



Return to Jerusalem for lodging. (Another guide will escort us this day.)

**Day 12 Sun., June 26 JERUSALEM FREE DAY**

FREE DAY! Worship at the church of your choosing, shop in the Old City, choose from the list of Places to Go and Things to Do, and/or relax. Optional afternoon trip to Yad va Shem Holocaust Museum for those who wish to go.

**Day 13 Mon., June 27 CITY OF DAVID**

Region: Jerusalem

Walking through the Ophel (2 Chron. 33:14) excavations on the southern edge of Jerusalem's Temple Mount, we climb the Temple steps where Jesus and his disciples would have walked and taught. Proceed to the Western



Wall plaza, to see Bar Mitzvah ceremonies. Descend to the City of David to explore the ancient water system: those who wish can wade through Hezekiah's Tunnel, pausing at the recently discovered Pool of Siloam. After lunch in the Old City's Jewish Quarter, we visit a Herodian mansion from the time of Jesus, recalling Peter's denials (Matthew 26). After dinner, view the beauty of Jerusalem on a night bus tour around the city.

**Day 14 Tue., June 28 TEMPLE MOUNT, GARDEN TOMB**

Region: Jerusalem

Ascend the Temple Mount (Mount Moriah) to view the Dome of Rock and the al-Aqsa Mosque. After lunch, drive to the Garden Tomb for a private tour and communion. We return to our hotel for a special Farewell Dinner and gift exchange with secret prayer partners, then head to the airport for a midnight departure.

**Day 15 Wed., June 29 RETURN TO USA**

Relax on overnight return flight to USA, savoring the experience of having walked the land of the Bible, our new "home." Upon early morning arrival at Newark, proceed through customs and board the flight to Cleveland.



# A Biblical Journey—Israel 2011

Host: Jennifer Lile  
Scholar Guide: Dr. Stephen Langfur

June 15–29, 2011 (2 Weeks)



Jeremiah 6: 16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.

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**Day 1 Wed., June 15**

**DEPART USA**

Arrive at the Cleveland airport at least four hours prior to departure for international check-in and boarding. Transfer at Newark for the transatlantic flight to Tel Aviv. Meals and in-flight services are per airline policies. (Flights and itinerary are subject to change.)

**Day 2 Thu., June 16**

**ARRIVE TEL AVIV**

**Region: Coast of Sharon**

Upon morning arrival at Tel Aviv, proceed through passport control to claim baggage and meet the guide. Board a private coach to visit Joppa/Jaffa (Book of Jonah). Recount the story of Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10). After lunch, continue to nearby Herzlia for lodging at the Sharon Beach Hotel, enjoying an afternoon swim or leisurely beachside stroll beside the Mediterranean Sea.

**Day 3 Fri., June 17**

**TO SEA OF GALILEE**

**Region: Sharon Coast, Jezreel Valley, Sea of Galilee**

Visit the magnificent ruins of Caesarea Maritima, including Pilate's palace (Acts 23-26), the Herodian harbor and hippodrome for chariot races. Travel to Muhra (burnt offering) on Mt. Carmel, recalling Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal (I Kings 18). Following lunch, cross the Jezreel Valley, and arrive at the Arbel Cliff for a panoramic view over the Sea of Galilee. The adventurous may climb down the face of the cliff using cables affixed to the rock. Lodging at Kibbutz Ma'agan Holiday Village on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.



**Day 4 Sat., June 18**

**SEA CIRCLE**

**Region: Sea of Galilee**

Tracing the sites of Jesus' earthly ministry, we visit the synagogue and village at Capernaum, then the Mt. of Beatitudes (Matthew 5-7), followed by the black basalt town of Korazin (Matthew 11:21). Break for lunch (optional St. Peter's fish). After lunch, view the remains of a fishing boat from Jesus' day, then enjoy sailing on the Sea of Galilee in a wooden boat modeled after the one from Jesus' time. End the day with baptisms in the Jordan River. Optional evening trip to Tiberias to view diamond cutting and shop for jewelry.

**Day 5 Sun., June 19**

**TEL DAN, CAESAREA PHILIPPI**

**Region: Upper Jordan**

Passing Hazor, the land's largest Canaanite city, we travel north to hike the nature reserve at Dan and see the rushing headwaters of the Jordan. Visit the high place built at Dan by Jeroboam, son of Nebat (I Kings 12). After lunch, proceed to Banias (Caesarea Philippi) at the foot of Mount Hermon, recalling Peter's Confession (Matthew 16). Experience the Upper Jordan another way at nearby Kibbutz HaGoshrim, being carried by its current in rubber boats (optional swimming at indoor kibbutz pool instead, for a fee). Return to Kibbutz Ma'agan.

**Day 6 Mon., June 20**

**MEGIDDO, NAZARETH**

**Region: Jezreel Valley, Lower Galilee**

Journey to Megiddo to explore its impressive underground water system and the background of the prophecy concerning Armageddon (the hill ["Ar"] of Megiddo). Following lunch we will be crossing the region of the lower Galilee, driving to Nazareth, boyhood



home of Jesus. Walk through the market to visit a church over the spring ("Mary's Well") of the original village. Drive to the Nazareth ridge overlooking the ancient village on one side and the Jezreel Plain with Mt. Tabor on the other. Return early to Ma'agan Holiday Village for dinner and evening candlelight service on shore of the Galilee.

**Day 7 Tue., June 21**

**TO DEAD SEA**

**Region: Lower Jordan, Rift Valley**

Explore the expansive remains of the capital of the Roman Decapolis at Beth Shean, recalling the death of Saul (I Samuel 31). Continue to Jericho, the world's oldest city, for lunch and a view of its ancient tower and walls. Travel through the Syro-African Rift Valley, 1400 feet below sea level, to Le Meridien Spa Hotel on the western shore of the Dead Sea's southern basin.

**Day 8 Wed., June 22**

**MASADA, ARAD**

**Region: Dead Sea, Judean Desert**

Drive to nearby Masada, ascending to the top of the fortress via cable car. Witness the Herodian grandeur and hear the story of the Jewish revolt against Rome. After descending via the Roman ramp, drive through the desert to Arad. Following lunch, visit the stunning remains of an ancient Israelite temple, complete with an unhewn altar and Holy of Holies, dating to the time of the Judean kings. After viewing the much older Bronze Age Arad below the Israelite citadel, return to lodging at the Dead Sea.

**Day 9 Thu., June 23**

**EIN GEDI OASIS,**

**TO JERUSALEM**

**Region: Rift Valley, Jerusalem**

Following the Dead Sea coastline, travel to the beautiful oasis at Ein Gedi and hike up to its waterfalls. After lunch, take time to float in the Dead Sea. On to Qumran to learn about the Essenes and view the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Wending our way "up to Jerusalem," arrive atop Mt. Scopus for a view of the city. After a brief orientation from

the Mt of Olives, proceed to the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book to see portions of the original Dead Sea Scrolls and an outdoor model of Jerusalem as it may have looked in 66 AD, prior to the Jewish revolt against Rome (1:50 scale). Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem at the Ambassador Hotel.

**Day 10 Fri., June 24**

**JERUSALEM WALKING TOUR**

**Region: Kidron Valley, Old City of Jerusalem**

From the Mt. of Olives, descend the traditional Palm Sunday Road, stopping at the church of Dominus Flevit ("the Lord weeps"). Visit the Garden of Gethsemane, taking time for meditation, then drive to lunch. Visit St. Anne's Church and the Pools of Bethesda (John 5). Continuing on the Via Dolorosa, conclude the walk at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Lodging in Jerusalem.

**Day 11 Sat., June 25**

**BETHLEHEM, HERODION**

**Region: Bethlehem, Judean Wilderness**

Travel to Herodion, a mountain whose top third was built by Herod and served as his palace, fortress and tomb. Cross to nearby Bethlehem, birthplace of David and Jesus. Walking through Manger Square, visit the Church of the Nativity, then drive to the Shepherds' Fields to see a typical cave and manger, and recount the story of Ruth and Boaz (Book of Ruth). Take time after lunch to visit a shop famous for olive wood souvenirs and jewelry. End the day renewing ministry friendships at Bethlehem Bible College and Bethlehem Hospital (BASR).



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