



Want To Experience The Bible In A New Light? Journey to the Holy Land & walk in the footsteps of Jesus

What joy for those whose strength comes from the Lord, who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Psalm 84:5

We as Christians study God's word, but there is a vast difference between reading about the land in the Bible and actually experiencing it first hand. For those who have never been, a visit to the Holy Land offers a dynamically greater depth of spiritual knowledge and blessing.

What is the continuing appeal of this tiny piece of arid land, tucked along the eastern shore of the Mediterranean? This remarkable land has cradled the faith of three major world religions: Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. A visit to the Holy Land is more than a tour to view the sights of an ancient culture and to learn about a unique people. It is a pilgrimage and a spiritual quest. As you visit the actual sites of historical events, the Bible comes alive and you feel the presence and power of the living Lord in a way never before known.

Is it safe to visit the Holy Land? Of course! I have been countless times, and always feel safe. More Americans visited Israel in 2007 than in any year since the modern State of Israel was founded in 1948, according to Arie Sommer, Israel's Tourism Commissioner for North and South America. "This is a wonderful way for us to start 2008 - the year in which we Israelis will celebrate the 60th anniversary of our country's independence, and we expect the flow of visitors to continue to increase in the year ahead. The burgeoning tourism figures reflect a growing awareness amongst Americans," Sommer says,

"that Israel is a destination that is safe, and that is ideal for rewarding, inspiring and multi-faceted vacations."

For more than 30 years, I have been President of Dehoney Travel, which was initially established to assist Christian pilgrims in travel to the Holy Land. From the early days of watching my father, Dr. Wayne Dehoney, pioneer and lead groups to the Holy Land, I continue to be amazed at how the Lord has blessed this travel agency to provide life-changing spiritual encounters for so many by taking thousands of passengers to experience the homeland of our Lord.

For someone who has not experienced it, there is no way to convey what it is like to be on the Sea of Galilee and know that is where several of the miracles of Christ took place. Or, to stand in a ruined synagogue in Capernaum and know that beneath it is the synagogue where Jesus performed miracles and taught the people about God. While on tour, many of our group members will have tears in their eyes as they realize where they are and their voices will shake when they try to read scripture because being there in the Holy Land brings the verses to life in a way that is unmatched. It is a once in a lifetime experience and I hope that you will be able to visit the Holy Land at least once so that you can discover familiar landmarks such as the Wailing Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Via Dolorosa, the Dome of the Rock, and Jerusalem's fascinating and colorful Old City. Then, you can return home closer to Christ marveling that you were able to literally walk in his paths. His spirit will live stronger and more powerfully in your heart and your life.

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Dehoney Travel is a widely recognized Holy Land pilgrimage operator in Baptist and evangelical circles. Under the leadership of the Wayne Dehoney family since its founding in 1967, Dehoney Travel has seen its presence expand from being a Holy Land tour provider to a global vacation company with itineraries to all 7 continents.

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