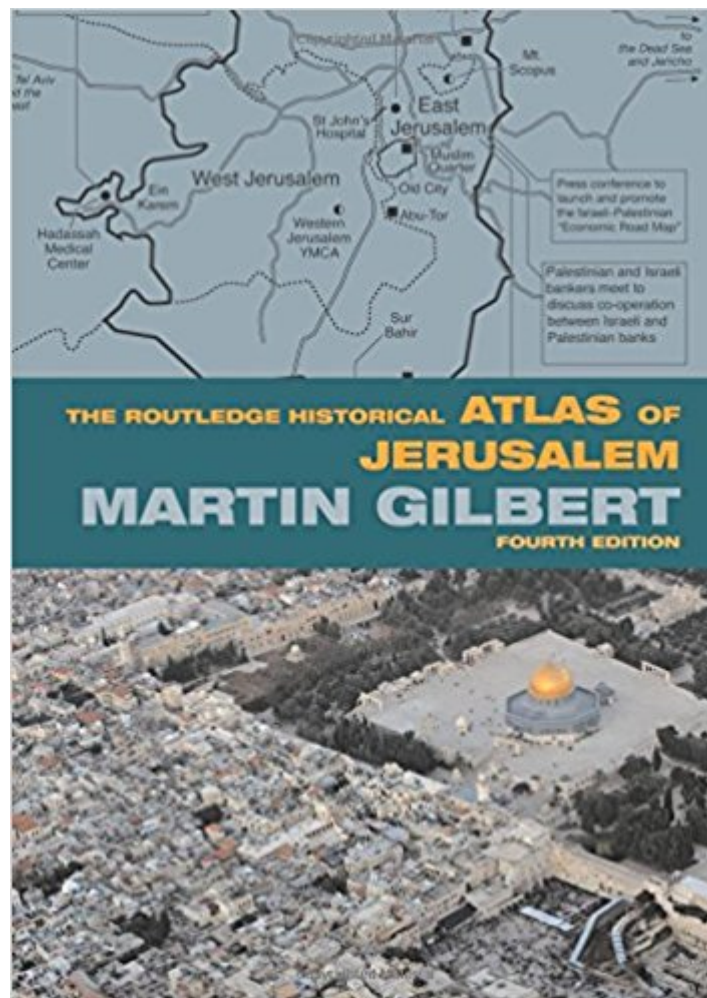




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Sir Martin Gilbert is one of the leading historians of our time. An Honorary Fellow of Merton College Oxford, he is the official biographer of Winston Churchill, and the author of eighty books, including *First World War*, *Second World War*, *Israel a History*, *Jerusalem Rebirth of a City* and *Jerusalem in the Twentieth Century*.

This is an awful "historical" atlas of Jerusalem. Unless you are only interested in Jerusalem of the last 200 years you should avoid buying it. First off the photographs are poor resolution black and white images. Second, the maps are simple line drawings lacking in topographic detail. The biggest problem is that the historical component is primarily limited to the period from 1400 AD to the

present (57 of 69 maps; 49 of the 57 are of Jerusalem from the 19th century onward). There is 1 map to cover ALL of Jerusalem from the Bronze Age to the end of the First Jewish Revolt in 70 AD. IOW over 3000 years supposedly represented on 1 map, and the map presented is only Herodian era Jerusalem. The illustration chosen to accompany this map is not even an image of one of the many archaeological finds from this period, but a print from 1701 AD (maybe it was public domain so no royalty had to be paid?). There is nothing in this atlas on Israelite Jerusalem of the Iron Age. I am not sure how one can claim this is a true historical atlas of Jerusalem when two thirds of its history is so inadequately represented. This is truly an embarrassing product for both Routledge and Gilbert. It is a shame that the far better balanced and illustrated atlas by Bahat is no longer available.

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