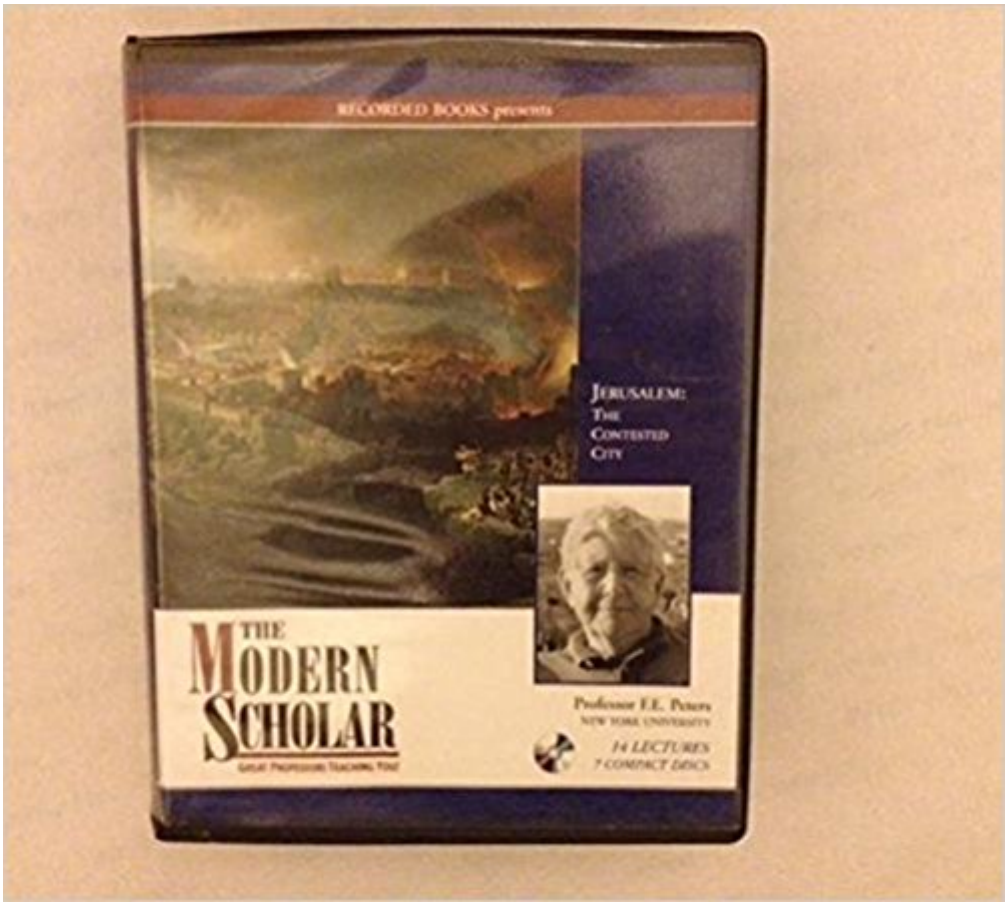
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I must say, I have listened to the tape three times already, and will soon be listening to it again. If you have interest in learning the facts about all that has happened in Jerusalem to make it what it is today; I highly recommend the tape. There is a lot of info stacked into this book (tape) and I find myself letting my mind wander if I try to comprehend too much at one time. Truly worth the value.

While preparing to travel to Israel, I found this teaching series. I spent most of my time in Jerusalem and it was extremely helpful in understand the land that I was about to travel. I highly recommend this for the traveler but also to those curious about Israel. His unbiased insight on the 3 major religions was also thoroughly researched.

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