

The Lion Atlas of Bible History

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The Lion Atlas of Bible History is a rich resource for all those interested in the Bible's history, geography and archaeology. Drawing on the latest findings of historians and archaeologists - and illustrated throughout with superbly detailed maps, photographs and reconstructions - it traces the unfolding of the major events in the Old and New Testaments.

Taking a narrative approach, the *Atlas* spans the entire Bible, from Abraham's journey to Canaan through to the apostle Paul and the founding of the first churches. Special features run throughout the book on subjects such as the peoples and languages of the Bible, the climate and agriculture of Canaan, the neighbours of Israel and Judah, warfare and fortifications, and travel in the Roman world.

The *Atlas* includes 97 specially commissioned maps which help readers to understand the Bible narrative and deepen their understanding of geography and landscape. In addition there are 7 panoramic reconstructions, 17 site plans and over 150 photographs, plus a range of battle plans, smaller artworks and chronological charts.

Meticulously researched and written by a biblical scholar with the help of three expert consultants, *The Lion Atlas of Bible History* is an invaluable and fascinating survey that vividly brings the history of the Bible to life.

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