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BIBLE & TREATY: MISSIONARIES AMONG THE MĀORI - A NEW PERSPECTIVE is a complex and colourful adventure of faith, bravery, perseverance and betrayal that seeks to recover lost connections in the story of modern New Zealand.

It brings a fresh perspective to the missionary story, from the lead-up to Samuel Marsden's first sermon on New Zealand soil, and the intervening struggle for survival and understanding, to the dramatic events that unfolded around the Treaty of Waitangi and the disillusionment that led to the Land Wars in the 1860s.

While some missionaries clearly failed to live up to their high calling, the majority committed their lives to Māori and were instrumental in spreading Christianity, brokering peace between warring tribes, and promoting literacy – publishing, for instance, the first indigenous-language Bible in the Southern Hemisphere.

This highly readable account shines a new light on the ever-evolving business of New Zealand's early history.

Keith Newman is available for interview



Keith Newman is an award-winning journalist, with over 30 years' experience. He has won a number of industry awards, including TUANZ Journalist of the Year, Qantas Media Awards' Best Technical Magazine Feature Writer (2004), and Best Produced Music Feature (2007) for Radio New Zealand National's four-part Blerta Years series, which he wrote, produced and narrated.

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