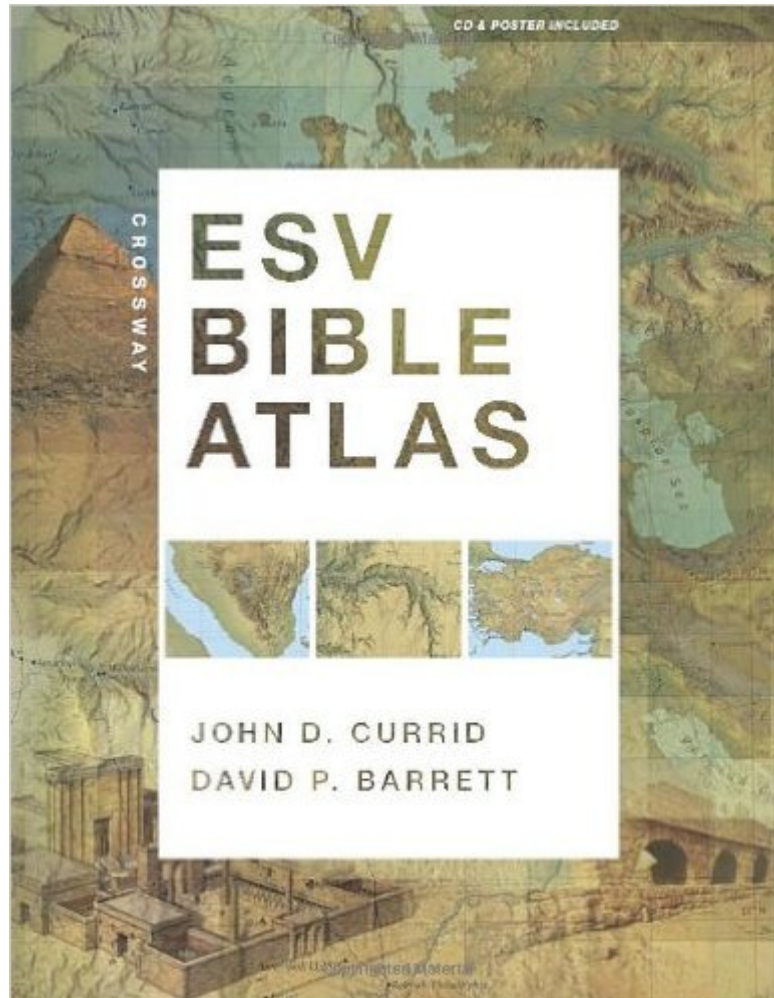


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# Crossway ESV Bible Atlas



## Synopsis

Capitalizing on recent advances in satellite imaging and geographic information systems, the Crossway ESV Bible Atlas offers Bible readers a comprehensive, up-to-date resource that blends technical sophistication with readability, visual appeal, and historical and biblical accuracy. All the key methods of presenting Bible geography and history are here, including more than 175 full-color maps, 70 photographs, 3-D re-creations of biblical objects and sites, indexes, timelines, and 65,000 words of narrative description. The atlas uniquely features regional maps detailing biblically significant areas such as Egypt, Mesopotamia, Italy, and Greece. It also includes access to online maps and illustrations and a removable, 16.5 x 22-inch map of Palestine. This carefully crafted reference tool not only sets a new standard in Bible atlases but will help ESV readers more clearly understand the world of the Bible and the meaning of Scripture.

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## Customer Reviews

Having seen the detailed reviews of several others, I wanted to focus on some things that teachers/pastors/or strong lay leaders might be interested in. How does the ESV Bible Atlas compare to other wonderful Bible Atlases? How usable is it? The Crossway ESV Bible Atlas is a marvelous resource. I would be shocked that anyone would ever rate it lower than a 4 star resource. I gave it 5. But I noticed that if you read the reviews for the other major Bible atlases, that you see similar reviews. They all tout how marvelous this and that atlas is and how it is the one to buy. So, how does the ESV Bible Atlas stack up? What are strength and weaknesses? How about teaching resources? As a teacher, let me point out two key things that make this Bible Atlas stand out: the

ESV includes a CD with digital maps and searchable indexes, and, in addition, a removable, 17 x 22-inch map of Palestine. The wall map is very nice, but probably too small to be considered a "wall map." Still, very nice. (It is inside the back cover). The CD-ROM is worth the price of the book by itself. It is highly useful, and unlike one other reviewer, I thought the resolutions are wonderful. No, you don't get the high-def brilliant images that are in part 4 of the book, but you can easily print (note: I am not saying you should) an 8x10 or larger copy and you will not notice any poor image quality. The CD-ROM: As a teacher, I can imagine using these images in a PowerPoint presentation or on a hand-out. They are wonderful. So, the question becomes, is that permissible? I couldn't find a direct answer, but many reviewers have said that this can be done. Several bloggers mention, "These maps can be easily added to Powerpoint for use in the classroom."

I've always enjoyed maps. This is most clearly evident in my early childhood and pre-teen years. It began with drawing maps of fantasy lands and the drawing of battles upon maps of the world collected free from the library. I fondly remember asking my Grandma for a Webster's Geographical Dictionary and promptly receiving the volume for my birthday which sits on my shelf to this day. For a time, I even contemplated putting up "map-of-the-world" wallpaper on the walls of my bedroom and bathroom. Though I have moved on to other subjects of interest I still enjoy looking at maps and putting historical events in their geographical context. It was therefore with great excitement that I opened up the newly released ESV Bible Atlas from Crossway. I am a user of the ESV translation and I have greatly appreciated the work Crossway has done with this translation, especially with last year's ESV Study Bible which is a very helpful (and hefty!) volume. Geography is a very important area of study but takes on a special importance when geography is intimately involved with the events that took place in the Word of God. It is in time and place in which the revelation of God took place through history. The Biblical interpreter should have an intimate understanding of the geographical and historical conditions surrounding the events of Scripture. In this regard, the ESV Bible Atlas is an indispensable tool for doing historical and geographical research. The atlas has four sections: Part 1: This section is an introduction and overview of the Biblical world providing historical information in the text regarding the surrounding lands and customs of these ancient peoples.

A few weeks ago I received an ESV Bible Atlas, a brand new product from Crossway. I had meant to review it, but for some reason found it difficult to do so. The reason may be that I've never spent any significant amount of time reading a Bible atlas before and this means that I've got little

reference for comparison. Of course I know that such an atlas is a valuable companion to anyone seeking to study the Bible, and especially the Old Testament. So let me tell you about some of the features of this atlas, all of which are plenty impressive, even if I don't know how they stack-up against the competition. According to the publisher's description: Capitalizing on recent advances in satellite imaging and geographic information systems, the Crossway ESV Bible Atlas offers Bible readers a comprehensive, up-to-date resource that blends technical sophistication with readability, visual appeal, and historical and biblical accuracy. All the key methods of presenting Bible geography and history are here, including more than 175 full-color maps, 70 photographs, 3-D re-creations of biblical objects and sites, indexes, timelines, and 65,000 words of narrative description. The atlas uniquely features regional maps detailing biblically significant areas such as Egypt, Mesopotamia, Italy, and Greece. It also includes a CD with searchable indexes and digital maps, and a removable, 16.5 x 22-inch map of Palestine. This carefully crafted reference tool not only sets a new standard in Bible atlases but will help ESV readers more clearly understand the world of the Bible and the meaning of Scripture.

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