

November 11-18, 2023  
**DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
**ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE BIBLE STUDY TOUR**

Dallas Theological Seminary and Israel College of the Bible invite you to join an in-depth study tour focusing on the archaeology of the Land of the Bible.

*For those who want to participate in an actual archaeological excavation, there will be an optional opportunity to excavate 4 days at Chorazin (Matt 11:21) with archaeologist Dr. Achia Kohn-Tavor immediately before the tour (Nov. 6-10, 2023, see below).*

**ITINERARY**

DAY	DATE	PROGRAM	OVERNIGHT
	Nov. 10 (Friday)	Travel Day (if needed)	Enroute
<b>1</b>	Nov 11 (Saturday)	Arrive at <b>Ben Gurion Airport</b> , outside of Tel Aviv. o Please choose flights that arrive BEFORE 3pm on Nov 11 (or, for those coming for the optional excavation days before the tour, book a flight that arrives before 3pm on Nov.6.) Meet your guide and the rest of the group.	Netanya, Residence Hotel or similar
<b>2</b>	Nov 12 (Sunday)	Attend <b>Introductory Lectures</b> at Israel College of the Bible: 1) <i>The History of the Archaeology of the Land of the Bible</i> 2) <i>Archaeology of the early periods (Neolithic, Chalcolithic, and Early Bronze periods)</i> A complimentary lunch will be provided this day. Visit <b>Tel Aphek</b> and <b>Izbet Sarta</b> (possibly Biblical Ebenezer), as well as <b>Old Jaffa (New Testament Joppa)</b> .	Judean Lowlands, Neve Shalom Guest House or similar

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3	Nov 13 (Monday)	Tour sites in the Shephelah (Judean Lowlands) including <b>Tel Gezer</b> (1 Kings 9:15, 16), <b>Tel Beth Shemesh</b> (1 Sam 6), <b>Tel Azekah</b> (Josh 10:10-11, 2 Chron. 11:9), <b>Khirbet Qeiyafa</b> (overlooking the David and Goliath Valley). <b>Evening Lecture:</b> <i>Archaeology of the Middle Bronze and Late Bronze Periods.</i>	Judean Lowlands, Neve Shalom Guest House or similar
4	Nov 14 (Tuesday)	Continue to explore the Shephelah, visiting: <b>Tel Maresha /Beit Guvrin</b> – tour and <b>Dig for a Day. Tel Lakhish</b> (Josh 10:3, 31-33; 2 Kings 18:14-17), <b>Kh. Er-Rai</b> (one of the suggested locations of Ziklag, 1 Sam 27:6, 30:1). <b>Evening Lecture:</b> <i>Archaeology of the Iron Age</i>	Arad Inbar Hotel or similar
5	Nov 15 (Wednesday)	Explore excavations in the Negev: <b>Tel Sheva</b> (Gen 21 and 26), <b>Ein Avdat</b> (Wilderness of Zin, Num 34:3), <b>Avdat</b> (Nabatean spice route), <b>Tel Arad</b> (Num 21:1-3). <b>Evening Lecture:</b> <i>Archaeology of the Second Temple Period</i>	Arad Inbar Hotel or similar
6	Nov 16 (Thursday)	Climb the Roman Ramp at <b>Masada</b> , to explore one of Herod's wilderness fortresses, and setting of the last stand of Jewish rebels against the Romans in 73 CE. Explore the oasis of <b>Ein Gedi</b> with its pools and waterfalls, including hiking up to the Chalcolithic temple. Tour <b>Qumran</b> find spot of the Dead Sea Scrolls. End the day with a <b>float</b> in the <b>Dead Sea</b> and then, <b>UP TO JERUSALEM!</b> <b>Evening Lecture:</b> <i>Archaeology of the Life of Yeshua</i>	Jerusalem, Montifiore Hotel or similar

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7	Nov 17 (Friday)	Participate in the <b>Temple Mount Sifting Project</b> . Tour the <b>Israel Museum</b> , viewing the model of Second Period Jerusalem, the Shrine of the book (where portions of the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed, and a guided tour of the archaeology wing. In the afternoon, there will be an optional <b>walking tour</b> of the Old City <b>or free time</b> to browse the Old City bazaars.	Jerusalem, Montifiore Hotel or similar
8	Nov 18 (Saturday)	Day trip to the Galilee, visiting <b>Beth Shean</b> , one of the Decapolis cities, <b>Susita</b> (remains of the Decapolis city of Hippos) and <b>Sepphoris</b> , capital of the Galilee during the early Herodian period. In the late afternoon transfer to the airport for flights home. (Please choose <b>flights that depart after 10 pm</b> , to allow time for security procedures at the airport).	No hotel included this night
<p>Nov.6-10 (Monday - Friday)</p> <p>OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR EXCAVATION PARTICIPATION at the New Testament site of CHORAZIN, led by Israeli Archaeologist Achia Kohn-Tavor.</p>			
<p>Nov. 6 (Monday)</p> <p>Arrive in Israel. Please choose a flight that arrives before 3pm, in order that we can travel together to the Sea of Galilee and get a good night's sleep.</p>			
<p>Nov. 7 (Tuesday)</p> <p>Excavations at Chorazin (8am-2pm).                  Afternoon – free</p>			
<p>Nov. 8 (Wed)</p> <p>Early morning (Optional): hike from Chorazin down to Capernaum. Excavations at Chorazin (11:30 am-2:30 pm).</p>			
<p>Nov. 9 (Thur)</p> <p>Morning – excavations at Chorazin (8am – 2pm). Afternoon – free (or join an optional excursion in the surrounding area.)</p>			

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Nov. 10 (Fri)	Morning – excavations at Chorazin (8am – 2pm). Afternoon – travel to Netanya. Welcome the Sabbath on the shores of the Mediterranean. Dinner at the hotel (included)	Residence Hotel, Netanya or similar.
Nov. 11 (Sat)	Free day. Option to attend a local congregation (transportation – on your own). Evening: meet the other tour participants for the archaeology study tour. Dinner and orientation. (breakfast and dinner included this day)	Residence Hotel, Netanya or similar (1 <sup>st</sup> night of tour – see above)

*The itinerary is subject to change due to weather conditions, unforeseen events or at the discretion of the group leader for the good of the group.*

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**ISRAEL 8-DAY / 7-NIGHT TOUR  
(not including the pretrip excavation opportunity)**

**PRICE IN USD  
(not including flights)**

Price per person in a <b>shared, 2-person, room</b>	\$2090
Fee for 3 <b>academic credit</b> hours (optional)	For DTS Students: \$450 (\$150/credit hour) For students of other institutions: \$750 (\$250/ credit hour)
<b>Single room</b> supplement (extra for a room on your own)	\$510

**Please note, for those interested in coming early** for the 4 days of excavations please add \$1000 to cover transportation, accommodation (5 extra nights) and excavation fees. On the Nov 7, 8 and 9, one main meal (a late lunch) is included. You'll have kitchen facilities for making your own breakfasts, morning snacks and evening meals. On the first night (Nov. 6) and the last night (Nov. 10) of excavations, dinner is provided, rather than lunch. A full buffet breakfast will be provided on Nov. 10.

**The group will stay at the following accommodations or similar during the tour :**

Nights	Location	Hotel or similar
1	Netanya	Residence
2	Shefela	Neve Shalom
2	Arad	Inbar
2	Jerusalem	Montifiori

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### RATE (LAND ONLY) FOR THE STUDY TOUR INCLUDES:

- ▶ Arrival & departure transfers to and from the airport **as a group**.
- ▶ Seven nights' accommodation in a two-person room (additional payment for those requesting rooms on their own)
- ▶ Israeli breakfast and dinner daily; lunch on Sunday Nov 12.
- ▶ Seven touring days with a professional and licensed English-speaking guide
- ▶ Air-conditioned tourist bus as per program
- ▶ Entrance fees to sites mentioned on the itinerary.
- ▶ Luggage loaders at hotels

### RATE FOR THE ISRAEL STUDY TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights to or from Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv
- Tips and gratuities for guide, driver, hotel staff (**\$140** – to be brought in cash and given to an ICB staff member on the first evening)
- Travel Cancellation Insurance for tour package and flights
- Medical insurance (mandatory), valid in Israel
- Passport and visa fees for Israel, if applicable (US citizens do not need to pay for Israeli visas, which are given upon entry to Israel)
- Lunches (except the one mentioned on the itinerary)
- Sodas and alcohol at the hotels and all expenses of a personal nature

### BOOKINGS AND RATES

- This tour is guaranteed departure
- **Please choose flights that arrive BEFORE 3pm on Nov 11 (or, for those coming for the optional excavation days before the tour, book a flight that arrives before 3pm on Nov.6), and depart AFTER 10 pm on Nov 18.**
- Changes can occur in hotels due to factors beyond our control
- Changes in price due to exchange rate fluctuations, up until the day of final payment.
- If a roommate cannot be assigned or is not wanted, single room rates will apply.
- Registration can be done online, at [this link](#): Please indicate in the comments if you would like to join the pre-tour excavations (additional cost).

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### PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION PENALTIES

- A **non-refundable deposit** of **\$200 per person**, paid online, to Israel College of the Bible is required to secure registration. You will be directed to the payment site at the end of registration. If the tour needs to be cancelled due to lack of minimum participants on the day that registration closes, your deposit will be fully refunded.
- **Final Payment** should be made by Sept 11, 2023. A link will be provided
- 50 % of total tour cost will be charged if you cancel after Sept 26, 2023.
- 100 % of total tour cost will be charged if cancellation occurs after Oct 26, 2023.

### TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

We strongly advise you to purchase **travel cancellation insurance** for your trip to Israel. **Travel insurance** usually covers your expenses in case of cancellation due to unforeseen health and other issues (depending on the type of policy purchased). In addition, please check that your **medical insurance** covers you while you are in Israel. ICB Tours shall not be liable or responsible for any injury, sickness, loss or damage to any person or property as a consequence of natural disasters, pandemics, strikes, civil disturbances or other factors over which the company has no control and cannot influence to change them. ICB Tours offers no coverage or compensation of any kind in cases stated above, nor for cancellations or inability to travel.

### DOCUMENTS

A passport valid for at least **six months after returning home** is required. It is the passenger's responsibility to obtain, at their own expense, the documents required to enter Israel according to citizenship.

Those participating in the optional excavation days before the tour, should check that they have had a tetanus vaccination within the last 10 years.

### PASSENGER FITNESS

Travelling in Israel requires each participant to be in good health and able to walk, as many sites are unfortunately not accessible to people in wheelchairs or those who have difficulty walking. If there are any issues pertaining to your health or physical fitness, we ask that you consult with us prior to registration.

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### TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

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By embarking on the tour, you assume all risks involved in such travel, whether foreseen or unforeseen. *Derech-El* will not be liable to perform obligations under this trip agreement or liable for any loss or hardship arising from the delay or cancelation of scheduled tours resulting from acts beyond its reasonable control including, without limitation, acts of God, national disasters, embargoes, national closures, pandemics, epidemics, or other viral outbreak, shortage of supply, interruptions or malfunction of computer facilities, labor difficulties, wars or terrorist acts. *Derech-El* will provide trip participants with reasonable notice of delays or failure to perform that occurs by reason of *force majeure*.

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I hereby dismiss, release, and waive Derech-El, (Israeli Association for Awareness of Biblical Roots, Registration Number 580-241-438) from all responsibility and/or liability and/or any legal action and/or demands of any kind for cancellations or any kind of additional expenses

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related to the flights to Israel and/or the tour and/or infection of the coronavirus and/or any costs associated thereby.