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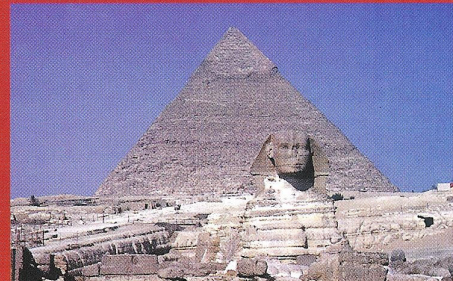
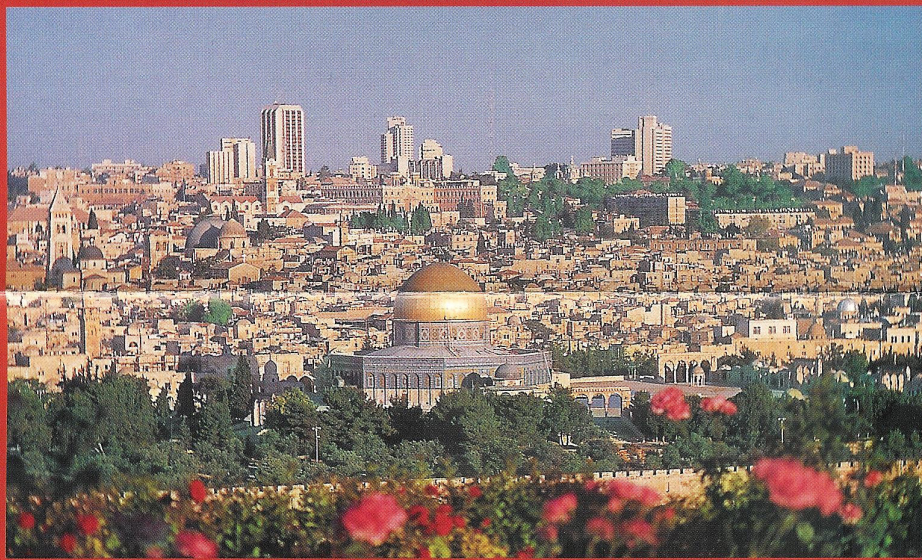
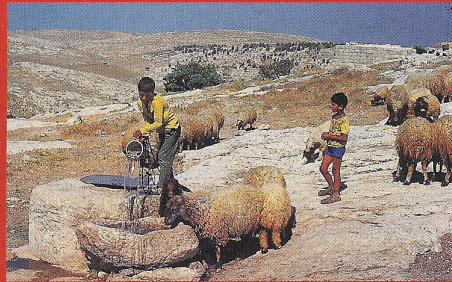
Bible Lands Tour

June 8-21, 2009

Tour Director: Dr. Donnie S. Barnes

Visit: Israel and Egypt

An Earthly Journey with a Heavenly Meaning





TOUR DIRECTOR

Dr. Donnie S. Barnes is a minister among the churches of Christ, born in South Pittsburg, Tennessee, and reared in Bridgeport, Alabama. He has taught at Freed-Hardeman University, where he served as Director of Social Work and Chairman of the Department of Family and Social Services and at Lipscomb University. In addition to gospel meetings, lectureships, radio work, campaigns for Christ, and local ministries, he has been involved in helping to evangelize in the Galilee region of Israel since 1971. In 1972 he was appointed Superintendent of Galilee Christian High School in the village of Eilaboun in Israel. He has led many tour groups through the Bible Lands in addition to the numerous working trips he makes for the Lord's work in Israel. One of his priorities now is to work with others to re-establish a non-Jewish congregation in Jerusalem. He has served congregations in Tennessee, Florida, and SC and is currently working with the Red Boiling Springs Church of Christ in Red

Boiling Springs, Tennessee. In Myrtle Beach, he served both as a minister and as an elder. He is the author of the Bible Charts web site: www.biblecharts.org

2009 Bible Lands Tour Itinerary Israel & Egypt

Day 1 – Monday, June 6 – The excitement mounts as our group assembles in Atlanta to begin this journey of a lifetime. Following an orientation and getting acquainted period, we will board our wide-bodied jet for an evening departure with a connecting flight in Frankfurt, Germany. Dinner, breakfast, and snacks are served as we fly across the Atlantic.

Day 2 – Tuesday, June 9 – Tel-Aviv and Netanya: Flying across Europe and the Mediterranean Sea, we will arrive in Israel's new airport where we will meet our guide and driver, and then board our private motor-coach before continuing then on to Netanya and our hotel located on a cliff above the shores of the beautiful Mediterranean Sea for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 – Wednesday, June 10 – Mediterranean Sea, Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Nazareth, Mashhad, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Tiberias: After breakfast we will travel along the Mediterranean coast to Caesarea, capital of the Roman province and site of the conversion of Cornelius. We will see the Crusader Walls, Roman Theater, Aqueduct, and the harbor from which Paul sailed to Rome. Continuing north through the Plain of Sharon, we will visit the high place on Mt. Carmel where Elijah contested with the 450 prophets of Baal. We will enter the Valley of Jezreel to visit one of Solomon's chariot cities, Megiddo, where excavations have unearthed over 20 different civilizations, and where we will see a Canaanite altar before walking through the famous water tunnel. Continuing on through the valley for a great view of Mount Tabor, a proposed site of the Transfiguration, we will drive through Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, where we will return and visit later. We will travel by Mashhad, the Old Testament Gath-Hepher and home of Jonah, before proceeding through Cana, site of our Lord's first miracle. Minutes later you will get your first glimpse of the beautiful Sea of Galilee and Tiberias where we will lodge for two nights at our beautiful hotel.

Day 4 – Thursday, June 11 – Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Mt. Hermon, Golan Heights: Incredible beauties await us today. An early morning visit to the village of Eilaboun will introduce us to

Galilee Christian High School and some very gracious people. After our visit, we will drive north, stopping along the way to visit Hazor before stopping to look over into Lebanon. A visit to Dan, ancient Israel's northern-most city, will introduce us to the ancient ruins including the high place and the seat by the gate where the king sat. Dan's azure blue water is a must-see. Minutes away we will see the Spring of Banyas, a major source of the Jordan River and site of Caesarea Philippi and its nearby twin waterfalls. Traveling near Mt. Hermon, we will pass Nimrod's castle, drive through the Golan Heights, stopping to look over into Syria before returning to Tiberias for dinner and overnight as another great day in the Bible Lands concludes.

Day 5 – Friday, June 12 – Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgna, Jordan River, Beth-Shean, Harod Springs:

Today will be a day to remember forever as we board our private boat for a memorable cruise on the Sea of Galilee. A wonderful devotional will be conducted while we are at sea as we stop the boat's engines and sit in quietness and solitude while viewing the marvelous scenes around the shoreline of the Sea of Galilee. Returning to shore we will visit the 1st Century Ancient Boat ("Jesus' Boat"), before continuing on to Capernaum to visit the ancient synagogue and Peter's house. We will drive to the Mount of Beatitudes and Tabgna, the site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. This afternoon will find us bearing south to see where the Jordan River flows out of the Sea of Galilee. A visit to the Jordan River will take place before we travel on to Beth-Shean, one of the Roman cities of the Decapolis, and view the marvelous restoration work being done there. We will visit Harod Springs where Gideon chose his army of 300 at the base of Mt. Gilboa. At the conclusion of the day we will drive to Nazareth for two nights and enjoy sleeping in the very same town where Jesus grew up.

Day 6 – Saturday, June 13 – Nazareth: Today we will visit Nazareth where we will enter the Church of the Annunciation, visit Mary's Well, Joseph's carpenter workshop, and the brow of the Hill for breathtaking views of Galilee and Samaria. We will spend time in the Nazareth Village and learn much about New Testament life. We will visit the city of Sepphoris and view its magnificent floor

mosaics as we walk where Joseph and Jesus frequently walked. A pleasant day of pointing out various Biblical sites will be ours. A cookout and lovely evening of fellowship with many of our Arab brethren at the Nazareth Church of Christ is planned as we dine beneath the olive trees outside.

Day 7 – Sunday, June 14 – Nazareth, Jordan River Valley, Samaria, Jericho, Bethany, Jerusalem: Today will be a special day, a day of worship and fellowship as we worship with the church in Nazareth. New friends will be made as you meet Arab Christians. Around noon we will again travel southward toward Judea by way of the Jordan River Valley. Jordan will be seen along the way. Our first glimpse of Jericho, the Dead Sea, and Mount Nebo will be seen as well. Passing by the Good Samaritan Inn, we will visit Bethany and the Tomb of Lazarus before reaching the timeless city of Jerusalem and our beautiful hotel.

Day 8 – Monday, June 15 – Jerusalem, Wailing Wall, Temple Mount (Dome of the Rock), Model City, Ein Karem: Today we will take a walking tour through the old city of Jerusalem which will include a visit to the Wailing Wall, the Temple Mount and the Dome of Rock, the place of the Pavement where the Roman game boards are etched in stone, the Burnt House, the Via Dolorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We will walk through the colorful bazaars of the city on our way to the Damascus Gate to see the ancient Roman gate that Christ may have passed through on the way to Golgotha. We will visit the City of David before driving past the Israeli Parliament (the Knesset) and visit the Model City of 1st century Jerusalem and the Shrine of the Book to catch a glimpse of some of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Our travels will take us by Ein Karem, the traditional village of Zacharias and Elizabeth and the birthplace of John the Baptist. An afternoon visit to the Gordon's Calvary and Garden Tomb will be one of the highlights of the tour. Another lovely dinner and evening of rest in Jerusalem await us.

Day 9 – Tuesday, June 16 – Jerusalem and Bethlehem: A magnificent view awaits us as we proceed to the Mount of Olives, Kidron Valley, Garden of Gethsemane, the Palm Sunday road where Jesus made His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the place of ascension, David's Tomb and the Upper Room. We will pass by the Pillar of Absalom and the tombs of James the Less and Zachariah. We will see the Valley of Gehenna and the surrounding mountains of Jerusalem. We will visit the Pool of Bethesda and the Church of St. Anne and witness first-hand its unbelievable acoustics as we sing there. We will visit the House of Caiphas where Jesus was held.

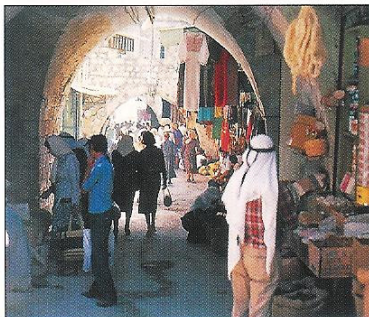
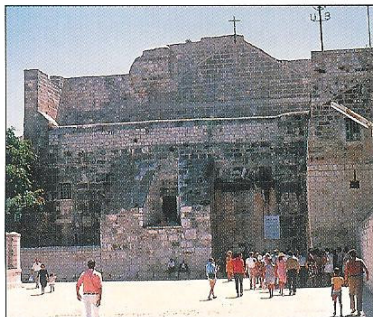
Time will be allowed by special appointment to visit the Rabbinical Tunnel that extends parallel to the ancient temple wall and passes under where the Fortress of Antonia stood. Later in the day we will travel to Bethlehem and visit the Church of the Nativity, built over the cave where Jesus was born. We will visit the Shepherds' Fields, see the plains of Boaz and view Mount Herodium where Herod's palace stood. Returning to Jerusalem we may stop at the Haas Promenade for another spectacular view of Jerusalem as we stand above the valley where Judas Iscariot hanged himself.

Day 10 – Wednesday, June 17 – Jericho, Qumran, Ein-Gedi, Masada, Eilat, Red Sea: This morning we will travel to the Dead Sea area. We will visit Jericho where we will see Elisha's Spring, the Mount of Temptation, and the ancient ruins of Jericho. We will visit Qumran where many of the Dead Scrolls were found and view Cave #4. We will continue along the Dead Sea shoreline to visit the oasis of Ein-Gedi in the area where David spared Saul's life, then Onward to Masada... Its story will thrill you. After viewing a film, we will ascend by cable car to the top of this magnificent fortress where Jewish Zealots made a historic stand against the Romans. Breath-taking views await us. In the afternoon we will drive through the Paran wilderness/desert, arriving in Eilat on the Red Sea for dinner and overnight.

Day 11 – Thursday, June 18: This day of travel begins with an early morning border crossing into Egypt at Taba, then a historical drive through the Sinai, in and around territories traveled by Moses and the Israelites in the wilderness... Welcome to the Exodus. After crossing the Suez Canal we will journey on to Cairo for dinner and overnight near the Pyramids.

Days 12 & 13 – Friday, June 19 & Saturday, June 20: Memphis, Sakkara, Pyramids, Sphinx, Camel ride, Cairo Museum (including the Mummy Room), felucca ride, sound & light show at the Pyramids and Sphinx will thrill you. Dinner and overnight each night near the Pyramids of Giza.

Day 14 – Sunday, June 21: We catch an early morning flight to Frankfurt, Germany for our connecting flight to Atlanta as our "Earthly Journey with a Heavenly Meaning" comes to its memorable conclusion.



TOUR CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

For payment by check or cash, the tour cost is \$4975 from Atlanta. A surcharge applies for payment by credit card. Features included in the tour price are:

TRANSPORTATION: Air transportation is included from Atlanta by economy class jet based on the advance purchase excursion fare. Cancellation fees are imposed by airlines if the air reservations are cancelled within 60 days of departure. Land transportation is by private motorcoach.

HOTELS: Accommodations are in first class hotels based on sharing twin bedded rooms with private bath. Supplement for a single room is \$889.

MEALS: Three meals daily are included throughout the land tour in Israel and Egypt.

TRANSFERS: All transfers between airports and hotels are included as well as the handling of one average sized suitcase per person.

SIGHTSEEING: All sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary is included with entrance fees and the services of excellent English speaking guides.

TIPS AND TAXES: Baggage handling tips at airports and hotel service charges and taxes are included.

NOT INCLUDED IN COST: U.S. passport fee, visa fee for Egypt, personal and baggage insurance, tips to guides, drivers and hotel staffs, items of a personal nature and any other items not specifically mentioned as being included. A charge of \$140 will be made on the final billing to cover the tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staffs. Tour host will then care for all such tipping.

RESERVATIONS: A deposit of \$400 per person is required to secure space on the tour. Balance of the tour cost is due 75 days before departure.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: The free air allowance is in a state of change by many airlines at the time this was written. We expect that one bag weighing no more than 50 pounds will be allowed. However, to be certain, we recommend that you check with your airline nearer to departure time. During the land portion, tips for handling one bag are included.

CANCELLATIONS: The deposit is fully refundable until 90 days before departure. From 89 days to 60 days before departure, a \$200 penalty will apply. All monies paid are subject to forfeiture after this time. Trip cancellation, travel accident and baggage insurance are recommended and can be secured through Fowler Tours.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Tour prices are based on rates in effect August 1, 2008, and are subject to adjustment should rates change.

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Please make a reservation for _____ person(s) on the Bible Lands Tour with Dr. Donnie Barnes. Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$400 per person) as deposit. (Make check payable to Fowler Tours.)

LEGAL NAME(S) (as on Passport)

Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms.

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I will be sharing a room with _____.

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I plan to depart from _____.

Please make the most economical air reservations for me from there to Atlanta.

I apply for membership in the Bible Lands Tour with Dr. Donnie Barnes subject to the conditions outlined in the tour brochure. I have read the "Responsibility" clause.

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