

Bible Atlas (St. Joseph Bible Resource)



Synopsis

The "Bible Atlas" locates points of significance in the Bible narrative on clear maps and includes an index of Bible places.

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Customer Reviews

This is definitely a worthy purchase if you have a child and as well if you (admit it) still get mixed up a bit with Middle East geography, especially when it comes to what an area was called years ago and what its present-day name is. When you read a passage to your child, show him with this each time where that scripture was taking place at that time period (the atlas shows name changes and political boundaries in different time segments). You both will have a much better understanding of what was taking place where and when.

I have been looking for just this kind of atlas for my 5th and 6th grade Sunday School class. The main thing I like about it is that it uses the same map of Israel and shows it at the various periods. Most atlases and Sunday School curricula show various maps instead of one map that changes over time. I liked the comparison maps of the empires. The comments and illustrations with each map are also useful.

I had been searching for a Bible atlas for five years when I found this one. We have used My Father's World and the Mystery of History curriculum, and neither one includes an actual atlas with

their texts although both curriculum require map work. The atlas contains the following 30 maps: modern Israel, lands of the Bible (from Rome east to the Persian Gulf and south to Egypt), Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Babylonian Ur west through Canaan to Egypt), Abraham's family in Canaan, the Exodus, Crossing Jordan, Israelites enter Canaan, dividing the land (tribal lands), the kingdom of Saul, the united kingdom (David and Solomon), the divided kingdom, the prophets, four empires (one map per empire, showing the extent of the kingdoms of Assyria, Persia, Babylon, and Greece), Palestine under the Maccabees, Palestine relief map (geographic features, vegetation of Bible times, and annual rainfall by area), the Roman Empire in the Time of Christ (with the cities labeled if they were mentioned in the Bible), Palestine at the Time of Christ, Jesus in Galilee, Jerusalem at the Time of Christ, The Spread of Christianity before Paul, Paul's Missionary Journeys (one map for each of the three trips plus a map of the voyage to Rome), the earliest churches, major archaeological sites in the Middle East, major archaeological sites in Israel and Jordan. There is an index.

My daughter and I love this atlas! Very easy to use, even for a child..it is full of colorful maps and easy to read details. We use it for both school and personal bible study.

While of limited use in finding a few trade routes, cities, lakes, mountains and deserts in the area, it is not what I would consider a Bible atlas, for children or anyone else. It's published from a secular, not Biblical, viewpoint. For example, in the map of the Exodus, not one of the three proposed routes for the flight from Egypt crosses the Red Sea.

The Student Bible Atlas is a great reference source for your personal Bible Study. Maps are clear, concise, colorful and easy to understand. I've owned it for several years and often refer to it when studying history and the Bible.

We studied Ancient Israel history over the summer. This book of maps was very useful, especially at looking for where the tribes settled. The map on the prophets (Map 12) Did not track very well with the Elijah/Elisha accounts. Many city names were left off and locations had to be noodled out from other maps. Better maps are available in my study Bible, so we also used these. The Lutheran Study Bible But the kids had to make presentations, and these maps helped them quite a bit. Good colors.

This book is 31 pages. Each page has letters at the top and numbers on the side to help identify,

locate, and share points-of-interest. It's really helpful that many maps tell you where to go in the Bible to find more on that particular map's subject matter. For example, the map that covers the journeys of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob....tells you the source of this info is found in Genesis 11:31-13:18. There are several maps from different time periods (the Exodus, Kingdom of Saul, Palestine at the time of Christ, Jesus in Galilee). Each map gives good text on historical significance. Also, it provides a good history on how one area has changed. For example, The Sea of Galilee has also been known as the Sea of Tiberias and Gennesaret. The book covers the empires and domains of Assyria, Babylon, Persia, and the Greek and Roman Empires, also providing dates, reigns, and again...corresponding scripture references for some of these. It's neat how different maps provide clear illustrations of travel routes. For example, it's easy to see each of Paul's different journeys and where he stopped along the way. It's also great that many maps provide photographs of what designated areas look like today. For example, there are pictures of the ruins of the theater in Pergamum and the gymnasium in Sardis so you can see what they look like today. This book is about so much more than geography. It's a great historical tool with plenty of good scripture references to refer to as well!

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