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Learning, Service, Renewal

Alumni Invitational Journey
Biblical Backgrounds in Italy
11 Days, 15—24 April 2027 from New York City
alumni price, \$4,996, full price for first time travelers, \$5,437
5 day elective returning 29 April:
Adventure and Archaeology in Sicily \$1,996

Program Conditions

The Program Conditions represent mutual obligations and responsibilities. All travel involves a range of variables, both predictable and unpredictable. The Society for Biblical Studies wants to assist you as best we can. If you have any questions about any aspect of the program prior to registration or in preparation for the journey, we are eager to assist you. When you sign and return the original registration form (photocopies and scans are not accepted), we will assume that you have read, understood and accepted the terms contained herein. You can also browse our web site to learn more about us. Especially, please read our FAQ pages for additional general information.

Included in the Price of the Program (\$5,437 for first time travelers, \$4,996 for alumni): Roundtrip airfare from the gateway city (New York/JFK); lodging based on double occupancy in hotels suitable for comfort, well located and appropriate to the journey's objectives; breakfast daily and two dinners; ground transportation during the program and entrance fees for sites indicated on the course outline, unless indicated otherwise in the itinerary; instruction/

lectures/guiding; airport and departure taxes; facilities and security fees; hotel tips, including tips for waiters, reception, and housekeeping; administrative fees; airline taxes and surcharges. The price is based on 25 people in the group. If the group is smaller than 25 people, a surcharge may be assessed. The price is accurate as of the time of the publication of this registration, but is not guaranteed until the date of your enrollment and full payment.

Program Price does not include: Transfers to, from or between domestic (US) airports; optional costs such as single room supplements and travel insurance; personal expenses such as laundry; optional passport and/or visa service; individual travel arrangements; beverages at meals; lunches; excess baggage fees; portage; tips for bus drivers and guides (about \$10 per person per day); passports and foreign visas; any airline baggage fees; fees and surcharges imposed after the time of pricing and publication of this registration form.

Registration and Payment: You are registered in the program only when The Society for Biblical Studies

receives your completed and signed registration form along with your \$400 deposit and a copy of the photo page of your valid US passport or other valid travel document. Changes made to your registration elections after the time of your registration may incur additional administrative charges (\$150) and will require payment with a credit card if made after the full payment deadline. If you request periodic account statements, you will be charged a \$150 administrative fee.

Deadlines: Full payment must be made 90 days prior to departure (27 December 2027). A late fee of \$150 per registrant will apply thereafter and there may be an additional airline cost differential applied to your account.

Credit Cards: The Society for Biblical Studies accepts credit cards. However, all quoted prices reflect a discount of 3.9% for cash/check payment.

Passports and Visas: Each person must procure a passport valid for six months after your return. Non-US citizens are responsible for proper re-entry documentation. All passengers must submit to The Society for Biblical

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Studies copies of their travel documents not later than 60 days prior to departure. Additional foreign visa charges may apply thereafter. Your passport must be valid for 180 days after your return date.

Lodging: The price is based on double occupancy. Single occupancy is available at a supplemental cost (\$1,575, 11 day, \$875, 5 day). Registrants can stipulate roommate preferences in the registration form. If you do not enroll with another person and would like a roommate, we will try to assign one on a first come, first served basis. If an odd number of registrations requires an unrequested (forced) single room to be assigned, the single room will be assigned to the latest person to register and a single room supplement will apply.

Luggage: The per person limit is one suitcase and one carry-on bag. Airlines sometimes impose additional limits.

Airline ticketing: Reservations are non-refundable *once ticketed*. Travel is in jet economy class aboard IATAN and ARC carriers only. Flight times and routing are subject to change by the airlines. Such changes may result in additional costs and charges. The Society for Biblical Studies is not responsible for such changes or delays and cannot reimburse expenses resulting from them. The Society for Biblical Studies does not recommend the purchase of budget tickets for domestic airline connections.

International and Domestic Airfare and Air Travel: The Price of the program includes international air travel from the gateway city (Chicago/ORD). If you would like The Society for Biblical Studies to arrange for your travel from a domestic departure city near you to your gateway city, you can indicate your preference for a domestic departure city in the Registration Form and a cost adjustment may apply. If your request is made after the time of your original registration, an administrative fee of \$150 may apply in addition to the cost of domestic air travel. If your request is made after ticketing occurs, additional airline change fees may apply.

Cancellation conditions: The Society for Biblical Studies will make every effort to recuperate program payments in the event of cancellation. However, our ability to do so is sometimes limited. 100% of cancellation fees are covered by the optional travel insurance (see next page), if the premium has been paid and the reason for cancellation is insurable. The following cancellation penalties will apply: from the day of registration to 90 days prior to departure, \$150; from 89-70 days prior to departure, \$200; from 69-45 days prior to departure, 35% of total program cost; from 44-31 days prior to departure, 70% of total program cost; from 30-8 days prior to departure, 85% of total program cost; within 7 days of your departure, 100% of total program cost. If your cancellation is after the full payment deadline and causes a forced

single supplement to another traveler, that cost will be deducted from your refund. Any unrecoverable charges, e.g., airline or hotel charges, will be deducted from any refund. Total cancellation charges will not exceed the total program cost. The cost of travel insurance is not refundable.

Compliance with covid-19 protocols: Covid-19 protocols vary from country to country and from time to time. Each person must be prepared to comply with these if and when they are required or change.

Travel and cancellation insurance: The Society for Biblical Studies strongly recommends that each traveler considers the purchase of travel insurance. Travel insurance varies from one policy to the next and the shopper must compare prices and policies carefully. Anyone who would like The Society for Biblical Studies to purchase travel insurance for them can indicate so on the registration form and enclose premium payment along with their registration deposit.

The purchase of travel insurance does not entitle the buyer to reimbursement for any expense or for any reason. Claims must be for "insurable" reasons and these are carefully defined by the travel insurance company. Once purchased, travel insurance premiums are not refundable and the travel insurance purchased through The Society for Biblical Studies **is not** "cancel any time for any reason" travel insurance. If you would like to upgrade your travel insurance, when you register.

The Society for Biblical Studies, Inc., ("SBS") pledges its commitment to maintain the highest standards of program authenticity and quality. We will exercise the highest level of care for each of our passengers. However, SBS can neither accept responsibility nor assume liability for the performance and/or delivery of services of any travel vendors, including those that arrange transportation or accommodations, or purveyors of any components of tours and/or programs. SBS frequently contracts with professional tour operators, not only to enable us to fulfill our obligations to our travelers and enable our travelers to enjoy a broader range of services and experiences, but also where it is required by local laws. SBS's responsibility will be strictly limited to activities over which SBS has sole, exclusive and absolute control. In addition, SBS reserves the right, in order to maintain the quality of the program, to provide the highest level of care of its travelers, and/or to improve the program or secure the safety of the travelers, to alter and/or adjust the daily itinerary. SBS assumes full responsibility for the accuracy of the information it disseminates at the time of its publication, but we accept no responsibility for any information not disseminated directly by SBS to our travelers.



Registration Form

Personal information:

Name : _____
(as it appears on your Passport)

Title: _____
(e.g. Rev., Mr., Mrs., Ms.)

Name: _____
(what you like to be called)

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Business phone: _____

Home phone: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Email: _____

Program name: The Society for Biblical Studies

Departure date: 15 April 2027

Group Leader: SBS Faculty

Passport information:

Please submit with your registration a legible photocopy of a US passport (or other travel document) valid for 180 days after your return date.

Passport number: _____

Date of issue: _____
(day/month/year)

Date of expiration: _____
(day/month/year)

Authority: _____

Date of birth: _____
(day/month/year)

Country of citizenship: _____

Travel Insurance: (for more info call 781.641.4453)

Minimum Coverage Schedule*:

Trip cancellation.....	Up to trip cost
Trip interruption.....	Up to trip cost
Travel delay.....	\$150/day after 12 hours, up to \$500
Loss of Baggage/Personal effects.....	\$500
Baggage delay.....	\$100 after 24 hours
Emergency Medical/Dental.....	\$10,000
Medical Evacuation/Repatriation	\$50,000
24 hr. Accidental Death & Dismemberment.....	\$10,000
24 hr. Assistance.....	Included

*subject to change

Estimated Plan Rates (subject to change):

Trip cost	Up to age	Age	Age	Age	Age	Age
	35	36-60	61-70	71-75	76-80	81-85
\$3,001-\$3,500	\$173	\$189	\$255	\$417	\$463	\$498
\$3,501-\$4,000	\$194	\$204	\$284	\$457	\$498	\$545
\$4,001-\$4,500	\$207	\$226	\$349	\$485	\$526	\$572
\$4,501-\$5,000	\$232	\$253	\$386	\$517	\$571	\$614
\$5,001-\$5,500	\$267	\$292	\$421	\$527	\$608	\$643
\$5,501-\$6,000	\$322	\$354	\$454	\$578	\$642	\$679
\$6,001-\$6,500	\$377	\$417	\$495	\$615	\$682	\$733
\$6,501-\$7,000	\$427	\$469	\$545	\$670	\$772	\$815
\$7,000-\$7,500	\$457	\$512	\$632	\$725	\$819	\$889
\$7,501-\$8,000	\$488	\$581	\$683	\$751	\$845	\$940

- I accept the travel insurance (include premium payment along with registration deposit)
Beneficiary: _____
- I decline the travel insurance



Registration Form, cont'd.

Please check all the boxes that apply:

- I qualify for the reduced rate of \$3,882 since I am an SBS alum

Electives (please check any box that applies):

- I would like to have a single room. I understand that single rooms are subject to availability and that my account will be charged a single room supplement (\$1,575 11 day, \$875 5 day).
- Roommate preference: _____
Roommate preferences cannot be guaranteed. If you do not specify a roommate preference, a roommate will be assigned as long as one is available. In the event that no roommate is available, a single room supplement will be added to your account.
- I would like to enroll in the 5 Day elective *Adventure & Archaeology—Sicily* (\$1,996), returning 29 April 2027
- Please check this box if you would like domestic flight arrangements to your international gateway city. Please indicate your domestic departure city preference _____ (additional cost to be determined)
- Please check this box if you would like to choose an alternate international gateway city. Please indicate your gateway city preference _____ (additional cost to be determined)
- I would like to alter my departure or return date to accommodate personal travel (\$150). I understand that this travel is “on my own”.
- I would like to make my own flight arrangements and meet the group at the first hotel (ground only package), \$3,957.

**\$400 DEPOSIT PER
PERSON PLUS ANY
INSURANCE
PREMIUM AND A
PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR
PASSPORT PICTURE
PAGE IS REQUIRED
WITH REGISTRATION.**

Participant's Signature*

*Your registration and deposit represents your acceptance and understanding of the Program Conditions and certifies that you have read and understood the FAQ pages of our web site (www.sbsedu.org).

*Please visit the FAQ pages for further information about Program Conditions, registration, how to prepare for travel and general information about S.B.S.

*Incomplete registration forms *may* result in a late fee (\$150) and additional administrative charges (\$100).