

10 Reasons Why Christians Should Put a Trip to Israel at the Top of Their “To Do” List!

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In summary: You will never read the Bible the same again. You will never hear or read the news the same again.

One participant told me that Israel was never on their bucket list. After the trip, he said that it was not long into the trip he realized how it was transforming a lifetime of Bible study and was a totally unexpected highlight of his spiritual life. He strongly recommends every believer who can to make this trip.

1. The land of Israel is where God revealed Himself personally to His people through the prophets of the Old Testament and ultimately the incarnation as Jesus of Nazareth. Travelling to the sites of Jesus’ ministry will open your eyes and your mind to His ministry and teaching.
2. In the military intelligence world, no technology, pictures, video, or other second-hand data can replace “boots on the ground” intelligence. What you will learn and discover in Israel cannot be replaced with videos or books.
3. The reality of your faith will be connected to the historical and geographical locations. In a fresh way, you will realize your faith is part of space-time history.
4. Your first-hand discovery of the geography and the physical locations of Israel will change how you understand biblical events for the rest of your life. When you read the Bible, you will see those locations in your mind’s eye.
5. You will float on the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked, you will walk the streets of Jerusalem, you will see the black charred layer at Jericho from the time of the Conquest, and you will visit the burial sites of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
6. You will stand where Jesus was crucified and see where He rose from the dead, where the greatest spiritual victory was won which secured your eternal forgiveness.
7. Places like En Gedi, Mt. Carmel, Armageddon, Caesarea Philippi will come alive and no longer be just names on a page.
8. You will gain a perspective for how close together many of these locations are.
9. You will learn about the modern miracle of Israel and how the nation came to life in a day and the ongoing challenges and triumphs that is modern Israel.
10. You will understand why the conflict in the Middle East is part of the ongoing spiritual conflict described in the Bible and how the two are intimately connected and what the future will bring.