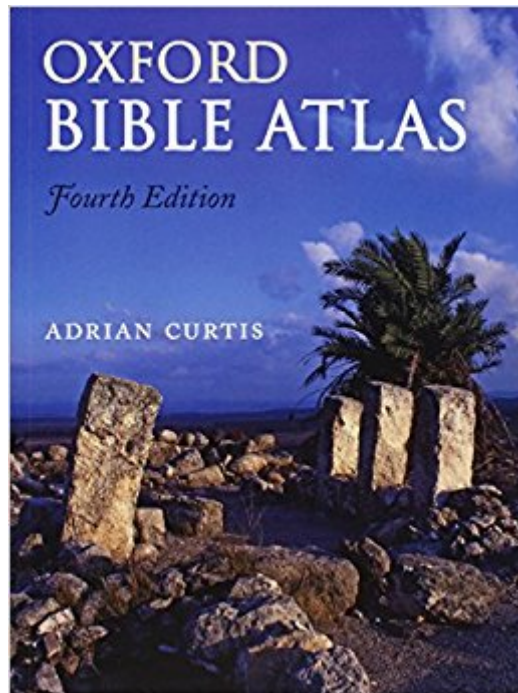




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This Atlas was disappointing, first because the print is too tiny to read, and when you pinch to zoom in, it all becomes blurred. Secondly, the maps themselves provide little detailed information. On my device the map appears on one side of what is mainly a blank page. There was plenty of room for labels, but none were given. The Roman numeral labels are explained in narratives several pages away, with no links to take you back to the map. For example, the map for the period of Joshua and Judges could have labels, showing where Deborah fought Sisera, where Gideon tested his men by watching how they drank water, and where Samson fought the Philistines. Instead you are only given the general divisions of the 12 tribes, and impossible-to-read city names. I wish there was a map of the Jezreel Valley, and the surrounding hills, labeling Mt. Carmel, Gilboa etc. so the reader can see the significance of that area. There should be a map highlighting the distance from Bozrah to Armageddon, one of the Sea of Galilee making the major points of the Lord's ministry. None of these are offered.

Just not what I expected - I wanted more information available - I was more interested in maps and less interested in the extended content about a limited number of places - I found that information informative and enjoyed the reading but am looking for an atlas that better suits my needs.

clarifies what was going on where and when in the days God was more important than ourselves

I have had the printed version of this book for years. I just had to have it on my Kindle for Bible study gatherings. The information in this book is fabulous and in a Bible study kind of way, entertaining. Just so you know, though, you cannot zoom in on the maps on the Kindle version. So the Kindle version is more for reading than viewing. I still think it warrants 5 stars for the text.

Brilliant, invaluable aid to Bible study. Gorgeous photography and clearly drawn maps. First Class!!

Looks great and came quickly

Very good informational text. The atlases: (I'm viewing on 4th generation ipad), bold face regional names you can read with effort when zoomed in. Forget about reading names of cities & towns, map images are just too grainy. I wish I had shopped around for my \$14.00.

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