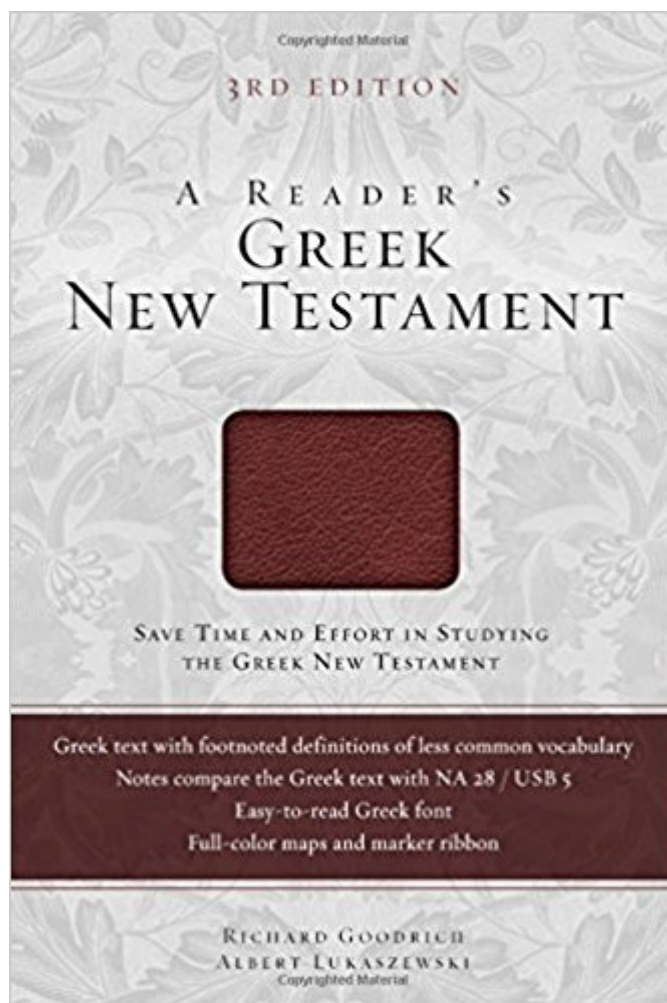


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# A Reader's Greek New Testament: Third Edition



## Synopsis

A Reader's Greek New Testament: Third Edition saves time and effort in studying the Greek New Testament. If a Greek word appears in the New Testament fewer than 30 times, then a definition is provided. This serves as an aid when you encounter less common vocabulary, allowing you to focus on reading, comprehension, parsing, and grammatical issues. You no longer have to interrupt your reading, searching through a lexicon! Featuring a handsome Italian Duo-Tone, cloth binding, A Reader's Greek New Testament: Third Edition is a practical, attractive, and surprisingly affordable resource. Features of this third edition include: footnoted definitions of all words occurring 30 times or less; mini-lexicon of all words occurring more than 30 times; Greek text underlying the New International Version; footnotes comparing the Greek text with the critical text of UBS5/NA28; 4 pages of full-color maps; marker ribbon; and easy-to-read Greek fonts.

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In Biblical Greek class we only learned about 1000 Greek words from Metzger's Word List.

However, to actually read the Greek NT, I have had to drag out my analytical lexicon & declension chart to look up many unfamiliar words, and I usually end up "chasing rabbits" in the process. The Reader's Greek NT greatly speeds up the process! I love it! I have learned many new words in this way. Every serious Greek student needs this book!

Zondervan was kind enough to send me copies of its two most recent editions of the Greek New Testament as exam copies for possible classroom adoption. The "Readers Greek New Testament," now in its third edition, has one fundamental purpose: to facilitate reading extended passages in the Greek New Testament. The top 2/3s of each page (give or take) presents the Greek text itself, while the bottom 1/3 provides glosses for all Greek words on that page that occur in the Greek New Testament 30 times or fewer. The vocabulary in the bottom part of the page is keyed to the text by a footnote referencing system.

What is good about this volume?

1. Most importantly, it encourages reading the NT in Greek. Not dissecting it, not ignoring it, but engaging it in a manner more akin to how one would read one's NT in English. I have to admit that I haven't done enough of this in my professional life, and this slim volume might finally encourage me to read through Acts for no other reason than to read through Acts. The kind of reading this volume encourages is especially important for those just coming out of their courses in biblical Greek in seminary. It is only through much exposure to real literature that all that grammar and syntax will begin to make sense and that your facility to discern when participles have this nuance rather than that nuance (etc.) will become well tuned.
2. The font is clear, if a little small to my overwrought eyes; the book sits comfortably in the hands or lies flat on a desk (with a little spine abuse in Matthew or the General Epistles :)).
3. The glosses provide a range of meanings associated with the Greek word, and not merely a single English equivalent. (This is a major drawback, in my opinion, of the United Bible Society's version of a Readers GNT.) Having a sense of the semantic range is of great value. The resource used for creating these glosses is Warren Trenchard's Lexicon which, while not the scholarly standard (BDAG, LSJ), is certainly a scholarly option.
4. It's really quite inexpensive compared to other Greek New Testaments on the market.

What's neither good nor bad?

1. The Greek text used is not a standard eclectic text (neither the UBS or Nestle-Aland), but a version of the standard text as adapted chiefly by Dr. Gordon Fee to provide the base text for the NIV translation. Of course, I have the utmost respect for Fee's text-critical sensibilities, and the differences from the UBS text are duly noted at the bottom of the page.
2. The edition is really only ideal for reading. There is none of the text-critical information that one typically expects from a print edition of the Greek New Testament; there are not the extensive lists of citations and allusions that are often helpful for beginning to think

about intertexture. No blame for Zondervan for this at all -- the space is used here to serve the stated purpose of this particular edition. What's a bit regrettable? 1. This Reader's Edition does not provide parsings of verb forms. This is an advantage of the UBS edition, and it is the price that one pays for having significant lexical information at the bottom of the page (an advantage of the Zondervan edition). I personally think that, if one must choose, Zondervan made the better choice. 2. The lexical notes run like normal text across the line, making it take just a second longer to find the note that corresponds with the note number in the text. Again, the price of not wasting any white space at the bottom of the page so as to make the necessary room for better lexical information. No blame for Zondervan, just one of those things. One question begs to be raised: how does this print volume compare with using Bible software for the same purpose? On the one hand, reading Acts in BibleWorks or Logos immediately puts other helps under one's mouse -- full parsing, fuller lexical information. If one clicks one or two more times, one is in the BDAG or LSJ really digging into the meaning of a word. A few different clicks and you've done a search on a word to see how Luke uses it throughout his two-volume corpus. Hmm... and you're not actually reading anymore. And you're not puzzling over the forms to figure them out, so that eventually recognizing them becomes instinctive for you. All that to say, while I use Bible software at least as much as I use printed editions of the GNT, it's not necessarily the best medium for every task either. Sitting on the couch with a nice cup of hazelnut coffee and this book for half an hour each morning -- that's actually going to do something for many readers (in terms of their engagement with the Word and their deepening acquisition of the language) that won't happen as well in some other way.

I have purchased the 1st and 2nd Edition of A Reader's Greek New Testament and found it an excellent tool! However, as most who have purchased in Book Form know the one drawback is the Printed Font--Very light and hard to read. So what a surprise when I saw the 3rd Edition out which I had not heard about, and it is available in Kindle! Well, what can I say except Thank you! I have checked it out and it is so much easier to read on Kindle, and yes, Footnotes work well and the 4 maps also are Clear to see. The only drawback for some will be that the Footnotes, of course, are not on the same page but that is no problem for me. However, on the Kindle Voyage the Footnotes are on the bottom of the screen/page! Click on the Number and it goes back to the Text--works very well. Some books on Kindle do not do that very well, sad to say. This uses the NA28/USB5 Greek Text and the Lexicon is there also, as in the 2nd Edition as well as the 4 maps, 2 of which differ. The 1st Edition had neither the Maps or Lexicon. This is from Nov. 2015 but I will keep my 2003 and 2007 for my notes and other markings. Now available on Kindle I can start over with new notes and

add my old ones as I go along. This is a Great Product! Again, I do not have the Book so I cannot comment on whether they improved the Printed Version. I am Ecstatic! Tell others :)

Very good, but i do not like that many verses have been omitted for the text and instead placed on the notes. Nice maps.

I have been an avid user of the print version of this book for nearly 10 years. I also use a similar online tool on my PC. So naturally I was very excited when the Kindle version came out, thinking it would be a great way to use the same tool on my phone or laptop when I don't have the print version or an Internet connection available. I was wrong. The Kindle implementation is very poor. The worst oversight is the lack of chapter divisions in the table of contents. Imagine that you are reading the Gospel of John and you want to skip ahead to chapter 20. You can't go to the table of contents and jump to chapter 20. You have to flip through every page of the book to get there! This makes the Kindle version unusable, and I returned it. Also, for some strange reason the font size changes as you go through the book. This is not as big a nuisance as the table of contents issue, but given that it costs about 3x as much as other Kindle books (it really should cost much less, but I was so excited to get it at all that I paid the price), it is unacceptable. For this price, I was expecting a wing-bang implementation that would delight me and tempt me to use the Kindle version exclusively. Not even close. This doesn't meet the grade.

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