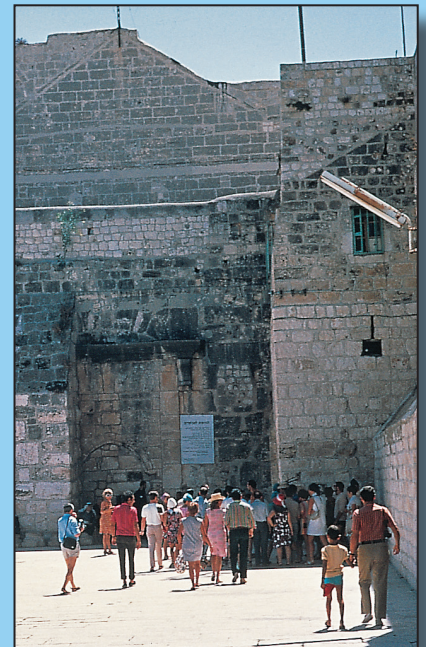
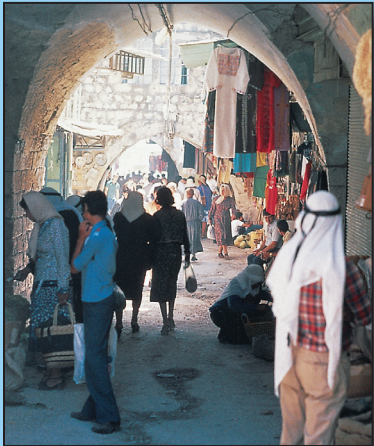


# M<sup>2</sup> Archaeological and Cultural Experience of Israel

December 27, 2023 – January 8, 2024

Hosted by Matt Nappier and Matthew Vander Els



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## TOUR HOSTS



**Matt Nappier** Matt Nappier resides in West Monroe, La with his wife Malissa and five children ages 2-11. He is an active duty servicemember with more than 21 years of service thus far, and he is retiring this year. He co-founded and co-pastors Lighthouse Messianic Fellowship in Monroe, La., a congregation going on seven years and the only one of its kind in Northeast Louisiana. Matt has a bachelors in Social Sciences, a Masters in Old Testament, and is currently a doctoral candidate working towards a PhD in Old Testament at Amridge University where he studies in light of the ancient Near Eastern cultures and languages along with the literary styles and structures of the Bible. Matt is excited to continue leading tours in Israel, the Promised Land from our King.

**Matthew Vander Els** Matthew has been speaking and involved in pastoral ministry since 2010, emphasizing the Jewish background of the Christian faith. Matthew's passion is showing the beauty of the Bible by bringing to light its cultural and historical background. His sermons have become known as being applicable and informative by presenting Yeshua as the trajectory of the Biblical narrative. Matthew pastors Founded in Truth Fellowship in Rock Hill, SC, and travels for speaking events often. He operates his digital marketing agency and serves the county board of special needs as an information systems analyst. He's been married to Jenny Vander Els since 2009, and they have been active foster parents since 2019. Their family consists of their son Benjamin Wallace and their daughter Evelyn Rae.



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## DAILY ITINERARY

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 – DALLAS/FORT WORTH OR CHARLOTTE, NEWARK:** Depart by United Airlines to Newark. Continue by connecting wide-bodied jet. Meals and snacks are served as we fly across the Atlantic.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 – TELAVIV, CAESAEREA MARITIMA, MT. CARMEL, HADERA:** Fly nonstop from Newark and arrive in Tel Aviv in the morning. We visit the important sites in Caesarea, once the capital of the Roman province, and see the harbor from which Paul was taken to Rome. Continue to Mount Carmel for a wonderful view of the area before transferring to the Ramada Beach Resort in Hadera for dinner and overnight.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 – HADERA, BEIT SHE'ARIM, MEGIDDO, MOUNT TABOR, JORDAN RIVER, TIBERIAS:** Our excellent guide will arrive at the hotel after breakfast to begin the days touring. We begin by visiting Beit She'arim. Then proceed to Megiddo overlooking the Jezreel Valley and considered the Armageddon of the New Testament, including a visit to Ahab's tunnel. On to the top of Mount Tabor and then to the Jordan River to visit the traditional Baptism site. Arrive at the Ceasar Hotel in Tiberias located right on the Sea of Galilee for three nights.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 – MAGDALA, CAPERNAUM, MOUNT OF BEATITUDES, CHORAZIN, TEL DAN, CAESAREA PHILIPPI:** Our day's touring begins with a visit to Magdala and then to Capernaum. See the Synagogue and Peter's house, center of Jesus preaching ministry. Drive to the Mount of Beatitudes where the Sermon on the Mount is remembered. Visit Chorazim and the ruins of a synagogue where Jesus preached. Visit Tel Dan before driving to Caesarea Philippi, site of Peter's confession of the Messiah and then back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 – GALILEE BOAT RIDE, JESUS BOAT MUSEUM, SEPPHORIS, NAZARETH VILLAGE, CHURCH OF ANNUNCIATION:** Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee as did Jesus and His apostles. See the "Jesus Boat" recovered from the shore of the Sea of Galilee in 1986. Continue to Sepphoris, an ancient city that Jesus, and his father, Joseph, might have walked to each day to work as builders. Then go to Nazareth, Jesus' home, and see the oldest Church of the Annunciation with Mary's Well. Visit the Nazareth Village. This is an excavated village dating from around 1 AD. The excavations have carefully renovated the synagogue and houses to give a unique insight into village life and agriculture, as it would have been at the time of Jesus. Finally, return to the Ceasar Hotel for dinner and overnight.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1 – BEIT SHEAN, MOUNT GILBOA, QUMRAN, EIN GEDI, DEAD SEA:** We drive to Beit Shean, Biblical Scythopolis, to visit the Roman theatre, paved road and the excavations. Visit Mount Gilboa and then the freshwater oasis of Ein Gedi where David hid when he was on the lam from King Saul. On to Qumran where the Essenes lived and see the caves where they hid the Dead Sea Scrolls.. Proceed along the Dead Sea to the David Dead Sea Hotel for a swim in the Dead Sea, dinner and overnight.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 – MASADA, TEL ARAD, BEERSHEBA, JERUSALEM:** Drive to Masada, site of the Zealot's last stand against the Romans. Take a cable car ride to the summit for sightseeing and a wonderful view of the Dead Sea. Visits to Tel Arad and Beersheba and on to Jerusalem for dinner and five nights at the Olive Tree Hotel.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 – TEMPLE MOUNT SIFTING PROJECT, ISRAELI MUSEUM, TEMPLE INSTITUTE, YAD VASHEM:** Today we join the Temple Mount Sifting Project to help search for ancient artifacts then

visit the Israel Museum and Temple Institute. We end our day at Yad Vashem, Israel's official memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 – WESTERN WALL, WESTERN WALL TUNNELS, TEMPLE MOUNT, BURNT HOUSE, HERODIAN MANSION, JEWISH QUARTER, POOL OF BETHESDA:** Visit the Wailing (or Western) Wall for a tour of the Western Wall Tunnel. Then up to the Temple Mount with the Al-Aksa Mosque and Dome of the Rock. Continue to see the Pool of Bethesda where the angel ruffled the water. Passing the Stations of the Cross, come to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, site where Jesus was crucified and buried, and rose again. Visit the Jewish Quarter to see the Caredo, ancient Synagogue, Burnt house, Herodian Mansion and the Tomb of the Kings.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5– DAVIDSON CENTER, CITY OF DAVID, HEZEKIAH'S TUNNEL, POOL OF SILOAM, MOUNT OF OLIVES, GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE:** Our day begins with a trip to Davidson Center, the Jerusalem Archaeological Park. From there visit the City of David where we can wade through Hazekiah's tunnel and the Pool of Siloam. We will go to the Mount of Olives for fantastic view of the Old City and descend this well-known hill for our Garden of Gethsemane visit, where Jesus agonized in prayer just hours before His crucifixion.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 – BETHLEHEM AREA, CHURCH OF NATIVITY, SHEPHERD'S FIELDS, HERODIUM, RUTH'S RESTAURANT:** Morning visit to Bethlehem to see the Church of the Nativity and on to the Shepherd's Fields. Continue to Herodium, Herod's dramatic and glorious palace fortress with views of Jerusalem and of the Judean Wilderness.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 – LACHISH, AZEKAH, QIRBET KAIYABA TEL AVIV:** Today we visit Lachish and Azekah, fortified cities of Judah, which were the last to fall to the Babylonians before the conquest of Jerusalem. Also, visit the site of Qirbet Kaiyafa, known as the Elah Fortress. Farewell dinner in the evening before transferring to the airport. Late night flight departing Tel Aviv.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8 - NEWARK, DALLAS/FORT WORTH OR CHARLOTTE:** Arrive Newark in the early morning. After clearing U.S. Customs, continue by connecting flight to Dallas/Fort Worth or Charlotte, arriving mid-morning.

# RESERVATION FORM

Please make a reservation for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) on the “M<sup>2</sup> Archaeological and Cultural Experience of Israel ” tour with Matt Nappier and Matthew Vander Els. Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$400 per person) as deposit. (Make check payable to Fowler Tours.)

LEGAL NAME(S) (as on Passport)

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☐ I will be sharing a room with \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I prefer a single room at the applicable supplement.

I plan to depart from \_\_\_\_\_.

Please make the most economical air reservations for me from there to Dallas/Ft. Worth or Charlotte.

I apply for membership in the “M<sup>2</sup> Archaeological and Cultural Experience of Israel ” tour with Matt Nappier and Matthew Vander Els subject to the conditions outlined in the tour brochure. I have read the “Responsibility” clause.

Signature

Clip and mail to:

Fowler Tours  
P.O. Box 180369  
Dallas, TX 75218  
214-284-5436



## TOUR CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

For payment by check or cash, the tour cost is \$5795 from Dallas/Fort Worth or \$5715 from Charlotte. Costs from other cities upon request. Features included in the tour price are:

**TRANSPORTATION:** Air transportation is included from Dallas/Fort Worth or Charlotte by economy class jet. Cancellation fees are imposed by airlines if the air reservations are cancelled within 60 days of departure. Land transportation is by private motor coach.

**HOTELS:** Accommodations are in first-class hotels based on sharing twin bedded rooms with private bath. Supplement for a single room is \$1385.

**MEALS:** A full breakfast and delicious dinner daily including a farewell dinner on the last evening are included.

**TRANSFERS:** All transfers between airports and hotels are included as well as the handling of one average sized suitcase per person.

**SIGHTSEEING:** All sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary is included with entrance fees and the services of an excellent English speaking guide.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Baggage handling tips at airports and hotel service charges and taxes are included.

**NOT INCLUDED IN COST:** U.S. passport fee, personal and baggage insurance, tips to guides, drivers and hotel staffs, items of a personal nature and any other items not specifically mentioned as being included. A charge of \$180 will be made on the final billing to cover the tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staffs. Tour host will then care for all such tipping.

**RESERVATIONS:** A deposit of \$400 per person is required to secure space on the tour. ACT NOW! Balance of the tour cost is due 75 days before departure.

**BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE:** The free air allowance is in a state of change by many airlines at this time. We expect that one bag weighing no more than 50 pounds will be allowed. However, to be certain, we recommend that you check with your airline nearer to departure time. During the land portion, tips for handling one bag per person are included.

**CANCELLATIONS:** The deposit is fully refundable until 90 days before departure. From 89 days to 60 days before departure, a \$200 penalty will apply. All monies paid are subject to forfeiture after this time. Trip cancellation, travel accident and baggage insurance is recommended.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Tour prices are based on rates in effect May 1, 2023, and are subject to adjustment should rates change.

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