# Israel Tour Scripture Study Guide

*Southern Hills Church | February 9–19, 2027*

As we prepare to walk through the land of the Bible, read these passages and become familiar with the people and events connected to the places we'll visit.

*Some stops commemorate traditional locations; the exact sites of certain biblical events are uncertain. Passages below connect either to the location or to the significance of the visit.*

## Day 1 Tuesday February 9

**Travel from the United States to Israel**

- **Psalm 121 —** A song of trust in the Lord's protection as we journey.

## Day 2 Wednesday February 10

**Tel Aviv • Jerusalem**

- **Psalm 122 —** The joy of going up to Jerusalem and praying for its peace.
- **Psalm 125:1–2 —** As the mountains surround Jerusalem, the Lord surrounds His people.

## Day 3 Thursday February 11

**Jerusalem: Mount of Olives • Garden of Gethsemane • Church of All Nations • Kidron Valley • Absalom's Tomb • Temple Mount/Mount Moriah • Eastern Gate • Antonia Fortress/Lithostrotos • Pool of Bethesda • Church of St. Anne • Via Dolorosa • Jewish Quarter • Roman Cardo • Mount Zion • Traditional House of Caiaphas**

- **Genesis 22:1–19; 2 Chronicles 3:1 —** Abraham's willingness to offer Isaac in the land of Moriah; Solomon's temple on Mount Moriah.
- **Luke 19:28–48 —** Jesus approaches Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, weeps over the city, and cleanses the temple.
- **John 5:1–15 —** Jesus heals a man at the Pool of Bethesda.
- **Mark 14:32–72 —** Jesus prays in Gethsemane, is arrested, and appears before the high priest; Peter denies Him.
- **John 18:28–19:17 —** Jesus stands before Pilate and is led away to be crucified.
- **Psalm 88 —** A prayer from deep darkness, preparing us to reflect on Jesus' suffering and confinement.

## Day 4 Friday February 12

**Bethlehem • Church of the Nativity • Manger Square • Shepherds' Fields • Jerusalem's Western Wall**

- **Micah 5:2–5 —** The promise of a ruler coming from Bethlehem.
- **Luke 2:1–20 —** Jesus is born in Bethlehem, and shepherds receive the good news.
- **Matthew 2:1–12 —** Wise men come to worship Jesus.
- **1 Kings 8:22–30, 41–43 —** Solomon prays that God will hear those who pray toward the temple, including people from other nations.

## Day 5 Saturday February 13

**Israel Museum: Jerusalem Model and Shrine of the Book • Ein Karem • Church of St. John • Mary's Well • Garden Tomb/Golgotha**

- **Isaiah 40:1–11 —** God's enduring Word and the voice preparing the way of the Lord; especially fitting as we see the Dead Sea Scrolls.
- **Luke 1:26–80 —** Gabriel's announcement to Mary, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, and John the Baptist's birth. Ein Karem traditionally commemorates the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah.
- **John 19:16–42 —** Jesus' crucifixion and burial.
- **John 20:1–18 —** The empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene.
- **1 Corinthians 11:23–26 —** Preparing our hearts to share Communion.

## Day 6 Sunday February 14

**Judean Wilderness • Old Jericho Road • Views of Jericho and Mount Nebo • Qumran • Masada • Dead Sea • Views toward the Region Associated with Sodom and Gomorrah • Ein Gedi • Beth She'an • View of Mount Gilboa • Jordan Valley • Tiberias**

- **Luke 10:25–37 —** Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, set on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho.
- **Deuteronomy 34:1–8 —** Moses views the promised land from Mount Nebo.
- **Genesis 19:1–29 —** Lot's rescue and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.
- **1 Samuel 24:1–22 —** At Ein Gedi, David spares Saul's life.
- **1 Samuel 31:1–13 —** Saul and his sons die at Mount Gilboa; the Philistines display their bodies at Beth She'an.

*Qumran and Masada are historical stops without directly recorded biblical events. Isaiah 40:6–8 and Psalm 46 offer fitting reflections on God's enduring Word and His protection.*

## Day 7 Monday February 15

**Sea of Galilee • Ancient Boat Exhibit • Boat Ride • Eastern Shore • Golan Heights/Bashan**

- **Mark 4:35–41 —** Jesus calms a storm on the Sea of Galilee.
- **Matthew 14:22–33 —** Jesus walks on the water and calls Peter to trust Him.
- **Mark 5:1–20 —** Jesus delivers a demon-possessed man across the lake.
- **Deuteronomy 3:1–5 —** Israel's victory over Og, king of Bashan.

## Day 8 Tuesday February 16

**Sea of Galilee Sunrise • Tel Dan • Banias/Caesarea Philippi • Jordan River Headwaters**

- **Genesis 14:11–16 —** Abram pursues Lot's captors as far as Dan.
- **Judges 18:27–31 —** The tribe of Dan settles in the city and establishes idolatrous worship.
- **1 Kings 12:25–33 —** Jeroboam sets up golden calves at Bethel and Dan.
- **Matthew 16:13–28 —** At Caesarea Philippi, Peter confesses Jesus as the Christ, and Jesus calls His disciples to take up their crosses.

## Day 9 Wednesday February 17

**Mount of Beatitudes • Tabgha • Capernaum • Synagogue and Traditional House of Peter • Mensa Christi/Church of the Primacy of Peter • Magdala**

- **Matthew 5–7 —** Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

- **Mark 6:30–44 —** Jesus feeds the five thousand, traditionally commemorated at Tabgha.
- **Mark 1:21–39 —** Jesus teaches in Capernaum's synagogue, heals Peter's mother-in-law, and withdraws to pray.
- **John 21:1–19 —** The risen Jesus prepares breakfast beside the lake and restores Peter.
- **Luke 8:1–3; John 20:11–18 —** Mary Magdalene follows and supports Jesus' ministry, then encounters Him after His resurrection.

## Day 10 Thursday February 18

**Cana • Nazareth • Jezreel Valley • Megiddo/Armageddon • Mount Carmel • Caesarea Maritima • Tel Aviv Airport**

- **John 2:1–11 —** At Cana, Jesus turns water into wine.
- **Luke 1:26–38; 4:16–30 —** Gabriel visits Mary in Nazareth; later, Jesus teaches in His hometown synagogue.
- **1 Kings 9:15; Revelation 16:12–16 —** Megiddo appears among Solomon's building projects; Revelation names Armageddon as a gathering place for battle.
- **1 Kings 18:20–40 —** On Mount Carmel, Elijah confronts the prophets of Baal, and God answers by fire.
- **Acts 10:1–48 —** At Caesarea, Peter brings the gospel to Cornelius and his household.
- **Acts 26:1–32 —** Paul testifies before Agrippa while imprisoned in Caesarea.

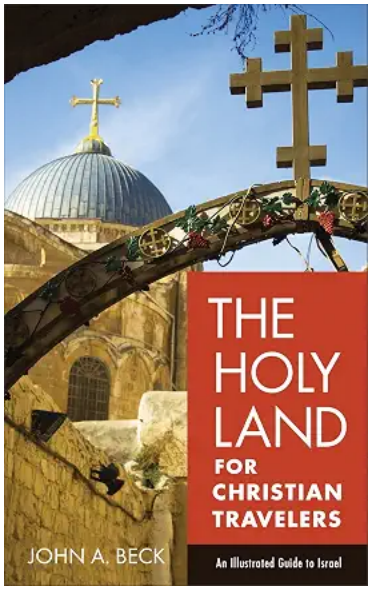
## Day 11 Friday February 19

**Return to the United States**

- **Psalm 145:1–13 —** One generation tells another about God's mighty works.
- **Luke 24:13–35 —** The risen Jesus opens the Scriptures, and His followers' hearts burn within them.

**As you study, ask: What happened here? What does it reveal about God? How should I respond?**

*Daily locations follow the Southern Hills 2027 Holyland Trip itinerary.*




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