

Theological Geography Class 3

Pre-trip to Jordan

Theological Geography Day 2

Taybeh, Herodium, Valley of Elah, Bethlehem

Review, Fertile Crescent,

See illustration Coastal Plain, Shephelah, Hill country of Judea and Samaria, Judean Wilderness, Dead or Salt Sea, Negev, Upper Galilee and Lower Galilee, Sea of Galilee, Tribal Territories, Remember time periods Patriarchs, Exodus, Conquest, Judges, Monarchy United/Divided, Conquest of Northern Kingdom, Conquest of Judah and Exile, Return and rebuilding of Jerusalem, series of foreign powers (Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome). Jesus and the Apostles.

House of David

Taybeh, Ephraim, Palestinian Christian village

House (see illustration), kataluma guest room...inn? Structure of house...disapproval and shame?

Herodium...Herod, (see illustration)building fortresses...40 BC Parthian invasion and Herod fought the Parthians here and won a battle but ultimately Herod's flight to Rome...built between 23-15 BC

Masada, Macherus, Herodium, Caesarea Maritima, Jerusalem Temple, Machpelah

Burial place...found. Herod Died in 4BC...Ehud Netzer found Herod's tomb on May 7, 2007

Josephus describes how Herodium becomes fortress for rebels against Rome like Masada...Herodium is ultimately destroyed by Vespasian and Titus in 71 AD

Bethlehem house

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Home of Jesse, the Judahite, city of David...also known as Ephrath Gen 35:19 or Bethlehem Ephratha...Rachel's tomb is here...Jesus born here, Magi visit and worship Him here...Herod slaughters the children here. Mt 2

Emperor Hadrian destroys Bethlehem in 2nd C seeking to obliterate the memory of Jesus but Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine rediscovered it and built a church on the site in the 4th C.

Shepherds fields, timing...not December

Departure of glory spoken of in Eze 10,11. Haggai. Luke 2

Valley of Elah...back door of Bethlehem and gateway to Judean hills.

Gath...Philistines

Valleys and the book of Judges (see illustration)