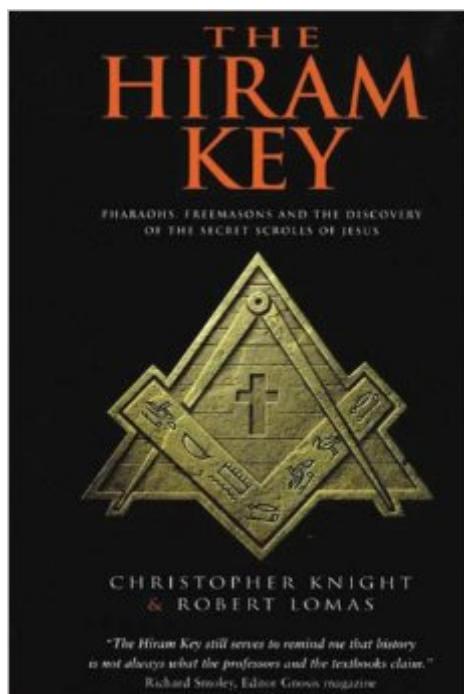


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I have read many of these reviews and some of the fiercest criticisms as well. Almost uniformly the critics seem to read as live people I have met who are Christians who become quite shrill when certain newer historical concepts are mentioned or written about. But in the interest of my own satisfaction, I went back and researched a few of the chief complaints. It turns out that many of the criticism repeated over and over are nothing more than petty objections to historically controversial "facts" that historians have debated for a long time. The existence of Nazareth is one example. Yes, you can find it on maps of the first century period because there is much assumption that it existed then. But the town is not mentioned in the Hebrew texts, not in Josephus, nor in the Talmud. Jerome in the 5th century says that it was a vicinus or mere village of perhaps a couple hundred people. It was a satellite of the larger city of Sepphoris four miles away. To add to that, the respected historian Zindler argued as did many others, that Nazareth did not exist in the first century. He cites Paul,

Josephus, the Hebrew Bible and the Talmud as well as the statement that the brow of the hill near Nazareth is not steep enough for someone to be thrown off and killed, referring to Luke 4:28-30. Add to all this the very diverse historical evidence of an active Nasorean sect and the Ebionites who seemed to be the real source of Jewish "Christianity" - rejected by the Paulinians and you have just the beginning of what is really an much more complex historical setting than just saying one thing or another and sticking to it for two thousand years.

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