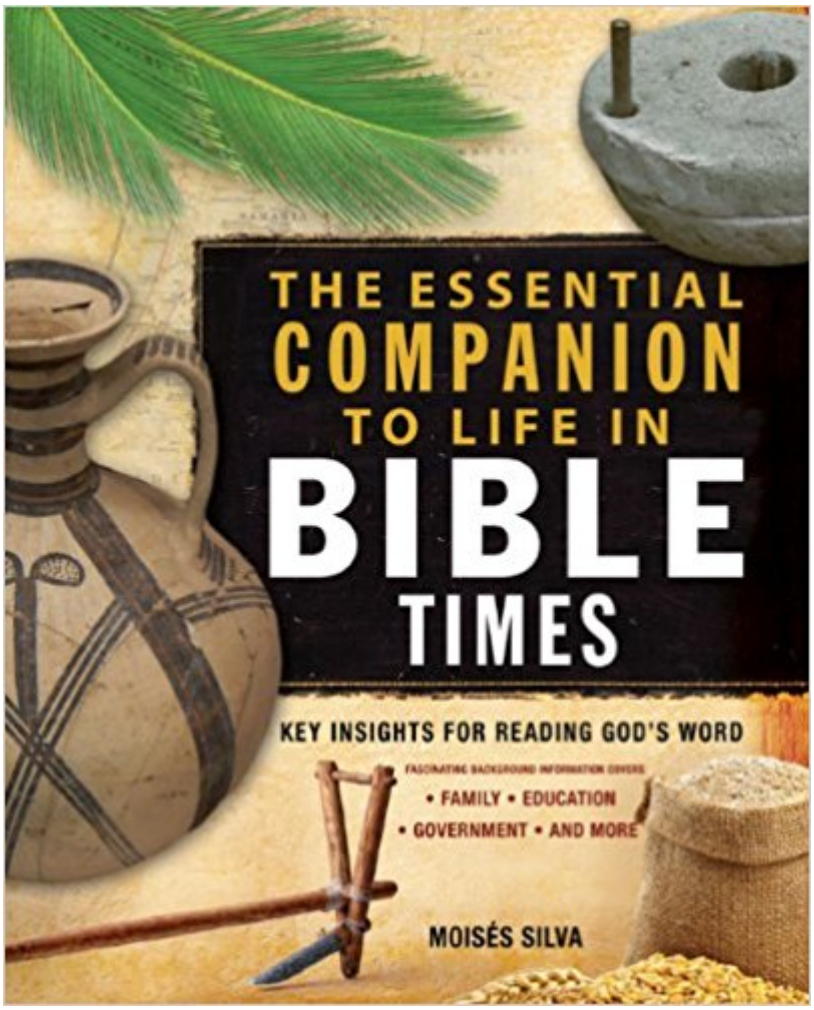
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Essential Companion to Life in Bible Times organizes material in thematic fashion and distills from the various articles the information that is most useful for appreciating the cultural background of the biblical writings. The book begins with a chapter on the family, describing what the Bible says about children, from their birth through their education, and discusses the roles played by men and women when they reached adulthood. The topics of sex, marriage, divorce, old age, death, and burial are also treated. From there, topics include: -The householdÃ¢â ¬â ¢from house architecture and furniture to the subjects of food and waterÃ¢â ¬â ¢and health and illnesses in biblical times. -Social life, including population, the calendar, economics, crafts, travel and trade, dress, and music. -Government in the towns, the larger cities, and the state; including the role of the king, as well as the function of elders and officials. -IsraelÃ¢â ¬â„¢s religious lifeÃ¢â ¬â ¢from the use of high places and altars, to the importance of the tabernacle and the temple, to role of priests and Levites.

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MoisÃƒÂ©s Silva taught biblical studies at Westmont College, Westminster Theological Seminary, and Gordon-Conwell Seminary. He is the author or coauthor of eight books and the revising editor of the Zondervan Encyclopedia of the Bible.

This is a good BASIC book dealing with cultures in the Bible. I like that it has pictures to illustrate some points.

Excellent, this book from the seller was even better than described.

everything was just as promised, thanks!

Very useful!

helpful

GREAT!!!

Silva has compiled a fine little work on topics related to biblical culture. The book, derived from two of ZondervanÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s more expansive works, is organized by helpful topics like family, work, society and government yet a variety of related issues are included under major topics. The chapter on household, for example, includes discussions on food, water and health in addition to housing matters. Although often differentiated, the work freely mixes Old Testament, Inter-Testament and New Testament customs leading to a generalization of subjects that often changed over time. Photos ranging from ancient Near Eastern iconography to current Middle Eastern culture enhance the volume and the readerÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s ability to visualize a topic. In places SilvaÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s style is listy including different types of metals, various trades or implements used for farming. The book is especially helpful for the general student of the Bible in providing a basic sense of biblical customs without expanded archaeological or linguistic discussions. Inclusion of an index would have been a great addition to this work. This work is recommended for both church and school educators as well as students of the Bible that are seeking insight from behind the text.

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