

HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY OF ISRAEL

MAY 15 - JUNE 4, 2023

Monday, May 15 Arrival. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Tuesday, May 16 Introductory Lectures. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Wednesday, May 17 Jerusalem Walking Trip (emphasizing the Old Testament Period). Overview of Hinnom Valley/Gehenna, Eastern Hill/Mount Zion of the Old Testament (Large Stone Building [David's Palace?], Area G, Warren's Shaft, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam), "Broad Wall" and Wohl Museum 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 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 Tombs at Ecole Biblique, Gordon's Calvary and the Garden Tomb and Church of the Holy Sepulcher. 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 Quiz#1; remainder of day free. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Monday, May 22 Morning lectures; afternoon visit to Herodium and Bethlehem. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Tuesday, May 23 Hill Country and Shephelah of Judah Field Trip. Overview of Tel Beth-shemesh/Tell erRumeileh in the Soreq Valley, Tel Azekah/Tell Zakariyeh overlooking the Elah Valley where David confronted Goliath), 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.

Thursday, May 25 Greater Negeb, Arabah and Dead Sea Field Trip. Horvat Haluqim, Overview of Nahal Zin and the Wilderness of Zin from Kibbutz Sede Boker, Mamshit/ Kurnub/Mampsis (a Nabatean town), Maaleh Tamar, Hazeva/Biblical Tamar and swimming in the Dead Sea. Overnight in Arad.

Friday, May 26 Wilderness of Judah and Dead Sea Area Field Trip. Masada, Engedi, and Qumran. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Saturday, May 27 Free Day. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Sunday, May 28 Morning Quiz #2 followed by free time; afternoon lectures. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Monday, May 29 Ephraim, Samaria and Mount Carmel Field Trip. Khirbet Seilun/ Shiloh, "Jacob's" Well," Tell Balatah/Shechem, Samaria/Sebaste/Sebastia and Mukhraka (traditional site of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel). Overnight in hotel 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]), and Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. Overnight by the Sea of Galilee.

Wednesday, May 31 Sea of Galilee Area Field Trip. Boat Ride on the Sea of Galilee, Museum of First Century Boat (at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar), Magdala, View of the Arbel Pass, Chorazin, Capernaum, el-Araj (Bethsaida?) and overview of el-Kursi (Gergesa). Overnight by the Sea of Galilee.

Thursday, June 1 Northern Jordan Valley, Upper Galilee 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, Baniyas (Caesarea-philippi), Golan Heights and Traditional Mount of Beatitudes. Overnight by the Sea of Galilee.

Friday, June 2 Beth-Netofa Valley, Jezreel Valley, Harod Valley, Beth-shean Valley, and Jordan Valley Field Trip. Overview of Khirbet Cana (Cana of Jesus' time), 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 Quiz #3 and Final Exam. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Sunday, June 4, Departure.