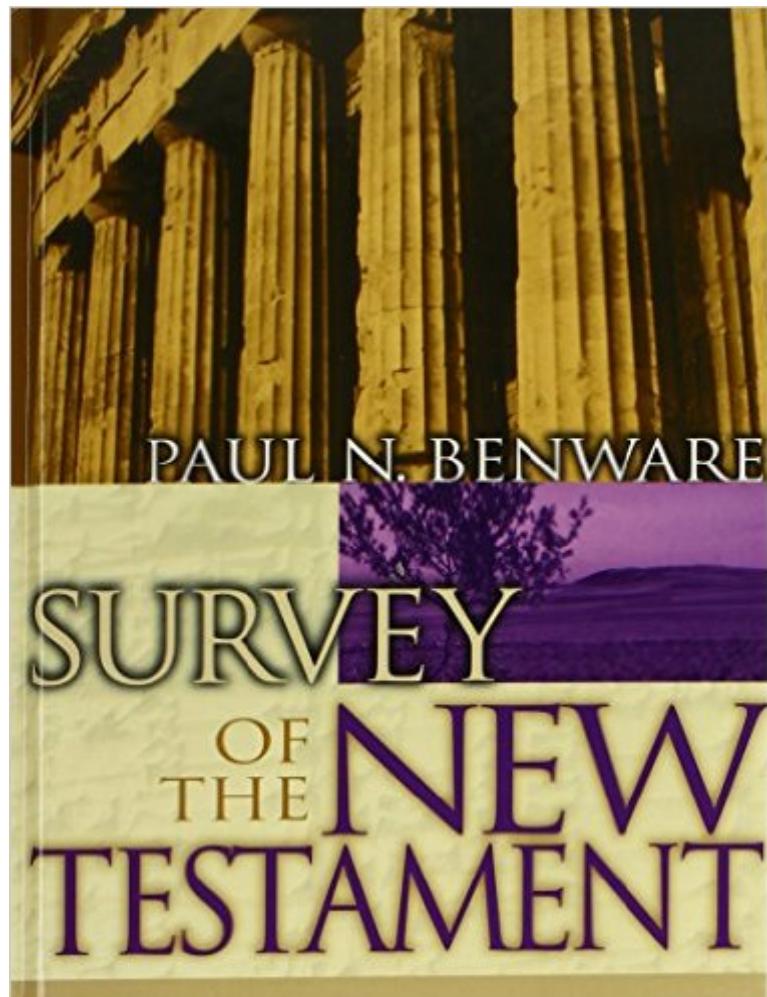


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# Survey Of The New Testament



## **Synopsis**

In Survey of the New Testament, Paul Benware approaches the New Testament in three helpful segments: the anticipation, institution, and fulfillment of the new covenant. Questions will be addressed such as 'What is the purpose of life?' and 'Can I be freed from guilt and sin?' This handy primer will help any student of the Bible understand the content, unity, and progression of the New Testament.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Paul Benware has written an excellent review of each book of the Christian Scriptures (New Testament). He discusses the authorship, date, purpose, outline, themes and summary of each book. This survey is written from a Fundamentalist Christian point of view. For example, the author believes that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were written by authors with those names. A liberal Christian would not find this book to be particularly helpful.

If you are a conservative Christian with strong fundamentalist leanings you will find this an excellent survey of the Old Testament books. If you are not then you will probably find difficulty with many portions of it. However, you may still find value in the large number of photographs, charts, tables, and graphs. The author does an excellent of distilling chapters of information into tables that clearly show the relationships. For example, he has illustrations of the chronological relationship between the Old Testament books (no the Bible does not have them in chronological order), God's

covenants with Israel, and a chronology of Israel's judges. Hardly a page goes by without a picture, illustration, chart, or other visual aid to help the reader understand the author's comments. However, some of the pictures belong more in a tourist pamphlet than a serious Bible survey book. (For example, there are pictures of places "tradition" assigns as significant, like the "burial place" of Samuel. There is no evidence of this being factual but even in the Middle Ages traders recognized the value of having a religiously significant location within your city. So, many "traditional" sites suddenly sprang up.) Fortunately these sorts of pictures are few in number when compared with the large number that enhances the text. While the mainstream or more liberal Christian may find something of value in the charts and tables, "Survey of the Old Testament" is really recommended mainly for conservative Christian readers who will find it a valuable resource strongly slanted toward that belief system.

Most Christians enjoy reading the Bible. However, just about everyone who reads the Bible has trouble understanding how all the different names, concepts, dates, numbers, etcetra fit into the overall picture. For people who don't own a study Bible that explains many of these textual references, Paul N. Benware's SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT is a great book to have. The book is very compact and rather small, making it easy to carry around. It's written in modern English and is easy to read. It's full of pictures, charts, and diagrams as well as a brief overview of each book of the Old Testament. Even for those who have a study Bible and are familiar with the Old Testament, SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT is a nice companion piece to have as a reference. After all, you can't always chug Strong's Concordance, a book of Ancient Atlases, and other materials with you everywhere you go. But you can bring along this small companion piece.

Benware's survey of the OT is a little book, with a lot of info. The great thing is that you don't have to wade through paragraphs of information to get useful material. It is colorful; full of charts and summaries; and hits the main points. This is great for someone who wants the main points of each book and a true overview of the OT. If you want lots of deep theological discussion on the OT, this is not the book for you. If you are looking to understand the framework and key points of the OT, it is one of the best on the market.

This book is an easy read and very thoughtfully put together leaving the reader with a clear understanding of the New Testament. Wonderful book...a must read for every believer. Puts the New Testament in context and offers a wealth of details that give clarity and meaning.

This was a fairly easy book to use/read. It provided a strong overview of the New Testament. I would recommend for anyone who is wanting an over of the NT or someone who needs research material for the NT.

I thought the book would be more in depth. I did not realize it was such a small thin book with just the simplest of surveys. It is not what I would have ordered had I had it in my hand to review. I was looking for an extensive New Testament survey.

The book is well written and easy to read. It is an excellent companion to the New Testament in a New Testament studies class.

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