

There are some things in life worth doing more than once -- Israel is one of them !!

As I have said before, I am really excited about our upcoming trip to the Holy Land. Traveling to Israel helps a person view the Bible through a new set of geographical and spiritual lenses. It certainly has been for me. Simple phrases like "going up to Jerusalem" (Matt. 20:17-18) jump off the pages of God's Word for me. Capernaum becomes more than just a name on a page.

No matter how many times I have been to Israel, and other Bible places, I learn so much each time that helps in my study and teaching of the Bible. Consider the following questions. Their answers will be visited by those joining us on this memorable trip of a lifetime.

- **Where did Jesus spend his final night prior to his crucifixion? See photo at right.**
- **What is the view from where Jesus wept over Jerusalem? See Photo below.**



The dungeon in what is believed to have been the house of Caiaphas, the High Priest. This is the view from inside the dungeon where Christ spent the night before His crucifixion. In the first century, the only entrance to the dungeon was through a round hole through the stone ceiling.



Today's view of the Temple Mount from near where Jesus wept over Jerusalem - Today called Dominus Flevit, meaning "the cry of the Lord" or "The Lord wept."

- **What location will be a staging area for the Battle of Armageddon? See photo at right.**



Valley of Megiddo as seen from the Carmel Mountain Range. Also known in Scripture as the Jezreel Valley and the Valley of Esdraelon.



Caesarea Philippi - the most northerly place recorded in the Bible where Jesus and the Disciples went.

- **Where were Jesus and His disciples when, for the very first time, He mentions "The Church?"**

See photo at left. Matthew 16

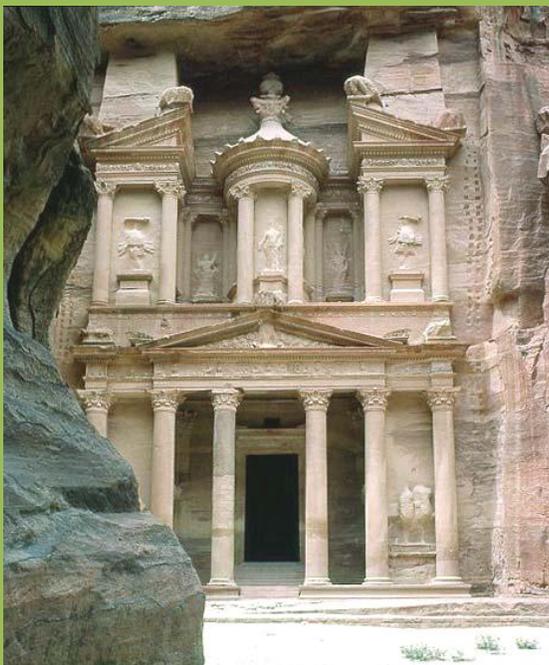
It is here where Peter also said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

And it was here that for the very first time Jesus said He must die.

- **From where did Moses look into the Promised Land, although he could not enter? See photo at right.**



Westward view of the Promised Land from Mount Nebo
Moses dies here because God did not allow him to enter.



PETRA - home to the ancient Nabataeans - located in the biblical mountains of Seir in which Mount Hor, the place of Aaron's burial (Ex. 20:28), is also located.

- **Where did Aaron, Moses' brother, die and where was he buried? See photo at left.**

The Nabataeans did not arrive here until some 500-700 years after the time of the Exodus.

When Dr. Braddy and I were in Israel in 2008, archaeologists announced the finding of the tomb of Herod the Great - the King Herod at the time of Christ's birth.

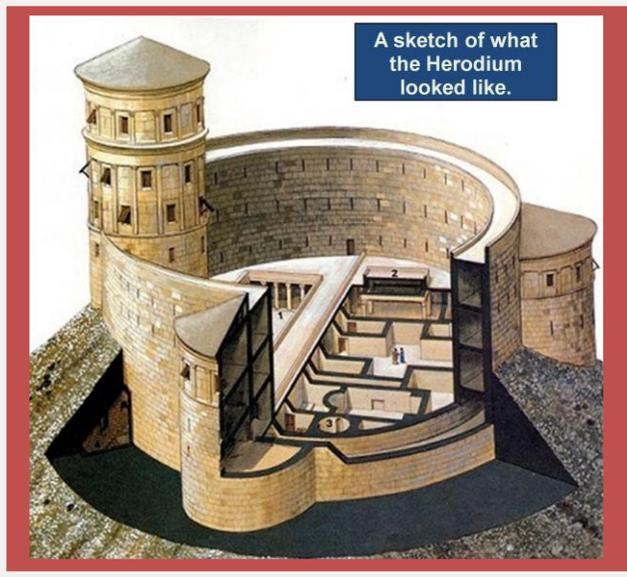
The photo at right is that place.

Dr. Braddy has visited this site twice, not since 1999, and I have not visited this site, and if time permits and conditions permitting, we will travel here on this trip. Many tours today do not visit this site.

The Herodium is located about 8 miles south of Jerusalem, and 3 miles from Bethlehem. It is believed to have been a combined palace/fortress.



Herodium - the location of the tomb of Herod the Great



On the left is a sketch of what archaeologists believe the palace/fortress looked like.

If you travel with us, you will personally experience all these places and many, many more. Visit Israel with us and you will never be the same. For Christian travelers to Israel, the single greatest comment is the spiritual change that they experience. Israel is the land of the Bible. There is no other place like it on earth. There are many enjoyable vacation destinations in the world, but only Israel connects you with the roots of your

faith in a way that is truly life-changing.

To reserve your place on our trip, please send in your registration, using the form that is in the brochure, to Madison Tours and Travel. If you need another brochure, let us know.

Come Join Dr. Braddy and me,

Rev. John Hoole