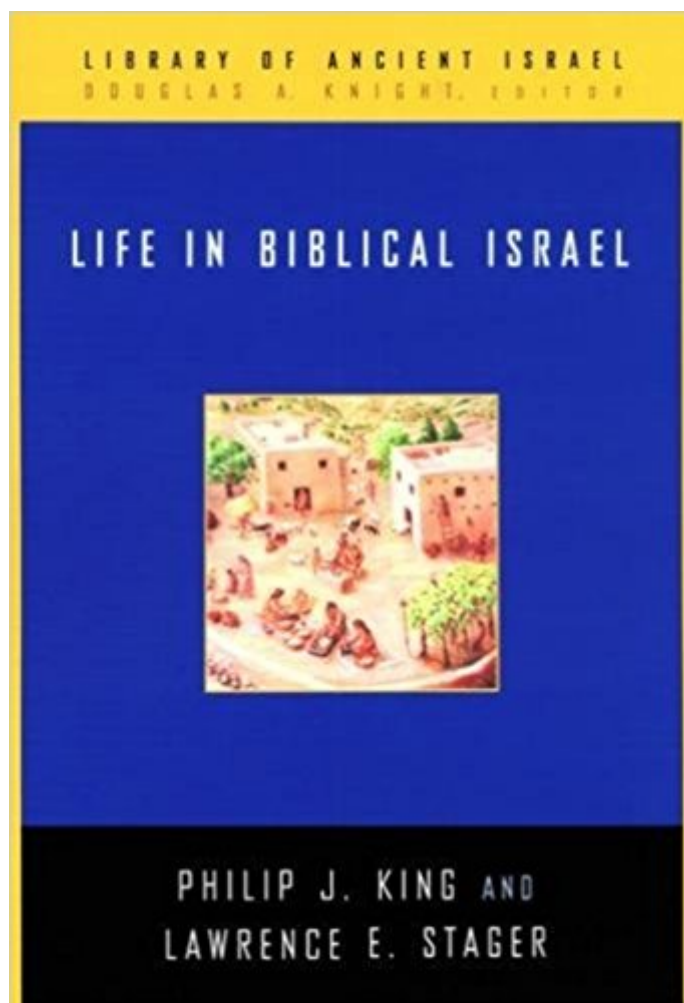


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# Life In Biblical Israel (Library Of Ancient Israel)



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"Overall, the book is superb, overflowing with insights into the Biblical world." -- Biblical Archaeology Review, May/June 2002

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An excellent work. The writing gets a tad dense at times, but is highly informational. This work will appeal to historians and theologians alike. The illustrations add a great deal to the value of the text, a picture is worth a thousand words as they say. I still have this book on my shelves and use it to get into the mindset of ancient Israel before reading the Old Testament from time to time.

Nobody seriously teaching the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible should be without this book. It's the kind of book I hesitate to tell students about because then they'll know the secret source of all the cool information I share, but they all deserve to have the book. Stager and King, both proven authorities in the field of archaeology, offer a vivid, detailed examination of the everyday realities of life in the Old Testament period. Lushly illustrated with photographs, the text is readable and clear without sacrificing the scholars' necessary level of maturity. This book is a model of how a vast range of technical information can be made accessible to serious students.

When you're putting together a historical/contextual overview of a bible passage for small group discussion, a work such as this is invaluable. Get it- you won't regret it!

If you're interested in just getting a slice of life in ancient times that has no theological agenda, this is a good one to have. I was a bit surprised at that fairly low view of scripture's inspiration given that a co-author is a catholic priest, but I did appreciate that there was no blatant attempt to prove that scripture is true through archaeology. The title is a good representation of the contents, a great slice of life in the ancient world - good for painting a picture for your mind as you read the Old Testament.

This is a delightfully entertaining and instructive book. Well written for 'everyday' education levels. This is one I'll go back to time and again, and have already followed up on some of the references for further reading. Excellent Book!

I really enjoyed this book. There is some redundancy from chapter to chapter, but not too bad. The authors use a LOT of Scripture which I really appreciated. My only problem with it, I'd say, is that they make some interpretive assumptions that are based on really worn out theories of textual criticism. On the whole, however, it helped me to really grasp the cultural undergirding of what the Old Testament has to say.

very good book. the pictures are a great help.

I wanted to know more about what life was really like in biblical times. There a lot of photos and good descriptions. I wish there were a few drawings of the homes, clothing etc. Lots of information though.

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