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***Text in Context: the Significance of Studying the Text of the Bible in the Land of the Bible - 20th year Anniversary Tour for HBT, a special program under Hebrew University***



*a study tour in cooperation with the*  
**Jerusalem Biblical Studies Society – [www.jbss.org](http://www.jbss.org)**

**22 March – 1 April 2015**

*including an*

***International HBT 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference 29-31 March 2015***

***To Register for the HBT - JBSS Study Tour please see [www.jbss.org](http://www.jbss.org)***

Come and join us for a study tour in the Land of the Bible with HBT co-directors Dr. Halvor and Mirja Ronning, Brian Kvasnica, and many others. We'll celebrate together God's work in bringing Bible translators and consultants from around the world to Jerusalem, that "instruction will go out from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:3). Beginning in Jerusalem, the hub of the Biblical story, we will journey through the Coastal Plain and up to the Galilee where Jesus lived and ministered for most of his life. Then we'll descend through the Jordan River Valley to the Jericho Plain and the Dead Sea. With Bible in hand, enjoy daily field trips to Biblical and modern sites. More than just a tour, this journey is designed to connect you to the Scriptures through Biblical history, archaeology, geography, and ancient Judaic literature. Learn why the Land of the Bible is often called the "Fifth Gospel" with these insights bring a fresh perspective for understanding the Bible and the life of Jesus. And beyond this, you'll be able to attend the 20th Anniversary HBT Conference at Hebrew University and beyond – with cutting-edge lectures from professors both from Israel and abroad. Come journey and celebrate with us!

A Textbook and map will be provided upon arrival. To help prepare, please see the introductory video by Biblical Backgrounds [here](#) as well as videos by William Schlegel [here](#). In addition to the atlas textbook, we will provide handouts for on-site discussions.

**Highlights of the Study-Tour:\***

22 March – Welcome and Orientation at Yad HaShmona in late afternoon

23 March – "Mountains around Jerusalem" Psalm 125:2

24 March – Bethlehem, Herodian, Israel Museum, and Yad Vashem

25 March – Biblical Negev and the Shephelah: Beersheva, Lachish, Elah Vally and Bet Shemesh

26 March – The Coastal Plain and the Galilee - Caesarea, Meggido, Nazareth, Lake of Galilee

27 March – Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Chorazim, Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Golan Heights

28 March – Jordan River Valley and Dead Sea - Qumran, En Gedi, Masada

29 March – Anniversary Conference at Hebrew University with Dr. Emmanuel Tov and other experts

30 March – New Insights in Jerusalem Biblical Archaeology – Dr. Gabi Barkay & Dr. Halvor Ronning

31 March – Unique Insights into Biblical Nature and Agriculture at Neot Kedumim & Yad HaShmona

1 April – Summaries and Departures

*\*All course outlines are subject to change at the discretion of the HBT and JBSS.*

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