

Wisconsin Annual Conference
The Rev. Scott Carlson
The Exodus Experience
16—25 February 2027
Syllabus: 10 Day Christian Origins & Biblical Backgrounds in Egypt
5 Day Elective: Out of Egypt—The Wonders of Petra & Jordan returning 2 March 2027

Objectives:

- To gain an overview of modern biblical scholarship, including the rudiments of archaeology, and its importance for clergy and lay people
- To gain an overview of the geographical setting of the Bible
- To become familiar with the nature of Christianity in the Holy Land and the work of the church today
- To explore liberation motifs in the Bible
- To become acquainted with the models of missionary approaches to the Middle East in the 19th and 20th centuries

Texts: (in advance of the program, participants should read one of the following books)

- 1) Hoffmeier, James K. *Israel in Egypt: The Evidence for the Authenticity of the Exodus Tradition*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 1996.
- 2) Kimball, Charles. *Striving Together*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1991.
_____. *When Religion Becomes Evil*. New York, NY: Harper San Francisco. 2002.
- 3) Makari, Peter. *Conflict and Cooperation: Christian -Muslim Relations in Contemporary Egypt*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2007.
- 4) 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.

Itinerary:

Day 1 16.2, Tu	Depart O'Hare International airport (Chicago)
Day 2 17.2, W	Arrive Luxor, transfer to hotel, overnight in Luxor
Day 3 18.2, Th	Theme: The East Bank Field trip: The Temple of Luxor, The Temple of Amun-Ra (Karnak) overnight in Luxor
Day 4 19.2, F	Theme: The West Bank of the Nile Field trip: The Colossi of Memnon, the Valleys of the Kings or Queens, the tombs of the Nobles, the Rameseum, the Temple of Hatshepsut, optional desert hike overnight in Luxor
Day 5 20.2, Sa	Theme: Ancient Egypt Field trip: transfer to airport, flight to Cairo, visit Saqqara: The Step Pyramid, Giza: the Great Pyramids & Sphinx

overnight in Cairo

- Day 6
21.2, Su
Theme: Ancient Egypt
Field trip: Dahshur: Red Pyramid, Bent Pyramid, Meidum: necropolis, pyramid;
overnight in Cairo
- Day 7
22.2, M
Theme: Introduction to Modern Cairo and Egypt's Religious Legacy
Field trip: The Egyptian Museum, the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization,
PM forum:
overnight in Cairo
- Day 8
23.2, Tu
Theme: Introduction to Modern Cairo and Egypt's Religious Legacy
field trip: the Grand Museum, Muhammed Ali Mosque/Citadel, Coptic Cairo--the Hanging
Church, Khan al Khalili Bazaar
overnight Cairo
- Day 9
24.2, W
Theme: The Exodus and Desert Spirituality
Field trip: St. Katherine's monastery, Mt. Sinai, tour private collections, vesper liturgy
Overnight St. Katherine's Village
- Day 10
25.2, Th
transfer to airport and return to USA or continue on 5 day elective

5 Day Elective: Out of Egypt — The Wonders of Jordan

- Day 10
25.2, Th Theme: Travel Day
Field trip: transfer to airport, flight to Amman, Jordan, city tour as time permits, including Roman Theatre, souq al balad (the people's market) overnight in Amman
- Day 11
26.2, F Theme: Jesus and the Decapolis
Field trip: Jerash (Mt. 4:5, Mk 5:1, Lk 26—27), P.M. Forum: TBD overnight in Amman
- Day 12
27.2, Sa Theme: The King's Highway
Field trip: Madaba (Nm 21:30), Mt. Nebo (Dt 34:1--8), Siq al Bard (little Petra), al Beidha (neolithic village)—time permitting overnight in Wadi Musa
- Day 13
28.2, Su Theme: The Rose Red City
Field trip: Full day adventure in Petra with multiple route options Overnight in Wadi Musa
- Day 14
1.3, M Theme: The King's Highway
Field trip: return to Amman via the Wadi Araba, overview of Shobak Castle, Wadi Dana preserve, Umm Risas—time permitting overnight in Amman
- Day 15
2.3, Tu transfer to airport and return to USA

* Worship will be arranged with indigenous Christians when appropriate.
* 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. Some alterations may occur due to local circumstances.