

## THE MANY WORLDS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. Please read pages 15-40 in **Introducing the New Testament**. According to the authors in 2.1, what are the three nuances of the world of the New Testament? Why are these important for our interpretation of NT passages?
2. What influences did Hellenism (2.2.1) have in the world in which the NT writings took their shape?
3. What influences did the Roman Empire have on the NT world?
4. What influence did Jewish identity have on the NT writings?
5. Who were the Pharisees?
6. Who were the Sadducees?
7. Who were the Essenes?
8. Who were the people of the “Fourth Philosophy”?

