

# Guide to Pre-Reading for Israel study tour:

## For QTC students:

There is no separate assessment of these required reading books. However, your journals are expected to display evidence that you have read them and applied to content to understanding sites that we visit. See the Learning Resources within the Unit outline for a far more detailed list of recommended academic reading.

## For those auditing the tour:

Happy reading

### **Burge, Gary M. *The Bible and the Land*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.**

This book is very small. You can read it in a couple of hours. It is focused on the second learning outcome: *To assist students in gaining an appreciation of cultural, geographical and topographical factors which bear on the understanding of the biblical narrative.*

Although this book does not directly discuss many of the sites we will be seeing, it lays out important background information about the relationship between key aspects of the physical environment we will be seeing and the culture and message of the bible. This book is available quite cheaply second-hand on the internet.

109pp

Currently unavailable in print

Library has 3 copies

EBOOK available 1U

Available on Kindle

### **Currid, John D. *Doing Archaeology in the Land of the Bible: A Basic Guide*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1999.**

This book is also quite small and available cheaply second hand online. It is focused on the fourth learning outcome: *To help students appreciate the impact of archaeological findings on the understandings of biblical narrative.* The title says it all. It is simply an introduction to archaeology in the bible lands. It is smaller and more basic than the book by Hoerth. While it does not directly address any of the sites we will be seeing, it will help you to be able to read archaeological remains yourself as we look at them.

128pp.

Library has 3 copies

Not available at Koorong

BD has 2 avail. @ \$24.27

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**Murphy-O'Connor, J. *The Holy Land*. 5th ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.**

This book is highly detailed and technical but an excellent resource for the tour. It covers most of the sites we will be visiting (and hundreds more). It goes into the history of the sites and what can be seen today. This would be a great book for a self-guided tour.

551pp. Library has 3 copies  
BD has plenty of stock. \$37.92  
EBOOK available 1U  
Available on Kindle

### **Book orders for Pre-Reading**

If you would like to order any of the books for the Pre-Reading through QTC, you may do so by emailing the QTC Librarian, Annette McGrath at [library@qtc.edu.au](mailto:library@qtc.edu.au) before Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Include the titles and authors of the books you would like to purchase. The books will be ordered at the cheapest price available, and you will be emailed when they arrive. There may be a delay of 2-3 weeks on some titles if they have to be ordered from overseas, so early orders are advised.

For each of these you may be able to pick up second hand copies quite cheaply on the internet.

**The following book is not required reading. It is at a less academic level, but you may find it useful to read before we go.**

**Walker, Peter. *In the Steps of Jesus: an Illustrated Guide to the Places of the Holy Land*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007. (or Lion 2009).**

This book focusses on understanding many of the specific sites we will be visiting. It has lots of pictures to help you orient yourself to what you will see when you get there. It discusses the sites as they are found today, a brief history of the sites and how they may have looked in Jesus' day. It pays little attention to archaeological matters.

215pp.  
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