

# BETWEEN THE LINES™

## DEEPER LOOK STUDY GUIDE

# JERUSALEM • 3,000 Years of Memories

**T**here really is no place like it. It has been the heart and center of the three great monotheistic religions of earth for multiplied centuries.

As promised in our study together I'd like to take this opportunity to give you a bit more of a taste of Jerusalem... a whirlwind tour of what is available today in that incredible city. For clarity let's divide our attention into two distinctly different segments of the city.

**The Old City, The Kidron, And The Mount Of Olives** This is the region of greater focus for Biblical studies and history. This entails the ancient locations from the first "Jerusalem" event of the Moriah challenge of Genesis 22 on through David's conquering of Jebus and into the 2nd Temple era.

In the "old city" segment you have five distinct pockets:

### **Haram esh Sharif • The Temple Mount plateau --**

- **The Dome of the Rock (the Omar Mosque)**
  - Blue and white mosaic with the majestic golden crown... incredible persian carpets... the ascension stone of Mohammed with the hole for the avenue of souls...
- **El Aqsa** -- The black mosque with the silver dome... tapestry and carpet and mosaic and music...
- **The Golden Gate** -- The sealed access that once was the pilgrim gate... known by some as the "Mercy Gate"...
- **The "Wailing" Wall** -- The western boundary that opens up toward the Jewish sector of the city... the only remnant of the 2nd temple...

### **The Jewish Quarter • The Heart of Old Judaism --**

- **The Court of the Western Wall**
  - Monday and Thursday morning Bar Mizvah celebrations and Friday evening welcoming of the Sabbath! The view of Robinson's arch and entry into the precincts of Wilson's arch...
- **The Hurva and Ramban Synagogues**
- **The Wohl Museum**
- **The Sephardic Synagogue Complex**
- **The "upscale" end of the Cardo**

### **The Armenian Quarter • Another world --**

- **Cathedral of St. Mark** and the **Cathedral of St. James** (with it's monastery)
- **Christ Church**
- **"Herod's Palace"** at the Citadel
- **Exit of Zion's Gate**, the **Catholic Church of the Dormition**, and purported **Cenacle site** ("The Last Supper" room above "David's Tomb") and the ponderous **St. Peter in Gallicantu**

### **The Muslim Quarter • Entry to Via Dolorosa --**

- **St. Anne's Church**
- **The pool of Bethesda**
- **Herod's Gate** (which leads to the Rockefeller Museum)
- **The first seven "stations of the cross"** -- starting at the Monastery of Condemnation

## The Christian Quarter • Via Dolorosa ends...

- The Church of St. John the Baptist and St. Veronica's Church
- El Khanqa Mosque
- Hezekiah's pool
- Eight concluding "stations of the cross" at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre

## The Mount of Olives and the Kidron

Just east of the old city there are six churches (St. Stephen, the Assumption, All Nations at Gethsemane, Mary Magdalene, Dominus Flevit, and Pater Noster, and the Chapel of the Ascension) that each have their own particular interest and flavor. There are also purported grave sites (Absalom and Jehosaphat, Zechariah and St. James, and the "tombs of the prophets") interspersed a two dominant Jewish cemetery. Beyond that the grotto of Gethsemane provides a most picturesque panorama of the city.

## The New City -- Outside the wall

The remainder of Jerusalem is just as fascinating but except for a few notable exceptions (i.e. The Garden Tomb) the rest of the town is less "Biblical". Some of the possibilities are...

- The Sultan's Pool
- Yemin Moshe... a windmill and an artist colony
- Hadassah Medical Center and it's "Chagall Windows"
- The peach colored stone of the Knesset building
- The Israel Museum with The Shrine of the Book
- The Old Yishuv Court Museum of old synagogues and houses
- Yad Vashem and it's Holocaust remembrances
- Mt. Herzl (a site for Zionist's at heart)
- Mt. Scopus -- Hebrew University (and the beautiful octagon Hecht Synagogue)
- The open air Mahane Yehuda market
- The Albright Institute of Archeology
- The Jerusalem Miniature at the Holyland Hotel
- Mea Shearim and the Hasidic neighborhoods
- The Great Jerusalem Synagogue on Melech David
- A visit to McDavid's golden arches... really! That's it's real name there!

I could go on and on!

## My Personal "Don't miss" locations

My list would not be the same as yours but I could not go to Jerusalem without spending time at the following sites... (and there'd be some others I'd skip in a moment!)

- The Great Jerusalem Synagogue
- Mea Shearim and it's shops
- St. Peter in Galligantu
- The Cardo... especially in the Jewish Quarter
- The Western Wall (Bar Mitzvah, Sabbath, and Wilson's Arch)
- Quiet, unhurried time at Yad Vashem
- The Jerusalem Miniature at the Holyland Hotel
- Shrine of the Book ( and the Israel Museum- skip the Billy Rose Sculptures)
- The narrow streets of Yemin Moshe above the Sultan's pool
- A walk on the old city wall and on Melech David heading north
- The Dome of the Rock and the temple mount
- The contrast between the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Garden Tomb
- The city of David archeological garden
- An Israeli folk festival at the YMCA across from the King David hotel

*This Year In Jerusalem!*