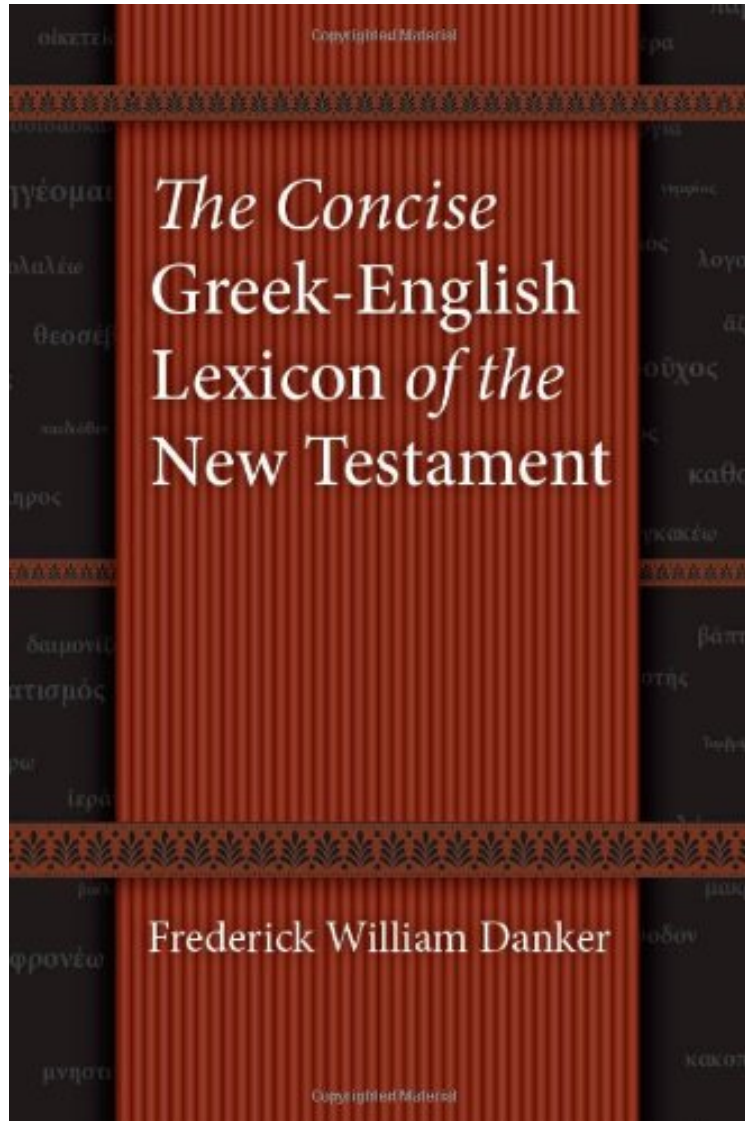


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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Surprising detailsBy Philip J. BohlkenI have used the bound version of Wilbur Gingrich's abridged edition of the original Bauer: Arndt Gingrich for 45 years during my reading of the Greek New Testament. (I am halfway through my 14th cover-to-cover reading of the Nestle text.) Now I have a Greek Bible on my Kindle and wanted a lexicon on the Kindle for at least the New Testament, too. In comparison to Wilbur

Gingrich, Danker does not just give the meaning of word and cite some references where it is used, but he also adds flavors from its usage in all manner of Greek literature to make its meaning much more vivid. As a quick example, 'apokrima' is not just a death sentence, but is used in official documents for an imperial response or verdict, a judicial decision in which death is the verdict. As is, this volume is not easy to navigate on the Kindle. One reviewer suggested searching for the passage being read. That works in some cases, but this lexicon does not list every occurrence of a word and would not work in every case. I took some time to make an index to Kindle location numbers using the first two letter combinations and mail it to my Kindle electronically. For example, alpha begins at location 86 and includes words beginning with alpha - beta. Words beginning with alpha - gamma begin at location 95. Words beginning with alpha - delta begin at location 184. I have my index on my Kindle as both a Word document and a PDF. The Word document gives a more readable font size. The PDF version preserves the Greek fonts rather than making them the English alphabet. I can usually enlarge the PDF file enough to read my index. If a word is in the alpha - gamma section, I look at the rest of the word and guess if it is likely to be a third of the way or half of the way or three-fourths of the way through and choose a location number accordingly. So far, I have found I need only scroll four or five screen pages to get to the word's entry in the lexicon. It may be a little slower than using a bound lexicon, but it works pretty well for those times when I have only my Kindle. Danker's little lexicon contains much more information than the Gingrich version I have used all of these years. Had I realized that, I would have bought Danker's lexicon much earlier, but, I would not have it on my Kindle. If you would like my index to the Kindle version of Danker's lexicon, leave a comment with your e-mail address. Spell out the 'at' and the 'dot' with (at) and (dot) so the e-mail address prints in your comment. 21 of 21 people found the following review helpful. Darrell Sutton on Danker's Concise Greek English Lexicon of the New Testament By Darrell Sutton \*Full disclosure: I am the harmless drudge Mr. Johnson spoke of centuries ago. For I read the whole of the text's 390 pages. Also, Dr. Danker was kind enough to read over an early draft of an article I published on the text-critic, A.E. Housman some time ago and offered some astute criticisms. Prof. Danker's recent lexical edition amasses thousands of notes critical information. Aside from his labors in lexicography, Dr. Danker is also a well read classicist who is well acquainted with ancient Greco-Roman literature--having completed his doctoral work in the area of "classics" at the University of Chicago many, many years ago. This edition is a handsome volume, striking in its style/composition and easy to handle; the volume is weighted down with treasures of information which will uniquely equip both scholar and educated layman. The brief preface of four pages outlines Danker's major goals. It also mentions a few of the principles which have governed his thought for many years: (1) no definition should be restricted or restrained by the boundaries of English grammatical features; (2) the reader/scholar is to be a participant in the developing trends which mark out a word's meaning. Readers of both, the traditional Greek text and critical Greek text will find a suitable standby in this book. Although it is smaller than his larger lexicon, this is not an abridged text. It is wholly new, and all the expert scholarship within attests to this point the further along one reads. Lovers of antiquity will enjoy the mini-historical nuggets scattered throughout. All the paginated strata is arranged succinctly--with boldfaced scripture references which offset the extended definitions--and contains precise etymological data. A genuine student of scripture will need to keep this volume close by, the scholar will use it as an authoritative source of comment, and the skeptic too will find a volume filled with direct answers to his or her many critical questions. Furthermore each page overflows with a reverence for defining ancient Greek words accurately and in their own contexts. As with any text, revision will one day be needed, but until then, we now have an edition which helps settle lexical issues. There are a number of interesting Greek dictionaries on the market these days. Still some are 'lightweight' in many critical matters. However, Danker's smaller lexicon weighs a ton when a judicious comparison is made. Darrell Sutton (pastor-scholar) Red Cloud, NE 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Totally Functional for the NT. By B. Marold The Concise Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, by Frederick William Danker is the great editor's abbreviated version of his modern standard 3rd edition of "A Greek - English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature" (BDAG), which can cost over \$150, discounted on . Unlike so many of my other reviews, I will stick to the bare facts. I have the "big" lexicon, which I used for the first semester Koine Greek, at home. When for the second semester, it was necessary to bring a lexicon to class, I picked this one (even though I have two other small Greek lexicons). The long and the short of it is that this volume did everything I needed for a 1 semester course in NT Reading. It contains every word used in the NT, and it includes references in the NT to where each variation in meaning occurs. It also includes cross referenced items for principle parts of Greek verbs. For example, it will have an entry for "gnosomai", as the future middle form of "ginosko" (I become). Some other concise lexicons take a different approach. Warren Trenchard's Cambridge Lexicon, for example, gives all the principle parts under the primary lexical form. But if you don't know the primary lexical form, you may have a lot of detective work ahead of you to find it. There is an older, Shorter Lexicon, by Gingrich and Danker costing only \$32 on , but it would not have been based on the 3rd (latest) edition of big "BADG". The less expensive edition was recommended by my Greek instructor, but I would be inclined to go the extra \$20 for the more up to date release.

Frederick William Danker, a world-renowned scholar of New Testament Greek, is widely acclaimed for his 2000 revision of Walter Bauer's A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature. With

more than a quarter of a million copies in print, it is considered the finest dictionary of its kind. Dankers Concise Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament will prove to be similarly invaluable to ministers, seminarians, translators, and students of biblical Greek. Unlike other lexica of the Greek New Testament, which give only brief glosses for headwords, The Concise Greek-English Lexicon offers extended definitions or explanations in idiomatic English for all Greek terms. Each entry includes basic etymological information, short renderings, information on usage, and plentiful biblical references. Greek terms that could have different English definitions, depending on context, are thoughtfully keyed to the appropriate passages. An overarching aim of The Concise Greek-English Lexicon is to assist the reader in recognizing the broad linguistic and cultural context for New Testament usage of words. The Concise Greek-English Lexicon retains all the acclaimed features of A Greek-English Lexicon in a succinct and affordable handbook, perfect for specialists and nonspecialists alike.

Danker (emer., Lutheran School of Theology) has been widely acclaimed as the editor of A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature (3rd ed., 2000), a revision of an earlier work by Walter Bauer. This new volume can only enhance Danker's renown in the academic world. Greek professors and students will be grateful for this volume, which incorporates all the features of a lexicon in a succinct handbook. Its size makes it appropriate for daily classroom use. The preface provides a splendid overview of the new directions Danker takes with this lexicon. Rather than presenting brief glosses for headwords, as other Greek New Testament lexica do, this volume provides extended definitions in idiomatic English for many Greek terms. Danker encourages users to formulate alternative renderings while keeping the extended definition as the governing agent. Irregular verb forms listed in bold type as headwords are especially useful for students. Entries include the headword, brief etymological data, extended definitions, short renderings, usage in specific passages, and an abundance of scriptural references. Organization of the data gives users easy access to rich resources. Skilled design in the page layout has resulted in an attractive, aesthetically pleasing, user-friendly volume. This lexicon will take its place alongside other standard Greek reference works. . . . Highly recommended.