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The Introductory Study Package

—an adventure with the Land of the Bible

The *Introductory Study Package* contains the following three parts:

Regions on the Run (RR)—maps, charts and discussions of arenas in the land of the Bible

Each section of this book introduces a major factor in the land of the Bible

- pp 6-7* The land of the Bible is a '**Land Between**'—between the powerful forces of sea and desert and the powerful centers of Egypt and Aram (northwestern Mesopotamia).
- pp 8-9* The land's story is overshadowed by **Imperial Highways** linking Egypt and Aram.
- pp 10-15* The land's well-watered and heavily-travelled **Northern Arena** has major battlefields surrounded by Phoenicia, Damascus and the northern kingdom of Israel.
- pp 16-21* The land's arid and more difficult **Southern Arena** hosts major trade routes disputed by Edom, the land of the Philistines and the southern kingdom of Judah.
- pp 22-29* The land's strategic **Central Arena** is the battlefield of the Central Hill Country and Jerusalem. Gateways in and out of this arena make it the focal point of biblical history.
- Regions on the Run* treats each arena separately and illustrates them by short essays called **Field Trips through History**. Biblical events in the 'Field Trips' illuminate the dynamic of each arena, and each 'Field Trip' is carefully linked to an easy to use interpretive time-line (chart) that leads the reader through 4000 years of history.
- pp 30-40* Background discussion for reading the four Gospels, linked to a six-page **Regional Outline of the Gospels** and the large, fold-out **4000 Year Overview** chart.

Regional Study Maps (RSM)—seven large format 3-D maps of the land in color

Actual relief, regional/site names, roads, elevation, other features (16x22in/43x56cm)

<i>context maps</i>	1 ME	Middle East (half size of others)
	2 LB	Land Between (Land of the Bible)
<i>arena maps</i>	3 NCA	Northern and Central Arenas
	4 SCA	Southern and Central Arenas
<i>detail maps</i>	5 GAL	Galilee and Jezreel Valley
	6 JUD	Heartland of Judah
	7 BEN	Land of Benjamin and Approaches

Regional Study Guide (RSG)—A free 98-page, 8.5x11inch downloadable textbook

Thorough discussions of 24 major events in the land of the Bible presented on each of the seven maps listed above. The discussions and marking instructions on these maps create an interactive learning experience. The *Regional Study Guide* carefully integrates the above materials and leads the students in a personal exploration of the maps and charts. Frequent use is made of the large fold-out **4000 Year Overview** chart in the back of *RR*. The temporal context of the biblical period emerges *without* having to memorize historical facts.

Download the *Regional Study Guide* from www.bibback.com with Adobe Acrobat. Do not click 'fit to page' as it reduces the page size, and the text becomes difficult to read.



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