

Book Reviews: Holman QuickSource Bible Atlas

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[Holman QuickSource Bible Atlas With Charts, Maps & Biblical Reconstructions](#), Introduction by Paul H. Wright (Holman)

✘ This addition to the Holman QuickSource reference series provides an affordable, accessible and downright beautiful book worth adding to the library of any Bible student. Like any atlas, this book offers maps—more than 100 wonderfully detailed full-color maps that make the biblical lands come alive. But it also features gorgeous photos, many drawn from the ample archives of Biblical Illustrator magazine and several from sources familiar to many Texas Baptists—veteran seminary professors Bill Tolar and Tommy Brisco. Also included are helpful charts on a variety of subjects.

While the timelines, charts, maps, illustrated reconstructions of biblical buildings and photos provide bountiful information at glance, take the time to read the introductory article on the geography of Bible lands by Paul H. Wright, director of Jerusalem University College, and the other text features. While the writers and editors follow a conservative approach in terms of dating and authorship of Bible books, they faithfully acknowledge where differences of opinion exist among credible scholars.

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[Where Angels Tread: Real Stories of Miracles and Angelic](#)

Intervention by Leslie Rule (Andrews McMeel)

Ann Rule tells of being “whooshed” by an angel out of the path of an  oncoming car when she was only 6 years old. This began a fascination with angelic beings that she handed down to her daughter, Leslie, who has written several books on supernatural subjects.

Where Angels Tread contains 12 chapters of real-life stories of encounters with angels, healings, miracles and more. Each chapter begins with a quote by a notable, from Thomas Aquinas to Billy Graham. The author’s research included Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, Mormons and other sources. Rule insists she is not telling her readers what to believe but simply is sharing stories.

Rule has filled her book with photos of angelic statues from around the world, as well as photos from some of the stories she has catalogued. An interesting addition to the book is a section, “In the News,” that contains encounters with angels and miracles reported in the secular news.

I found the book fascinating. I had questions but rejoiced in much that I read. I believe you will be blessed by reading *Where Angels Tread*. We know angels are real, and I am so grateful they are. Enjoy the journey.

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