

2019

# Life of Faith

Israel Study Tour

Linking the Land to the Life of Faith

Imagine...standing atop Mount Carmel overlooking the sweeping Jezreel Valley below—the same view Elijah had as he battled the prophets of Baal. Or walking along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, looking across at the many towns in which Jesus worked miracles and revealed the Father to all.

You are invited to join a 12-day study tour of the land of Israel with Central Seminary and the Biblical Counseling Alliance, May 25-June 5, 2019. There is no greater way to become intimately familiar with the context and the teaching of the Bible than by studying in the land where God has worked and chosen to place His name.

Space is limited so reserve your spot today by contacting Adam Keim at [akeim@centralseminary.edu](mailto:akeim@centralseminary.edu) or 763.417.8250 for more information.



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# Study Tour Schedule



Saturday-Sunday, May 25-26

## *Tel Aviv & Joppa*

Get acclimated to your arrival in Israel by spending some free time in the modern city of **Tel Aviv**.

Take a seaside stroll to the old city of **Joppa** and visit its many fine shops and restaurants.

Monday, May 27

## *Coastal Plains & Jezreel Valley*

Behold Herod's port city **Caesarea Maritima** and the wonders of a Roman aqueduct. Ascend to the top of **Mount Carmel** for stunning views of the **Jezreel Valley**, and visit the legendary **Megiddo**, **Jezreel**, and Jesus' hometown of **Nazareth**.



Tuesday, May 28

## *Sea of Galilee*

Tour a variety of Biblical places around the Sea of Galilee, including **Mount Arbel**, the **Plain of Gennesaret**, **Magdala**, **Capernaum**, and more. Enjoy a boat ride on Galilee and see first-century fishing boat from the days of Jesus.



Wednesday, May 29

## *Hula Valley & Northern Galilee*

Explore the beautiful area north of the Sea of Galilee at such historic places like **Chorazin**, **Hazor**, **Caesarea Philippi**, and the **Banias waterfall**. Find the ancient Abraham's gate at **Tel Dan**.



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Thursday, May 30

## *The Jordan Rift & The Dead Sea*

See what a Roman city was like as you walk through **Scythopolis** and climb to the Biblical site of **Beth Shan**. Visit a baptismal site in the **Jordan River**, walk among the ruins of the legendary **Jericho**, see the **Qumran Caves**, and stand atop the historic fortress of **Masada**.



Friday, May 31

## *The Negev & The Shephelah*

Experience a taste of the desert in the Negev, where Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. Explore the lowlands of Judah in the important region of the Shephelah at **Lacish**, **The Valley of Elah**, **Azekah**, and **Beth Shemesh**.



Saturday, June 1

## *Judean Hills*

Overlook Shepherd's Fields of **Bethlehem**, the region where an angelic host announced the birth of Christ.

Visit the renown **Herodium**, Herod the Great's mountain fortress and tomb. Experience the many important exhibits at the **Israel Museum** in Jerusalem.



Sunday, June 2

## *The Hills of Ephraim & Samaria*

Explore the hills of Ephraim by visiting the ancient towns of **Bethel** and **Ai**, and explore the place between where Abraham pitched his tent. Head to the Samaritan city of **Shechem** and see **Jacob's well** at **Sychar**, where Jesus encountered the Samaritan woman at the well.



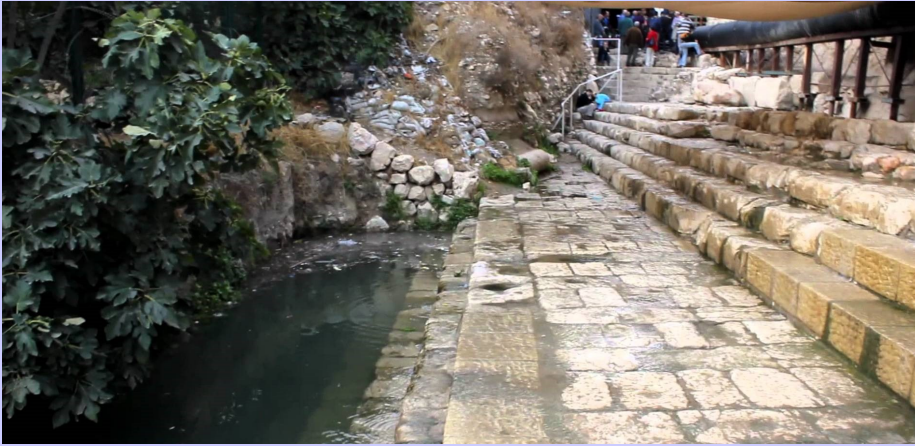


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Monday, June 3

## *Jerusalem—Old Testament*

Stroll around Old Testament Jerusalem, learning about the rich history of the **City of David**. Walk through **Hezekiah's Tunnel** and come out to behold the **Pool of Siloam**.



Tuesday, June 4

## *Jerusalem—New Testament*

Visit many historic sites of New Testament Jerusalem, including the traditional **Via Dolorosa**. The **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, and **Bethesda**. Walk along the **Western Wall Tunnel**, seeing some of the oldest accessible parts of the city.



Wednesday, June 5

## *Jerusalem—Final Days of Jesus*

Soak in rich teaching about the final hours of Jesus in the area of the **Upper Room** and walk to the **Garden of Gethsemane**, contemplating the work of the Lord on our behalf. Think through Jesus' trial before Pilate at **Gabbatha**, the stone pavement.





## Tour Host



### Adam Keim

*Central Seminary*

Adam is the Director of Library Services at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, where he also teaches Old Testament and Biblical Languages courses. He has a passion for studying the land of the Bible with particular interests in the history, geography, and archaeology of Israel.

## Tour Guide & Teacher



### Doug Bookman

*Shepherds Seminary*

Dr. Bookman leads several annual trips to the Holy Land. With decades of experience, Doug brings to life the teaching of Scripture, relating its truths to the geography and archaeology of Israel. He loves to share the wisdom and knowledge he has accumulated with others, explaining the importance of each site with the person of God and His work in history.

## Tour Host



### Joshua Stephens

*Biblical Counseling Alliance*

Joshua is the founder and Executive Director of the Biblical Counseling Alliance. He desires to provide believers with the opportunity to connect the land of Israel to the life of faith. Learning how God has worked through the Promised Land in times past helps someone grow in Christ in the present.





## Essential Tour Information

- **Dates:** May 25-June 5, 2019. Fly out of the U.S. on Friday, May 24 to arrive in Israel on Saturday, May 25. Schedule your return flight to depart close to midnight on Wednesday, June 5, arriving back in the U.S. on Thursday, June 6.
- **Cost:** \$2,950. Cost includes land fee, entry fees, and all hotel stays (hotels provide breakfasts and dinners). Travelers should budget an additional \$200 for lunches, bus transportation to and from Ben Gurion airport while in Israel, and select Tel Aviv activities/meals. Single occupancy hotel rooms are available for an additional \$600.
- **Restrictions and Requirements:** This study trip will demand more of the traveler than the ordinary tourist trip, both in terms of daily schedule and physical exertion. Our days will begin early and involve several hours of study and hiking. It is important that each traveler be capable of walking 3 to 6 miles a day, often up and down steep hills, and possibly in rainy weather. Participants must also be in possession of a valid and unexpired passport (i.e., which does not expire within six months of the departure date).
- **Tour Coordinator:** Please contact your tour coordinator, Adam Keim, for more information. He can be reached by email at [akeim@centralseminary.edu](mailto:akeim@centralseminary.edu) or by phone at 763.417.8250.

## Reservation and Payment Procedure

- **Reservation:** A non-refundable \$250 deposit is required to secure a spot on the tour. The deposit applies towards the total cost.
- **Cancellation:** A full refund less deposit and administrative costs will be issued in the event of a cancellation.
- **Payment:** Make checks payable to “Doug Bookman” and put “Central Seminary Study Trip to Israel” on the memo line. Send all payments to: Please be careful to include the following information: (1) the full name of all travelers (as the name appears on his/her passport); (2) complete mailing address(es); (3) phone numbers (day & evening); (4) e-mail addresses; (5) passport number(s) & expiration date(s); (6) any questions or special concerns you may have.

## Central Seminary Students

- CBTS students receive a discounted rate of \$1,750 for the study tour.
- CBTS students may receive 2 elective credits toward their M.A.T. or M.Div. degree by joining the study tour along with completing additional coursework. Students will receive discounted tuition for these credits.
- CBTS students should enroll in or audit the Bible Geography course before joining the study tour. All participants are strongly encouraged to audit the Bible Geography course as well.