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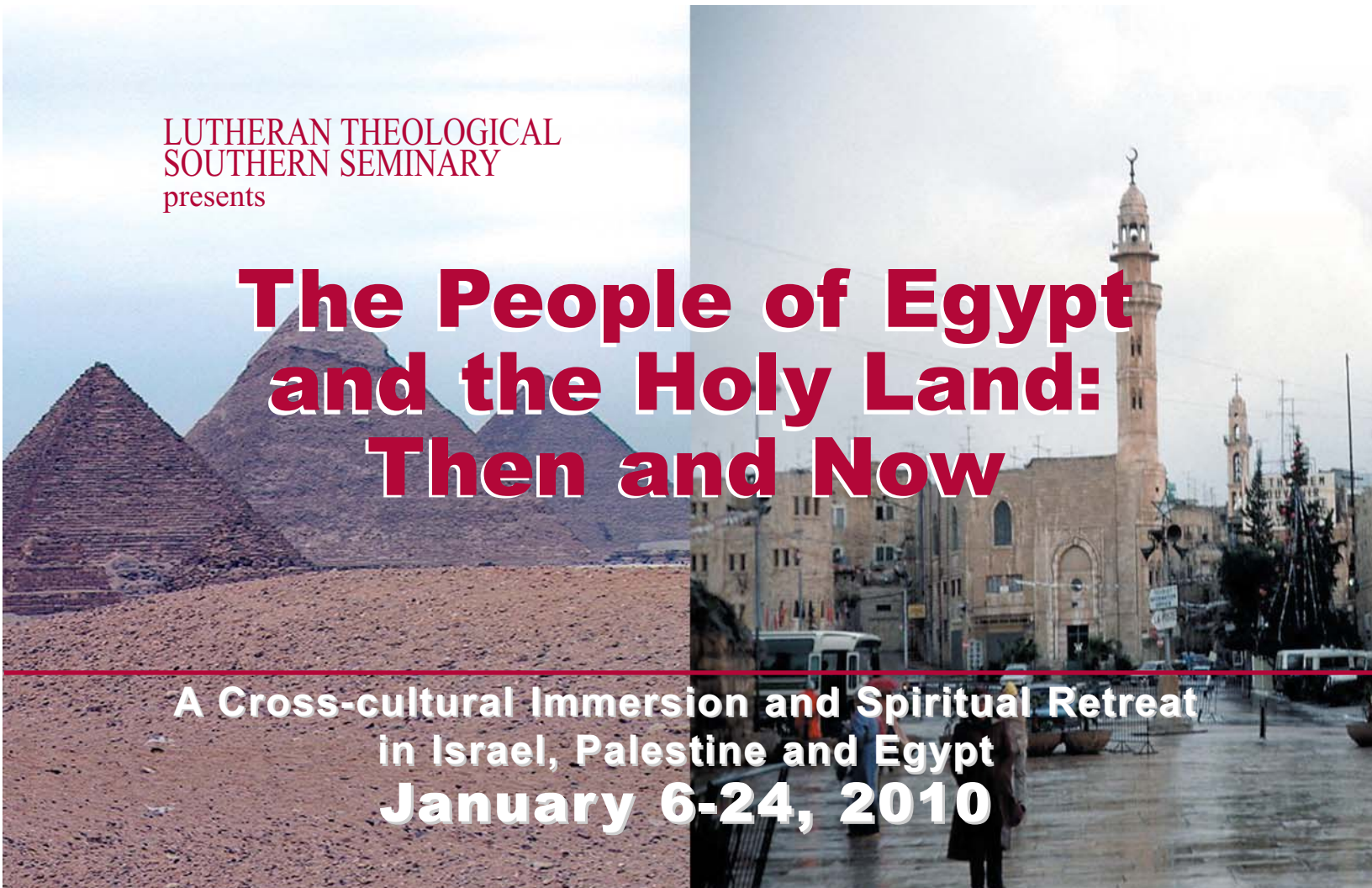
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# The People of Egypt and the Holy Land: Then and Now

A Cross-cultural Immersion and Spiritual Retreat  
in Israel, Palestine and Egypt  
**January 6-24, 2010**



## ITINERARY

**Wed Jan 6 & Thurs Jan 7, Days 1 and 2 Departure from USA and Arrive in Cairo** **The Egyptian Museum:** Explore the wonders of biblical Egypt. Joint lecture by Prof. Morris and your Egyptian guide: "The Middle East Today." Overnight Cairo.

**Fri Jan 8 Day 3 Ancient and Modern Egypt** The Pyramids, the Sphinx, Sakkara, Step Pyramid, Cairo (geniza) synagogue with lecture by Prof. Morris on the relevance for biblical studies, felucca boat ride on the Nile. Overnight Cairo.

**Sat Jan 9 Day 4 The Roots of Biblical Religion; Modern Bedouin Culture** Sojourn to the mystical isolation of Mount Sinai. Evening interaction with local Bedouins. Overnight Mount Sinai.

**Sun Jan 10 Day 5 Mount Sinai** Climb Mount Sinai and tour the fourth-century Greek Orthodox monastery of St. Catherine with its library where Codex Sinaiticus was found and some of the most ancient icons in the world. Overnight Mount Sinai.

**Mon Jan 11 Day 6 Enter the Holy Land** Cross the border into Israel. Timnah, or Solomon's Mines, to study the interaction of ancient Egyptians and Midianites (remember Jethro) in the cradle of the birth of Mosaic Exodus Religion and the area of the wilderness wanderings. Travel to Jerusalem for overnight.

**Tues Jan 12 Day 7 Jerusalem** The Temple Mount, Western (Wailing) Wall, Temple Mount excavations; City of David, Warren's Shaft and walk Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam. Overnight Jerusalem.

**Wed Jan 13 Day 8 The Mount of Olives and the Old City** Dialog with Pastor Mark Brown, head of the Lutheran World Federation, at Augusta Victoria Hospital; Bethpage, Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit, Garden of Gethsemane, Pool of Bethesda, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Overnight Jerusalem.

**Thurs Jan 14 Day 9 Jews and Palestinians in the Holy Land** Jewish settlement of Efrat and talk with its leader, Bob Lang; Bethlehem and talk with Palestinian Lutheran pastor Dr. Mitri Raheb; Shepherds' Field. Overnight Jerusalem.

**Fri Jan 15 Day 10 Shabbat Shalom** Yad Vashem, Shrine of the Book (Dead Sea Scrolls museum), Second Temple Period Model of Jerusalem; Jericho, Qumran. Overnight Kibbutz Ein Gedi Wellness Retreat in the wilderness on the shore of the Dead Sea.

**Sat Jan 16 Day 11 Shabbat** Free day to unwind and enjoy the Sabbath, kibbutz life, the Dead Sea and spa. Overnight Kibbutz Ein Gedi.

**Sun Jan 17 Day 12 Sunday in the Judean Wilderness** A day of solitude, reflection, and private prayer where David, the prophets, John the Baptist, and Jesus sought refuge and spiritual renewal. Late afternoon tour of the kibbutz by a member of the kibbutz. Overnight Kibbutz Ein Gedi.

**Mon Jan 18 Day 13 Life in the Desert** Arad, Masada, Nakhla (wadi) David hike, Ein Gedi synagogue. Overnight Kibbutz Ein Gedi.

**Tues Jan 19 Day 14 Jesus' Ministry around the Sea of Galilee** Travel north to Capernaum where Jesus began his ministry; first-century fishing boat at Ginosar, Boat ride on Sea of Galilee, Tabgha (Feeding of the 5,000 and Primacy of Peter), Holy Communion on the Mount of Beatitudes. Evening respite at Khamat Tiveria (Tiberias Hot Springs) with local Israelis, both Jewish and Arab. Overnight Tiberias.

**Wed Jan 20 Day 15 Jewish Life in the Golan Heights: Then and Now** Hike to the first-century Zealot stronghold of Gamla ("Masada of the

North") in a modern nature reserve for birds of prey, tour the Talmudic village of ancient Katzrin and its museum, then the Golan Heights winery in modern Katzrin. Late afternoon leisure at Khamat Tiveria (Tiberias Hot Springs). Overnight Tiberias.

**Thurs Jan 21 Day 16 Northern Galilee** Ancient Dan, Bania Waterfall and hike to Caesarea Philippi (Confession of Peter), Druze villages, Kuneitra and UN Peace Keeping mission. Evening repose at Khamat Tiveria (Tiberias Hot Springs). Overnight Tiberias.

**Fri Jan 22 Day 17 The Childhood of Jesus** Tsiפורי (Sepphoris); Nazareth, the Basilica of the Annunciation and museum; celebrate Erev Shabbat (the beginning of the Sabbath) with local Israelis at the hotel. Overnight Tiberias.

**Sat Jan 23 Day 18 Palestinians in Galilee** Visit Archbishop Elias Chacour (author of *Blood Brothers* which we read in advance) in Haifa, view Bahai Shrine, Mount Carmel, Megiddo, Caesarea Maritime, Jaffa (Jaffa) on the Mediterranean Sea for spectacular closing dinner, transfer to airport for return flight to USA.

**Sun Jan 24 Day 19 Arrival in USA.**

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## A Study Tour of Egypt, Israel and Palestine – 19 Day Study Course in the Holy Land

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### YOUR INSTRUCTORS: DR. MONTE LUKER

The Rev. Dr. Monte Luker, Professor of Hebrew Scriptures at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC, has lived and studied in the Holy Land for 20 years. In addition to the Land, his primary interest is in the literary and theological analysis of Scripture, and he has contributed numerous articles to Mercer Dictionary of the Bible, Anchor Bible Dictionary, New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, as well as scholarly and church-related journals. His books include *Doom and Hope in Micah and Passion, Vitality, and Foment: The Dynamics of Second Temple Judaism*.

Dr. Luker also serves as Faculty Associate in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of South Carolina and has been Professor of Bible at the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies since 1997. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Schools of Oriental Research, the Biblical Archaeology Society, and the National Association of Professors of Hebrew.

### PROFESSOR BOBBY MORRIS

Professor Bobby Morris (M.A.R., S.T.M., Ph.D. Vanderbilt ABD) is author of the Hebrew and Greek indexes for the 12-volume *New Interpreter's Bible Commentary* and has studied and taught in the Middle East for 10 years.

To reserve your place, send the registration form with \$300 deposit immediately. If you have questions, please call Dr. Monte Luker at 803-787-0864 or e-mail him at: lluker@mac.com.

**Included in Price: roundtrip international airfare, housing, breakfast and dinner daily, instruction, entrance fees to sites, tips and taxes, visas to Egypt**

# Encounter Egypt, Israel & Palestine: the geography, customs, politics, and languages, amidst the religious and cultural diversity



## JANUARY 6-24, 2010

In January 2010 Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary offers a **cross-cultural immersion and spiritual retreat** in Egypt, Israel and Palestine. In addition to the biblical sites all the way from Mount Hermon in the north to the Red Sea in the south, we shall meet with Dr. Mitri Raheb of the Lutheran church in Bethlehem, staff of Augusta Victoria Hospital, the pastors of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jerusalem, Archbishop Abuna Elias Chacour in the Galilee, as well as Druze villagers in the Golan Heights, Jewish settlers, and kibbutzniks. Seminarians take the course for the required cross-cultural credit or for elective ID 405 Holy Land Practicum. Three hours academic credit are granted at the M.A.R., M.Div., S.T.M., and D.Min. levels. Contact Dr. Luker for details, [LLuker@mac.com](mailto:LLuker@mac.com) or (803) 787-0864. Pastors and lay professionals are encouraged to join us for continuing education credit, and lay persons from all walks of life always enrich the dialog that takes place on these study tours.

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**TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM**

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 phone: 863-646-7394 ext. 1+287 email: jcbs@travelwithus.com

Host: **Dr. Luker** ID#: **25800**

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**PAYMENT:** A full deposit of \$300 per person is required. Final payment for trip, including optional travel protection premium if applicable, is due 70 days prior to departure. Thereafter, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.

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**ITINERARY CHANGES:** If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$90 per night; single rooms \$130 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

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