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Map of the Western Mediterranean Sea in the Roman Period. The Book of Acts ends with Paul's sail from Malta to Sicily to Rome, but includes Paul's dream that one day he would also be able to sail to Spain. We will make his dream to be ours.

Biblical Resources Study Trips to Unusual Destinations with Important Biblical Themes

It is not too late to join our unusual trip, *Unseen Israel*, scheduled for January 8-22. We only offer this trip every few years. It is perfect for those who have already visited Israel. Experienced Israeli tour guide and BR staff Hannaniah Pinto will lead the trip. Includes the main sites like Nazareth, Capernaum, and Jerusalem's churches for first time visitors to Israel. Check out the itinerary online or call for a detailed brochure. We still have some space, so don't delay.

Please look at the titles on the right column for some of the unique Christian travel opportunities we are offering the next two years. Each itinerary has been designed to help you discover the origins of your faith and learn how early followers of Jesus sought to apply his teachings to the daily challenges they met in life.

Be sure to note the **first time ever** offer for a trip to Spain and Portugal in 2013. We are checking out accommodations and archaeological sites this March for confirming our itinerary and reservations for 2013.

--Jim Fleming/ Hannaniah Pinto

Trip Summaries: Look what we have in store for you in 2012-2013

New! January 8-22, 2012

14 day *Unseen Israel* trip with important archaeological sites not normally visited in the desert and around Galilee with intimate group guided by HP. Optional extra Jerusalem Extension Jan 22-24

February 16-Mar 3, 2012

17 day Israel and Jordan *Life of Jesus* trip with JF

May 6-19, 2012

14 day *Life of Jesus* to Israel, including the Negev desert, Galilee and Jerusalem, with JF & HP

Sep 30-Oct 13, 2012

14 day *Mediterranean and Aegean Turkey* in Acts and Revelation with Cappadocia, Antalya, Myra, Patara, Hierapolis, Colossae, Aphrodisia, Miletus, Didyma and *the Seven Churches*, with JF & HP

October 22-Nov 2, 2012

Rome and Northern Italy *Archaeology, Art and Architecture* Tour including Pompeii, Capri, Rome, Florence, Ravenna, Venice and Milan with JF & HP

New! January 8-21, 2013

Egypt (conditions permitting), Sinai, Jordan and southern Israel trip, *The Deserts of the Bible*. We will have comfortable accommodations but visit remote destinations which were significant to the origins of the Hebrews and early Christian "desert spirituality," with JF and HP

April 19 - May 3, 2013

Portugal and Spain in the Roman Period and Beyond. Visits chief Roman populations in the interior, and includes important Medieval cities.

New! May 4-20, 2013

Life of Jesus in Israel with Petra in southern Jordan. Visits major sites in southern Israel, Galilee and Jerusalem.

Unseen Israel trip (New) January, 8-22, 2012



What you will See

Our off-the-beaten-track trip begins touring unusual sites in Southern Israel. Our first sites will be Beer-sheba, Mampsis, Avedat, the Ramon Crater, the Red Sea port of Elath, Timna Egyptian Temple and copper mines, Tamar, Arad, a Bedouin experience including camels and a meal, the Mt. Sodom salt caves, Wadi Zohar, Masada, the Ein Gedi Chalcolithic Temple, and then the Qumran Dead Sea community and caves.

We will then head north to Galilee for a week of explorations to places like Wadi Mehola, Ein Harod of the Gideon Story, Tel Jezreel, and Shunem of the Elijah and Elisha, Nain, Nazareth, Beit Shearim underground cemetery, Sepphoris, Jotapata, Mt Tabor, Mt. Berenice, Tiberias, Hamat Gader, Hippos, Gesher, Chorazin, W. Amud caves, Capernaum, Chinnereth, Magdala, and the Arbel synagogue (above).

We then head north-east to Gamla, Caesarea Philippi, Tel Dan, Omrit, and Hazor. We then turn south to Caesarea, Antipatris, Herodium, Jerusalem's City of David sites, Pool of Siloam, museums, and recent discoveries such as the Ketef Hinnom tomb.

Life of Jesus trips to Israel May 6-19, '12, May 4-20, '13



What you will See:

We begin with Old Testament themes at Tel Arad, Tel Beersheba and the Dead Sea's archaeological sites. Next we head north to follow the life of Jesus from Nazareth to Cana, and then to his central ministry around the Sea of Galilee visiting towns such as Capernaum, Chorazin, Bethsaida, Gennesaret, Tiberias, Gergesa and Hippos.

We will withdraw with Jesus and the disciples to the district of Caesarea Philippi in the Golan Heights. We continue our journey to Caesarea Maritima, and on to Jerusalem's main archaeological sites and churches.

Mediterranean and Aegean Turkey September 30 - October 13, 2012



What you will See:

The trip begins in Istanbul and then we fly to Cappadocia's many churches and underground sites (above). We continue to Konya to begin our *Book of Acts* sites along the Mediterranean coast: These include Antalya, Perge, Myra, and Patara. We then head inland for Colossae, Laodicea, Hierapolis, Aphrodisia (below), Miletus and Didyma. We also tour the other churches of the *Book of Revelation*: Smyrna, Philadelphia, Sardis, and Ephesus, where we will have a full day of visits to its archaeological sites and museums.



Rome and Northern Italy Oct, 22- Nov 2, 2012



What you will See:

This trip begins south of Rome and visits Pompeii, Sorrento, Amalfi, and Capri. We then see Rome's many archaeological sites (*Forum*, above) & churches. We continue northward to appreciate Renaissance art in Florence, Byzantine mosaics in Ravenna, and the entire Mediterranean world in Venice. In Milan we will see DaVinci's *Last Supper*, (below) and end our trip in the Italian Alps.



The Deserts of the Bible January 8-21, 2013



What you will See:

This trip will begin in the Land of Goshen of the Nile Delta and then follow the Exodus through the Sinai Desert, visit Serabit el-Khadem (above), Jebel Musa, and Saint Catherine's Monastery. We will ferry across to Aquaba, Jordan and visit Petra and Wadi Rum. Then we cross into Israel and visit the Red Sea, the Desert Animal Preserve, Timna, and sites in the Wildernesses of Paran, Zin, Aravah, Judah and end in Old and New Testament Jerusalem.

After five years of work, Biblical Resources has completed updating its relief maps and models at EIA



After losing our lease and closing our museum in Jerusalem in 2005, BR shipped all of Jim Fleming's relief maps from our classroom to our new museum in LaGrange, GA. However, it has taken five years to repaint and electrify them for teaching purposes. Dr. Fleming is being videotaped at one of the new maps, above, with his hand pointing towards Jerusalem.

It also has taken many years to haul the stones and construct the various archaeological replicas, such as the threshing floor with agricultural equipment and sacks of wheat, pictured below.



An early scene in the new series of DVDs being produced by EIA illustrates the story in 2 Sam 24:18-25 about King David purchasing the threshing floor of Araunah in order to build an altar to the Lord there in Jerusalem. This spot became the location of the subsequent altars built by King Solomon and enlarged by Herod the Great in the time of Jesus. The new DVD, *Introduction to New Testament Jerusalem*, incorporates various pictures of the relief maps and models as well as the archaeological replicas constructed at the new Georgia museum. This new DVD series will show lively and realistic settings for learning the background of the biblical texts.

Never think a small kindness is unappreciated 31 years later!

Passover, 2011

Dear Biblical Resources:

I am not sure if you remember me, but I remember you, and your kindness quite well. Every year at this time I tell my friends about my experience in Israel during the Passover of 1980... a time at which I experienced my lowest of lows and highest of highs.

My backpack had been stolen when a clerk at the bookstore in the bus station was explaining that, although the color of the paper was the same, Israel had recently devalued their currency and a note with a "10" on it was the same as the old one with a "100." That backpack contained over 100 rolls of film that I had been shooting during my (at that time) one year tour. I was sitting in the bus station coffee shop, contemplating contacting my parents, "tossing in the towel" and going back to the US... when you came up and asked if I was lost. I told you the story and you kindly invited me into your home, shared some clothing, including a pair of boots that a student had left (which I still have!) and took me to "King Solomon's Stable," (nearby your house) on an extremely private tour (just you, I and the guy with the key)!... You showed me how that the Bible can be viewed as a historical document ...and you brought it to life.

After two weeks I decided to head back to my family in Italy, and then to the US. You encouraged me to go to the police station one more time and lo-and-behold—They had found my backpack—with all my rolls of film! It was a genuine miracle and your kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you again.

*Have a good Passover,
Franco*

(Now a Senior Legal Counsel with an international law firm)

**Availability of first new DVD
Produced by the EIA Center**



This first-time offered DVD features close-up pictures of our realistic model of Jerusalem just now being completed. It includes recent research and discoveries not pictured on most maps and models. This one hour DVD will be available for purchase only in 2012. Presently it is included as a gift if one gives a donation to the Explorations in Antiquity Center (see EIA Newsletter offer for details).

Contact Form:

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EIA Museum book: (\$39.00 plus \$5 shipping)

“Life of the Shepherd, Farmer and Village in the Bible.” Color & glossy photos (160 pp) _____

Last Supper book, color (\$49.00 + \$7 shipping)

“Jesus’ Last Night w/ Disciples” (240 pp) _____

List of CD radio programs

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15 day Israel Trip, May 6-19, 2012 _____

14 day Turkey Trip, Sep 30-Oct 13, 2012 _____

12 day Italy Trip, Oct 22-Nov 2, 2012 _____

15 day Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Jan 8-21, 2013 _____

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**Conference Calendar
for Jim Fleming**

*Conferences about Recent Biblical,
Archaeological & Mid-Eastern Research*

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2011-2013 CONFERENCE CALENDAR

DATE: PLACE: PHONE:

2011

Oct 17-Nov 2 West Mediterranean Research Trip

Nov 7-11 Lake Junaluska NC 800-482-1442

Nov 12-13 Morristown, TN 423-581-2180

Nov 14-16 LaGrange, GA 706-885-0363

Nov 20-21 Knoxville, TN 865-524-3048

Dec 4-6 Hot Springs Village, AR 501-922-4503

2012

Jan 8-22 Unseen Israel tour 706-885-0363

Feb 2-4 Baton Rouge, LA 225-344-0343

Feb 16-Mar 3 Israel and Jordan 706-885-0360

Mar 9-11 Brunswick, GA 912-265-4883

Mar 12-14 LaGrange, GA 706-885-0363

Mar 16-18 Whitney, TN 254-694-7060

Mar 19-28 Spain & Portugal Research Trip

Apr 5 Gulf Breeze, FL 850-932-3594

Apr 8 Sunrise Celeb. (“Tears”) 706-885-0363

Apr 19 Holocaust Remembrance 706-885-0363

May 6-19 Life of Jesus Israel 706-885-0363

Jul 22-27 St. Simon’s Island 713-863-1769

Aug 4 Fairfield Glade, TN 931-484-7273

Aug 20-25 Ocean Grove NJ 732-775-0035

Sep 19-20 Newark, NJ

Sep 30-Oct 13 Med. & Aegean Turkey 706-885-0363

Oct 14-15 Beaumont, TX 409-832-0295

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Color: Jim is outside the United States

Please phone or email Sally Dowland, our lecture bureau coordinator, who will be happy to help you with dates for lecture conference subjects and promotional ideas. Interest in study tours should be directed to biblicalresources@earthlink.net.