Many Christians want to know more about how archaeology informs and deepens our understanding of the Bible and specific texts. It helps to know, for example, about Mars Hill, where Paul defended the faith in Acts 17, about the topography of Galilee, and about the setting for so many of the accounts recorded in both the Old and New Testaments.

At the same time, much of what is presented as archaeology is openly hostile to the truthfulness of the Bible, leaving many Christians wanting to know more but unsure of where to turn. The *Archaeological Study Bible: An Illustrated Walk Through Biblical History and Culture* [Zondervan] is the best resource for this need. Walter C. Kaiser, Jr. of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and Duane Garrett of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary served as editors for this project.

One of the great strengths of this project is the placement of such helpful material alongside the biblical text. References to seals, monuments, places, and cultural artifacts are described and explained, often with full-color photographs. The *Archaeological Study Bible* is a great advance and a wonderful addition to the Christian’s bookshelf.

See also my article, “How Should We Think About Archaeology and the Bible?”