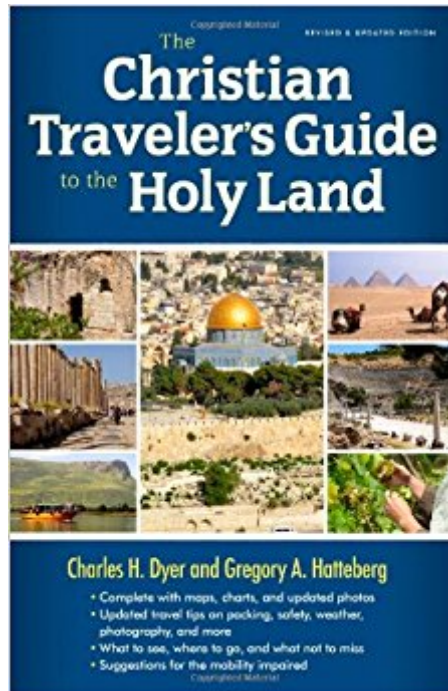




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The Christian Traveler's Guide To The Holy Land



Synopsis

So you're going to Israel? Don't go without this guide. A trip to the Holy Land is, for most, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. In this one-stop guide, two professionals—Charles Dyer, a Bible scholar and veteran Holy Land tour guide, and Greg Hatteberg, graduate of the Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem—help you make the most of your trip. With detailed maps and a full-color 16-page photo insert, this book walks you through five key biblical regions: Israel, Egypt, Greece, Jordan, and Turkey, giving you a preview of what's to come and helping you make the most of every moment along the way. Packing lists, jet lag tips, passport requirements, and a wealth of other practical information will assure you that you have everything you need, while a four-week prayer guide and Bible study prepare you for the spiritual journey you are about to take. The Christian Traveler's Guide to the Holy Land traces the biblical events of over ninety of the most visited sites and will ensure that your trip is an exciting, spiritually satisfying, and unforgettable experience. This revised edition features newly excavated sites, up-to-date photos and maps, and relevant advice for preparing for and preserving your trip.

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Not impressed with the book. Certainly not good while walking around. Has some good historical info but defiantly no a guide! They should change the title because I expect a lot more out of a guide book. No route suggestions or anything. I've travel a lot, 25 countries so far and I mostly use guide books. Stay away from this one. I think this is more geared for someone who is not going to Israel or the middle east and rather studying the geographical relationships of these places in a biblical context. If your actually going to Israel in particular I recommend. In the footsteps of Jesus.

The Christian Traveler's Guide to the Holy Land proved to be a great pre-trip asset as well as a nice resource while traveling. Ours was a guided tour but it was both fun and valuable to review the next day's activities before loading on the bus. The Christian Traveler's Guide is for Christians of those interested in the Bible. Rather than describe in great detail the various points of interest (though it does that) it provides numerous Bible citations for each of the locations from both the Old and New Testament as appropriate. It also provided a comprehensive pre-trip Bible Study to acquaint the traveler with the significance of the places they will be visiting. As with most travel books, there was a great deal of helpful information regarding travel in the region including proper clothing, using money and useful items to take along. It is a great resource for the thoughtful, student of the Bible as they travel the Holy Land.

This book covers an expanded definition of what constitutes the "Holy Land" by guiding the reader to Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Greece, Turkey. It provides a helpful guide of many cities in the eastern Mediterranean that have a Biblical connection, with an obvious emphasis on Israel. With such an expansive approach, where is Cyprus, Malta, and Italy? The information on how to plan a trip, when to go, what to bring, is useful for someone who has never been before to plan a trip. I like the write-ups of the different Biblical periods but was disappointed that the book starts effectively with the twelve tribes of Israel and skips the travels of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Patriarchs are mentioned in the description of individual locations, such as Hebron, but an additional map of the Patriarchs' travel is warranted. The focus of the book is city locations, and in some cases, area designations, such as the "land of Goshen" in Egypt. The descriptions are brief but useful and provide relevant scripture references for the location under discussion. The section on Turkey only focuses on the seven churches of the Revelations but leaves out many of the other locations visited by Paul, many of them interesting in their own right. The section on Egypt often does not include Biblical references but seems to be added for broader context and tourism. Given how often Egypt is mentioned in Scripture, it would seem there is more to be discussed about it.

This is a great book for my purpose of preparing to go on a church-sponsored trip to Israel. It will help me prepare for the actual trip. I also think it will be a great book to have in my library for future Bible study as it has a whole section on different sites with a brief explanation of each of the recorded Bible events that are tied to that site. I also think the maps are good.

The book was a gift for my Mom, she is going to the Holy Lands in November with a group from church. The book is extremely informative on preparation for the trip. Helpful information on packing, safety and how to combat jet lag. She will do the Bible study that is included in the book a couple of months before the trip. She is so pleased with the book she has shared her knowledge with the rest of her travel group.

I wish I'd bought this before my trip. Even with all of the studying I did, I wish I'd had this book with me. As soon as I got home from 2 weeks in Israel, I looked at my photographs and realized there were many of places I couldn't remember much about. It was driving me nuts to look at my photos of churches, and ruins and not be able to remember the significance. I bought this book after the fact, to jog my memory...which it did. But, when I saw that it had places for notes I wished I'd had it with me.

This is an awesome book. The chapters are broken into parts with the places you may plan to visit. It has great tips for packing and jet lag, safety tips for the traveler and passport info if you didn't know already. The best part is that they have a schedule of bible readings and suggested prayer prompts for your trip and preparation of the trip.

It is a good book to read through before going to the Holy Land. A couple of Bible studies and prayers... A good part of the book is reading through the cities where you will be visiting. Also, read about the different Herods - there were more than one. Any reading/studying you can do before you go will make your time that much more enjoyable. We took the book with us and used it for taking notes (each city/location has a small lined margin area for notes).

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