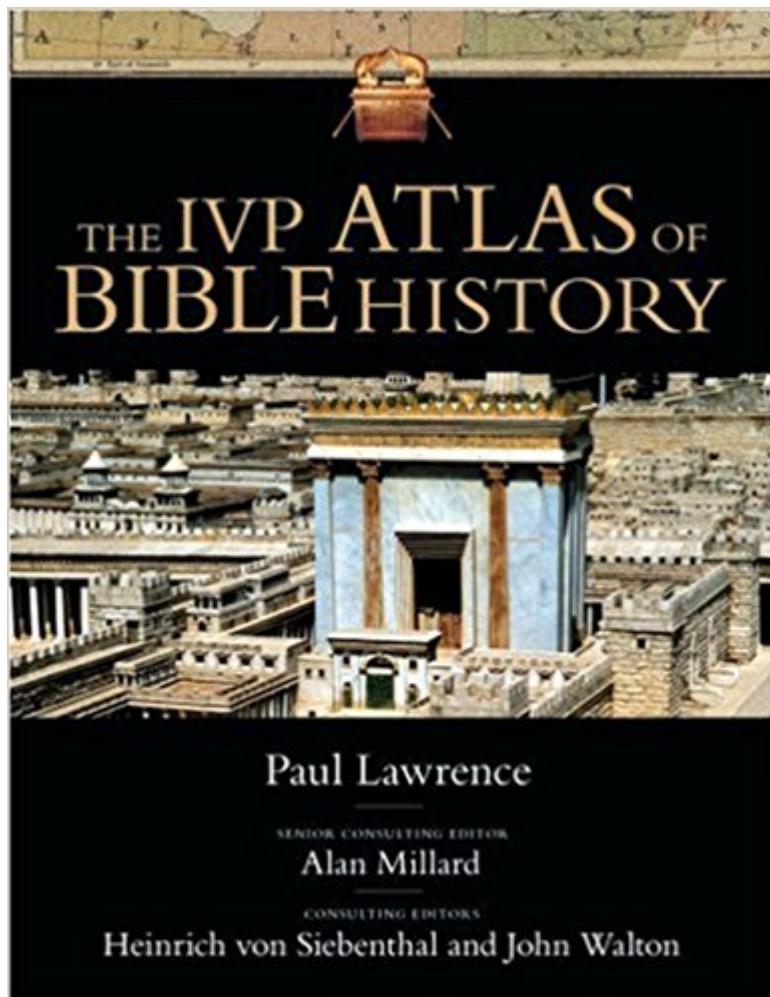


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# The IVP Atlas Of Bible History



## 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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## Customer Reviews

British scholar Lawrence lends his archaeological expertise to The IVP Atlas of Bible History (published in the U.K. as The Lion Atlas of Bible History). With history in the title, one may get the impression that this Bible atlas does what others do not. It is, however, very traditional in its coverage and presentation. Full-color, high-quality maps and photos are predominant throughout

and are organized chronologically. The 90-plus maps are colorful, clear, and often large enough to prevent eyestrain, and many users will find the one map for every two pages ratio plentiful enough to meet their needs. Alongside the maps is an ample amount of text, which is typical of Bible atlases. What is not typical is the narrative way Lawrence presents his text. The bulk of the text is quite readable but may have only a loose connection to the map that accompanies it--often appearing as a paraphrased retelling of scripture. The information is interesting but may not answer geographical questions posed by the average user of an atlas. In many Bible atlases, photos are small and sparse. Here, however, the photos are as numerous as the maps and, in many cases, larger. Not surprisingly, the majority of them have archaeological significance (e.g., an eleventh-century BCE clay coffin, an Egyptian temple, the Roman Colosseum). The usefulness of the photos to users is questionable, though, considering their primary need for a good map. A respectable Bible atlas from recent years is the *Carta Bible Atlas* (4th edition, 2002; previously known as *The Macmillan Bible Atlas*), which supplies three times as many maps as the *InterVarsity* atlas, albeit not in full-color. It may be preferred by libraries needing an atlas to fill the map gap. However, those desiring a nonacademic, readable, and visually pleasing Bible atlas will find *The IVP Atlas of Bible History* a worthwhile tool for most public library users. Wade OsburnCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

"A very helpful companion volume for the study of biblical history. It combines an overview of biblical history with numerous maps, photos, and charts." (Michael A. Grisanti, *The Master's Seminary Journal*, Spring 2008)"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 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." (*Atlases Books* ([aseatls-books.blogspot.com](http://aseatls-books.blogspot.com)), March 9, 2009)"This atlas is highly recommended to those interested in Bible studies as a class or on an individual level." (Br. Benet S. Exton, [www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com), July 2008)"...a visually rich work brimming with high-quality photographs, reconstructions, maps, charts and sidebars." (Brian P. Irwin, *Toronto Journal of Theology*, issue 23/2)"The printing and illustrations are of high quality throughout . . . a good teaching tool and companion for Bible reading and study." (Burton MacDonald for *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, Fall 2007)"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." (*BookReviews.org*, August 2007)"This volume is sure to be used and enjoyed; and, in so doing, biblical history will come alive for the reader. Highly recommended."

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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.

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!

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.

Good as far as it goes. I actually have better maps in my study Bible. I like the additional illustrations.

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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