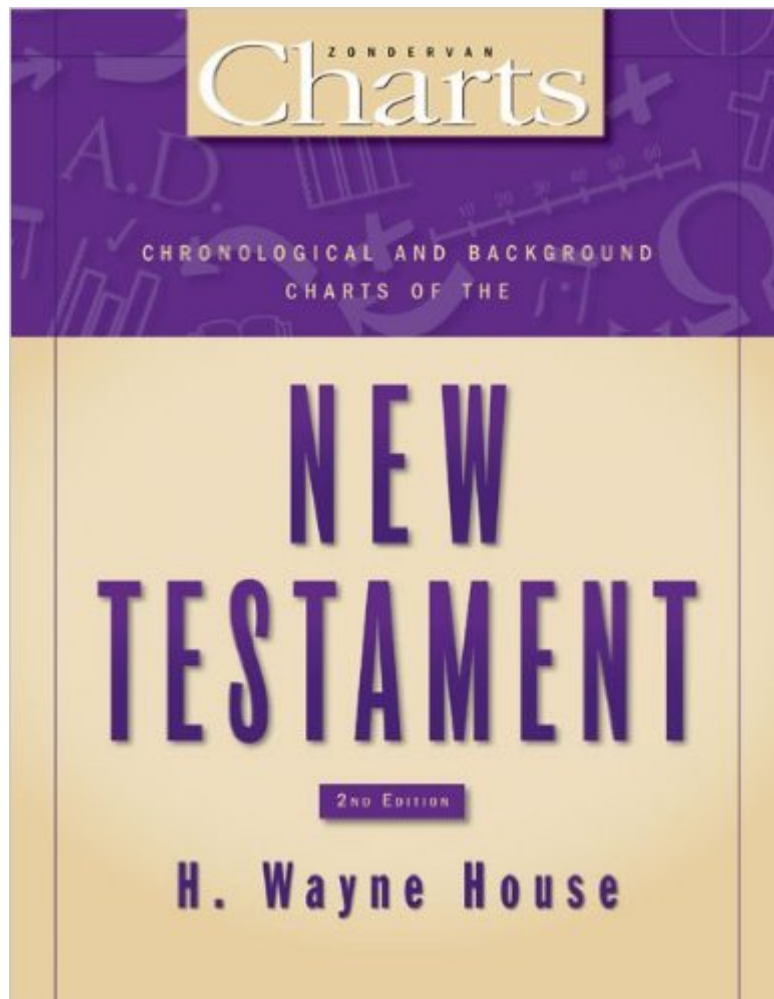


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Synopsis

Students of the New Testament are confronted with a vast amount of information, both biblical and extrabiblical. Chronological and Background Charts of the New Testament helps the student organize and synthesize this material by providing a helpful visual overview of the data, chronology, historical background, and criticism of the New Testament. This format allows facts, relationships, parallels, and contrasts to be grasped quickly and easily. The 90 charts in this updated, expanded edition are divided into four broad categories: general material, backgrounds to the New Testament, the Gospels, and the apostolic age. They cover a wide range of topics, from basic matters such as a chronological list of the books of the New Testament to less familiar subjects such as "The Roman Military System," "Rabbinic Writings," and "The Five Gospels of the Jesus Seminar." This volume is a useful tool for classroom use, for individual study, and as a handy reference.

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Customer Reviews

This is my first review for Zondervan. I must say that they hit a home run with this book. I received it today in the post. I do not normally review a book this quickly, but was curious about this book. I sat down for about an hour poring over the book. The introduction stated that there is an abundance of information available about the New Testament. I must say that they packed much of it into this one. I was amazed at all of the charts that were in the book. I shall list some of them here: Political

and Religious Leaders
First Century Emperors, Prefects, Rulers in Judea, and in Israel
Roman Emperors in NT Times
The Ptolemies
The Seleucids
The Maccabees
The High Priests
and more
General Material
The Books of the NT (arranged according to the time of writing as well as charts on the doctrinal and literary classification of various books).
Weights and Measures
NT quotations of OT passages
The Gospels
Literary relationship of the Synoptics
A comparative chart of the four gospels
The five gospels of the Jesus Seminar
The Apostolic Age
Information about Acts
Paul's Journeys
Chronological charts of the Apostolic age
The Pauline epistles
Hebrews
Revelation
Various perspectives on Revelation
The list of charts goes on and on, it seems.
The charts deal with everything from the secular history of the times to the history of the NT books.
I can see how this work would be very useful to any careful student of the NT. It is a good resource. It is also easy to read. The font is easy on the eyes, and the layout is not overly cluttered.
I highly recommend it.

This book of charts is part of a series covering the Old Testament, the New Testament, Church History, Christian Doctrine, Philosophy, etc.
Of the several that I have, I would rate this as one of the better titles. Dr. House, while obviously an evangelical, bordering on being a fundamentalist, is sound and even-handed when dealing with various differences in timetables, chronologies, opinions, etc. about New Testament history and doctrine.
There is a little bit of Protestant "digging" against Catholic understandings of New Testament doctrines etc., but nothing too objectionable.
This would be a good book for the "informed layman" or for a church library. In fact, it's a good introduction to the New Testament for adult Christian education.
But it is not without its flaws, and that needs to be realized in advance by clergy of differing backgrounds.

It all depends on what you are looking for. I was disappointed that House takes a very traditional view on authorship and dating of NT books, asserting that the four gospels were written by the men for whom they are named, and that all the traditionally Pauline epistles were written by Paul. That being said, he does have charts near the end of the book that lay out arguments, in objective fashion, pro and con for these traditional authors. It's hard for me to imagine finding a personal use for most of his charts. Still, their creation does represent a significant achievement, and they most certainly would be useful to some readers.

This book is a great teaching resource that is filled with various charts and graphs that help readers and students easily learn the New Testament. This work was most helpful when I was studying and

researching the synoptic problem. It is filled with about four or five different graphs that illustrate the various views of the synoptic problem, as well as the content of each of the synoptic Gospels. I am working on developing curriculum for a New Testament survey class, and I wouldn't dare develop such curriculum without utilizing this text as a reference work for it. For the most part, the author uses a very conservative dating system, but also demonstrates some of the more liberal dating methodologies that are prevalent in the scholarly world at present. I highly recommend this, and think that it should be a part of every New Testament student's library. Blessings in Christ! Michael Harbuck Byron Georgia

Okey, I have to repeat what I said about the Old Testament version and this one. These are great study tools! I purchased these back in college. Loved them then and even now! Definitely a must for any library. Excellent format, charts, clear explanations, etc. If you don't get it for yourself, get it for your kids. They definitely need visual aids to get anything anyways! The others in this series are great too.

Obviously, this is a reference book, not one you would sit down and read. At the same time, it has a number of interesting facts not readily available. I am teaching from the book of Acts, and this book has a chronological chart chapter by chapter. I like the background material for the books of the Bible. I will admit that the book tends toward the conservative side, but it gives accurate information about alternative views, sometimes side-by-side arguments. I highly recommend it.

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