

What Others Say About Dr. DeLancey's Tours & Teaching:

Dr. DeLancey brings to the table careful research and years of first-hand interaction with the land of Israel. His experience as a pastor, teacher, and masterful tour leader bridges the oft artificially created canyon between biblical historical geography and theology. He uniquely blends detailed sketches of the Bible with careful informed analysis, followed by relevant spiritual applications.

Thomas B. Tribelhorn, Ph. D., Seminary Professor & Author.

Years of teaching in Israel has enabled John DeLancey to help people discover the rich history and culture of places in the Bible.

Lois Tverberg, Co-author, *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus*

John is a great leader who connects all the dots on the 'playing board' of the Bible. We always knew what region we were in, historical and archaeological facts, and of course the tie to the Scriptures. He did a great job of bringing together college students, middle-aged adults and senior adults in a way that was extremely rewarding to all ages.

Nancy King, Director of *Solid Rock School of Discipleship* College Program

Dr. DeLancey manages the tour with the ease of a true professional. He knows how to blend the Holy Scriptures with the archaeology and history of the region. The tour provides just the perfect blend to make the journey truly a trip of your lifetime. The tour is spiritual, inspirational and educational and just tons of fun on top of all of that!

Chilton Lilly, Frequent tour participant.

To inquire about an upcoming Israel study tour or to discuss having a "Physical Settings" seminar for your church/classroom, contact:



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Teaching the 'Physical Settings' of the Bible



Bringing the Bible "Alive" with 3-D Understanding Through:

In-depth Study Tours to Israel

Seminars Conferences

Guest Preaching Church Retreats

Classroom Lectures

Teaching Modules for Schools/Colleges

Experience & Understand the Bible in Context!

About Biblical Israel Ministries & Tours

Biblical Israel Ministries & Tours is a ministry developed out of a deep passion to help people begin an exciting new journey with God! The primary purpose of the ministry is to bring a “3-dimensional understanding” of the *physical settings*, the culture, and context of the Bible in a life-transforming way.

The two-fold purpose of *Biblical Israel Ministries & Tours*:

- **Offering highly biblical and in-depth study tours to Israel (and other lands of the Bible).** Trips are designed for individuals, churches, schools, colleges, and seminaries. Each trip has an *informational* (knowledge about the world of the Bible) and *formational* (inspiring one’s walk of faith with Christ) orientation. Dr. DeLancey leads 6-10 tours/year, giving many options for people to join. Exclusive trips for churches, schools, and organizations can also be scheduled (*Imagine Tours & Travel* handles each and every tour – www.ittworld.com).
- **Providing multimedia “Physical Settings” seminars** for both the church and classroom setting. Teaching involves the understanding of historical geography, biblical archaeology, and the culture of the Bible, bringing the Bible *alive* in new and exciting ways! Formats for teaching include church seminars, conferences, guest lecturing & preaching, and teaching modules for schools, colleges, and seminaries.

About Dr. John DeLancey, Director

- **Education:** Cedarville College (B.A.), Jerusalem University College (one-year *archaeological & historical geography student*), Westminster Seminary (M. Div.), Trinity Seminary (D. Min.), North Park Seminary (Post-graduate studies)
- **Excavated at various archaeological sites in Israel.**
- **25 years of teaching “physical settings” of the Bible.** Over this time, he has lead 45+ study tours of Israel and other lands of the Bible.
- **Author of “Devotional Treasures from the Holy Land”** (2012). Other numerous teaching resources are available.
- **25+ years of serving as lead pastor.** He has served two evangelical churches (in MN and PA).

Benefits & Distinctives of Biblical Israel Ministries & Tours

- **Unique Teaching of the World of the Bible.** Every tour to Israel as well as every teaching encounter in the church/classroom is grounded in the historical authenticity of the Bible. Our ministry is uniquely focused on providing a kind of “*biblical education*” that brings to life the background, images, and hidden meanings of the biblical text. Your excitement and enthusiasm for studying God’s Word will be rekindled.
- **“3-D Perspective.”** Most 21st century “western” followers of Christ have a limited “1-dimensional” view of the Bible. This is *not* how God intended us to read and interact with His Word. Rather, a “3-dimensional” view of the Bible unfolds when the student of the Word begins to see the Bible through the *lens* of the world of the Bible. As you begin seeing the Bible with “new eyes,” your faith will leap to a new level in indescribable and life-transforming ways!
- **Pastor-led Tours & Teaching.** A pastor for 25+ years, Dr. DeLancey displays a *pastor’s touch* while leading tours. Times of devotion, worship, reflection, and fellowship are an intentional part of every Israel trip. You will be *shepherded* into many experiences that will cultivate a deepened desire to follow Jesus. Traveling and learning under Dr. DeLancey is a discipleship encounter!
- **An “Informational” as well as a “Formational” Focus.** The goal of studying the Bible in the context of the “*playing board*” (e.g. “land”) of the Bible is not only to discover the archaeological, geographical, and cultural context of the Bible, but also to inspire your walk of faith with God. You will develop a new and exciting passion for God and His Word.
- **“Connecting the Dots.”** The whole encounter with the Bible in its context will create many eye opening “*a-ha moments.*” Whether experiencing Israel in person with us or through a multimedia seminar, we will help you *connect the dots* between the stories and narratives of the Bible. You will begin to read God’s Word in “living color,” not just in “black and white!”
- **“Seminars & Classes.”** You are invited to host a “*Physical Settings*” seminar for your church or classroom. Dr. DeLancey is also available for guest preaching, lectures, and adjunct teaching positions.