



Todd Bolen, *Pictorial Library of Bible Lands*, 8 volume CD set. \$195.00.

One of the great advances technology has brought to the study of the Bible is the increased ability to communicate through visual media. The *Pictorial Library of Bible Lands* is an exceptional example of this new technology. The CDs feature photographs of archaeological sites, geography, artifacts, Bible plants and animals, and more.

Three features set this product apart. First, the pictures were taken by an accomplished photographer who knew what he was looking at, so the pictures are meaningful. Second, the large size (1600x1200) and low compression of the pictures means that the clarity is excellent. The size can be reduced for PowerPoint presentations, or they can be cropped. Pictures that are too small tend to look grainy or “digital” when displayed, which is not a problem with these images. Third, the pictures are well organized by subject area, and a brief description of the subject has been included in each file name. This means it is easy to find what you need.

Besides the pictures themselves (in .jpeg format), each CD includes ready-made PowerPoint files that take the viewer on a “tour” of various places. A program is also included in each folder that allows the viewer to preview the photos in that folder, almost like a slide show. The more than 4,500 pictures on the eight CDs come from the following areas: Galilee and the North, Samaria and the Center, Judah and the South, Jerusalem, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, and Greece and Rome.

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