

*Scripture Index to the New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology and Index to Selected Extra-biblical Literature.* By David Townsley and Russell Bjork. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1985, 320 pp., n.p. paper.

The age of the computer has made the preparation of an index such as this a much more economical task than it once was, and users of the *NIDNTT* will be very grateful. The first 263 pages are given over to a Scripture index. From p. 265 to the end of the book, indexes are provided for OT apocryphal and pseudepigraphical literature, QL, some Jewish Hellenistic writings, some early Christian literature, and references to the Mishna and the Babylonian Talmud. The final two pages are lists of *errata*. A dagger following an entry alerts the reader to check the *errata*; an asterisk following an entry indicates that different versification exists among the versions or between one of the versions of the MT.

The book is well printed, well bound, and obviously useful. My chief criticism is the decision to include all page references in exactly the same typeface, regardless of whether the Biblical or other reference in question occurs in a context where substantial comment is made. Of course to indicate those page numbers where substantive comment occurs by using a device like italicized numbers necessarily involves the authors in a certain amount of subjectivity and considerably more work. But from the user's perspective it is tedious to track down endless references of marginal usefulness. In short, we are grateful for a helpful book, but we would have been much more grateful if the extra energy had been expended to make this a much more useful tool.

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