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The Land of the Bible

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Carta's New Century Handbook and Atlas of the Bible

“Carta's New Century Handbook and Atlas of the Bible”, is given for readers who are pursuing and investing in knowing more as well as getting deeper into biblical history and historical geography. It provides us a review of the ancient world of the 4th Millennium BCE through the Bar Kochba Revolt of 132-135 CE, it is thoroughly detailed with the Holy Scriptures and reviews of all major events that occurred based on the understanding of the Biblical world. It is a realm of the discoveries and studies throughout the past two hundred years every student who will read this book will step into the ancient reality and will feel from every page turned the events that has occurred as if they were there or as they were experiencing by the ancient Israelites and there neighbors however, this handbook it will enrich the aspect of both Bible reading experience and the geographical dimension and it's also the ultimate textbook that includes a modern approach of the study of the levant in a geographical and Historical entity, defines geographical terms that is used in the Bible, biblical history and geography by the way of the ancient sources and identification as well as location of the Old Testament, New Testament and second temple sites. Inspires scholars who are devoting wholeheartedly in the studies of biblical geography to have the wisdom and knowledge of the most historic and holy land that will not only affect there future careers but there will be people who go up to these scholars for that exact knowledge and to learn from them and receive everything that they are able to receive from them. As you look throughout the chapters there are a couple of chapters that one author

named Anson F. Rainey has written and the other half which is the main author named R. Steven Notley, they both outline the same way just written in their own words. These chapters is outline by century and what events took place between those centuries for example, Chapter 3 is based on the Bronze Age during the fourth Millennium to the 12th Century BCE, Mesopotamia and Egypt led an establishment of social and economic framework in the valleys of the Nile and the Tigris. During the early bronze age, there was settlements being established at sites in the valleys in the central areas even at the hills as well. They explain the Middle Bronze Age, is the period where urban entities began spreading throughout the southern levant about 500 years and the Late Bronze Age, Canaan reveals a drastic comparison with the middle bronze age what was similar between the two as well as difference. Around the explanation during that century there is an image on each page of that section there is a map of important cities and regions in The Bronze Age as they are explaining these events for some scholars it will give you a visual aspect as your reading you can look at the map and know who did what as your looking at the regions or cities because once you look you already know what they are known for which helps you remember the names of each place but they also have images of archaeological findings such as the Khirbet Kerak Ware which is a type of pottery that was manufactured in Armenia and the Caucasus but essentially it was made in the southern levant at the site of their discovery this object it represents the arrival of people who had brought their ceramic tradition with the north. It provides you everything you need to know into one and it gives a better understanding of how there lifestyle was like, their norms, traditions or even things the built or handmade it makes you almost envision while your reading the key points or the main idea of the section. As I was reading this handbook I had difficulty comprehending or distinguishing the phrases I would read because I never heard these things for example, In chapter four when it is speaking on behalf of

the crisis and transition of the 12 Century BCE the phrase “Onomasticon of Amenope” which is the coastal city of Dor near Mount Carmel that was occupied by another Ramesses enemies called the Sicels. Even when I read further of that phrase to get a better understanding of what it meant I also did further research to get extra background of the significance behind it. With this in mind, reading this handbook has been a journey throughout the semester have to say it has expanded my capacity to say the least and it challenged me to go after and be curious to understand the best well possible the information I was receiving and I believe any scholar who wants to have a career within archeology, biblical history or even theology this handbook will help you in every way possible giving you a straightforward understanding biblically their history as well as geographically.

