

BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR HIS/REL 4900 HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY OF PALESTINE

Note: Some of these books are not easily found locally and may be out of print. Some can be ordered online. All are included as options if the opportunity to read them presents itself. Certainly, other books may be substituted *with instructor approval*.

General Reference Sources (These should be consulted for any research projects, such as papers or the one-page information guides)

Encyclopedia Judaica. 16 Vols. Jerusalem: Keter, 1972 [+ yearbooks]. [Reference section of Rouse Library; WCC call number = R 296.03 J92e].

Freedman, David Noel, Editor. *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*. 6 Vols. New York: Doubleday, 1992. [Reference section of Rouse Library].

Myers, Eric M., Editor. *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East*. 5 Vols. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997. [Reference section of Rouse Library].

Stern, Ephraim, Editor. *The New Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavations in the Holy Land*. 4 Vols. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1993. [Reference section of Rouse Library].

Academic Books

Aharoni, Yohanan. *The Land of the Bible*. Rev. ed. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1979. (A standard in the field of historical geography of the Holy Land, covering the Old Testament Period; loaded with information correlated with the Bible, but not easy reading).

Avi-Yonah, Michael. *The Holy Land : a historical geography from the Persian to the Arab conquest (536 B.C.-A.D. 640)*. Jerusalem: Carta, 2002. (Also a standard in the field, continuing where Aharoni's book leaves off, covering the intertestamental and New Testament periods and beyond; shorter and a bit more readable than Aharoni).

Benvenisti, Meron. *The Crusaders in the Holy Land*. New York: Macmillan, 1972. (A very good review of a period in the history of the land often ignored, especially by Christian visitors).

Mazar, Amihai. *Archaeology of the Land of the Bible: 10,000-586 B.C.E.* New York: Doubleday, 1990. (current standard survey of archaeology of Israel during the OT period)

Popular Modern History

Collins, Larry and Lapierre, Dominique. *O Jerusalem!*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1972. (Gripping story of the desperate fight for Jerusalem during the Israeli War of Independence in 1948-49, with lots of background information; war and/or history buffs will enjoy it).

Novels

Michner, James A. *The Source*. (A fictitious excavation with flashbacks to the lives of ancient people who lived at the site; valuable because it provides an entertaining overview of the land's history and political background; long, but hard to put down—highly recommended).

Uris, Leon. *The Haj*. (Story of a fictitious Palestinian sheik and the travails/lost opportunities of the period from about 1930-1970; good insight into modern attitudes in the Arab-Israeli struggle [but rather graphic, avoid this if you offend easily]).

Articles

NOTES: (1) Some listings contain multiple articles which must be read together; (2) Articles from *Biblical Archaeology Review (BAR)* may be obtained online from basarchive through the university's library site, others through hard copy or other library databases; (3) Other articles of interest which, if approved by the instructor, can be read in addition to those on the list.

Armstrong, Gregory T. "Imperial Church Building in the Holy Land in the Fourth Century." *Biblical Archaeologist* 30 (September 1967): 91-12.

Bleibtrau, Erika. "Five Ways to Conquer a City." *Biblical Archaeology Review* 16 (May/June 1990): 36-44.
AND "Grisly Assyrian Record of Torture and Death." *BAR* 17 (January/February 1991): 52-61, 75.

Davis, Thomas W. "Faith and Archaeology." *BAR* 19 (March/April 1993): 54-59.

Magness, Jodi. "What Did Jesus' Tomb Look Like?" *BAR* 32/1 (Jan/Feb 2006): 38-49, 70.

Netzer, Ehud. "Jewish Rebels Dig Strategic Tunnel System." *BAR* 14 (July/August 1988): 18-33.

Rainey, Anson. "Historical Geography." In *Benchmarks in Time and Culture*, eds. Joel F. Drinkard, Jr., Gerald L. Mattingly, and J. Maxwell Miller, 353-69. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1988.

Shanks, Hershel. "Destruction of Judean Fortress Portrayed in Dramatic Eighth-Century B.C. Pictures," and Ussishkin, David, "Defensive Judean Counter-Ramp Found at Lachish in 1983 Season." *BAR* 10 (March/April 1984): 48-73. (Fabulously illustrated account of data bearing light on Sennacherib's invasion in the days of Hezekiah)

Yadin, Yigael. "Is the Biblical Account of the Israelite Conquest of Canaan Historically Reliable?" *BAR* 8 (March/April 1982): 17-23.