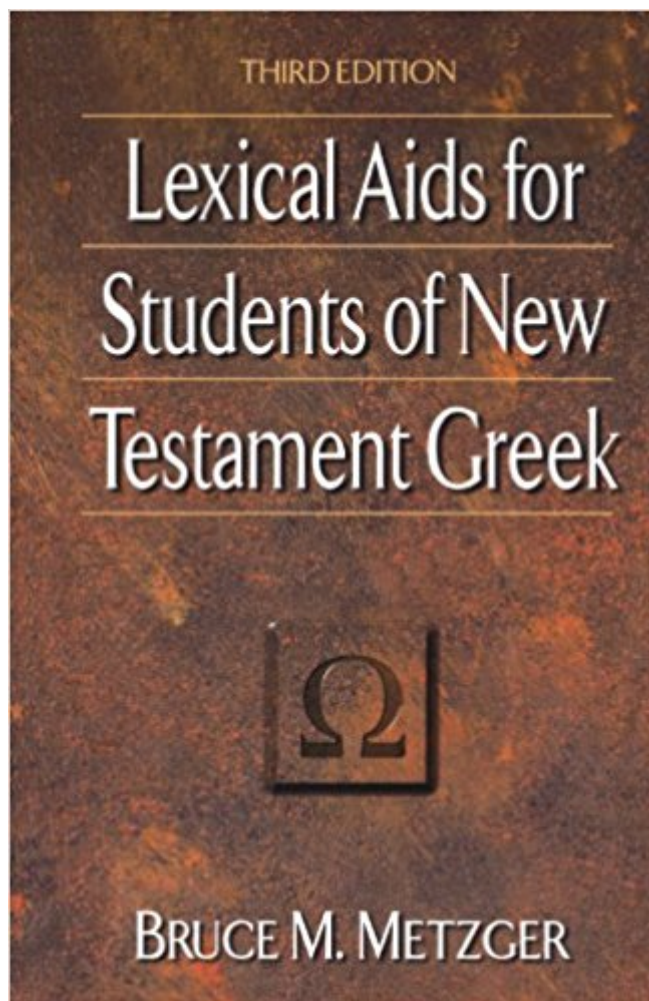


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Bruce M. Metzger is the George L. Collord Professor of New Testament Language and Literature Emeritus at Princeton Theological Seminary. A past president of the Society of Biblical Literature and the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, he has made valuable contributions to the areas of textual criticism, philology, paleography, and translation.

Fascinating must-have for any New Testament/Brit Hadashah readers & studiers...Greek is a very precise language & has affected English with great impact. Therefore, study Greek with me ! Because the original languages that the Bible was written in speaks more loudly than English, no matter the dozens of versions it comes in :) This helps you read the Septuagint (LXX) that was THE Scriptures that Jesus & the apostles read & grew up on, & quoted from. This makes the black & white letters & words come off the page into living form, befitting its relevance to any year of the calender.

I require this book for intermediate and advanced New Testament Greek courses. The first section is very similar to vocab you'll find in Mounce or other beginner Greek textbooks. The strength of Metzger's little book, though, is the section on roots. Once students get the hang of identifying the root of a word, their translating and comprehension will accelerate. The section on roots is worth the price.

This was for years the standard for learning Greek Vocab. The frequency list contains all words occurring more than 10x. It is surpassed in my opinion only by Trenchard's vocab book "Complete Vocabulary Guide to the Greek New Testament". I actually would recommend both, as Metzger's book is very thin and can be taken virtually anywhere. It is a great help in learning Greek vocab especially when accompanied with Bill Mounce's vocabulary flash cards. In light of Trenchard's book, I do not believe that this book is "obsolete". It serves its purpose, which is to help learn the gloss definitions of the words. If you are looking for fuller definitions, for example in 2nd year and beyond, then turn to Trenchard's helpful book.

I bought this book after reading Dr. P.C. Comminos review. This is a gem of a little book. Here's how it's set up: list words by their frequency (from 500 occurrences all the way down to 10), words classified according to their root, Indo-European family of languages (helps you see the big picture), prepositions in composition with verbs, principal parts of important verbs, feminine nouns of the second declension, and an index of Greek words. Yes I got that from the table of contents. Total length of this book is 100 pages. It is inexpensive and comprehensive for its size. A superior product given that it is only 100 pages. You can get this book for under ten dollars. There are few purchases that qualify as "No brainers" in my humble opinion. This is one of those "NO BRAINERS." As a side note if you're learning Greek you should check out Dr. PC Commino's profile. I have found it very informative, and have never been steered wrong by him.

Depending upon the style in which the reader learns best, this book may be a great asset. If you learn via "word association" or by using cognates of words, this will help you tremendously. In most cases, a cognate is listed in the definition, which will enable the reader to associate a modern word to the Greek equivalent. Additionally, words are ordered by root (in the last half of the book) further enabling the student to remember and associate words of like definition. If you learn by any other method, unfortunately, this book will be nothing more than a long list of words. Although it will be of service to you, it will not be the tremendous service to you that it is to word association types. In any

case, a great resource, especially for the price.

This book is absolutely essential for the student of NT Greek, I repeat absolutely essential, as in not books like this... but this exact book. Why you ask? Here's why... The canon of the NT limited in scope and includes a finite range of vocabulary (Only 5446 unique words). While this range is robust, because of its similar subject matter (and the inherent similarity of human linguistic communication) certain words are way more commonly used than others. Metzger (who is the man BTW) organized every word in the NT by order of frequency (not alphabetically- you can buy other books for that for reference). Because of this, if you memorize the first 5-10 lists you can begin to read (or at least recognize) much of the NT. This, coupled with flash cards will make short work of vocabulary study. Source: I took 2 years of Koine Greek while earning my MDiv. This book was such a blessing. Stands out above the rest.

Great list, and very helpful to have the words broken down by frequency. Helps you to prioritize memorizing the most common words rather than the obscure ones.

This book was mandatory for my 3 month NT Greek Intensive course. Glad I had it. The simple layout makes it easy to memorize the words very quickly. The main con is that the definitions aren't very in depth.

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