



# Bethlehem Bible College Endowment Fund Biblical Study Tour Adventure October 13-27, 2023

## Immerse yourself in...

The story of the Bible through this two-week spiritual and biblical experience.

The geography and the history of the land of the Bible

Biblical culture; meet and visit with Palestinian Christians and Israeli settlers.

Kingdom vision. Return with a renewed vision of God's Kingdom and your place in it!



## Your Tour Leaders

Bart and Pat Den Boer have led tours to the Land for 20 years. They have studied at Jerusalem University College, lived in Jerusalem and Bethlehem while teaching and volunteering at Bethlehem Bible College, and traveled extensively in Israel, Palestine, and Turkey.

Bart has taught Bible for more than 30 years at Holland Christian Schools, served as an adjunct professor of Education at Calvin University, and as superintendent at San Jose (CA) Christian School and Traverse City (MI) Christian School. Pat is a registered nurse and serves as the hostess and hospitality director for the tour.

## What Can You Expect?

These two weeks will transform your experience with the text as the word of God. See the story come alive in its own context. Listen to the lapping of the water against the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Feel the heat in the heart of the desert. Hear the commotion of many languages on the streets of Jerusalem. Walk with Jesus and the prophets through the Land. Live with native believers.

### A Typical Day

- 7:00 am Breakfast
- 7:45 am The Adventure Begins
  - Three or four site visits, teaching, about 4-6 miles of walking / hiking
- 5:00 pm Return to hotel / lodging



## Biblical Study Tour Adventure Highlights

### We will visit....

- The Old Testament battlegrounds,
- the desert wanderings of the Israelites and the land of Abraham,
- the wilderness area of David and Jesus,
- the Jordan Valley,
- the Sea of Galilee and Jesus' ministry in the Galilee,
- the Jezreel Valley of Baal worship, Elijah, Ahab, Deborah, Barak,
- the Coastal Plain and Caesarea,
- the Judah Mts. and Jerusalem itself.
- We will stay three nights at Bethlehem Bible College Guest House, in the town where Jesus was born.
- We will spend an afternoon with a Jewish Israeli settler in the Golan Heights region just east of the Sea of Galilee.
- **IMPORTANT Physical Fitness Information:**  
We will be hiking / walking at least 4 miles every day. Participants should train to climb at least 10 flights of stairs without stopping and walk a 3.5 miles per hour pace if on level ground.





# Day-to-Day Itinerary

**Day 1** (Friday, October 13): Departure

**Day 2** (Saturday, October 14): Arrive in the Land. Our first stop will be an ancient "tel" on the way to our hotel just west of Jerusalem.

**Day 3** (Sunday, October 15): The Shephelah.

- Sites visited: Beth Shemesh, Azekah, Maresha, Lachish
- Stories considered: Joshua, Samson, David, Sennacherib,
- Overnight: Arad



**Day 4** (Monday, October 16): The Negev

- Sites Visited: Arad, Ein Avdat, Tel Avdat, Maktesh Ramon
- Stories considered: God's covenant with Abraham, Moses in the Wilderness of Zin, David and Psalm 23
- Overnight: Arad

**Day 5** (Tuesday, October 17): The Dead Sea

- Sites Visited: En-Gedi, Masada, Dead Sea, Qumran
- Stories considered: Herod, desert experiences of biblical characters, David and Saul, John the Baptist
- Overnight: Jericho



**Day 6** (Wednesday, October 18): The Jordan Valley

- Sites Visited: The Jericho Road, Kochav HaShahar, Judean hill country, Jesus' baptismal site, Beth Shean
- Stories considered: The parable of the Good Samaritan, Old Testament biblical geography, Jesus' baptism
- Overnight: Tiberius

**Day 7** (Thursday, October 19): Galilee Overview, Jesus In His Mega-Culture

- Sites Visited: Mt. Arbel, Susita, Visit with Golan Heights settler Itamar Cohen
- Stories considered: The demon-possessed man, The Prodigal Son
- Overnight: Tiberius

**Day 8** (Friday, October 20): Jesus In His Micro-Culture

- Sites Visited: Gamla, Capernaum, Qatzrin
- Stories considered: Jesus in the synagogue, daily life in Jesus' time, the calling of the disciples, Jesus as bride groom, Jesus calms the storm

**Day 9** (Saturday, October 21): Upper Galilee:

Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Quinetra, Golan Heights, Yarmuk Valley

- Stories considered: King Jeroboam, "Get behind me, Satan,"
- Overnight: Tiberius



**Day 10** (Sunday, October 22): Coastal Plain/Jerusalem: Megiddo, Caesarea, Bethlehem

- Stories considered: Elijah and the prophets of Baal, Cornelius and Peter, Passion Week
- Overnight: - Bethlehem Bible College Guest House

**Day 11** (Monday, October 23):

- Explore Bethlehem. Visit Herod's Bethlehem palace and The Church of the Nativity. Meet 'Living Stones' making a difference for the Kingdom in daily life.
- Overnight: - Bethlehem Bible College Guest House

**Days 12-14** (Tues-Wed, October 24-5): Jerusalem:

Mt. of Olives, Gethsemane, The Garden Tomb, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Temple Mount, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Burnt House, Herodian Mansions, Southern Stairs of Temple Mount, Jaffa Gate, St. Anne's Church/Pool of Bethesda, Western Wall

- Overnight: Bethlehem Bible College Guest House (Day 12)  
Jerusalem Old City (Days 13-14)



**Day 14/15** (Thur-Fri, either very late October 26 or very early October 27):  
Depart for North America

### Cost, Dates, Payment Schedule

Dates: October 13-27, 2023

Deadline for Registration: May 1, 2023

Cost: all ground costs including all transportation, hotels, transfers, tips, etc. breakfast and dinner each day - lunches not included. Excluding airfare: \$2950/person double occupancy

#### Airline Arrangements:

Option 1: Join tour leaders Bart and Pat Den Boer on a hosted flight to Tel Aviv. (Make your own flight arrangements on the TBD flight) Approximate cost \$1200

Option 2: Make your own flight arrangements on any flight, but meet the group in Tel Aviv on October 14 either at Ben Gurion airport or at the hotel in Neve ilan. Approximate cost \$1200

Reminder: Do **NOT** make **ANY** airline arrangements without first contacting Bart or Pat Den Boer. (bdenboer52@gmail.com)

#### Participant Payment Schedule:

**Deposit:** \$150 (Upon registration to hold your place)

**May 1:** \$1400

**July 1:** \$1400

**Total** \$2950 Plus airfare (see options above)

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- For information or registration questions, please contact Bart or Pat Den Boer at bdenboer52@gmail.com