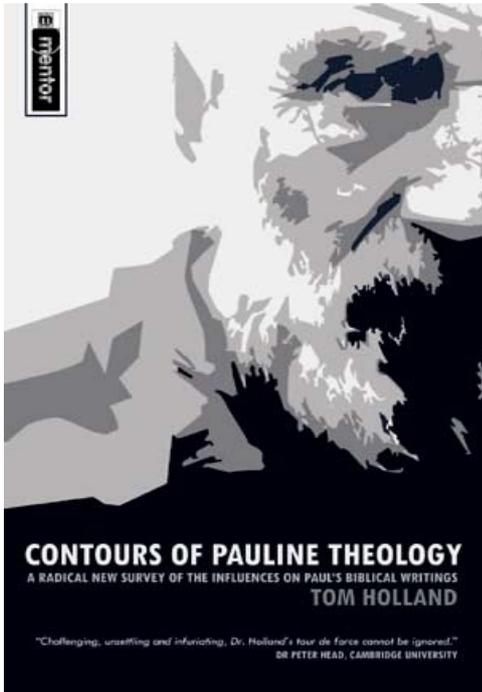


Introducing a major new work on Pauline Theology



‘Dr. Holland provides a timely emphasis on the corporate and communal structures of Paul's thinking as well as on its roots in the Old Testamentit provides a fresh and useful treatment of Pauline theology, and many of its arguments offer corrections to widespread misunderstandings of Paul’.

Anthony C. Thiselton, Emeritus Professor of Christian Theology in Residence, University of Nottingham, and Research Professor, University of Chester]
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‘There is a remarkable thesis being presented here that demands scholarly attention....

He has certainly produced a strong argument for a much greater influence of Passover typology than has generally been thought to be the case, and his arguments for the atoning sacrificial understanding of the original Passover sacrifice powerfully support the case argued by J. Jeremias and L. Morris...

Dr Holland has produced a stimulating volume which deserves the most careful scrutiny from New Testament students. It is a remarkably fresh and creative study which makes one re-think familiar passages in new ways’.

Prof I H Marshall,
Aberdeen University,
Evangelical Quarterly

‘Having watched Dr Holland developing his ideas over a period of several years, I am thrilled that his work is now available to a wider public. All who are interested in Paul's theology will discover much that is stimulating and provocative here. He develops in detail his view that the Exodus events provide the vocabulary and imagery for much of what the apostle wishes to say about Christ, his salvation and his people. Apart from his novel interaction with the so-called “new perspective”, many will be fascinated by his work showing the influence of Passover themes in Paul's

understanding of Christ as “first born”, and in his theology of justification, covenant inclusion, baptism, etc. I warmly commend this work’.

Dr. Paul D. Gardner
(Archdeacon of Exeter)

‘It is refreshing to read something radically new in such a popular area as Pauline studies. So often what promised new perspectives, new insights, turns out not to be essentially different. Tom Holland's original and creative approach to Paul does not fall into this category.

Here Paul is not the innovator of Christian doctrine- he received his theological model from his Jewish upbringing in which he was taught that Yahweh would bring about the promised New Exodus. Paul came to realize that this had been inaugurated by the paschal death of Christ. Thus Holland maintains that there existed a common hermeneutical model for both Judaism and the New Testament church i.e. the New Exodus. Justification is not a declaration of being in the covenant, but refers back to the creation of a covenant between Yahweh and His people. This view of justification fits in with Paul's doctrine of corporate baptism, the washing of the believing community accomplished by the Spirit through the death of Christ. Paul's theology is not individualistic, but corporate, so it is believers collectively as the church and not the believer's individual body which comprise the temple of the Holy Spirit. I anticipate that if it finds acceptance, the proposals of this book should provide a timely and fruitful alternative to some of the theological emphases that have guided the church for too long’.

Dr. William S. Campbell
Reader in Biblical Studies
Department of Theology and Religious Studies
University of Wales, Lampeter.

‘In his *Contours of Pauline Theology* Dr Holland argues forcefully that the main contours of Paul’s thought can only be understood when we understand Paul as an exegete and theologian of the Old Testament, with the hoped-for New Exodus, now fulfilled in Christ, at the centre of his reading strategy. This approach finds corporate and covenantal themes to lie at the very heart of Paul’s concerns. In constant critical engagement with the whole range of contemporary scholarship Holland maps out for himself and his readers new ways of understanding Paul and offers new insights into a range of absolutely vital issues from justification to Christology, and new insights into Pauline texts from Romans to Colossians. Challenging, unsettling and infuriating Dr Holland’s tour de force cannot be ignored’.

Dr Peter Head,
Lecturer in Theology,
University of Cambridge, UK.

‘Dr. Tom Holland of the Evangelical Theological College of Wales has produced a significant contribution to the discussion of Pauline theology. He presents a Paul whose thinking is rooted in the Old Testament scriptures and developed within the framework of covenantal relationship. The two major lenses through which Paul's letters must be viewed are a "New Exodus" paradigm and a corporate reading of the texts. When these lenses are used, it is clear that Paul's theology is in full agreement with the teachings of Jesus and the other New Testament authors. Along the way, many of the new vectors in Pauline theology are explored and critiqued. Whether or not everyone will agree with Dr. Holland's conclusions, all serious New Testament scholars must engage his evidence and his arguments in considering *The Contours of Pauline Theology*’.

Dr. John D. Harvey
Associate Professor of New Testament and Greek
Columbia Biblical Seminary & School of Missions, USA

‘Holland mounts a sustained critique of new perspective understandings of justification and approaches the issue in a fresh and convincing way that posits justification as a creative, and not declarative, act with respect to the question of covenant membership.

This is a valuable and provocative study full of broad-brush big ideas and some very important concerns. Holland is surely correct to point to the Old Testament scriptures as our primary source for understanding Paul's thought. He may also be right in pushing us to consider the more corporate aspects of Paul's thinking. Much of what he says concerning the Passover background rings true for not only Paul but also the rest of the New Testament and bears careful consideration.’

Dr Bill Salier
The Reformation Theological Review 65:1 (April, 2006)

‘Holland's book will greatly help us to a better understanding of Paul and will hopefully trigger much fruitful scholarly debate.’

Dr Christian Stettler
Visiting Fellow
University of Cambridge UK.

‘It should be compulsory reading for any who feel in any way seduced by the arguments of either liberal or 'New Perspective' theologians on the origins and content of Paul's theology. It presents compelling evidence that Paul's theology was thoroughly rooted in the Old Testament.’

Robert Strivens,
The Banner of Truth

‘This is certainly radical and it boldly pushes forward an idea that has not really been discussed in Pauline scholarship.’

Dr Tan Kim Huat,
Trinity Theological Journal

‘a welcome and important contribution to the controversial area of Pauline theology.’

Bill James,
Reformation Today

‘*Contours of Pauline Theology* is a valuable tool for those in the Messianic movement who want to understand the New Testament, and those in the wider body of Messiah who are confused because they have been taught to read a thoroughly Jewish book through Greek lenses.’

Richard Gibson,
Chai Magazine

‘The strengths of the book are its robust challenge to many scholarly presuppositions and an impetus to new research on Paul’s debt to the Old Testament...There is much that is very good and stimulating in this book.’

Dr Anthony Bash,
European Journal of Theology

‘he has pointed to an interesting and important motif in the OT, in early Judaism and in Paul’s theology, which needs to be studied more systematically and in depth. Many of his challenges of recent scholarship on Paul and suggestions of his own are worth pondering.’

Dr Christoph Stenschke,
Themelios

‘Those who would seek to discredit Pauline theology will appreciate Holland's scholarship and the sound arguments on Paul's behalf. Those who ascribe to Paul as an apostle of Jesus Christ will appreciate Holland's apologetic prowess and find Paul's Jewish hermeneutic illuminating.’

The American Journal of Biblical Theology

‘Holland.'s book deserves attention.’

Dr Craig A. Evans,
Catholic Biblical Quarterly

‘I am thankful to Dr. Holland for he has renewed my desire to study Paul’s writings and to understand afresh the glorious gospel that animated the life and ministry of this apostle.’

Dr Peter Misselbrook,
Evangelicals Now

‘If Tom Holland’s conclusions are accepted, then it would mean a radical rethinking in the way we approach some of the well-known passages of Paul’s letters.’

Philip Eveson,
Evangelical Times

‘Generally speaking, conservative Reformed criticisms of the new perspective on Paul strike me as lackluster and predictable. That cannot be said, however, of Tom Holland’s new book, which is bound to shake loose some long-standing presuppositions in Pauline studies.

His interpretation of key texts throughout 1 Corinthians and Romans involves the most vigorous argument for a corporate dimension of Pauline theology that I’ve seen.

Holland’s book raises enough questions about traditional assumptions to clear the way for groundbreaking research, and his approach does allow for a rigorous re-examination of the degree to which Paul is indebted to texts like Isaiah and the Pentateuch.’

Mark Mattison,
The Paul Page

‘The present reviewer, an Old Testament specialist, finds Holland’s arguments as largely compelling and would suggest that Holland has re-integrated the faith of Old and New Testaments in a manner that serves effectively to emphasise the unity of Scripture.’

Dr Stephen Dray,
Evangel

‘The new perspective has both helpful insights and troubling implications – so we should do our best to reflect on it. To this end, Holland’s book has been one of the best helps I have come across. It is readable, scholarly, imaginative and stimulating. All in one book!’

‘...if you want to catch up with the contemporary debate and have a lot of new ideas to think about then this is a must read. Holland offers evangelical theology at its best – responding to errors and also forcing us to rethink our traditional understandings.’

Dr Chris Sinkinson,
Congregational Concern

This is an important book, raising issues beyond its own restricted themes. Pastors and teachers, and all concerned that our faith be the genuine article, would do well to invest in the cost of acquiring this book and in the effort needed to assimilate its contents.

Dr. S. Westcott,
'British Church Newspaper' (10 December 2004)

'This is a book to be placed in the hands of serious academics, Jewish or Christian, who are interested in Pauline studies and the relationship between Christianity and Judaism.'

David Bond,
Laussane Consultation on Jewish Evangelism

'the bibliography is formidable. The writing is plain and accessible and the case is made with attractive clarity.'

Leslie Houlden,
Contact

'*Contours of Pauline Theology* is an important and brilliant book. I recommend it to all prospective students of theology to read and study before they go to university.'

Mike Moore,
Christian Witness to Israel

'The strength of Holland's book is that it presents a forthright case for viewing Paul's soteriology in corporate terms and seeing Paul as a very Jewish thinker.'

Dr Michael Bird,
Review of Biblical Literature

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