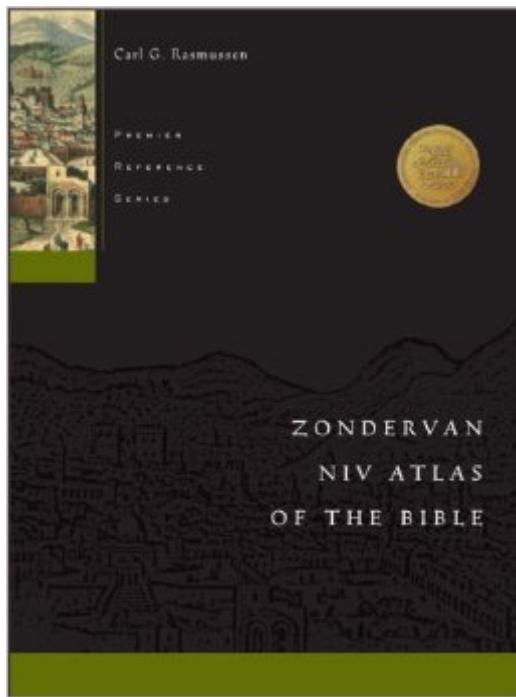


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# Zondervan NIV Atlas Of The Bible



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I am a student at the college where Dr. Rasmussen teaches; I can profess with great confidence that he has extensive first hand knowledge of the Bible and the Holy Land. This knowledge shines through gloriously in this book; the information is presented thoroughly and networked within the pages of the only NIV Atlas of the Bible you will ever need!

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