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Ancient Crossroads Tour of Biblical & Historical Turkey

May 5 – 19, 2014– Our 82nd Foreign Tour –



The Lion Gate of Ancient Hittite City of Hattusas (now Bogazkale)

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Introducing the Tour Director Ferrell Jenkins



Ferrell Jenkins has been conducting tours of the Bible Lands for Christians since 1967. He served as chairman of Biblical Studies at Florida College, Temple Terrace, Florida (1991-2001). He continues to conduct special lecture series, and is author of several books. He is an active member of several scholarly societies including the Near East Archaeological Society, Society of Biblical Literature and the Evangelical Theological Society. In 1980 he served on the institutional staff for the archaeological excavations at Lachish. His biographical sketch appears in *Who's Who in Religion, Who's Who in the World* (17th edition 2000), *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* (1996), and *Who's Who in Biblical Studies and Archaeology*.

Jenkins frequently presents illustrated lectures on Bible Lands and Customs and on Archaeology and the Bible. His knowledge of the Bible, Bible lands and Biblical Archaeology, along with his expertise in arranging and directing tours, will make the Bible come alive for you.

Tour Price From New York - \$4450.00

(Based on Double Occupancy)

(Air/land price is only \$3960, plus \$370 government taxes/airline fuel surcharges, and tips of \$120)

Single Supplement is \$800 extra.

Early Registration A Must! Make checks payable to Ferrell Jenkins.

May 5 – Depart USA

Late afternoon departure from John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York. We will be using the non-stop flight on Delta Airlines to Istanbul, Turkey.

May 6 – Arrive Ankara

After clearing customs in Istanbul we will take the short flight to Ankara, capital of the modern Turkish Republic since 1923. Ankara is Turkey's second largest city with a population nearing 5 million inhabitants. In Roman times the city was known as Ancyra. The area is famous for the Angora goat from which we get mohair. Overnight in Ankara

May 7 - Ankara - Hittite Region

Travel east for a full day excursion to Hittite sites of Hattusas (now Bogazkale) and the open air sanctuary of Yazilikaya where the Hittite gods are depicted in relief on the rock.

If time permits we will stop at Alacahuyuk which has a special place in the history of Anatolian art. During Old Testament days Turkey was the home of the ancient Hittites, once thought by critics of the Bible to be an example of the inaccuracy of the Bible. In 1906 archaeologists began to uncover the Hittite civilization at Bogazkoy (now Bogazkale).

The Hittites had numerous contacts with the people of the Bible (Josh. 1:4; Judges 1:26; 1 Kings 10:29; 11:1; 2 Kings 7:6). See *National Geographic*, July, 1977). Return to Ankara for overnight.

May 8 - Ankara - Cappadocia

Morning visit of Ankara. In addition to some of the highlights of the modern city, we will visit the Temple of Augustus and the priceless collection of Hittite artifacts in the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations.

Afternoon departure for Cappadocia. Peter's letters were addressed to Christians living in Cappadocia (1 Peter 1:1). In the centuries after New Testament times many Christians settled in this volcanic region of perhaps 50,000 cones. Hundreds of churches and numerous villages (such as Urgup and Goreme) were cut into these strange looking formations. Some apartment buildings are as much as 16 stories high. Subterranean cities (such as Kaymakli and Derinkuyu) downward for 8 to 10 levels. (See *National Geographic*, Jan., 1958; July, 1970). We have booked rooms for two nights at the Tafoni Evleri, cave hotel, in Cappadocia.

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May 9 - Cappadocia Region

Full day visit of the lunar-like Cappadocian countryside including, as time permits, Goreme, Uchisar, Pasabag Valley, the village of Ortahisar, and one of the underground cities (Kaymakli or Derinkuyu).

John Freely describes the region this way: "Most of this part of Cappadocia is covered with a deep layer of tufa, a soft stone of solidified mud, ash and lava which once poured down from the now extinct volcanoes on Hasan Dagi and Ericiyes Dagi, the two great mountain peaks of Cappadocia. In the eons since then the rivers of the region have scoured canyons, gorges, valleys and gulleys through the soft and porous stone, and the elements have eroded it into fantastic crags, folds, turrets, pyramids, spires, needles, stalagmites, and cones, creating a vast outdoor display of stone sculptures in an incredible variety of shapes and colours" (*The Companion Guide to Turkey*, 238).

Cappadocians were present in Jerusalem on Pentecost (Acts 2:9). Overnight in the cave hotel.

May 10 – Cappadocia – Cilician Gates Antakya (Antioch)

As we leave Cappadocia, depart for a long day of travel through fantastic scenery, to Antakya (biblical Antioch of Syria). We will descend through the famous Cilician Gates, the pass through the Taurus Mountains. This pass was used by famous rulers such as Xerxes, Darius, Cyrus, and Alexander the Great. This route is likely the one taken by Paul and Silas on the second journey (Acts 15:46–15:1).

Turning south along the Mediterranean we pass the plain of Issus where the armies of Alexander and Darius fought in 333 B.C. Continue south to Iskenderun (Turkish word for Alexander) which was founded by Alexander the Great. It was along this land bridge that many ancient powers, Hittities, Macedonians, Romans, and Crusaders, made their way to ancient Canaan (Israel, Palestine). Overnight in Antakya.

May 11 - Antakya (Antioch) - Seleucia

Opportunity for worship. Antioch of Syria on the Orontes River was founded by Seleucus I Nicator in 300 B.C. Antioch became a Roman city in 64 B.C. and capital of the new province of Syria. It became the third largest city of the Roman Empire after Rome and Alexandria. After Jerusalem, Antioch was the second great center of Christianity in New Testament times and where the disciples of Christ were first called Christians (Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3; 14:26-28; 15:1-41; 18:22-23; Gal. 2).

Tour Highlights

- Roundtrip Airfare from JFK International Airport in New York.
- Price includes air taxes, surcharges & tips.
- Accommodations at first class hotels.
 Breakfast and dinner daily.
- Private motor coach and comprehensive sightseeing with English speaking guides.
- All hotel service charges and local taxes.
- Automatic \$100,000 flight insurance policy for each Nawas-ticketed passenger (subject to policy terms and limitations).

The Cave Church of St. Peter (currently closed) honors Peter's visit to the city (Gal. 2). From Antioch the great preaching journeys of Paul began. Visit the highlights of the city. The museum has a fine collection of 4th century A.D. mosaics from nearby Daphne.

We will visit the Port of Seleucia (Samandag) which was founded by Seleucus I Nicator in 300 B.C. and served as the seaport of Antioch. From Seleucia Barnabas and Saul sailed for Cyprus (Acts 13:4). We will see the tunnel built by the Roman emperors Vespasian and Titus to control flooding in the area. On the way to or from Seleucia we will visit the ruined Monastery of Simon Stylites. Overnight in Antakya.

May 12 – Antakya – The Plain of Antioch – Adana

This morning we drive about 12 miles to the Amuq Valley, also known as the Plain of Antioch, along the Orontes River to visit some of the archaeological sites. The site of Tell Ta'yinat provides information on the Early Iron Age (ca. 1200—900 B.C.). Two temples found there have a floor plan similar to that of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem. Time permitting we will stop at the Hittite site of Karatepe. Afternoon return to Adana.

May 13 – Tarsus

Today we visit Tarsus in Cilicia, the native home of the apostle Paul. Located near the Mediterranean about 30 miles below the Cilician Gates, Tarsus in Cilicia served as one of the great crossroads of history. Paul described it as "no insignificant city" (Acts 21:39; 9:11; 22:3). Cleopatra once came up the River Cydnus to Tarsus to meet Mark Antony. See the beautiful waterfalls on the outskirts of the city.

In the modern city see a gate called Cleopatra's Gate (or St. Paul's Gate), traditional sites associated with Paul, and the recent excavations of the Roman street, and the ruins of the Roman temple. Walk on a stretch of the ancient Roman road at Saglikli about 10 miles north of Tarsus. Return to Adana for overnight.

May 14 – Turquoise Coast – Derbe Lystra – Iconium

Depart for Konya along the beautiful Tuquoise Coast passing Mersin, Pompeipolis, Corycos and Silifke. Drive north through another important pass in the Taurus Mountains. At the highest point (about 5000 feet above sea level) we will see a stand of Cedars of Lebanon. This is about the same altitude of the great Cedars in Lebanon. At Karaman we will make a short stop at the Museum to see one of the inscriptions which helped to identify the site of Derbe. We will visit the tell of Derbe (Kerti Huyuk; Acts 14:20-21; 16:1; 20:4). Continue to the mound of Lystra (Zordula) of Lycaonia near the village of Hatunsaray.

At Lystra the priest of Zeus wanted to offer a sacrifice to Paul and Barnabas (Acts 14:6-20). This was the home of Lois, Eunice, and young Timothy (Acts 16:1-4). These cities were in the province of Galatia (Gal. 1:2) in New Testament times. Time permitting (but not likely) we will visit Catalhoyuk, a fascinating Neolithic site of central Anatolia, to see the recent excavations carried out by an international team of archaeologists. The ruins at Catalhoyuk are said to preserve a civilization dating back to about 8000 B.C. Continue to Konya (Iconium) for overnight.

May 15 – Iconium – Pisidian Antioch – Antalya

Konya is the site of ancient Iconium, one of the oldest cities of Anatolia. Paul and Barnabas encountered much opposition in this city (Acts 14:1-6). Konya is best known today as the home of the Whirling Dervishes. Brief visit of Konya including the Archaeological Museum. The museum contains two inscribed stone monuments of interest. One mentions Derbe and the other mentions Lystra. No ruins of Iconium have been excavated. The legendary second century *Acts of Paul*, telling about a convert by the name of Thecla, takes it setting in Iconium.

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We continue west to Yalvaç for a visit to the site of Pisidian Antioch. Yalvac is located on a plateau at an elevation of about 3600 feet above sea level. The nearby mound of Pisidian Antioch marks the spot where Paul presented a lesson summarizing the history of the Jewish nation, especially as it related to the Messianic promise (Acts 13:14-41). It was from this city that Paul announced that he would turn to the Gentiles (13:44-52). We will plan a short stop at the archaeological museum in Yalvaç. Continue through the beautiful mountains and valleys, and past Lake Egridir, to the Pamphylian coast to Antalya (Attalia) for overnight.

May 16 – Antalya – Perga

Visit historic ruins of ancient Pamphylia: Antalya (biblical Attalia, Acts 14:25) and Perge. Antalya is the modern name for Attalia which served as the port of entry from Egypt and Syria to the interior of Asia. From here Paul sailed back to Antioch (Acts 14:25). Our visit will include the harbor, Hadrian's Gate, and the Archaeological Museum.

Impressive Hellenistic and Roman ruins await us at Perge, ancient Perga in Pamphylia. This is where Paul, Barnabas, and John Mark arrived in Pamphylia. Here John Mark turned back (Acts 13:13-14; 15:37-39). On his return, Paul spent some time preaching here (Acts 14:25). Overnight in Antalya.

May 17 – Antalya – Istanbul

Early morning flight to Istanbul (formerly known as Constantinople), where Europe meets Asia. A short visit to the Grand Bazaar, made up of 4,000 little shops, gives you a chance to bargain for a nice souvenir to take back home. Enjoy a boat ride along the Bosphorus, vital waterway linking the Black Sea to the Mediterranean Sea. Overnight in Istanbul.

May 18 – Istanbul

Opportunity for worship. A full day of sightseeing of Istanbul including the Blue Mosque, Basilica of St. Sophia, and Topkapi Palace with its priceless jewels. Visit the Istanbul Archaeological Museum which houses numerous discoveries of biblical interest. Overnight in Istanbul.

May 19 – Istanbul – USA

This morning we depart for home with the realization that we have traversed the territory of the ancient rulers and civilizations. This is where Paul and Peter, two great apostles of Christ, labored. The book of Acts, Paul's epistle to the Galatians, and the epistles of 1 and 2 Peter will take on renewed meaning for us. Church history should become more interesting.

RESERVATION FORM

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Accommodations desired: Double room, sharing with (if known): Single room (\$800 extra per person) My deposit of \$450 per person is enclosed. I apply for membership in the Ancient Crossroads Tour subject to the conditions outlined in the brochure. I understand that the balance is due by January 24, 2014, and I have read the General Conditions and understand the cancellation policies. This reservation form serves as your acceptance of the policies, terms and conditions as outlined in the General Conditions on this brochure. I understand that the air-inclusive tour I am purchasing is subject to supplemental price increases that may be imposed after the date of purchase. Post-purchase price increases may be applied due to additional costs imposed by a supplier or government. I acknowledge that I may be charged additional sums by Nawas International Travel Service, Inc. to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination thereof along with any other items as outlined in our General Conditions. I hereby consent to any post-purchase price increases and authorize Nawas International Travel Service, Inc. to charge me for such additional amounts.
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tour price of \$3960, and U.S. departure taxes, airport taxes and fuel surcharges of \$370 (these fees are subject

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AIR TRANSPORTATION: By any IATA/ARC air carrier or other scheduled jet carrier, in economy class, with flights and air routings at the discretion of the air carriers and Nawas based on non-refundable bulk group fares. Cancellations made after air tickets have been issued are subject to full cancellation penalties as imposed by the airlines. We strongly recommend all tour members retain both their ticket receipts and boarding passes as copies of same cannot be provided. Airline tickets must bear your first, middle and last name as it appears on your passport. Passengers must apply directly with the airline for frequent flyer mileage; awards are at the sole discretion of the airline. Nawas makes every effort to provide the lowest possible price on our group tours and therefore does not guarantee the most direct routing to/from your final destination. Nawas is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules or delays a flight for any reason. Nawas is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled or delayed flights by any carrier.

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MEALS: Breakfast and dinner daily.

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FLIGHT INSURANCE: Automatic one hundred thousand dollars flight insurance policy for each Nawas-ticketed passenger, subject to policy terms and limitations.

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THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

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