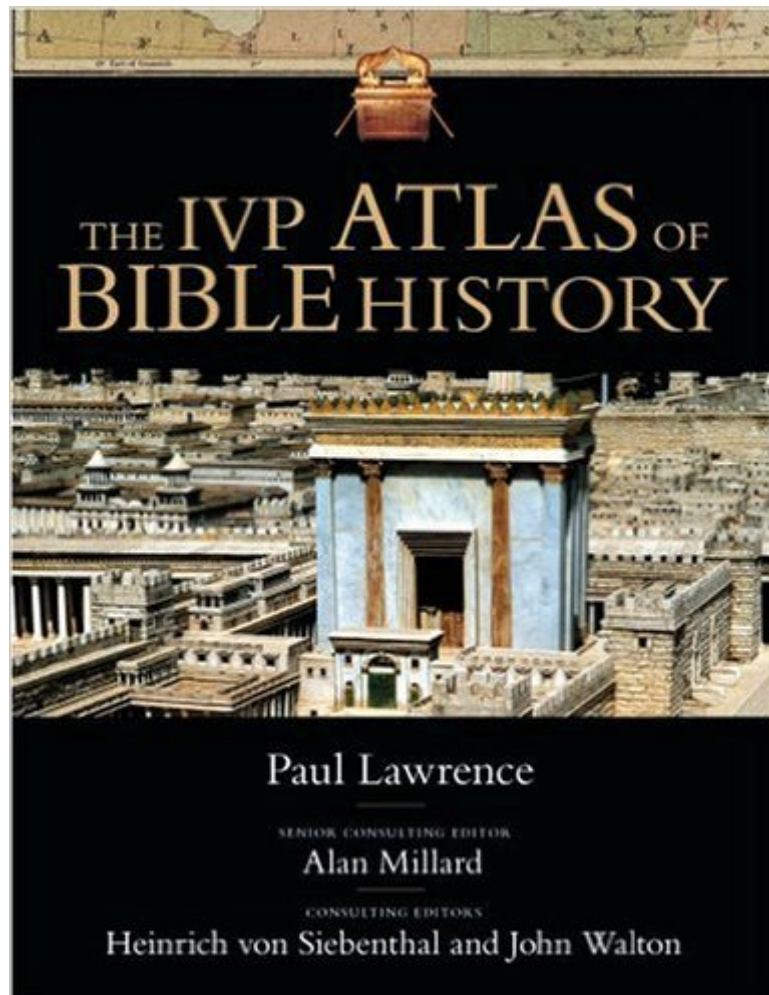


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# The IVP Atlas Of Bible History



## Synopsis

A 2007 ECPA Christian Book Award Winner! Taking a narrative approach, The IVP Atlas of Bible History draws you into the rich resources available today on the Bible's history, geography and archaeology. The many maps, photographs, drawings and reconstructions on every page help you see for yourself what the people of Bible times saw and did. The Atlas presents the latest findings in history and archaeology in a readable style that will appeal to anyone wanting to know more about the history of the Bible. The world of the Bible deals with more than the modern state of Israel. Almost half of the events in the Bible are set outside this territory, and much of the Bible is addressed to people in other lands. Thus this atlas covers the world of the Bible, stretching from Spain to Iran, from Yemen to northern Greece. Trade widened these horizons even further to include India and possibly China and the east coast of Africa. The history of the Bible is played out on the stages of Egypt, Rome, Babylon and Persia. Many of the places in the ancient world are still important today, like Jerusalem, Damascus and Athens. These all play their role in the story that has shaped the imaginations and dreams of peoples and nations for centuries. All this, and more, is found in the pages of this enlightening, wonderful book.

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Every Christian library needs good pictorial reference works explaining Bible geography and history. This volume is a large-size hardback with remarkable color illustrations and photographs. The presentation is traced chronologically through the Bible, and is not limited to Palestine, because forty percent of Bible history occurs outside this area. The history begins with creation and travels all

the way through the spread of Christianity. Showing the interaction between history, geography, and theology, the editors interweave charts, maps, photographs, and items from archaeology into a user-friendly resource that both teaches and delights. The text gets right to the point in explaining the historical events. There are numerous pictures of familiar sites that have been shot with fresh camera angles, giving visual delight to well-known places. All told, there are 100 maps, 20 panoramic reconstructions, and 140 photographs. This volume is sure to be used and enjoyed, and in so doing, Biblical history will come alive for the reader. Highly recommended.

I bought this book for a class I was taking in Biblical Archeology and Geography and I couldn't be more pleased with it. The author clearly knows his material. The book is filled with facts and summaries not only of the Bible, but other belief systems of that time as well. The pictures, maps, and graphs included within the book give you a glimpse of what life may have been like for the people of the Ancient Near Eastern countries. This is an educational book without that boring feeling that you are stuck in a history class!

This atlas takes a narrative approach and uses information from history, geography and archaeology from a span of some 2,000 years. Nearly 100 maps (using both miles and kilometers) and over 100 photographs, plus site plans and reconstructions are included. All of Biblical history from Abraham to the spread of Christianity and topics from creation to the Book of Revelation are covered. What I especially like about this atlas is that specific topics (e.g., "United Israelite Monarchy") are generally treated on facing pages. Thus, it is not necessary to flip pages to consult the maps, photos, biblical references, and sometimes site reconstructions that are essential elements of the topic being treated. Likewise, the biblical references are, for the most part, grouped together in a box labeled "Key" on one of the two pages. In summation, this atlas is very informative or user-friendly. Even if you have an atlas, this would be a good addition to your collection!

This atlas is an invaluable resource for any serious study of the bible. Care in incorporating the latest scholarship along with large full color topographical maps, chronological charts and brilliant pictures bring the geography and historicity of bible to life. If you thought atlases were just about maps, you are mistaken. 3D cutout of battlefield terrain, satellite maps, breathtaking aerial photographs, archeological schematics and artist renditions of cities all add valuable visual input and vastly enhances the geographical perspective in the study of the bible. Organized to be read alongside Genesis to Revelation, it also has a substantial section covering the Intertestamental

developments as well. Not a coffee table book but valuable tool in any student, pastor or bible teacher's library.

The Atlas of Bible History was one that I ordered for a homebound student when the classroom teacher could not spare one for the student to use at home. The book arrived quickly and was in excellent condition.

This is one of the most beautiful Bibles. The cover is very lovely brown with gold edged pages. It was bought for and given to my son-in-law. It was an item from his wish list and he was very pleased.

I really like this book!! It is head and shoulders better than the usual Bible atlases, with excellent general, archaeological, meteorological and geological details. It encompasses a broad span of time, from creation to the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in 70 ad. Great large format pictures, too. This is comparable in quality to the Operation World series from IVP in print, or the more highly detailed DVD pro version, although these are views into every nation in the world, not just the Holy Land. Rick B, Chicagoland

Beautiful photos and descriptions! You'll pick up this book over and over again to see for yourself, for research or just to show family and friends. This book will stay on your coffee table...mine does!

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