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HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY OF THE BIBLE I: ISRAEL

MAY 15 - JUNE 4, 2017

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Monday, May 15, Arrival. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Tuesday, May 16, Lectures. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Wednesday, May 17, Old Testament Jerusalem Walking Trip: Eastern Hill/original Mount Zion (Israelite "palace," Area G, Warren's Shaft, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam), overview of the Hinnom Valley/Gehenna from present-day Mount Zion, overview of Eastern Hill from St. Peter in Gallicantu, and the "Broad Wall" on the Western Hill. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Thursday, May 18, New Testament Jerusalem Field Trip: Overview of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, traditional Garden of Gethsemane, Pools of Bethesda, Overview of Second Temple Period Tombs in the Kidron Valley, Southern Wall Excavations, Wohl Museum, and model of New Testament Jerusalem and Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Friday, May 19, Morning lectures; afternoon visit to Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Tombs at Ecole Biblique, Gordon's Calvary and the Garden Tomb. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Saturday, May 20, Benjamin Field Trip: Qasr el-Yehud (a traditional location of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist), Jericho (Tell es-Sultan, Tulul Abu el-'Alayiq, Tell es-Samarat), Mizpeh Danny (overview of Wilderness of Judea), Nebi Samwil (overview of important towns in Benjamin) and Tel Gezer/Tell Jezer. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Sunday, May 21, Free Day. Overnight in Jerusalem. **Monday, May 22,** Morning quiz and lectures; afternoon visit to Bethlehem. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Tuesday, May 23, Hill Country and Shephelah of Judah Field Trip: Herodium, Tel Azekah/Tell Zakariyeh (overview of the Elah Valley where David confronted Goliath), Tel Beth-shemesh/Tell er-Rumeileh, Tel Maresha/Tell Sandahanna/Marissa/Beth-guvrin, and Tel Lachish/Tell ed-Duweir. Overnight in Ashkelon.

Wednesday, May 24, Philistine Plain and Biblical Negeb Field Trip: Ashkelon excavations, Tel Haror/Tell Abu Hureireh (Gerar?), Tel Beer-sheba/Tell es-Seba, and Tel Arad/Tell Arad. Overnight in modern town of Arad.

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Thursday, May 25, Greater Negeb Field Trip: Swimming in the Dead Sea, Hazeva/Tamar, Maaleh Aqrabbim (an ancient trade route), Mamshit/Kurnub/Mampsis (a Nabatean town), Makhtesh Gadol, H. Haluqim and overview of Nahal Zin and the Wilderness of Zin from Kibbutz Sede Boker. Overnight in Arad.

Friday, May 26, Dead Sea Area Field Trip: Masada, En-gedi, and Qumran (including visit to Cave 11 with Dr. Stephen Pfann).

Saturday, May 27, Free Day. Overnight in Jerusalem. **Sunday, May 28**, Morning quiz followed by free time; afternoon lectures. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Monday, May 29, Ephraim, Samaria and Mount Carmel Field Trip: Kh. Seilun/Shiloh, Tell Balatah/Shechem, Samaria/Sebaste/Sebastia and Mukhraka (traditional site of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel). Overnight on Mt. Carmel.

Tuesday, May 30, Sharon Plain and Lower Galilee Field Trip: Caesarea, Nazareth Village (reproduction of a typical Galilean village in Jesus' time [special presentation by Mrs. Claire Pfann]), Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, and overview of the Arbel cliffs. Overnight by the Sea of Galilee.

Wednesday, May 31, Sea of Galilee Area Field Trip: Magdala, Museum of First Century Boat (at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar), Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Chorazin, et-Tell (Bethsaida?), overview of el-Kursi (Gergesa), and Tel Sussita/Qalat el-Husn (Hippos). Overnight by the Sea of Galilee.

Thursday, June 1, Northern Jordan Valley and Golan Field Trip: Tel Hazor, Hula Nature Reserve, overview of Tel Abel-beth-maacah from Upper Galilee, Tel Dan/Tell el-Qadi and Dan Nature Reserve, Banias (Caesarea-philippi), Golan Heights and Traditional Mount of Beatitudes. Overnight by the Sea of Galilee.

Friday, June 2, Jezreel Valley, Harod Valley, Beth-shean Valley, and Jordan Valley Field Trip: Overview of Kh. Cana, Tel Megiddo/ Tell el-Mutesellim, Tel Yizre'el/Zer'in/Jezreel, En-harod (where Gideon's warriors were selected), and Tel Beth-shean/Tell el-Husn/Scythopolis. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Saturday, June 3, Final exam. Overnight in Jerusalem. **Sunday, June 4**, Departure.

(Every reasonable effort will be made to include all sites in the itinerary, but some flexibility may be required to accommodate unexpected circumstances, including security