



About Jerusalem University College

The university was founded in 1957 by Dr. G. Douglas Young to enrich the understanding of the Scriptures through a firsthand encounter with the land, culture, languages, and history of Israel.

The university is housed on historic Mount Zion, a few yards from the traditional site of Christ's Last Supper and the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. It sits atop the foundations of the ancient walls of Jesus' day with the excavation of the important Essene gate literally in its backyard.

Aim of the Program

The aim of our short-term programs is to have our students exposed to the geography, history, cultures, peoples and languages of Israel so that they may be better equipped to study the Word of God, and understand current events in the Middle East. Our students become more alive to the reality of the biblical events as they experience their actual locations in the land of the Bible.

When you hike the land and see the archaeological, geographical and historical evidence, you will gain new confidence in Scripture. Your faith builds by replaying biblical history on the hills and valleys where events took place. Studying the Bible in its original setting under skilled instructors will challenge your thinking and make Bible reading and teaching come alive as never before. We invite you to become part of this unique experience in the land of Israel.

Sample Itinerary

Day 1 - ARRIVE IN TEL AVIV

Proceed through passport control and customs. University staff will greet groups outside customs and take you directly to your lodging in Jerusalem. (If travelling independent of a group, you will take a sherut to the university.)

Day 2 - OLD CITY

Morning seminars followed by an afternoon walk in the Old City of Jerusalem. Sites visited will include: the Western Wall, City of David, Hezekiah's Tunnel, and the Pool of Siloam.

Day 3 - TERRITORY OF BENJAMIN

Field tour focusing on the central part of the country in the tribal allotments of Benjamin. Sites visited include: Michmash, Gibeah, Jericho, the Ajalon and Sorek valleys. (There will be a special evening lecture on *The Middle East Today*.)

Day 4 - NEW TESTAMENT JERUSALEM

A morning walk through the Old City of Jerusalem will take you to sites of special interest in New Testament times. You will visit Bethesda, the modern Via Dolorosa, and the Temple Mount. Afternoon seminars prepare you for the remaining regions.

Day 5 - JERUSALEM & BETHLEHEM

View Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. Walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and then on to the Garden Tomb. Visit the Holocaust museum Yad Vashem, a detailed scale model of the Second Temple, the Herodion, and Bethlehem.

Day 6 - SHEPHELAH & PHILISTINE PLAIN

Follow ancient routes from the hill country on the coastal plain visiting sites including Lachish — the last defense against Nebuchadnezzar's conquest, Azekah, the Valley of Elah where David fought Goliath, and the Philistine port city Ashkelon.

Day 7 - DEAD SEA, MASADA, & QUMRAN

Travel to Masada, the Jewish Zealots' last holdout against the Romans in 73 A.D. Take a swim

in the Dead Sea, visit En Gedi where David hid from Saul, and see the caves at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

Day 8 - FREE DAY

Enjoy a day of leisure, shopping, and sight-seeing. (There will be a special evening lecture on *Jewishness in the Modern State of Israel*.)

Days 9 - 12 - GALILEE

Spend 3 days in the northern regions of Samaria and Galilee. Visit Caesarea, Megiddo, Mount Carmel, and the Jezreel Valley. Also visit sites central to Christ's ministry including: Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Bethsaida and Caesarea Philippi. Lodging is provided at a kibbutz hotel near the Sea of Galilee.

Day 13 - FREE DAY

Your last full day in Israel will be free for independent activities such as shopping and sight-seeing.

Day 14 - DEPARTURE

Enjoy one of the longest days of your life reflecting on all you have learned walking and studying the land of the Bible, as you fly West and arrive in North America the same day.

