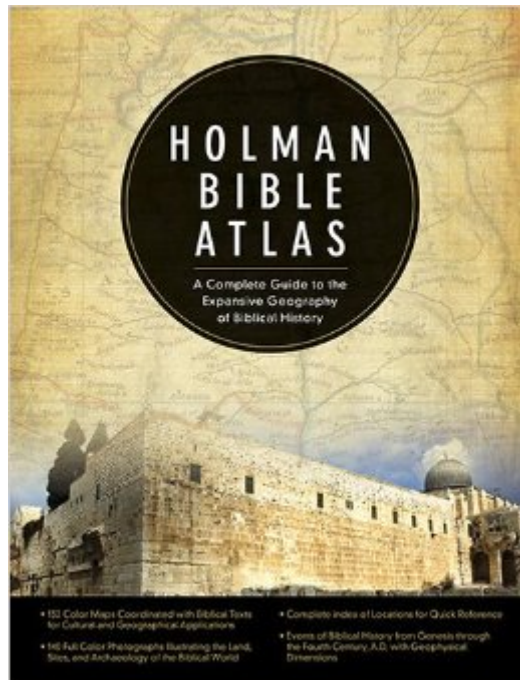


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This book is written by Thomas V. Brisco, currently dean of Logsdon Seminary, run by the "Moderate" faction of the Southern Baptist Convention. The helps in this book are truly spectacular, including maps on almost every single page, some in relief, as well as pictures of various Biblical Archaeology finds relevant to the narrative. Truly all of the stops were pulled out to produce an outstanding and engaging pictorial reference. While generally from an evangelical perspective, a couple examples of disappointing elements are: 1. Whether intentional or not, the description of these ages reflects a more evolutionary worldview of anthropology than Biblical. People are

described as making various discoveries during these pre-historic epochs which lead to civilization. Where is the description of Nimrod's Building of the Tower of Babel, or God's destruction of the world by water in Noah's day? Rather than attempt to harmonize these Biblical events with archaeology, they are glossed over or ignored. In general the ancient history section suffers from this approach accross the board. If you are looking for an attempt at harmonization of Biblical data and secular findings, you will not find it here.<sup>2</sup> The description of the of the ancient civilizations lacks a critical moral dimension. Reading the description of Vespasian and Titus, one would almost think of George Washington, not the men who demolished Jerusalem in one of the most horrible slaughters in history. Why also do we lack any dimension of the atrocious nature of the culture of these civilizations? Without this, we do not see the true impact of the Gospel on human history, and God's role in the civilization of nations.<sup>3</sup>

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