

An Annotated Bibliography on the Middle East



The following is a list, by no means exhaustive, of books which will be helpful to your understanding of the causes of tension in the Middle East and of the glorious culture that is still there. The focus is on Christians in all of the different countries.

Ateek, Naim, Cedar Duaybis, and Marla Schrader (eds.) *Jerusalem: What Makes for Peace! A Palestinian Christian Contribution to Peacemaking/Sabeel Liberation Theology Center*. London: Melisende, 1997. 280 pp.

Papers from 1996 conference to raise consciousness re. Christian concerns for Jerusalem. Local Christian community's position explained, also Christian spirituality in the region. Avail. Melisende.com 12.50 pounds, takes Paypal credit card.

Bailey, Betty Jane, and Bailey, J. Martin. *Who Are the Christians in the Middle East?* Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company: 2003. 200 pages. The authors, missionaries in the Middle East, describe past and present of the five church families of the Middle East and profile Christian presence by country, in Cyprus, Egypt, Holy Land, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, N. Africa, Persian Gulf, Sudan, Syria, and Turkey. Avail. Eerdmans.com or amazon.com \$20.

Bailey, Kenneth E. *The Cross and the Prodigal: Luke 15 through the Eyes of Middle Eastern Peasants*. St. Louis: Melbourne Press, 2000. 133 pages.

Renowned New Testament scholar and missionary combines story of the prodigal and Middle Eastern culture. Reviewed as eye-opening and inspiring. Avail. Amazon \$12.

Balkian, Peter. *Black Dog of Fate*. Harper Collins: 1997

A prize-winning family memoir of survivors of 1915 Armenian genocide. Avail. Amazon \$11.

Betts, Robert Brenton. *Christians in the Arab East*. Athens Greece: Lycabettus Press, 1975. 212 pages.

A study of Christians and the politics of the Arab world up to 1975. Avail. Lycabettus.com, cost 22 Euros.

Brother, A. and A. Janssen. *Operation Desert Light: Standing up for those caught in the Crossfire*. Baker Brothers- ISBN 080075980x.

A look at contemporary conflict and many Christians caught in the middle of conflict; true stories and conversations. Avail. Fuller Theological Bookstore on line-\$12.

Chacour, Elias and M. Jensen. *We Belong to the Land: The Story of a Palestinian Israeli Who Lives for Peace and Reconciliation*. Harper and Collins, 1992.

A Palestinian Melkite Catholic Priest who is a significant figure in religion and politics tells his story. Avail. Amazon \$18.

_____ and D. Hazard. *Blood Brothers*. 2003.

A blend of personal anecdote and historical research, scripture and politics. Available Amazon, \$10.

Cragg, Kenneth. *The Arab Christian: A History in the Middle East*. Louisville, Ky: Westminster/John Knox. 1991. 336 pages.

A major figure in Christian/Muslim conversation; detailed theological analysis. Avail. Amazon \$20-30.

Dalrymple, William. *From the Holy Mountain*. NY: Henry Holt, 1997. 454 pages.
The author follows the journey of two monks who traveled from Egypt to Turkey and then south through the Levant, beginning in 587. Avail. From Amazon. \$12.43 (3-5wk shp)

Eusebius, Pamphila of Caesarea and C.F. Cruse. *Ecclesiastical History*. Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 1998.

Notes from a historian of apostolic times. Avail. Amazon \$10.63.

Fisher, Julia. *Future for Israel: Christian Arabs Share Their Stories*. Authentic Media; ISBN 1860245315.

Inspirational stories of Arab Christians. Avail. Fuller Theological Seminary Bookstore on line \$10.50.

Frend, W.H.C. *The Rise of Christianity*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1984.

Avail. Amazon \$26.40

Glass, Charles. *Tribes with Flags: A Dangerous Passage through the Chaos of the Middle East*. NY: Atlantic Monthly Press, 1990.

Author is ABC news correspondent to Middle East who was kidnapped in 1987. Tribal character, shifting alliances, particularly in Lebanon where significant Christian actions exist. Avail Amazon. Few copies \$4.

Griffith, Sidney. *Arabic Christianity in the Monasteries of the Ninth Century*. London: Variorum Press, 1992. Essentially unavailable for purchase.

Hummel, Thomas, K. Hintlian and U. Carmesund, (Eds.). *Patterns of the Past, Prospects for the Future: The Christian Heritage in the Holy Land*. London: Melisende, 1999.

Papers of 2nd International Conference on Christian Heritage held in 1996. History, critical reflection on role of various Christian tradition, including legal rights over history of Christians in the Holy Land. Avail. Melisende.com, 15 pounds.

Kerr, Ann, Malcolm Kerr and Albert Hourani. *Come With Me From Lebanon: An American Family Odyssey*. Civic Media Center: 1994.

Personal testimony from past president of American University of Beirut, a school founded by Presbyterians, and his wife, with noted historian. Avail from Amazon-\$15.

Kimball, Charles A. *Angle of Vision*. Cincinnati: Friendship Press, 1992. 118 pages.

A broad overview of religion and politics for Christians in the Middle East. Avail. Alibris.com, used \$2.95; limited copies.

Meinardus, Otto F. A., *Two Thousand Years of Coptic Christianity*. Cairo: American University of Cairo Press, 2002. Avail. Alibris.com, \$10.40

Neil, Stephen and Owen Chadwick. *A History of Christian Mission, Second Edition*.

History from first Christians to 20th century, post 1914. Publisher unknown.

Available Amazon \$11.

O'Mahony, A. (Ed). *Eastern Christianity: Studies in Modern History. Religion, Politics*. 620 pp. London: Melisende, 2004.

Papers from international scholars review contribution past and present of Eastern Christianity (1/5 of total number of Christians in world), as a living tradition. Melisende.com--cost, 28 pounds.

Pacini, Andrea. *Christian Communities in the Middle East-the Challenge of the Future*. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998.

Examines role of Eastern Church in history of Arab society; analyzes challenges currently facing communities including juridical status, social, political and economic dynamics. Avail. Alibris.com \$44.50 to \$90.

PC(USA) Church and Society Series, Vol. 95, No. 1. *Israel and Palestine: A Quest for Peace*. PC(USA) publisher, October 2003.

Series of papers by some of the most knowledgeable people in the Middle East and US. Available from PC(USA) Louisville PDS office, \$3.

Patrick, Rev., Fr. Theodore H. *Traditional Egyptian Christianity: A History of the Coptic Orthodox Church*. 226 pages. Greensboro, NC:Fisher Park Press: 1996.

Limited copies avail. Amazon.com

Prior, Michael and W. Taylor (eds.) *Christians in the Holy Land*. London: Melisende.

Papers from ecumenical seminar series; history, issues of pilgrimage, socio-economic topics, role of major churches in Holy Land. Avail. Melisende.com 12.50pounds

Raheb, Mitri. *Bethlehem Besieged-Stories of Hope in Times of Trouble*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press 2004.

Noted pastor of Christmas Lutheran church in Bethlehem describes difficulties of Christian life during siege of Bethlehem by Israeli troops related to terrorist take-over of Church of Nativity in 2002. Ideas for reconciliation. Avail. Amazon.com \$10

_____. *I Am a Palestinian Christian*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1995.

History of Palestinian Christians, and description of life under occupation; effective role played by Christian community. Avail. Amazon.com \$11.

Roberson, Ronald G. *The Eastern Christian Churches: A Brief Survey*. Rome.: Edizioni Orientalia Christiana, Pontificio Istituto Orientale, 1995. Fifth revision. 252 pages.

Catholic-Orthodox relation and current relationship between Catholic and Oriental Orthodox churches. Avail Alibris.com, limited copies \$54.

Said, Edward W. *Out of Place: A Memoir*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1999;

Autobiography of famed Columbia U. scholar with Baptist/Anglican background; journey from wealth in Jerusalem, displacement in Palestine to US. Avail. Amazon.com \$12.

Salibi, Kamal. *A House of Many Mansions-The History of Lebanon Reconsidered*.

Berkeley: University of California Press, 1990. 254 pp.

Foremost Lebanese historian analyzes factions including Maronite Christians. Avail Amazon.com 21.95.

Scudder, Lewis R. *The Arabian Mission's Story: In Search of Abraham's Other Son*. Grand Rapids, Mich: Eerdmans, 1998. 437 pages.

Set in the context of Christian mission over 6 centuries, the book focuses on the Arabian mission as an independent Protestant mission, as part of the Reformed Church in the US. Avail. Eerdmans.com, \$39.

Sennott, Charles, M, *The Body and the Blood: The Holy Land at the Turn of the New Millenium; A Reporter's Journey*. New York: Public Affairs, 2001. 449 pages.

A look at the Christians of the Holy Land and why they are disappearing. Avail through Amazon, 70 copies, varying prices.

Trimingham, J.S. *Christianity Among the Arabs in Pre-Islamic Times*. London: Longman and Librairie du Liban, 1979. No copies identified for sale by search.

Tsimhoni, Daphne. *Christian Communities in Jerusalem and the West Bank since 1948*. Westport, Connecticut; Praeger Press, 1991. Essentially unavailable for sale.

Wagner, Donald, E., *Dying in the Land of Promise-Palestine and Palestinian Christianity from Pentecost to 2000*. London: Melisende, 2001. 277 pages.

Concise and personal history of Palestinian Christianity with emphasis on regional and international politics and effect on Christian population. Avail. Amazon.com \$9.

_____ *Anxious for Armageddon: A Call to Partnership with Middle East Christians*. Scottsdale, Pennsylvania: Herald Press, 1995.

Examines scripture for explanations of which tradition "owns" the Holy Land—Evangelical Christians, Jewish community, who? Limited copies Avail. Amazon, \$8.

Ware, Timothy (Bishop Kallistos). *The Orthodox Church*. London; Penguin Books, 1993. Rev. edition. 359 Pages.

History, faith, and worship of Orthodox Church. Avail. at Alibris.com from 7 to 11\$.

Wessels, Antonie. *Arab? And Christian? Christians in the Middle East*. Kampen, Netherlands: Kok Pharos Publishing House, 1995. 255 pages.

Describes Orthodox and Catholic groups; mission from the West, and future of the church.

Unavail. for sale.