ITINERARY FOR HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY OF THE BIBLE I, ISRAEL: MAY 21-JUNE 10, 2012
(June 11-July 1 course will be similar)

Monday, May 21, Arrival. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Tuesday, May 22, Orientation and introductory lectures. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Wednesday, May 23, <u>Old Testament Jerusalem Walking Trip</u>: Eastern Hill/original Mount Zion (Israelite "palace," Area G, Warren's Shaft, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam), overview of the Hinnom Valley/Gehenna from present-day Mount Zion, overview of Eastern Hill from St. Peter in Gallicantu, and the "Broad Wall" on the Western Hill. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Thursday, May 24, <u>New Testament Jerusalem Field Trip</u>: Overview of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, traditional Garden of Gethsemane, Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church, Southern Wall Excavations, Second Temple Period Tombs in the Kidron Valley, and model of New Testament Jerusalem at the Israel Museum. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Friday, May 25, Morning lectures; afternoon visit to <u>Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Gordon's Calvary and the Garden Tomb</u>. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Saturday, May 26, <u>Benjamin Field Trip</u>: Jericho (Tell es-Sultan and Tulul Abu el-`Alayiq), Mizpeh Danny (overview of Wilderness of Judea), Nebi Samwil (overview of important towns in Benjamin), Ayyalon Park (the site of an ancient Emmaus), and Tel Gezer. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Sunday, May 27, Free Day. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Monday, May 28, Morning: quiz and lectures; afternoon: <u>Bethlehem Field Trip</u>. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Tuesday, May 29, <u>Hill Country and Shephelah of Judah Field Trip</u>: Herodium, Tel Azekah (with overview of the Elah Valley where David confronted Goliath), Tel Beth-shemesh, Maresha/Beth-guvrin, and Tel Lachish. Overnight in Ashkelon.

Wednesday, May 30, <u>Philistine Plain and Biblical Negeb Field Trip</u>: Ashkelon excavations, Tel Haror (Gerar?), Tel Beer-sheba, and Tel Arad. Overnight in modern town of Arad.

Thursday, May 31, <u>Greater Negeb Field Trip</u>: Swimming in the Dead Sea, Hazeva/Tamar, Maaleh Aqrabbim (an ancient trade route), Kurnub/Mampsis (a Nabatean town), Makhtesh Gadol, H. Haluqim, and overview of Nahal Zin and the Wilderness of Zin from Kibbutz Sede Boker. Overnight in Arad.

Friday, June 1, <u>Dead Sea Area Field Trip</u>: Masada, En-gedi, and Qumran. Overnight in Jerusalem.
Saturday, June 2, Free Day. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Sunday, June 3, Morning quiz followed by free time; afternoon lectures. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Monday, June 4, <u>Sharon Plain and Mount Carmel Field Trip</u>: Tel Aphek, Caesarea, and Mukhraka (traditional site of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel). Overnight on Mount Carmel.

Tuesday, June 5, Lower Galilee Field Trip: Tel Shimron, Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, Nazareth Village (reconstruction of a typical Galilean village in Jesus' time [special presentation by Mrs. Claire Pfann]), and overview of the Sea of Galilee from the Arbel cliffs. Overnight by the Sea of Galilee.

Wednesday, June 6, Sea of Galilee Area Field Trip: Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Magdala, Museum of First Century Boat (at Kibbutz Ginosar), Chorazim, Capernaum, et-Tell (Bethsaida?), overview of el-Kursi (Gergesa), and Tel Sussita (Hippos). Overnight by the Sea of Galilee.

Thursday, June 7, Northern Jordan Valley and Golan Field Trip: Golan Heights, Banias (Caesarea-philippi), Tel Dan and Dan Nature Reserve, overview of Tel Abel-beth-maacah from Upper Galilee, Hula Nature Reserve, Tel Hazor, and the traditional Mount of Beatitudes. Overnight by the Sea of Galilee.

Friday, June 8, Jezreel Valley, Beth-shean Valley, and Jordan Valley Field Trip: Tel Megiddo, Tel Yizre'el/Jezreel, En-harod (where Gideon's warriors were selected), and Tel Beth-shean/ Scythopolis. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Saturday, June 9, Final Exam. Overnight in Jerusalem.

Sunday, June 10, Departure.

(Every reasonable effort will be made to include all sites in the itinerary, but some flexibility may be required to accommodate unexpected circumstances.)