

ATLAS OF  
**EMPIRES**

PETER DAVIDSON



# CONTENTS

INTRODUCTION .....	8
ATLAS NOTES .....	11
<b>I. WAR AND PEACE .....</b>	<b>12</b>
Sumer and Akkad .....	14
Egypt .....	19
Assyria and Babylonia .....	24
Persia .....	30
<b>2. EMPIRES OF THE CLASSICAL WORLD .....</b>	<b>36</b>
Athens .....	38
Rome .....	43
Alexander .....	52
Iran .....	57
India .....	62
China .....	68
<b>3. EMPIRES OF FAITH .....</b>	<b>74</b>
The Byzantine Empire .....	76
The Holy Roman Empire .....	82
The Abbasid Caliphate .....	89
<b>4. EMPIRES OF THE HORSE .....</b>	<b>96</b>
The Mongols .....	98
Chinese Empires .....	105
Muslim India .....	112
The Ottoman Empire .....	119

<b>5. EMPIRES OF ISOLATION</b>	126
The Empire of Mali	128
The Aztec Empire	133
The Inca Empire	138
<b>6. THE FIRST GLOBAL EMPIRES</b>	142
The Empires of Spain and Portugal	144
The Dutch	151
Britain and France in America	157
<b>7. EMPIRES AND NATIONS</b>	164
Napoleon	166
Russia	173
The Austrian Habsburgs	181
<b>8. EMPIRES OF INDUSTRIAL CAPITALISM</b>	188
The British Empire	190
The High Age of Imperialism	196
The Empire of Japan	203
<b>9. EMPIRES AND UTOPIAS</b>	208
The United States of America	210
The Soviet Union	218
The European Union	224
Afterword	230
Further Reading	232
Index	235
Acknowledgements	240