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| **Bible Atlas**               | Collection of maps and explanations showing places mentioned in the Bible; may also touch on history and significance of locations | Overcome geographic barriers to interpretation | Atlas of the Bible BS 621 .G712 1956 REFERENCE  
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Oxford Bible Atlas BS 630 .O96 2007 (2nd floor)  
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