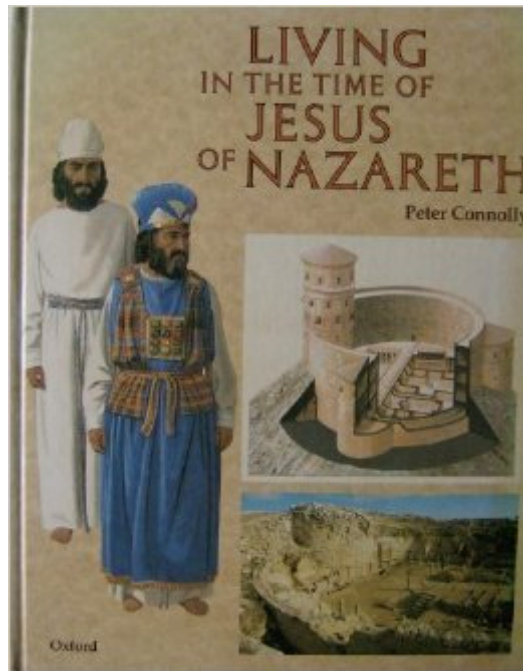


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# Living In The Time Of Jesus Of Nazareth



## Synopsis

Profusely illustrated, expert reconstruction of life in Judea and Galilee at the time of Jesus. Themes include the era's political background -- the reign of Herod the Great, the uprising against the Romans, the crushing of Jewish resistance at Masada.

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## Customer Reviews

"Living in the Time of Jesus of Nazareth" is a Bible background book covering 103 BC to 73 AD. It gave detailed information about the political situation during those years. It also gave very brief overviews of: various political terms; the religious groups (Sadducees, Scribes, Pharisees, Essenes, the Sanhedrin, the Messiah); taxes and coinage; trials and punishments; daily living (weaving and spinning; childhood, education, and games; cooking, baking, and food; betrothal, marriage, and divorce; clothing and jewelry; death and burial; craftsmen and agricultural work); and the Roman military, weapons, and siege techniques. The author used British terms. He seemed skeptical about the historical accuracy of the New Testament and treated Jesus as just one of the Messiahs of the time. (He spent only one page on Jesus of Nazareth.) However, the illustrations and historical background were nicely done. The photos, illustrations, and maps were full-color. The photos were of the land and ruins of Biblical sites. The illustrations were of daily living tools and activities and artist reconstructions of various buildings that existed at that time (houses; palaces in Masada, Jericho, Jerusalem; baths; synagogues; the Temple; tombs; Herodium; Antonia Fortress; and various buildings at Masada, at Qumran, and at Caesarea).

I learned a lot from this very simple overview of Jewish and Roman history during the time of Jesus.

For example, I learned that the Jews were fighting a civil war in the years leading up to the destruction of the temple by the Romans. (One historical fact that had been obscured in my previous cursory study.) There were several people called "messiah" by their followers, including at least one or two others named Jesus. This is an interesting narrative, not just a series of dates and names, and for me it was much more interesting because of that. Lots of drawings and illustrations. However, the text needed better editing. It needed commas, for instance, in many places to clarify the meaning. It was a good elementary overview of the times of Jesus of Nazareth and put his life in context.

This book is not easy to find because it is not published in the United States. It is published in Israel and has no ISBN number, etc. However, we came to know of the book through a friend who bought it in Israel. He loaned it to us and we were hooked. It has terrific drawings and photos. If you ever wanted to know what an ephod looks like, this is the book to show it to you in color. It is very helpful in so many ways for folks who want to know more about the bible, the Holy Land and all the things we study about Christ and his environment but can't quite get our heads around visually. We are grateful to have found it and recommend it highly.

This book provides an excellent view of life in the time of Jesus. Beautifully written and illustrated, it takes the reader in baby steps through the complex political and social life of the day. Anyone who has been to Israel will immediately see that this book would help understand travel to that land. [The Feasts of Adonai, Why Christians Should Look at the Biblical Feasts](#)

Usually when someone uses the old saying "they don't make them like in those times," this is more a complaint than a factual statement that it was better in those days. But I must truly say that today, after more than 25 years that this book was first published, there isn't anything that compares with Peter Connolly's books for young readers. It provides one of the best explanations and clarifications of the complex political and religious situation in 1st century Palestine, and also the origins of those issues from the times when the Hasmonean/Maccabean ruled the country as chief-priests. It's important to notice that this isn't a life of Jesus of Nazareth, it is a history book with huge amount of information regarding the society and economy of the period when Jesus lived. It is obviously interesting to anyone who wants to know more about the history of that region, and it's vital to anyone who wants to start biblical studies. Trying to understand ancient biblical texts without the adequate

background regarding politics, factions and society in Judea, Galilee, Samaria, etc. is truly  
naÃfÂ ve. The excellent text is accompanied with perfect maps and astonishing illustrations by the  
author; it represents items, events and personalities with immense accuracy, which nowadays is  
almost completely inexistent in young readersÃcÂ Â™ products. From reconstitutions of dress,  
houses, Roman administration, religious factions, crucifixions, funerary rites and deposition caves,  
aerial views of structures like the temple or Masada, among many other themes including the siege  
of Jerusalem, all based on archeological finds provided and drawn by the author. This book is an  
essential stepping stone for anyone that is interested in Judaism, Rome or Christianity.

Excellent historical and pictorial view of the times leading up to the life of Jesus. Excellent for  
context of events surrounding the mid-East during the gap between Old and New Testament  
accounts.

Loving this book. Very interesting and informative.

Very interesting book with good information.

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