

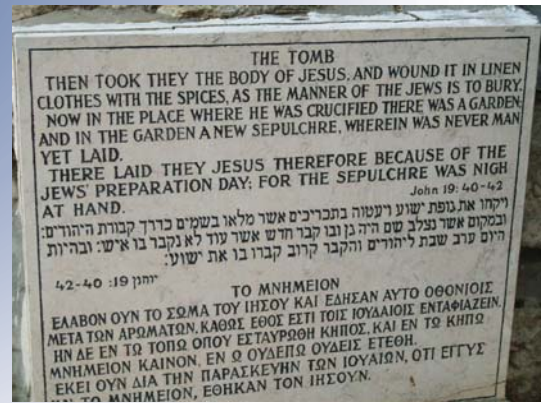
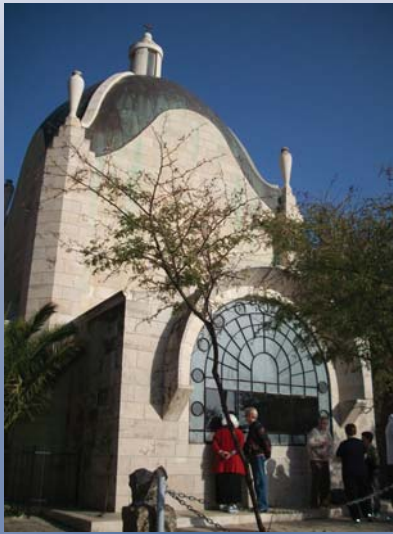
The World of the Bible

from "Then and There" to 'Here and Now'



October 12–24, 2012

Hosted and taught by David Miller



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Fri., October 12 Depart USA

Depart the United States this evening for a transatlantic flight to Tel Aviv, arriving the next day.

Sat., October 13 Arrive Tel Aviv, Israel

Arrive in Tel Aviv this afternoon. Drive to the hotel arriving in time for dinner and a brief evening meeting. Overnight at Ashkelon, located along the Mediterranean Coast.

Sun., October 14 The World of the Old Testament— The Negev & Shephelah (low hills)



Touring begins in the northern Negev desert region where Abraham spent most of his time in the Promised Land. We will observe a demonstration of the desert wandering Bedouin lifestyle and consider Abraham's relationship to the world around him. From there we travel to the archaeological site of Lachish, the second largest city in Judah in the Old Testament period. We also stop at the Elah Valley (David and Goliath) and Tel Beth Shemesh (Samson). Today's teachings lay the foundation for understanding the Book of Joshua,

reading the prophets, and understanding Jewish-Gentile tensions—a major biblical topic carried through to the New Testament. Overnight at the Blue Bay Hotel, Netanya which is located along the Mediterranean coast.

Mon. October 15 Jews, Gentiles and the Messiah

We begin with a visit to Caesarea Maritima, the impressive port facility built by King Herod just before the birth of Jesus. Perhaps the most important post-Pentecost biblical event occurred here—the conversion of Cornelius. We continue to Mount Carmel to overlook the north of Israel and reflect on Elijah's victory over the prophets of Baal and its significance today. We then pass through the Jezreel Valley, referred to in the Book of Revelation as the Valley of Armageddon. Our day ends at ancient Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation and the remains of the town from Jesus' day. There, we take a fresh look at the Annunciation in light of First Century realities. Overnight at the Ma'agan, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

Tue., October 16 Around the Sea of Galilee—Daily Life & Religion in the Time of Jesus

Today's focus is on the daily life of First Century Galilee and Jesus' teachings. We begin the day at Chorazin, one of the three towns Jesus frequented to consider the role of religion in daily life, continuing to the traditional site of the Mount of Beatitudes to study the Sermon on the Mount. As we walk the Galilean hills, we discuss miracles that Jesus performed and reflect on their significance both then and now.



We will see ancient Capernaum, the town where Jesus lived during most of His ministry, and discuss His Sabbath healings. After an outdoor lunch and a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, we see the remarkably well-preserved remains of a first century Galilean fishing boat. We end by visiting the other side of the Sea to consider Jesus' relationship to the non-Jewish world during His ministry. Overnight at Ma'agan.

Wed., October 17 Exploring the Golan—The Kingdom of God & Biblical Nature Imagery

Today we explore northern Israel, a beautiful region of the country. We begin with a pleasant walk in the Dan Nature Reserve, the largest source of the Jordan River. There we discuss water imagery in the Bible, enjoy the natural beauty of the Reserve and see remains of the Old Testament city of Dan. We consider the implications of Dan's choice of this site rather than their tribal allotment on the coast. Nearby we visit the waterfall of Baniyas (Caesarea Philippi), a possible location for Jesus' question to the disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" Ascending the lower slopes of Mount Hermon, we discuss the Transfiguration, and then travel along the scenic Golan Heights for a perspective on modern events. Overnight at Ma'agan.



Thu., October 18 The Jordan Valley

The cultural and political tensions between the Jewish people and the surrounding nations is our topic today. At Beth Shean (Scythopolis), one of Israel's most visually impressive archaeological sites, we see the cultural values of the non-Jewish world surrounding Galilee. At Beth Alfa we consider relationships between the mostly non-Jewish early church and the Jewish world from which it evolved. The synagogue floor at Beth Alfa is an important visual clue to the development of Judaism in the early Christian era. Conditions permitting, we plan a swim in warm, natural, beautifully landscaped pools at the base of Mt. Gilboa near the site of Gideon's victory. We head south, parallel to the Jordan River, passing through the region of Jericho and the day near the Dead Sea, with an opportunity for swimming in the saltiest body of water on earth. Overnight at Kibbutz Kalia.

Fri., October 19 The Desert As A Refuge

This morning, we travel along the shores of the Dead Sea to Masada, the impressive desert palace-fortress built by King Herod. While visiting the site, we consider how this man cast his shadow throughout the New Testament. Masada is also famous as the last Zealot stronghold against Rome, and we discuss Zealot theology in contrast to Jesus' teaching. At Ein Gedi, where David hid from Saul, we walk in the nature reserve for a taste of this desert oasis. Our last site is Qumran, site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and home of the Jewish sect, the Essenes. While the Essenes are not mentioned by name in the Bible, they may play a significant role in understanding parts of the New Testament. We end the day in Jerusalem, 4,000 feet higher in elevation than the Dead Sea. After dinner, join Shoresh director Yoel Seton on a panoramic roof-top walk in the Old City of Jerusalem. Friday evening, the eve of Sabbath, in Jerusalem is a unique and unforgettable experience. Overnight at Christ Church Guesthouse in the Old City.



Sat., October 20 Bethlehem and the Herodion: A Tale of Two Kings

This morning we overlook Bethlehem to consider biblical details of the birth of Christ. We then visit the Church of the Nativity, marking the probable site of Jesus' birth. Nearby, the

Herodion, the burial place of King Herod has a spectacular view of the Jerusalem-Bethlehem region. The afternoon is free for rest or personal exploration. Overnight at Christ Church Guesthouse.

Sun., October 21 Jerusalem

Enjoy a free morning or attend Church services at Christ Church this morning. We visit the Yad V'Shem Holocaust Memorial in the afternoon and experience a Passover Meal this evening. Overnight at Christ Church Guesthouse.

Mon., October 22 Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus

Discover Jerusalem on foot today. In Jesus' day, the Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish life and we spend much of our day in its vicinity. We visit the Temple Mount, the Western Wall place of prayer, the tunnels along the western foundation, and the excavations at the Southern base of the Temple Mount. In the rebuilt Jewish quarter of the Old City, we see the mansions of the wealthy class of the First Century and the Sadducees, the Jerusalem priesthood, and how Jesus related to them. Time permitting; we visit a model of OT period Jerusalem OT. Overnight at Christ Church.



Tue., October 23 Jesus' Final Week

Today begins with an overview of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives and view of a tomb from the time of Jesus.

We descend the Mount of Olives on foot, stopping at the Dominus Flevit Church (Our Lord Wept) and the Church of All Nations, the possible site of the Garden of Gethsemane. Visit the Church of Saint Peter in Gallicantu, the possible site of the High Priest's prison where Jesus was held. We also visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, a likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. Our biblical study today examines biblical passages concerning the political tensions during Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. Our tour ends with a reflective time at the Garden Tomb, the other possible site of Jesus' burial and resurrection.



Wed., October 24 Arrive USA

Transfer from Jerusalem this morning to Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv for an evening arrival in the United States.

Please note:

- *Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate*
- *Some days involve a significant amount of walking and/or steep climbing. Every effort will be made to enable tour members to fully participate at all sites, but in some cases that may not be possible.*

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Deposit and Payment: Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of \$500 per person. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due September 28, 2012.

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Enclosed is my deposit check of \$ _____ (\$500 per person.)

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Birthdate: _____ Birthdate: _____

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 Single

Rooming With: _____

Land Only: Check if applicable

Travel Protection Insurance—Check One:

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