

LIBRARY SUBJECT GUIDE:

Background of the Bible

- **BIBLE DICTIONARIES/ENCYCLOPEDIAS.**

See also books located at 220.3 (Bible), 221.3 (O.T.), 225.3 (N.T.), 226.3 (Gospels), 227.3 (N.T. Letters)

Anchor Bible dictionary. REF 220.3 A539 1992
The International standard Bible encyclopedia. 220.3 I61 1979 (REF copy also available)
Dictionary of New Testament background. REF 225.9503 D554 2000
Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels. REF 226.03 D554 1992
Dictionary of Paul and his letters. REF 227.03 D554 1993

- **SOCIAL LIFE/MANNERS AND CUSTOMS.**

See also books located at 220.8306 – 220.91 (Bible), 221.8306 – 221.91 (O.T.), 225.8306 – 225.91 (N.T.)

Harper's encyclopedia of Bible life. REF 220.9 M649h 1978
Eerdmans' family encyclopedia of the Bible. 220.02 E66 1979 (REF copy also available)
Manners and customs of the Bible. 220.8306 F855m 1972
Daily life in Bible times. 220.8306 L345d 1966

- **PRIMARY DOCUMENTS:**

Josephus. 933 C816j 1982 (REF copy also available)
The Works of Philo. REF 933 P565w 1993
New Testament background: selected documents. 225.1 B274n 1961

- **CHARTS/ILLUSTRATIONS:**

Chronological charts of the Old Testament. 221.7 W239c 1978 (REF copy also available)
Chronological and background charts of the New Testament. 225.61 H842c 1981 (REF copy also available)

- **JEWS/JUDAISM:**

See also books located at 296.09 and 933.

A History of the Jewish people. 296.09 M329h 1927
A History of the Jewish people in the time of Jesus Christ. 296.0901 S394h
A History of the Jewish people during the Maccabean and Roman periods. 933 R572h 1908
The Archko volume; or, The Archeological writings of the Sanhedrim and Talmuds of the Jews. 225.93 A673 1913.
The Mishnah. REF 296.123 D172
The New Testament and the Mishnah. REF 225.1 G434n 1983

• **ARCHAEOLOGY:**

See also books located at 220.93 (Bible), 221.93 (O.T.), 225.93 (N.T.)

The Archeology of the New Testament: the life of Jesus and the beginning of the early church.
225.93 F495a 1969.

• **PEOPLE:**

See books located at 220.922-220.924 (Bible), 221.922-221.924 (O.T.), 225.922-225.924 (N.T.)

• **GENERAL:**

The IVP Bible background commentary: Old Testament. REF 221.7 W239i 2000
Old Testament survey: the message, form, and background of the Old Testament. 221.61 L345o
1996 (REF copy also available)
Ancient Orient and Old Testament. 221.67 K62a 1966
The Old Testament religion: in the light of its Canaanite background. AT 296.09 L634o 1936
The IVP Bible background commentary: New Testament. 225.7 K26i 1993 (REF copy also available)
The Greco-Roman world of the New Testament era: exploring the background of early Christianity.
225.95 J45g 1999
The New Testament world: a brief sketch of the history and conditions which composed the
background of the New Testament. 225.9 D168n 1937
The World of Jesus: a survey of the background of the Gospels. 232.9 B725w 1933
The Political background of the New Testament. 225.95 P453p 1965
And He told them a story: background on Luke's parables. 226.8 H693a 1979
History, literature, and society in the book of Acts. 226.6067 H673 1996

• **FLORA/FAUNA:**

See books located at 220.85.

• **PERIODICAL ARTICLES:** The easiest way to find periodical literature on the background of the Bible is to use the *ATLA Religion Database with ATLAS* via the library's institutional subscription to *Academic Search Elite*. Search by subject OR by Scripture passage.

• **COMMENTARIES:**

See also books located at 220.7-20.77(Bible), 221.7-221.77 & 222.1-(O.T.), 225.7-225.77 & 226.1- (N.T.)

Zondervan illustrated Bible backgrounds commentary. REF 225.7 Z87 2002
The New Interpreter's Bible. REF 220.77 N532i

• **WEB RESOURCES:**

Wabash Center: <http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/Internet/front.htm>