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Week 1 Summary

This lecture has been overwhelming with all the geographical locations. To recap on some of the content I have learned from the video, the Rift Valley is a part of the land of Israel that runs from lake Victoria to Armenia and is the major terrain feature of the land. The valley connects the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. Major terrain features include the desert in the east and grassier lands in the south that promote agriculture and pastoral lifestyle. There is a lot of information regarding the effects of climate on the land and lifestyle. In the readings from the Atlas Bible, the detail of the geographical breakdown is very unique. The book includes a structural breakdown of the regions surrounding Israel, including the different cultural backgrounds, descriptions of places according to the viewpoints of antiquity, and some points of interest in relation to certain moments in history. I really enjoyed listening to the video lecture, and reading the book as it allows me to see the associated culture behind biblical geography. I need to reread the material to understand everything much better, including the map markings. The amount of information in the lecture is easily enough to give the reader a thorough look of the geography of the Bible. Listening to the lecture on the video about the four geographical regions gives me a better idea of the connection between all the places mentioned in the Bible. I look forward to reading more, spending more time studying, and learning more about all the geography in the Bible in a way that allows me to visualize what God set forth for early human life, and pre Christ history.

