

The Holy land, the Holy People
The Rev. James Stanfield-Myers
10 Day Biblical Survey Program including Israel, the West Bank and Jordan
26 July—4 August 2024
4 Day elective: The Wonders of Petra returning 8 August 2024
Syllabus

Objectives:

- To provide an overview of the geographical, social, historical, archaeological and cultural settings of the Bible
- varchaeology, and its importance for clergy and lay people
- To become acquainted with the key issues in biblical studies and the study of Christian origins
- To become familiar with the nature of Christianity in the Holy Land and the role of the church today
- To gain understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, its impact on neighboring countries, possibilities for peacemaking

Texts: All participants would find reading one of the following books to be beneficial.

- 1) Ateek, Naim. *Justice and Only Justice*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1989.
- 2) Carter, Jimmy. *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, 2006.
- 3) Chacour, Elias. *Blood Brothers*. Tarrytown, NY: Chosen books, 1984. Cline, Eric H., *Biblical Archaeology: A Very Short Introduction*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- 4) Cline, Eric H., *Biblical Archaeology: A Very Short Introduction*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- 5) Finnegan, Jack. *The Archaeology of the New Testament: The Mediterranean World of the Early Christian Apostles*. New York: Routledge, 2016.
- 6) Miano, Peter J. *The Word of God and the World of the Bible: An Introduction to the Cultural Backgrounds of the New Testament*. London: Melisende, 2001.
- 7) Rousseau, John J. and Arav, Rami. *Jesus and His World*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1995.
- 8) Twain, Mark. *The Innocents Abroad or The New Pilgrim's Progress*. New York: Signet, 1980.

Itinerary:

Day 1 26.7, F	Depart Chicago
Day 2 27.7, Sa	Arrive Tel Aviv, transfer to Taybeh overnight Taybeh

- Day 3
28.7, Su Theme: Birth & Baptism
Field trip: 1st Century House/House of the Parables, Jericho, Baptismal site—Qasr al Yehud (Mk. 1:1-12; Mt. 3: 1-4:17; Lk. 3: 1-22; 4: 1-13; Jn. 1: 1-42, (Matt 2: 23, Luke 1: 26- 38, Joshua 5-7, Judges 1: 27- 36), Qumran
Overnight Taybeh
- Day 4
29.7, M Theme: Samaria & the Jezreel Valley
Field trip: Nablus, Jacob's Well (John 4: 46-54), Jezreel Valley (1 Kings 21, Rev. 16:16), Nazareth (Lk. 4: 16-30), The Basilica of the Annunciation (Luke 1: 26-38), Sisters of Nazareth Convent (koch tombs), Mishmar ha Emek (meeting with Lydia Aisenberg—subject to confirmation
Overnight Galilee
- Day 5
30.7, Tu Theme: Jesus's Ministry Around the Sea of Galilee
Field trip: boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha, Church of St. Peter's Primacy (John 21), Mt. of the Beatitudes (Luke 13: 10-21, Matt 5- 7, 11: 20-24, Mark 4- 6, John 21)
Overnight Jericho
- Day 6
31.7, W Theme: The Judean Wilderness
Field trip: Masada, The Dead Sea, Wadi Qelt hike
Overnight Bethlehem
- Day 7
1.8, Th Theme: Bethlehem and its Environs at the Time of Jesus
Field trip: Bethlehem, Old City walking tour, Church of the Nativity, Herodion, Shepherd's Fields, (Matt 2, Lk 2)
Overnight Bethlehem
- Day 8
2.8, F Theme: Jerusalem and its Environs at the Time of Jesus
Field trip: Mt. of Olives overview and orientation to Jerusalem (Mt 21, Mk 11, Lk 19), Dominus Flevit, Garden of Gethsemane, Israel Museum, Shrine of the Book, 2nd Temple Model, the Garden Tomb (Gordon's Calvary)
Overnight Bethlehem
- Day 9
3.8, Sa Theme: Jerusalem and its Environs at the Time of Jesus
Field trip: Old city walking tour including the Western Wall, Temple Mount/Harem esh Sharif, St. Ann's Church, Via Dolorosa, Lithostratos, Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Mt. 27-28; John 20)
Overnight Bethlehem
- Day 10
4.8, Su Return to USA or continue with 5 day elective

4 Day Elective: The Wonders of Petra & Jordan (\$1,565 based on 10 enrolled)

Day 10 4.8, Su	Theme: The Way of the Patriarchs Field trip: Hebron, the cave of Macphelah, view Ein Avdat, Makhtesh Ramon, Wadi Araba, Araba crossing, dinner on your own Overnight Aqaba
Day 11 5.8, M	Theme: Desert Civilization Field trip: Wadi Rum, Jeep Safari Overnight Wadi Musa
Day 12 6.8, Tu	Theme: Exploration and Wonder Field trip: Full day exploration of Petra Overnight Wadi Musa
Day 13 7.8, W	Theme: Caravan Route & the King's Highway Field trip: Little Petra (siq al barid), the caravan route, Wadi Araba, view Kerak Castle, the King's Highway, Mt. Nebo (Dt 34), Madaba Overnight in Amman
Day 14 8.8, Th	Return to USA

- Meetings with indigenous people are subject to change. Appropriate substitutions will be made in the event a speaker is unavailable.
- Daily itinerary is subject to local conditions, including weather, opening and closing hours, holidays, flight schedules, etc. Sometimes the order of the itinerary will change due to such circumstances and sometimes substitutions will be made.
- Morning and evening fora on various topics will be arranged throughout the program.