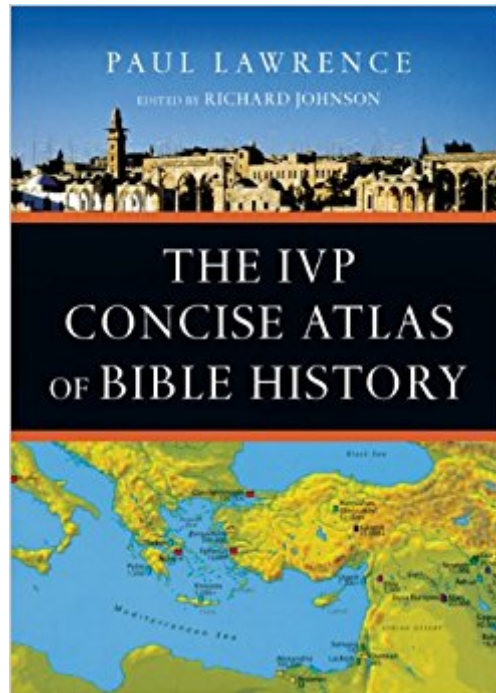




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# The IVP Concise Atlas Of Bible History



## Synopsis

Preaching's Preacher's Guide to the Best Bible Reference for 2014 (General Reference) Want a quick and accurate grasp on all the history that is part of the Bible's story? Or do you want a colorful, visually rich guide to the land that has shaped so many passions for millennia? In this handy-sized reference, you get both. Here is a superb introduction to the Bible's history, geography and archaeology, packed with absorbing information that offers a hundred maps a variety of panoramic reconstructions multiple site plans dozens of color photographs clear chronological charts an index and gazetteer This atlas traces the unfolding of the major events in the Old and New Testaments and draws on the latest findings of historians and archaeologists. Starting from the dawn of time, it breaks down thousands of years into easy-to-digest segments. From creation to the exodus to the birth of the church, this atlas maps out the history of the Bible concisely and comprehensively. All the great characters of the Bible can be found here in their own setting--Moses, David, Solomon, Nebuchadnezzar, Herod, Jesus, Paul and more. Now their stories come to life in this book based on The IVP Atlas of Bible History that is now condensed by Richard Johnson. Lavishly illustrated throughout, this compact, eye-catching resource is perfect for every student of the Bible. Published by LionHudson in England as The Lion Concise Atlas of Bible History.

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"In sum, this work is well worth reading, extremely informative for students and laypeople, and filled with beautiful maps, charts, and pictures rarely assembled in such a helpful format." (James A.

Borland, Near East Archaeology Society Bulletin, Vol. 59, 2014)"When reading Scripture either for ourselves or for others, it is nice to have images before us in order to focus our minds on the text. . . . This is why I am drawn to the IVP Concise Atlas of Bible History. It is an absolute gem in visualizing the geographical narrative of Scripture. . . . This is a fantastic resource for seminary and graduate students as well as small groups. Indeed, every church library should have one!" (Joel L. Watts, Unsettled Christianity, October 21, 2013)

Paul Lawrence studied Akkadian, Hebrew and Near Eastern archaeology at the University of Liverpool where he earned his PhD for his work on the relationship of Assyrian generals to the king. In 1984 he worked in northern Iraq on an archaeological dig by the banks of the Tigris River just north of ancient Nineveh. He also worked for several years with the Turkish Bible Society in Istanbul on a translation of the Old Testament into modern Turkish. He is currently working on Bible translations for SIL International and is the author of The Books of Moses Revisited.

I like it very much,wish it had slightly a little more information. Love the book for it size ,very portable.

Excellent resource for Bible students or anyone wanting to know more in depth details of the ancient world.

We live in a rather visual culture. We like shiny objects helping to render the words on the page as tidy images. We are all truly children who like to have picture books in front of us. This is nothing to be ashamed about, but something to understand and use. We like images because they help us learn and understand! Colorfully detailed images, after all, are but an evolution of the images used as letters. When reading Scripture either for ourselves or for others, it is nice to have images before us in order to focus our minds on the text. I remember sitting in worship when I was much, much younger and always flipping to the maps at the back of the bible. At one point I realized some bibles even had images of the canon, church history, and the Temple. To be completely honest, it was those images that always fascinated me. Sure, I love the maps, but the diagrams and other drawings of ancient temples and other objects related to stories in Scripture drew my attention to the words on the page more than a loud, fiery sermon. It helped me to visualize what Moses was planning in Leviticus and where Jesus stood in Matthew. This is why I am drawn to the IVP Concise Atlas of Bible History. It is an absolute gem in visualizing the geographical narrative of Scripture.

The Atlas presents, as edited by Richard Johnson, in full-color an abbreviated version of the older and larger Atlas. However, the user of this work gets a portable volume geared to the graduate student as well as small groups in an inexpensive and concise book. It includes a hundred maps, chronological charts, and panoramic reconstructions. However, it is not merely a picture book. Without following a literalist reading, the IVP Concise Atlas of Bible History follows the narrative of Scripture, beginning in Genesis ending with the spread of Christianity (c. 337 CE). An interesting find is the inclusion of the history of the Jewish Revolt as well as including a discussion on Jews in Egypt. Thus, the narrative of Scripture grows naturally to include narratives about those who first narrated Scripture. The only thing lacking is a serious use of the Deuterocanonical books (or, Apocrypha) although 1 and 2 Maccabees are employed to showcase some history. As far as history goes, the Atlas likewise brings together some of the latest archaeological finds. Over all, the history is sufficient, although the editors stretch it when examining the archaeological evidence of the Patriarchs (24-5). The Atlas begins with a brief introduction detailing the scheme of the book. They intend to present the narrative of Scripture in a historical, geographical, and theological detail while allowing "that some details are difficult to understand" given the divide between then and now. It then moves into discussing the nature of the Bible, as well as early narratives (Creation and the Flood) and other pertinent subjects (Egypt, Joseph, and Moses) before we get into Scripture proper beginning with the events of Exodus. The history of Israel is presented from the days of the united Kingdom until Exile and the return. Efforts are made to keep the story following the scriptural narrative with verse citations. The sections on the New Testament break down the years of the ministry of Jesus as well as Paul's missionary journeys. This is not an attempt at critical history but simply follows the narrative of Scripture. This is a fantastic resource for seminary and graduate students as well as small groups. Indeed, every church library should have one!

**\*\*See my full detailed review at the following:**

<http://thechristianreviewer.blogspot.com/2015/09/the-ivp-concise-atlas-of-bible-history.html> For the price of this book on Biblical history, the quality and the content are absolutely wonderful. This is a great compact and concise resource that would be great to have in the personal library of anyone that is serious about wanting to understand the Bible better. Even though it is paperback, it is Smyth sewn, so for the price, you won't go wrong adding this handy reference book to your collection! There are a bunch of full-color maps, reconstructions, photographs, time lines and so much more. This book is based on the IVP Atlas of Bible History which has been condensed down in a handy reference book by Richard Johnson. Overall, I would say this book is a must-have for the highlights

of the history behind and including Scripture. It is VERY well done and is laid out very wonderfully. This book is also published in England as "The Lion Concise Atlas of Bible History".

This book is a wonderful full color, very well laid out easy to read yet highly informative structure. This concise version of the classic IVP Atlas of Bible History packs a punch with: Great photos and Images One hundred maps A variety of panoramic reconstructions Multiple site plans Clear chronological charts And much more This volume contains the latest findings of historians and archaeologists. From the origin of the Bible & Creation all the way through to the beginning of the New Testament Church and spread of early Christianity around AD 337. The Concise edition benefits from a four-color design with highlight images, maps and charts is a must to any student of biblical geography, history or anyone just interested in knowing more than what the maps at the back of your Bibles shares. Its designed to be read at various education levels so that everyone from teachers to laypeople can understand the mapping of the Bible. This lightweight version will be a welcome addition to any course work at the college or graduate school level and serve as a great companion for personal or group study. Paul Lawrence studied Akkadian, Hebrew and Near Eastern archaeology at University of Liverpool. He earned his Ph.D for his work on the relationship of Assyrian generals to the king. He is currently working on Bible translations for SIL International and is the author of The Books of Moses Revisited.

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