

The Rev. Darren L. Morgan

cordially invites you to join him on his sabbatical Pilgrimage to:

The Holy Land

A Contemporary Studies Pilgrimage in Israel, the West Bank, and Jordan



The Holy Land, The Holy People
June 20-29, 2019
\$3,340 Roundtrip from Boston

Optional 4 Day Elective
The Wonders of Petra & Jordan
Returning July 3, 2019
\$1,449

This pilgrimage will acquaint participants with the geographical and cultural settings of the New Testament and relate historical studies to contemporary dynamics in Israel, Palestine, and Jordan. The pilgrimage will include morning and evening discussion groups on the historical and

contemporary themes and visits with indigenous people. This pilgrimage is designed to introduce participants to the state of the art of biblical studies in the Holy Land. The learning process will be contextual and experiential. We will endeavor especially to examine the moral dimensions of biblical learning and teaching. We are particularly interested in understanding how biblical studies and the biblical faith relate to the context of the Holy Land.

Included in the Price:

- Round trip airfare (Boston – Tel Aviv)
- Faculty escort from the faculty of The Society for Biblical Studies
- Overnight lodging (price based on double occupancy, single room supplemental optional), meals (breakfasts & dinners) at comfortable hotels
- All transfers and ground transportation in First class coaches from arrival in Tel Aviv throughout the journey
- All entry fees for sites in itinerary – no hidden costs for “optional excursions”
- Price guaranteed based on 15 in group, not subject to any adjustment for currency fluctuation



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The Rev. Darren L. Morgan
Maine Conference United Church of Christ

The Holy Land, the Holy People

20-29 June 2019

10 day Gold Select journey \$3,340

4 day elective returning 3 July 2019:

The Wonders of Jordan and Petra \$1,449

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 (\$3,340) of the Program: Roundtrip airfare from the gateway city; lodging based on double occupancy in hotels suitable for comfort, well located and appropriate to the journey's objectives; breakfast & dinner daily; 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 15 people in the group. If the group is smaller than 15 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; porterage; tips for bus drivers and guides (about \$8-\$10 per person per day); passports and foreign visas; airline baggage fees or 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 \$300 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 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 \$100 administrative fee.

Deadlines: Full payment must be made 90 days prior to departure (22 March 2019). A late fee of \$100 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 citi-

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zens are responsible for proper re-entry documentation. All passengers must submit to The Society for Biblical Studies copies of their travel documents not later than 60 days prior to departure. Additional foreign visa charges may apply thereafter.

Lodging: The price is based on double occupancy. Single occupancy is available at a supplemental cost (\$684, 10 day, \$388, 4 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. 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 will apply. If your request is made after the time of your original registration, an administrative fee of \$75 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, \$85; from 89-70 days prior to departure, \$125; 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.

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. **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.**

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. 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, please so indicate 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 Holy Land, the Holy People

Departure date: 20 June 2019

Group Leader: The Rev. Darren L. Morgan

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: _____

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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

Plan rates (subject to change until time of purchase):

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

I accept the travel insurance (include premium payment along with registration deposit)

Beneficiary: _____

I decline the travel insurance



Registration Form, cont'd.

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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 (\$684 10 day, \$388 4 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 4 Day elective *The Wonders of Jordan and Petra* (\$1449), returning 3 July 2019.
- Please check this box if you would like domestic travel arrangements and indicate your domestic departure city preference _____ (additional cost to be determined).
- I would like to have full passport and visa assistance (\$100 plus postage).
- 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 have a receipt and periodic statements of my account mailed to me (\$100).

**\$300 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 of the Program Conditions and certifies that you have read 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 (\$100) and additional administrative charges (\$100).

The Rev. Darren L. Morgan
Maine Conference United Church of Christ
The Holy Land, The Holy People—A Gold Select Journey
10 Day Contemporary Studies Program including Israel, the West Bank
20-29 June 2019, 4 Day elective *The Wonders of Jordan* returning on 3 July 2019
Syllabus

Objectives:

- To provide an overview of the geographical, social, historical, archaeological and cultural settings of the Bible
- To gain an overview of modern biblical scholarship, including the rudiments of archaeology, and its importance for clergy and lay people
- To learn about Christians in the Holy Land
- To become familiar with the nature of Christianity in the Holy Land and the role of the church today
- To promote personal and group spirituality
- To become acquainted with the key issues in biblical studies and the study of Christian origins
- To gain understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, its impact on neighboring countries, possibilities for peacemaking

Texts: (Each person enrolled will automatically receive *The Word of God and the World of the Bible* in advance of the program. All participants would find reading one of the following books to be beneficial.)

- 1) Ateek, Naim. *Justice and Only Justice*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1989.
- 2) Borg, Marcus J. *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*. New York, NY: Harper San Francisco, 1994.
- 3) Braverman, Mark. *Fatal Embrace: Christians, Jews and the Search for Peace in the Holy Land*. Austin, TX: Synergy Books, 2010
- 4) Burg, Avraham. *The Holocaust is Over, We Must Rise from Its Ashes*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2008.
- 5) Carter, Jimmy. *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, 2006.
- 6) Chacour, Elias. *Blood Brothers*. Tarrytown, NY: Chosen books, 1984.
- 7) Johnson, Luke Timothy. *The Real Jesus*. New York, NY: HarperSanFrancisco, 1996.
- 8) Kimball, Charles. *Striving Together*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1991.
- 9) Miano, Peter J. *The Word of God and the World of the Bible: An Introduction to the Cultural Backgrounds of the New Testament*. London: Melisende, 2001.
- 10) Oz, Amos. *Israel, Palestine and Peace*, New York, NY: Vintage, 1994.
- 11) Pappé, Ilan. *A History of Modern Palestine: One Land, Two Peoples*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.
- 12) Rousseau, John J. and Arav, Rami. *Jesus and His World*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1995.

Itinerary (subject to change due to local circumstances):

- Day 1
20.6, Th Depart USA
- Day 2
21.6, F Arrive Tel Aviv, Orientation & Introductions
overnight in Taybeh
- Day 3
22.6, Sa Theme: Religious Pluralism and Ethnic Diversity in Galilee
Field trip: Nablus, Jacob's Well (John 4), Megiddo (Rev. 16:16, 1 Kings 9:15),
visit Mishmar ha Emek (Lydia Eisenburg)
Overnight in Galilee
- Day 4
23.6, Su Theme: Jesus' Ministry in Lower Galilee
Field trip: Nazareth, Sisters of Nazareth Convent, koch tombs—subject
to confirmation, Basilica of the Annunciation or Church of St. Gabriel, Sepphoris,
(Matt 2: 23, Luke 1: 26- 38, 4:16- 30, 1 Kings 21, John 4: 46-54)
Overnight in Galilee
- Day 5
24.6, M Theme: Jesus Ministry and Resurrection Around the Sea of Galilee
Field trip: boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Tabgha, (John 21), Mt. of
the Beatitudes (Luke 13: 10-21, Matt 5- 7, 11: 20- 24, Mark 4- 6, John 21), Qasr
el Yahud
PM forum: TBD
Overnight in Bethlehem
- Day 6
25.6, Tu Theme: Bethlehem and its Environs at the Time of Jesus
Field trip: Bethlehem, Old City walking tour, Church of the Nativity (Lk 2; Mt 2),
Herodion, Shepherd's Fields, Israeli settlement, Palestinian refugee camp
PM forum: Palestinian speaker
Overnight in Bethlehem
- Day 7
26.6, W Theme: Jerusalem and its Environs at the Time of Jesus
Field trip: Israel Museum, Second Temple Model, Shrine of the Book, Mt. of
Olives, Dominus Flevit, Garden of Gethsemane
PM forum: Israeli speaker
Overnight in Bethlehem
- Day 8
27.6, Th Theme: Jerusalem and its Environs at the Time of Jesus
Field trip: Old city walking tour, Western Wall, Temple Mount/Harem esh Sharif
(if possible), Lithostratos, Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Mt. 27-28; John 20)
PM forum: Israeli speaker
overnight in Bethlehem
- Day 9
28.6, F Theme: The Judean Wilderness
Field trip: Masada, Qumran, The Dead Sea, Ein Gedi (1 Samuel), Wadi Qelt
overview (Mt. 4: 1-11)

overnight in Amman or Bethlehem

Day 10 Return to USA
29.6, Sa

Elective: The Wonders of Petra & Jordan

Day 10 Theme: Christian Origins in Jordan
29.6, Sa Field trip: transfer to Allenby Bridge, enter Jordan, visit the baptismal site
Overnight Wadi Musa/Petra

Day 11 Theme: The Rose Red City
30.6, Su Field trip: full day exploration of Petra
Overnight in Wadi Musa/Petra

Day 12 Theme: The King's Highway
1.7, M Field trip: Ein Musa, Shoback overview, Madaba, Mt. Nebo
overnight in Amman

Day 14 Theme: Christian Heritage in Jordan
2.7, Tu Field trip: Jerash, Amman driving tour
overnight Amman

Day 15 Return to USA
3.7, W

* Worship will be arranged in Nazareth and/or in Jerusalem with indigenous Christians.
* Meetings with indigenous people are subject to change. Appropriate substitutions will be made in the event a speaker is unavailable.
* Daily itinerary is subject to local condition.