

Bibliography for REL 4430 Travel in Biblical Lands HIS 4900 Travel in Israel

Note: Some of these books are not easily found locally and may be out of print. Some can be ordered online. All are included as options if the opportunity to read them presents itself. Certainly other books may be substituted *with instructor approval*.

General Reference Sources (These should be consulted for any research projects, such as papers or the one-page information guides)

Encyclopedia Judaica. 16 Vols. Jerusalem: Keter, 1972 [+ yearbooks]. [Reference section of Rouse Library; WCC call number = R 296.03 J92e].

Freedman, David Noel, Editor. *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*. 6 Vols. New York: Doubleday, 1992. [Reference section of Rouse Library].

Myers, Eric M., Editor. *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East*. 5 Vols. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997. [Reference section of Rouse Library].

Stern, Ephraim, Editor. *The New Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavations in the Holy Land*. 4 Vols. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1993. [Reference section of Rouse Library].

Books

Avigad, Nahman. *Discovering Jerusalem*. Nashville: Nelson, 1984. (An account of excavations in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City in Jerusalem).

Finegan, Jack. *Archeology of the New Testament: The Life of Jesus and the Beginning of the Early Church*. 2nd ed. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1992. (A great book with much correlation of archaeology with texts of the NT and later writers; provides a good guide to sites we will visit).

McRay, John. *Archaeology and the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1991. (Good overview of the subject).

Silberman, Neil Asher. *Digging for God and Country: Exploration in the Holy Land, 1799-1917*. New York: Anchor, 1990. (Very engaging account of the early western explorers and archaeologists in the Holy Land).

Yadin, Yigael. *Masada: Herod's Fortress and the Zealots Last Stand*. London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1966; Reprint paperback edition: Welcome Rain, 1998. (Well illustrated report on one of the major excavations--and great stories!--relating to the 1st century CE).

Yadin, Yigael. *Hazor: The Rediscovery of a Great Citadel of the Bible*. New York: Random House, 1975. (Out of print; Well illustrated and popular report on one of the major excavations of the biblical period).


Historical Novels


Maier, Paul L. *A Skeleton in God's Closet*. Nashville: Nelson, 1994, 1996 (Paperback). (A fictitious excavation uncovered evidence that challenges the very definition of Christianity; a great book for exploring simultaneously: the application of archaeological evidence to history, faith and archaeology, and Christian doctrine; faith-challenging [although you need not be a professing Christian to enjoy this book]).


Travelogue


Twain, Mark. *The Innocents Abroad*. (Available in several editions; Twain's dry-witted account of his journey throughout the Mediterranean region on a steamboat excursion in 1867; a compelling look at the "Old World" through decidedly American eyes; highly recommended if you like satirical humor).


Articles


NOTES: (0) the mark  indicates articles about sites visited during the travel program; (1) Some listings contain multiple articles which must be read together; (2) Articles from *Biblical Archaeology Review (BAR)* may be obtained online from basarchive through the university's library site, others through hard copy or other library databases; (3) Other articles of interest which, if approved by the instructor, can be read in addition to those on the list.


 Burrell, Barbara, Kathryn Gleason, and Ehud Netzer. "Uncovering Herod's Seaside Palace." *BAR* 19/3 (May/June 1993): 50-57, 76.


 Mazar, Eilat. "Did I Find King David's Palace?" *BAR* 32/1 (Jan/Feb 2006): 16-27, 70. (About the City of David excavations in Jerusalem—includes a bulla discussion).

 Netzer, Ehud. "The Last Days and Hours at Masada." *BAR* 17 (November/December 1991): 20-32. (A great story of archaeological detective work on an old dig).

 Pixner, Bargil. "Church of the Apostles Found on Mt. Zion." *BAR* 16 (May/June 1990): 16-35, 60.


 Porath, Yosef. "Vegas on the Med: A tour of Caesarea's Entertainment District." AND Holum, Kenneth G. "Building Power: The Politics of Architecture." *BAR* 30/5 (Sept-Oct 2004): 24-345, 57. (A well-illustrated overview of the impressive ruins at Caesarea).


 Ritmeyer, Leen and Kathleen. "Reconstructing Herod's Temple Mount in Jerusalem," "A Pilgrim's Journey," "Quarrying and Transporting Stones for Herod's Temple Mount," and "Reconstructing the Triple Gate." *BAR* 15 (Nov./Dec. 1989): 23-53. (Super preparation for some of the most important ruins we will see in Jerusalem—read it!).


 Ritmeyer, Leen. "Locating the Original Temple Mount." *BAR* 18 (March/April 1992): 24-45, 64; AND Kaufman, Asher S. "Where the Ancient Temple of Jerusalem Stood." *BAR* 9 (March/April 1983): 40-59. (Controversy on the Temple's location, with political and "Second Coming" implications).

Shanks, Hershel. "David Found at Dan." *BAR* 20/2 (March/April 1994): 26-39.; Davies, Philip R. "House of David Built on Sand." *BAR* 20/4 (July/August 1994): 54-55.; Rainey, Anson. "The 'House of David' and the Deconstructionists." *BAR* 20/6 (Nov/Dec 1994): 47. (Major controversy over supposed identification of the name "David" in an ancient inscription).

 Shanks, Hershel. "The City of David After Five Years of Digging." *Biblical Archaeology Review* 11 (November/December 1985): 48-38. (Well illustrated overview of excavations in Jerusalem).

 Shanks, Hershel. "Destruction of Judean Fortress Portrayed in Dramatic Eighth-Century B.C. Pictures." AND Ussishkin, David. "News from the Field: Defensive Judean Counter-Ramp Found at Lachish in 1983 Season." *BAR* 10/2 (Mar/Apr 1984).
<http://www.basarchive.org/bswbBrowse.asp?PubID=BSBA&Volume=10&Issue=2&ArticleID=7&UserID=2322> AND
<http://www.basarchive.org/bswbBrowse.asp?PubID=BSBA&Volume=10&Issue=2&ArticleID=8&UserID=2322>

 Strange, James F. and Shanks, Hershel. "Has the House Where Jesus Stayed in Capernaum Been Found?" *BAR* 8 (November/December 1982): 26-37; AND "Synagogue Where Jesus Preached Found at Capernaum." *BAR* 9 (November/December 1983): 24-31. (Good stuff about things we will see).

 Ussishkin, David. "The 'Ghassulian' Temple in Ein Gedi and the Origin of the Hoard from Nahal Mishmar." *Biblical Archaeologist* 34 (February 1971): 23-39.