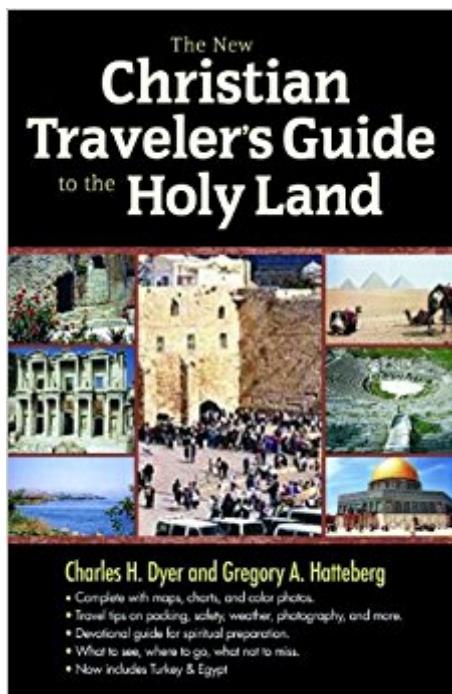


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# The New Christian Traveler's Guide To The Holy Land



## **Synopsis**

Knowing the Land helps us understand the Book in new and vivid ways. Charles Dyer, a Bible scholar and veteran Holy Land tour guide, and Greg Hatteberg, graduate of the Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem, created this reference guide for pilgrims who want to deepen the spiritual impact of their trip to Israel, as well as other travelers who just want to know more. Where did Jesus walk? Where is King David buried? Where is Mt. Sinai? You'll find detailed information about five key Bible lands: Israel, Egypt, Greece, Jordan, and Turkey. This guide includes a full color 32-page photo insert, practical tips for travelers, a 4-week prayer guide for preparing for your trip, detailed maps and an outline of Bible history. 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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## **Customer Reviews**

You are about to embark on the trip of a lifetime. You will walk in the footsteps of Jesus and see God's Word come alive like never before! A trip to the Holy Land can be life-changing, and for many, it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. In this one-stop guide, you will reap the benefits of the authors' extensive travel through five key Bible land regions: Israel, Egypt, Greece, Jordan, and Turkey. Detailed maps and a full-color 16-page photo insert offer a preview of what's to come and will help you make the most of every moment along the way. A Packing lists, jet lag tips, passport requirements, and a wealth of other practical information will assure you have everything you need, while a four-week prayer guide and Bible study will prepare you for the spiritual journey you are about to take. A 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.Â  Â

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This was one of several books I chose to take with me on a recent three-week tour of the Holy Land. I had to limit what I packed. It was a good choice for several reasons. It isn't heavy, it's easy to read, with brief, short descriptions of major and minor sites, and the places you are going are easy to reference quickly on the road. The Introduction to the book has all sorts of practical information: travel safety, tips for travelers, packing list, information about weather, shopping, telephones, electric appliances, obtaining a passport, overcoming jet lag, helpful web sites, how we should conduct ourselves respectfully in areas of different religious beliefs, and two unique sections: a four-week schedule of Bible reading and prayer--to prepare for Israel, --to Prepare for Egypt and Jordan, --To Prepare for Greece and Turkey and the second section, A Four-Week Bible Series to Prepare a Group Spiritually for a Trip to Israel. There's a section in the back for listing your photos and your tour notes, something I wish I had done. You have no idea how helpful that would be until you get back home and try to remember, did we go straight to Beersheva from Eliat, or was that the day we went to Petra? That section in this book is there for a purpose. Write it down. You'll be glad you did. I started out right at the beginning, but stopped making photo and journal entries on the 2nd day, mainly because of jet lag. I was also so interested in watching out the window every second so I wouldn't miss even one part of the trip, and then fell into bed exhausted after dinner, not wanting to

bother with my journal entries then either, but I wish I had. This book is an introduction or more of a reminder of why a certain site is important to you from what you've read in your Bible over the years, a quick reference, and my favorite feature, Bible scriptures to go along with each site description!! I would recommend using this book in conjunction with a more detailed source of information about the sites you are going to be visiting. Then make your own notes on the pages in this book. They've left room on most pages for notes. Each site includes a short page of information and usually a picture or map. I did go through before the trip and added a few notes to some of the places of something I wanted to remember to see or do, but I just didn't do enough of that. It's really too late once your trip starts, because of time constraints, logistics, and jet lag. Do it as you are planning your trip. This is the end of my 'short' review, but I'm going to continue with a few more details for anyone who is interested. I should have taken a taxi back to spend time at the archeological dig at the City of David. That's a note I would have made in this book if I had been wise. At Masada, I wish I had looked down and over to the right a little and I would have had a better look at the place where the Romans built the assault ramp for their final attack, etc. Here's another example. This book only briefly covers sites like the archeological excavations of the City of David outside the Old City of Jerusalem. It mentions that those places were at that location, but doesn't mention that they are currently under excavation. That may be because the book was written before some of these sites were found. I'm impressed though that it does point out where the City of David was and how it was expanded northward during the time of King Solomon. You have to see other sources to get all of the details of any of this, of course, and make notes about it so you can look for it when you get there. I found that I often wanted to walk off on my own to explore a little, out of range of the tour guide. The guides' explanations usually, but not always, were helpful. There were a couple of places that I missed seeing what I would have dearly loved to have seen, just because I didn't remember or know it was there until I returned home and it wasn't brought to our attention by the guides while we were there. They couldn't possibly know what would be important to each and every one of us, and there wasn't enough time for them to alert us, especially since that was the time for us to experience, feel, see, and touch it, not hear a lecture about it. Add your own personal notes of things you are interested in seeing to the very concise pages of this book. You'll be glad you did. I did that, but just didn't do enough of it. I can tell how much I used this book at the time, because I just got it out, realizing I hadn't reviewed it on here, and found all sorts of pamphlets and brochures from the different sites. That reminds me that of the several books I had with me, this was the one I was referencing when I visited those places. There are detailed sections for sites in Part 2: The Land of Israel, which includes The Twelve Tribes of Israel, Map of the Twelve Tribes, The

History of Israel, The Herods of the Bible, Outline of Bible History, and the sites: Arad, Ashkelon, Azekah, Beersheva, Beth Horon, Beth Shan/Scythopolis, Beth Shemesh, Bethany, on down to Tiberias, Timna, and Zin (Wilderness of). Part 3 is the Land of Egypt. Part 4 is The Land of Greece, which includes Let's Go Shopping with Paul, then on to Athens, Corinth, Crete, Patmos, and Philippi. Part 5 is The Land of Jordan, Part 6 is The Land of Turkey, with a brief guide to the History of Asia Minor, the Seven Churches of Revelation 2-3, Ephesus, Laodicea, Pergamum/Bergama, Philadelphia/Alasehir, Sardis/Sart, Smyrna/Izmir, Thyatira/Akhisar. Using one of my favorites, Beersheba, for an example, there is a geographical description of it having been, practically speaking, the southernmost city of Israel in the Old Testament. When the writers of Scripture wanted to speak of all Israel, they would say, "from Dan to Beersheba". I had seen that in the Bible but never made the connection. Then the section on Beersheba goes on to give scriptural references and a small, but important picture of the Well of Beersheba. The scriptural references are categorized by Patriarchal Period, Period of Conquest, Divided Kingdom, Single Kingdom, and Restoration (Nehemiah). This was just enough information for me to review before reaching the site. Afterwards I always had more questions. I remember being out on the road and passing signs that sounded familiar. I was able to grab this book and see if it was one of the sites described in the book. In some cases it was there and in other cases not, of course. It's also helpful when a tour guide tells you what they think you should hear rather than a fact, which happened to me a couple of times. I didn't make a fuss about it. "That isn't really 'the' site of... It's actually a contemporary person instead of the one in the Bible, so we aren't going there." The truth was, this was the Biblical site, not a contemporary one, and we weren't going there because it is in a place that sometimes has a few breakouts of violence, so getting there is a huge problem due to major security, and takes hours. I'm glad I opened this book today and found all those brochures and pamphlets from different sites. I had forgotten they were there. I had also forgotten how interesting this book is after the trip. It's going to the top of my "to read again" stack.

Forgot how old this is. I did read it all but it went slowly. Pictures and writing all dated, small, not presented in organized or interesting way for me.

This is a very helpful book for following the physical places with the events in the Bible. It really is bringing the Bible to life for me. The only thing lacking is more maps. I like to see all of these places on a map to see where they are in relation to each other.

Excellent condition! The new christian travelers guide to the holy land, helped me to be well prepared for my first trip to Israel. the list of what to bring,was on target..I didnt over pack,had lots of room to bring back souvenirs. I took the guide with me and used it as my devotional while on the plane.

Bought this for my son, he loved it and followed the path of Jesus and his teachings and was so pleased to have this to add to his collection of Bible references.

This book was bought for a planned trip to the Holy Land with a Church group. The readings and study guides are well suited for this trip. This book can help get a person ready for this trip.

This a a great aid for those organizing tours to Israel. It is a a very helpful book for those wanting to know how to prepare and pack for a trip to Israel and it has scriptural references and comments on the Biblical sites - space for notes too! Everypilgrim to the Holy Land or adjacent areas should pick up a copy of this book.

This is a great guidebook for touring Israel which we plan to do with our church next year.I was surprised to see that the price for this book was higher than Barnes & Noble or Walmart. The only reason i bought it from is the free shipping with my Prime membership.

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