

Israel Study Tour

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Join Moody for a life-changing Israel Study Trip

- Go to Israel in the spring, the best time of year to visit Israel with its breezy weather and lush greenery!
- Supplement your Moody classroom education with a trip led by Professor Walter McCord and Vice President Bill Blocker.
- Visit the places where key events in the Old Testament, the Gospels, and the Book of Acts took place.



Walter McCord



Bill Blocker

Enhance your knowledge of the Bible

- Imagine visiting and studying in the land where the events of the Bible occurred.
- Experience much more than typical tourist sites and souvenir shops—take an unforgettable journey of breathless views and spiritual transformation through an in-depth exposure to Israel.
- Stand where David slayed Goliath as you read about the event in Scripture.
- Gaze over the Judean Wilderness where “the voice of one crying in the wilderness” announced the coming of Christ.
- Review the ministry of Christ at the Sea of Galilee as you walk along its shores or look over it from a nearby cliff.

Earn graduate or distance learning undergraduate credit

Grow intellectually and spiritually through Professor Walter McCord's teaching of *Historical Geography of Israel*. This course provides an emphasis that enhances your time of study, involves pre-trip and post-trip assignments, and counts for seminary credit. MDL students will work with Dr. Blocker to receive credit for their appropriate course of study.

Enjoy a value-added, safety-conscious trip

The total cost of the trip from Chicago is \$3,995 per person, and includes airfare, hotel accommodations (2 per room), all entrance fees, and two meals per day. See back for details.

The tour company guiding this trip, Morning Star Tours, uses a land operator that has extensive experience traveling in Israel. Morning Star Tours and Moody monitor the political situation daily. To maximize safety, we will not visit areas where recent attacks or clashes between Israelis and Palestinians have occurred, and we will not use public transportation.

Space is limited

Space will fill quickly, so sign up as soon as possible by sending your reservation form to Moody Bible Institute. Spouses, friends, and family are welcome to accompany you if space is available.

For more information

To learn more about those leading the tour, to read participant comments, or to register online, visit www.moody.edu/israel. If you have any questions, please contact Katharina Albert, Israel Study Tour Coordinator, at 312-329-8927, or send an e-mail to dlcisraeltrip@moody.edu.

PRELIMINARY COST OF THE TOUR

The total estimated cost for the trip from Chicago is \$3,995 per person.* The cost includes airfare from Chicago, hotel accommodations (based on two people per room/single supplement \$620), all entrance fees, two meals per day (lunch is excluded), all tips, taxes and service fees.

*Airlines and airlines are subject to change should more seats be needed than allocated.

Cost Includes

Air Transportation—Round-trip transatlantic economy class from Chicago. A limited number of seats will be confirmed. Participants will be given these seats on a first-come, first-served basis. Airfare used is based on economy class effective at date of publication.

Hotels—Double-occupancy accommodations in Israel.

Meals—Breakfast and dinner daily. (Beverages provided at breakfast only.)

Sightseeing—In deluxe motorcoaches with English-speaking guide. All entrance fees are included.

Transfers—All group transfers between airports and hotels.

Tips—Tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff.

Taxes/Fuel Surcharges—Airport departure taxes in the U.S. and Israel have been included in tour cost based on prices at the printing of this brochure; amount is subject to change and is based on tax rates and fuel surcharges at time of ticketing.

Miscellaneous—Study Guide, luggage tags, travel bag, and document holder.

Cost Does Not Include

Lunches and Beverages—Other than water and coffee or tea with breakfast.

Personal Expenses—Including passport fees, visas (for non-U.S. citizens), insurance, laundry, phone calls, etc. **Tuition fee for the Distance Learning Undergraduate or Seminary course will be an additional fee.**

Single Occupancy—A limited number of single-occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of \$620 per person and must be requested in advance.

Other Services—Not specifically mentioned above.

SPECIAL NOTES

Reservations—A deposit of \$500 must accompany the reservation form for each passenger enrolling in the tour. A \$1,500 payment is due November 15, 2011. The final balance is due on December 30, 2011.

Tour Prices—All tour prices are based on costs, charges, taxes, and U.S. dollar exchange rates known at the time of booking. Should any of these costs change, a surcharge may be added to the cost of your tour. You would be notified prior to travel.

Changes from the Itinerary—Participant requests for changes from itinerary are subject to availability plus an applicable airfare surcharge, and a \$50 change fee per person. To enable finalizing of group arrangements, requests and changes are not accepted less than 60 days prior to departure.

Cancellations—All cancellations must be received in writing.

Date of Cancellation	Refund Policy
Prior to Sep. 1, 2011	Full refund less \$100 administrative fee
Sep. 2 to Nov. 14, 2011	Full refund less 50% of your deposit
Nov. 15 to Dec. 30, 2011	Penalty of 50% of your deposit plus \$500
Dec. 31, 2011 until departure	No refund

Passports—You must have a valid passport with expiration not less than six months after your return to the U.S. It can take eight to twelve weeks to secure a passport, so don't delay. *Non-U.S. passport holders must contact Morning Star Tours to confirm the need for a visa.* Passport information, along with applications, can be obtained at www.travel.state.gov/passport/index.html.

Baggage Allowance—One checked piece, not to exceed 62 inches (length plus width plus depth) and 50 pounds. You may also bring one carry-on item.

Insurance—Baggage, trip cancellation, and emergency medical insurance is strongly recommended. Forms will be provided. *Important:* The exclusion of pre-existing conditions is waived provided the premium is received no later than 15 days after the initial deposit for your trip.

Additional Information—After your reservation form and deposit are received, we will send you further information on your departure, as well as luggage tags, name badges, insurance forms, and study materials.

Physical Fitness for Participants—During this trip there will be much walking—often over irregular ground—with numerous stairs to climb. Participants are expected to be in good physical and mental health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing wheelchairs, oxygen, or other ambulatory assistance will be limited in the sites they can experience. Check with your doctor for medical advice pertinent to the trip and your health. We also suggest you prepare for the tour by beginning a program of walking. If you have questions, please contact Morning Star Tours for more details.

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ITINERARY



Sunday, March 11

Our spiritual adventure begins as we depart from Chicago to connect with an overnight transatlantic flight to our long-awaited destination—Israel!

Monday, March 12

This afternoon we arrive at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv and drive north along the Mediterranean coast to Netanya where we will check into our hotel for a well-deserved rest.



Tuesday, March 13 *Caesarea • Mount Carmel • Megiddo • Mount Arbel*

This morning we will visit **Caesarea** where Peter proclaimed the good news to the Roman centurion, Cornelius. We will see the famous Roman theater, harbor, newly excavated hippodrome and palace, and aqueducts. We continue on to **Mount Carmel** to visit the traditional place where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. Next we arrive at **Megiddo**, Chariot City of King Solomon, where we will explore its remarkable excavations and view the **Valley of Jezreel**, the location for the future gathering of the nations at Armageddon. Our next stop is **Mount Precipice** for a magnificent view of **Mount Tabor** and **Nazareth**, Jesus' hometown. We will pass the **Horns of Hittim** where Saladin defeated the Crusaders before ending our day by walking to the top of **Mount Arbel** for a breathtaking panorama of the **Sea of Galilee** and the biblical sites of Jesus' public ministry. Dinner and overnight along the shores of the Sea of Galilee.



Wednesday, March 14 *The Sea of Galilee*

Following in the footsteps of Jesus and the disciples, we board a boat for a time of worship on the **Sea of Galilee**. Afterward we will view the ancient "**Galilee Boat**" from the time of Christ before visiting the **Mount of Beatitudes** where Christ delivered one of his most powerful teachings. We then head to the ruins of **Chorazin**, a city condemned by Jesus for its lack of faith. Next we visit **Capernaum**, the city of Jesus, and walk the streets that witnessed so many of His miracles. We will proceed to the eastern shore to **Bethsaida**, known as the "House of Fishing" during the time of Christ, and **Kursi**, the site where the demons entered the swine after being cast out of the demoniac. The culmination of our day will occur with an optional **baptismal service** in the waters of the **Sea of Galilee**.



Thursday, March 15 *Hazor • Dan • Caesarea Philippi*

Today we follow the route of the old International Highway between Egypt and Mesopotamia. We journey north past the Old Testament city of **Hazor** on our way to the ancient city of **Dan**. A beautiful nature reserve provides a refreshing backdrop as we visit the northernmost city of ancient Israel and see the spot where wicked King Jeroboam set up a golden calf. After a short ride we will come to the New Testament city of **Caesarea Philippi** at the foot of **Mount Hermon**, where Peter made his great confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Our next stop is the breathtaking **Banias Waterfall** before driving up to the **Golan Heights** where we will focus on modern Israel's struggles with Syria and Lebanon and discover why this region is so strategic. Then we will return to our hotel for our final night in the region of Galilee.



Friday, March 16 *Bet She'an • Jordan Valley • Judean Wilderness • Qumran*

This morning we journey past **Mt. Tabor**, where Deborah and Barak led the forces of Israel to victory, before arriving at the **Spring of Harod** where Gideon chose his 300 men. We continue down the **Jezreel Valley** to the ancient city of **Bet She'an**. We will walk through the remarkable restoration of the Roman ruins that sit in the shadow of the hill where the Philistines once displayed the bodies of King Saul and his sons. We then proceed down the **Jordan Valley** past **Old Testament Jericho**, the ancient Canaanite city where the "walls came tumbling down." We continue on, entering into the **Judean Wilderness** where Christ was tempted for 40 days. Our next stop is **Qumran** to see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Late afternoon our journey takes us to the lowest point on the face of the earth, the **Dead Sea**, where we will overnight along its shores.



Saturday, March 17 *Masada • Arad • Negev*

We begin our day by focusing on the wilderness areas traversed by the young shepherd David. We will depart early for the **Oasis of En Gedi** to relive one of David's historic encounters with King Saul. We then journey to **Masada** and take a cable-car to the summit for a tour of the magnificent ruins of Herod's lavish palace/fortress where Jewish zealots made their final stand in their revolt against Rome. Early afternoon we travel to the city of **Arad**, located in the **Negev basin**, to view the remarkable remains of a temple patterned after God's temple in Jerusalem. We will then return to our resort on the Dead Sea for an afternoon of fun and relaxation.



Sunday, March 18 *Elah Valley • Jerusalem*

This morning we travel to **Bet Guvrin** to see some remarkable ruins in the region where the prophet Micah once lived and ministered. Next, we arrive in the **Elah Valley** to relive the battle between David and Goliath. Traveling further north we will visit the city of **Beth Shemesh** in the **Sorek Valley** where Samson struggled with the Philistines. The magnificent city of **Jerusalem** is our next stop. From a panoramic vista on the **Mount of Olives** we are reminded of what the Messiah saw as he looked out over Jerusalem. We will walk down this historic hillside to visit **Dominus Flevit**, the traditional spot where Jesus wept over Jerusalem, and the **Garden of Gethsemane** where Jesus prayed the night he was betrayed.



Monday, March 19 *Jerusalem*

Our day starts with a view of the **Temple Mount** where the Al Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock are located and the spot on which Israel's Temple once stood. **Zion Hill**, the traditional site of the **Upper Room**, is our next stop. We will wind through the narrow streets and the colorful bazaars of the **Old City** on our way to **Hezekiah's City Wall** and the **Cardo**. En route we will tour the **Herodian Mansion** where Christ stood mute before the High Priest and was condemned. We then walk to the excavations of the **Southern Steps** of the temple, a place where you can actually say, "I walked today where Jesus walked." This afternoon we will visit the **Model of Herodian Jerusalem**, which provides an excellent picture of the city as it would have looked in the time of Christ, and walk through the **Shrine of the Book** where we will see the oldest copy of a biblical passage. We will conclude this day with a visit to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's unforgettable memorial to the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust.



Tuesday, March 20 *Bethlehem • Jerusalem*

Today we travel to **Herodium**, the fortress where King Herod was buried. Our next stop is **Bethlehem** and the **Church of the Nativity** to reflect on the gift that was given to us on that blessed night. We then return to Jerusalem and spend our afternoon in the original **City of David**. We will see the ruins of **David's Palace**, as well as **Warren's Shaft**, the "waterspout" through which David's forces climbed to capture the city. We will visit the recently excavated **Pools of Siloam**, and then conclude our afternoon with an optional walk through **Hezekiah's Tunnel**.

Wednesday, March 21 *Jerusalem*

Our final day in the Holy Land begins at the **Western (Wailing) Wall**, Judaism's holiest site. Passing through **St. Stephen's Gate**, we proceed to the **Pools of Bethesda** where Jesus healed the man at the pool. We will visit **St. Anne's Church** before beginning our journey along the **Via Dolorosa** (the Way of the Cross) to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. En route we will visit **Antonio's Fortress** where the soldiers mocked Jesus and placed a crown of thorns upon His head. We conclude our time in Jerusalem at the **Garden Tomb** (Gordon's Calvary) with a special communion service to celebrate Christ's resurrection.



Thursday, March 22

We return to the United States with heart-changing memories of our time together in the land of Israel.

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RESPONSIBILITY

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