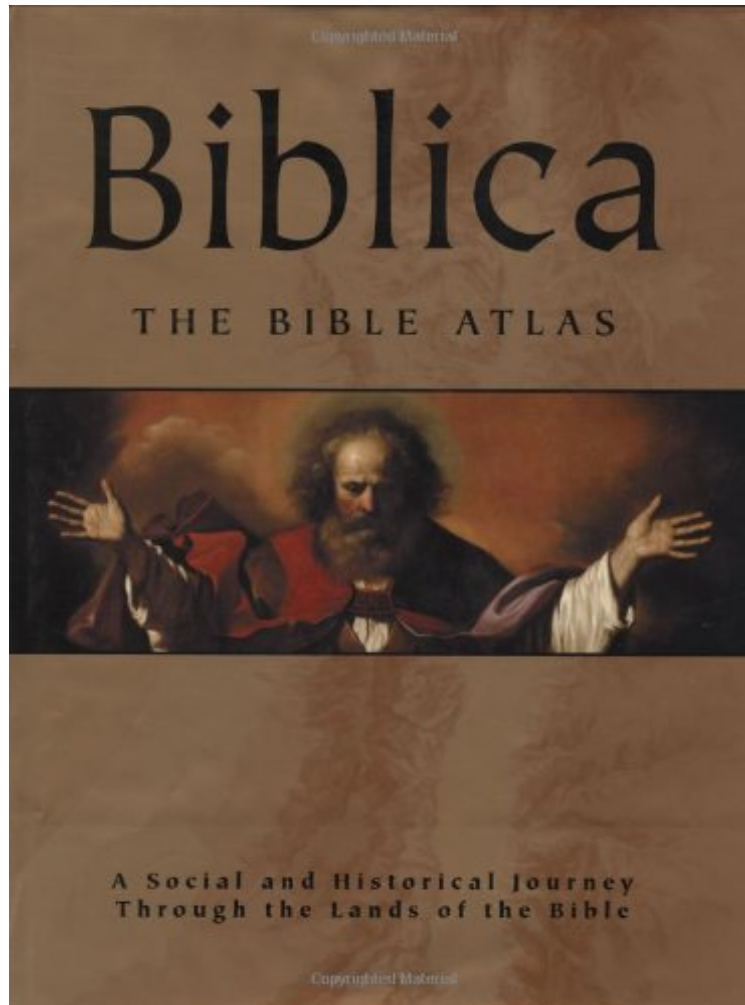


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Ranging from a full- to one-quarter-page in size, they often note terrain and, variously, climate, vegetation, and other criteria. Each labels the sites relevant to the related discussion (e.g., "Origins of the Judges of Israel"), and many offer small boxed pointers to the locations of particular biblical characters/narratives, (e.g., "Philip meets an Ethiopian eunuch....") Readers and browsers will feast on 650 color art photos across the same size range as the maps and including far more than the usual Old and New Testament subjects. There are eight main sections: "Geography and History of Bible Lands" is followed by five sections tracing the Old Testament and its social, historical, physical, and archaeological context. Then come "The Life of Jesus of Nazareth" and "Spreading the Word." 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Quotes throughout come from The New Oxford Annotated Bible, New Standard Revised Version (2001). BOTTOM LINE: Given its size, this tome is absolutely ideal for library reference sections, where it will serve even inspire a broad array of readers, from biblical studies newcomer to the more informed, whether or not believers. Highly recommended for high school, public, and academic libraries." Margaret Heilbrun, Library Journal and libraryjournal.com, November 19, 2007 About the Author Barry J. Beitzel is Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois.