

## **Using *Documents and Images* for the Study of Paul in a Class on Paul, His Thought, and His Letters: Some Suggestions**

- I. Use *Documents and Images* as a solo textbook alongside Paul's letters and the book of Acts.** This approach allows for more inductive study of the letters and Acts focused on particular questions (see below).

### ***Documents and Images***

### **Biblical Readings and Topics**

#### Introduction

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| 1. Paul's Self-Presentation                 | <i>Read Acts; note the portrayal of Paul.</i>  |
| 2. Paul's Gospel and Paul's Letters         | 1 Thess., Gal.: <i>how does Paul describe himself? What does he expect believers to know—about himself, about God?</i> |
| 3. The Gospel of Augustus                   | Phil.: <i>How does Paul's Christ compare with Augustus?</i>  |
| 4. Paul's People: Israel                    | Rom.: <i>What does Paul want his readers to understand about Jews?</i>   |
| 5. Paul's Communities: the <i>Ekklesiai</i> | 2 Cor., Phm.: <i>What behaviors does Paul seek in his churches?</i>  |
| 6. Paul's Legacy                            | Eph., 1 Tim., Titus: <i>How are "later" letters different?</i>   |

- II. Use *Documents and Images* together with an assortment of other resources** (consult the For Further Reading lists at the end of each chapter in *Documents and Images* for ideas).

### **Elliott and Reasoner, *Documents and Images* (Fortress)**

### **Other resources:**

#### Introduction

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|---|---|
| 1. Paul's Self-Presentation                 | On Paul and popular philosophy                                      |
| 2. Paul's Gospel and Paul's Letters         | On letter writing; Hellenistic religions                            |
| 3. The Gospel of Augustus                   | On the Roman Empire and imperial ideology                           |
| 4. Paul's People: Israel                    | On Judaism in the Greco-Roman world                                 |
| 5. Paul's Communities: the <i>Ekklesiai</i> | On gender, slavery, and Jewish relations with non-Jews              |
| 6. Paul's Legacy                            | On the rise of early Christianity and early interpretations of Paul |

**III. Use *Documents and Images* along with another book that introduces Paul and his letters.** Here are possible correlations between chapters in our book and chapters in some leading introductory textbooks.

**Roetzel, *Paul's Letters: Conversations in Context*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. (W/JKP)**

Introduction

1. Paul and His World
2. Anatomy of the Letters;
3. Traditions behind the Letters
4. The Letters as Conversations
5. Paul and His Myths
6. First Interpreters of Paul
7. Currents and Cross-Currents

**Keck, *Paul and His Letters*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Fortress)**

Introduction

*Part I: The Quest for the Historical Paul*

1. Paul the Problem
2. The Theology of Paul and the Theology of the Letters

*Part II: The Gospel Paul Preached*

3. The Pivotal Event
4. The Salvific Response
5. The Deeper Logic of Paul's Gospel

*Part III: What Paul Fought For*

6. Dimensions of Trust
7. Spirit and Body
8. The Moral Integrity of God and the Human Situation

Appendix: Paul's Theology in Historical Criticism

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Introduction

- chap. 1, Paul's Self-Presentation; parts of chap. 3, The Gospel of Augustus
- chap. 2, Paul's Gospel and Paul's Letters
- chap. 5, Paul's Communities: the *Ekklesiai*
- parts of chap. 3, The Gospel of Augustus, and chap. 4, Paul's People: Israel
- chap. 6, Paul's Legacy

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- chap. 2, Paul's Gospel and Paul's Letters
- chap. 3, The Gospel of Augustus, and chap. 4, Paul's People: Israel
- chap. 5, Paul's Communities: the *Ekklesiai*

**Wright, *Paul in Fresh Perspective*  
(Fortress)**

*Part I: Themes*

1. Paul's World, Paul's Legacy
2. Creation and Covenant
3. Messiah and Apocalyptic
4. Gospel and Empire

*Part II: Structures*

5. Rethinking God
6. Reworking God's People
7. Reimagining God's Future
8. Jesus, Paul, and the Task of the Church

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