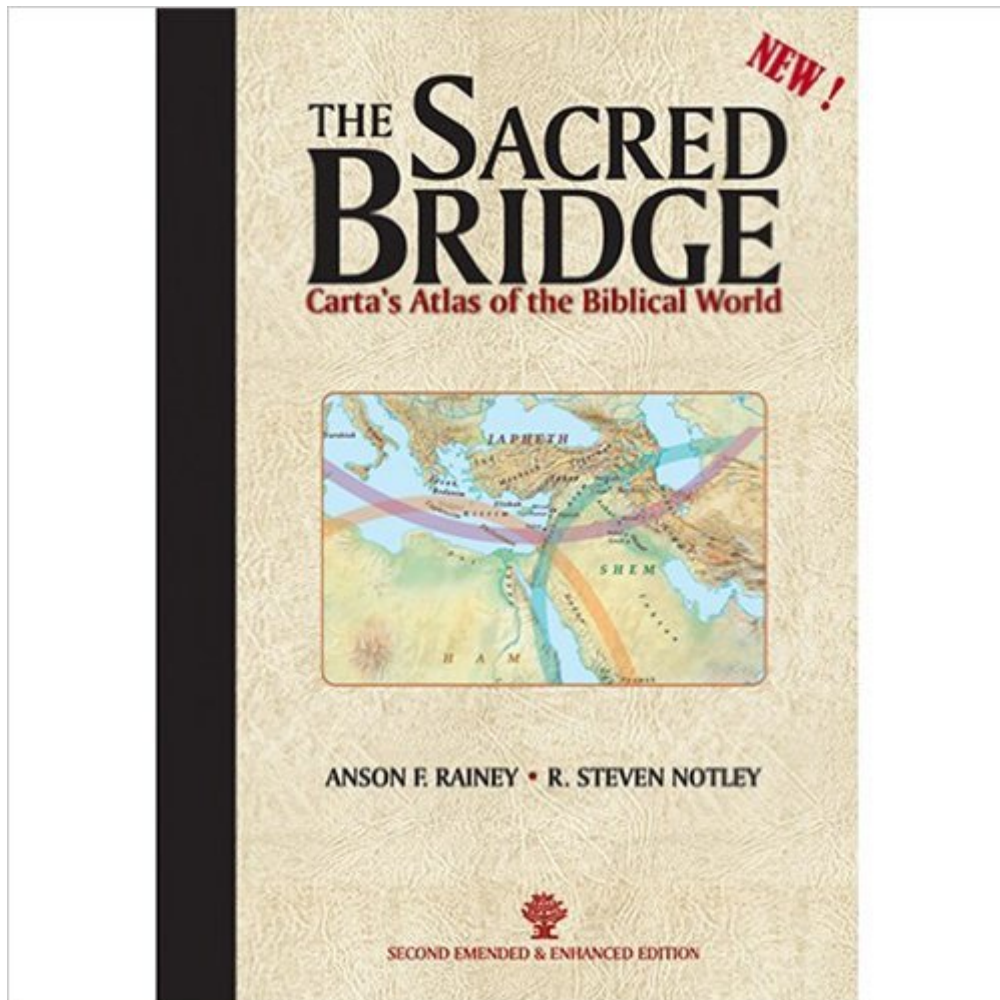


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I am writing this review as a licensed tour guide in Israel (since 2000) and a PhD candidate (Hebrew University) in comparative literature of Greek, Roman and Jewish authors of the Second Temple Period. Concerning this book, I can't recommend it enough. Whenever I and one of my tour groups are at the Qumran gift shop, where they sell the book, I immediately take the group leader to this volume in the book section of the store. There is no better tool available to learn the "physical settings" of the Hebrew Bible...other than to come to Israel and take such a physical settings class, which would require nearly a hundred day trips to learn the archaeology and history of all the sites and material mentioned in this volume (I say this from the personal experience of having done the two year in-length tour guide course). In fact, both authors taught such a course in Jerusalem for several years, which obviously accrued to them far more than simple book Knowledge about the

subject, as the course included dozens of field trips throughout the whole of the country to teach the material "visually" and on location. I consider this book a necessary aid in my own personal study of the historical narrative books of the Hebrew Bible, and would feel greatly disadvantaged without it. As another reviewer mentions above, the book is also relevant in an increasingly hostile anti/post Zionist atmosphere on college campuses, which endeavor to undermine both the Bible as a historical work, and the modern-day Jewish association with the land. While the book has NO political slant or agenda whatsoever, the mere mention of the Mesha Stele and "House of David" stone found at Tell Dan reveals that the Bible is still an indispensable source for Israelite history, even if theological and mythical layers have been added to that historical kernel. I'm glad this book is available on Amazon, as many of Carta's books are hard to find outside of Israel, or in elite university libraries.

A different kind of atlas from what I am used to. More words than maps; and there are plenty of maps. Outstanding work of scholarship. This is a reference book that you can pick up and just start reading anywhere.

The detail and quality of the maps and accompanying text are excellent and understandable to a layperson like me. But it is expensive so probably only serious students would buy this book in addition to the scholars.

Carta's most comprehensive Bible Atlas available is The Sacred Bridge. While it is a scholar's delight, pastors will find it an incredible resource. The pictures and scholarly information well supplement the incredible maps. Anton Rainey and R. Steven Notley are top-flight scholars perfect for such an endeavor while the maps are classic Carta, only this time in full color. An ambitious undertaking that delivers what it advertises. I don't agree with every point made, but I love this atlas.

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