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Review of Zondervan Dictionary of Bible Themes

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songs were included. However, this book is recommended as a supplemental item for libraries that support a strong music collection.

Zondervan Dictionary of Bible Themes: An Accessible and Comprehensive Tool for Topical Studies, by Martin H. Manser, Alister E. McGrath, J. I. Packer, and Donald J. Wiseman. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1999. 1232 pp. \$39.99. ISBN 0-310-20668-5.

Reviewed by Rory Patterson, Reference Librarian, Department of Energy contract, LSSI, Germantown, Maryland.

Martin Manser, the managing editor of the *Zondervan Dictionary of Bible Themes*, also edited the *NIV Thematic Study Bible* and based this dictionary on that work. The dictionary seeks to go beyond traditional lexical works, which are based on single translations, and allow study by theme, of which it has over 2,000. The dictionary can be used in both thematic studies, by listing all occurrences of a theme, and passage studies, where it outlines the ideas in a passage and shows how the ideas are used throughout the Bible. The work might be considered as a cross between Vines and Strongs.

The book contains four sections. First is the orientation section, which includes the "How to use this book" chapter, gives the layout of the book, the abbreviations used, and the classification scheme for the themes. The alphabetical list of themes comes next, and is followed by themes by category, the first large section. These three parts make up the first half of the book. The last half of the volume is the Scripture index. This index goes through the Bible verse by verse and outlines it by themes.

If your library serves classes that deal with Bible studies, the *Zondervan Dictionary of Bible Themes* will be very useful as a reference text. The dictionary can help outline passages, find occurrences of a theme, find a verse when you know the idea of it but not the exact wording, and help win discussions.

Eschatology in Bible & Theology: Evangelical Essays at the Dawn of a New Millennium, edited by Kent E. Brower & Mark W. Elliott. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1999. 341 pp. \$24.99 ISBN 0-8308-1582-1

Reviewed by Freeman Barton, Goddard Library, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, S. Hamilton, Massachusetts.

This book includes sixteen addresses on eschatology, twelve from the United Kingdom (four from Oxford University) and four from the United States. They include many of the addresses read at the third Triennial Plenary Conference of the Tyndale Fellowship. The sixteen are divided into five sections: Biblical theology, Old Testament, New Testament, Christian doctrine, and practical theology. Three deal with the current lively debate about the destiny of unbelievers.

The essays range from the general (G.K. Beale on the centrality of eschatology to the NT) to the specific (D.I. Block on Gog and Magog in Ezekiel 38-39). They range from the heavy going (S. Williams' survey of [non-evangelical] eschatology from 1967-1997) to the more easily readable (R. Bauckham on Moltmann and the millennium). All are serious scholarly works which go much deeper than the popular evangelical fare on eschatology.

A good example is one of the two "practical theology" entries, Howard Peskett's "Missions and Eschatology." Peskett of Trinity College, Bristol, served with the OMF in Singapore for twenty years. He points out that the majority of missionaries are Americans, the majority of whom are premillennialists, of whom a significant proportion are dispensationalists. He traces the missions-eschatology connection through Edwards-Brainerd-Carey-postmillennialism-optimism through Pierson-Bible Conferences-fundamentalism-premillennialism-pessimism to the current mixed state following Carl Henry's *Uneasy Conscience* (1947).

Peskett might more directly draw parallels between prophetic views and mission impetus, although that may be asking more than the evidence makes possible.

With its abundance of footnotes, this is a terrific selection tool for library acquisitions.

Duh-votions: Words of Wisdom for the Spiritually Challenged, by Sue Buchanan. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1999. 189 pp. \$9.99. ISBN 0-310-22865-4

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