

Errata for *The Bridge to the New Testament*

Page	Location	Change
30	First paragraph under “Assyria, Syria, and Samaria.”	Remove entire portion of paragraph starting with “Renamed <i>Syria</i> during this period... The Syria of today is a portion of this area.” After “...conquered by Alexander the Great in 330 BC.”, add a new paragraph “The name <i>Syria</i> does not appear in the Old Testament. In extracanonical literature, it appears in several books of the Apocrypha that we will study in Chapter 13—Judith, I and IV Maccabees, and I and II Esdras—and it certainly came into common use during the inter-testament period. Earlier uses of the term appear to be a corruption, or shortening, of the name “Assyria.” The region became part of the Seleucid Empire under Seleucus Nicator I in 312 BC and came under the control of the Parthians from about 150 BC to AD 116. In the New Testament, Syria refers to the Roman province of Syria that was established by the Roman general, Pompey, in 62 BC.”
35	Paragraph starting “Despite the fact that Josephus...”	Replace “(we will cover this in detail in Chapter 10 under <i>Vespasian and the Fall of Galilee</i>)” to “(we will cover this in detail in Chapter 10 under <i>Vespasian’s War Against the Jews (AD 67)</i>)”.
80	Map 3-2	Remove the second bullet “Granted the Samaritans permission to build a temple on Mt. Gerizim” from callout #1.
80	Map 3-2	From callout #3, remove “(see the section <i>The Samaritan Temple</i>)”.
82	Under the section “The Samaritan Temple”	Remove the entire section under the heading of “Samaritan Temple” starting with “Just before Alexander took Jerusalem...” and ending with “...starting around 332 BC, and Manasseh became the Samaritan high priest.” Replace with “The events regarding the building of the Samaritan Temple on Mt. Gerizim are recounted by Josephus in <i>Antiquities</i> 11:8:2-4. He places its construction during the time of Alexander the Great around 332 BC. His timing is not correct, however, so we will not retell the story here. The events most likely occurred during the time of Nehemiah, over 100 years earlier in the mid-fifth century BC.”
82	Footnote 13	Remove.
85	Map 3-4	Remove Seleucia (near Babylon) since it was likely founded by Seleucus I Nicator several years after the events on the map.
160	Figure 5-4	Pink bar at top of figure should end at 167 BC.
161	Figure 5-5	Remove pink bar at top of figure.
264	Map 8-2, in key	After “Salome” add “(Herod’s Sister)”.

302	Paragraph starting “Table 9-5 shows...”,	Change “until Jerusalem fell at the hands of Titus in AD 70” to “until after the fall of Jerusalem at the hands of Titus in AD 70.”
306	Paragraph starting “In the meantime...”,	Change “dinner party for Caligula.” to “dinner party for the emperor.”
345	Paragraph starting “Most of the discussions in this book...”	After “...and they both had appealed to the Romans for help.” add “We know that Pompey “helped” and in 63 BC took over Judea and converted it to a Roman province.”
352	Under entry for “Prefect”	In the “Description” column, add “In the Roman Empire, at least initially, a prefect had mostly military responsibilities.”
352	Under entry for “Procurator”	In the “Description” column, add “In the Roman Empire, at least initially, a procurator had mostly financial responsibilities.”
386	At end of paragraph starting “After Simon was murdered...”	Put “Here he was, the grandson of Mattathias, embracing and even enforcing Hellenism, the very culture against whom his grandfather had fought so valiantly.” in italics.
386	Paragraph starting “After John Hyrcanus died...”	Add long dash between “a lower-tier ruler than a king” and “and definitely Roman controlled.”
387	At end of paragraph starting “If we step back in time...”	Add “(i.e., Hyrcanus II)” after “although a Pharisee priest was certainly an exception to the rule.”
387	Figure 12-1	Remove “1,2,3 Marriage #” from key.
392	First (partial) paragraph	Make new paragraph for “Figure 12-3 shows...”.
400	Table entry for Shemini Atzeret	Replace “This holiday is celebrated <i>in</i> Israel only” with “In Israel, this is a one-day holiday. Outside Israel, it is a two-day holiday, and the second day is known as Simchat Torah.”
400	Table entry for Simchat Torah	Replace “An extra day at the end of Sukkot. This holiday is celebrated outside Israel only.” with “Outside Israel, this is a one-day holiday celebrated after Shemini Atzeret.”
401	Table 12-4, entry for Lag B’Omer	Add “(May 26, 1948).” after “Lag B’Omer (18 Iyar) 1948”.
402	Table 12-6, entry for Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day)	Append to description “If Israeli Memorial Day falls on a Friday or Saturday, it will move to the Wednesday before.”
410	First (partial) paragraph	Change “about 35 acres” to “between 35 and 37 acres”.
424	Figure 12-11 caption	Add “in Green” after “Dome of the Rock Superimposed”.
425	Paragraph starting “From the priest’s Court”	Add “, different in design from the nine-branched candlestick used during Hanukkah” after “the seven-branched candlestick”.
475	Under description for “Talent”, second bullet	Remove the entire second bullet that states “A talent was originally the equivalent of 3,600 shekels...”. Replace with “Exodus 38:24-29 shows that 603,550 men each giving a half-shekel, or 301,775 shekels total, is equal to 100 talents with 1,775 shekels left over. Thus, one talent was 3,000 shekels.”
475	Under description for “Talent”, third bullet	Remove the entire third bullet that starts with “Exodus 38:24-29...” Replace with “A talent under the Mesopotamian (Babylonian) system was originally 3,600 shekels since their mina originally contained 60 shekels instead of 50. When the sexagesimal (base 60) system was

		superseded in Babylonia by the decimal system, perhaps under Egyptian influence, the mina became 50 shekels, thus making the talent 3,000 shekels. This was carried over to the Jewish system—thus one Jewish talent was 3,000 Tyrian shekels.”
475	Under description for “Heavy Talent”	Remove the entire second bullet that starts with “A heavy talent...”. Replace with “A heavy talent was equivalent to two normal talents—thus 6,000 Tyrian shekels.”
481	Table 14-5, under “Base Unit”, second row	Replace “1 Roman denarius = 1 Greek drachm” with “1 Jewish (Tyrian) shekel”.
481	Table 14-5, under “Equal To” second row	Replace “1/4 of a Jewish (Tyrian shekel)” with “4 Roman denarii (4 Greek drachmae)”.
481	Table 14-5, under “Approx. Value Today (US 2016)” for “Jewish lepton”	Change “\$0.36” to “\$0.34”.
481	Table 14-5, under “Notes” for “Jewish lepton”	Change “About three minutes...” to “About 2.8 minutes...”.
481	Table 14-5, under “Equal to” for “Jewish talent”	Change “10,000 Roman denarii or 10,000 Greek drachmae” to “12,000 Roman denarii (2 Roman talents) or 12,000 Greek drachmae (2 Greek talents)”.
481	Table 14-5, under “Approx. Value Today (\$US 2016)*” for “Jewish talent”	Change “\$435,000” to “\$522,000”.
481	Table 14-5, under “Notes” for “Jewish talent”	Change “\$435,000” to “\$522,000”. Change “\$870,000” to “\$1.044 million”. Change “\$2.175 million” to “\$2.61 million”.
481	Paragraph starting “The calculations of...”	Change “\$0.36” to “\$0.34”.
485	Paragraph starting “A talent was a rather... “	Change “about 37 years” to “about 45 years”.
512	Figure 15-2	Replace “Dionysus*” with Dionysus*/**”.
605	Entry for “Manasseh (First Samaritan High Priest)”	Remove entire entry.
645	Entry for “Mount Gerizim”	Remove “built during the Greek period (Alexander the Great). See the entry under Samaritan Temple for more information on an alternate timeline as to when this temple was built.”
652	Entry for “Samaritan Temple”	Remove “Sanctioned to be constructed by Alexander the Great around 332 BC.” Replace “other sources of literature attribute its building” to “it was built”