



Resources for the Contexts of the Bible

Watering Can Level

- **BibleProject.com** has resources at all levels, starting with their short videos. More advanced materials are in their podcasts and Classroom.
- Books by Lois Tverberg on the Jewish Jesus – ***Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus, Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus, Reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus, Listening to the Language of the Bible***
- ***Foreign to Familiar: A Guide to Understanding Hot and Cold Climate Cultures*** by Sarah Lanier
- ***New Light on the Difficult Words of Jesus— Insights from His Jewish Context*** by David Bivin
- **Study Bibles** give various backgrounds connected with passages. Some good ones include:
 - ***The Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible***
 - ***Faithlife Study Bible*** – free download
- **WalkingTheText.com** – A bi-weekly video series (or podcast) about the context of the Bible

Garden Hose Level

- **EnGediResourceCenter.com** -- Articles about the world of the Bible; has a search engine for web-based Hebraic topics
- ***Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes: Cultural Studies in the Gospels*** by Kenneth E. Bailey
- ***Jewish Spirituality for Christians*** by Lawrence Kushner
- ***King Jesus Gospel*** by Scot McKnight
- ***Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes: Removing Cultural Blinders to Better Understand the Bible*** by E. Randolph Richards and Brandon J. O'Brien
- **NetBible.org** -- Verse-by-verse notes
- ***The Bible in World History*** by Stephen Leston
- ***Windows into the Bible: Cultural and Historical Insights from the Bible for Modern Readers*** by Marc Turnage
- ***Zondervan Atlas of the Bible*** by Carl Rasmussen

Super-soaker Level

- **Aleph with Beth** (Hebrew) and **Alpha with Angela** (Greek) on YouTube.com – Free self-paced language study
- ***Ancient Near Eastern Thought and the Old Testament: Introducing the Conceptual World of the Hebrew Bible*** by John H. Walton
- Bible software from **AccordanceBible.com** or **Logos.com** – free, light, and extensive packages
- ***Biblical Literacy*** by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin
- ***God In Search of Man*** by Abraham Joshua Heschel
- ***Holman Illustrated Guide to the Biblical Geography*** by Paul Wright
- ***Our Father Abraham: Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith*** by Marvin R. Wilson
- ***The Divine Conspiracy*** by Dallas Willard
- ***The Epic of Eden: A Christian Entry into the Old Testament*** by Sandra L. Richter
- ***The New Testament in Its World*** by N.T. Wright and Michael Bird