

## CAN YOU DIG IT?

### LU STUDENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION AT QUMRAN (SITE OF THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS) ISRAEL MAY 17-JUNE 1, 2010

*Learn how to be an archaeologist, make awesome discoveries, study ancient history (and perhaps make some history of your own!) excavating in Israel. Join Liberty professor Dr. Randall Price at the site of Qumran where a Jewish community lived during the time of Jesus and produced and preserved the famous Dead Sea Scrolls. Opportunity to also enjoy the Dead Sea beach and tour historic Jerusalem and Bethlehem (and other sites as time allows).*

#### **Description:**

Students taking this course will be serving as part of our excavation team for the 6<sup>th</sup> season of excavation on the Qumran Plateau. This season will focus on the central portion of the plateau and will seek to discover and document the remains of material culture at the site which typically includes ancient pottery, coins, and animal bone burials inside or covered with pottery and other materials). The temperature in May will be in the 90's so dress comfortably and for warm weather. We may also do work under a tent so the temperature will be cut by about 20 degrees in the shade. Work begins early (8 AM) with breakfast at 7 AM and wake-up at 6 AM. There is a break for lunch and the work day ends at 3 PM. There may be time to swim at the Dead Sea or at the Kibbutz pool after the work day or if conditions allow, to take an optional tour to nearby sites (Jericho, Ein-Gedi, Masada). On the first Saturday of the excavation we will take a tour to Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

#### **No Prerequisites:**

No experience necessary to participate. You will be trained on site to dig and document discoveries. Just come willing to explore the ancient past and the world of the Bible.

#### **LU Course Credit:**

Optional LU course credit available. Please register for course BIBL 471 (undergraduate) or NBST 597 (graduate). Course is offered during period of LU Intensives (May 17-31, 2010). Please see course syllabus for course requirements.

**Note:** Limited to 15 Participants

**Student Cost:** \$2,650 (\$200 deposit due at time of registration) Deposit should be payable to: World of the Bible Ministries and mailed to: P.O. Box 827, San Marcos, TX 78667-0827.

#### **DIG Cost Includes:**

International travel from Newark, NJ on Continental Airlines (see flight schedule below). **Note:** Every student will be responsible for booking and paying for their own domestic round-trip ticket from their chosen point of departure to Newark, NJ. Our meeting as a group will be the Group Reception Lounge in Continental terminal C between security checkpoints 2 and 3 and near the Continental "Presidents Club." The Group Reception Lounge will be on the way to the Tel-Aviv departure gate. It will be available to our

group from 7PM. Look for the sign upon entering that says “Dr. Price Group.” Dr. and Mrs. Price will be escorting the group from Newark.

Transportation from Tel-Aviv airport to Kibbutz Kalia and daily transportation to and from the excavation site.

13 nights at Kibbutz Kalia. The Kibbutz is an Israel collective where a small population of Israelis live and have tourism as one of their enterprises. The Kibbutz is situated in the Judean desert near the famous caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in the late 1940’s and is surrounded by palm trees and flowering plants. The rooms at the Kibbutz are similar to a motel room with beds, couch, desk, television, bathroom, and outdoor patio. The Kibbutz also has internet capability in its reception area, a swimming pool, and a small grocery store. Meals are held at the Kibbutz dining hall. The student cost is based on double-occupancy (shared room), but for those that want a single supplement (single room) the cost is an *additional* \$675 for the 13 days.

Daily breakfasts and dinners.

Liability insurance (required by the National Park Authority in Israel).

**Not Included (Responsibility of the Student):**

LU registration and course fees as determined by the university.

Lunch. Lunch is optional, but is available at Qumran Tourist Center (near the dig site). Students can choose items from a small cafeteria (average costs between \$8-12). Beverages, bottled water, and snacks are also optional and available from either the Qumran Tourist Center or a small grocery store located at the Kibbutz. Lunch is also optional for the Saturday day tour to Jerusalem and Bethlehem. All entrance fees for this day tour (or any other optional tours) or the Dead Sea (Kalia or other) beach are the responsibility of the student.

**DIG Flight Schedule**

Departure Newark:	May 17	CO 90	10:50 PM
Arrival Tel-Aviv:	May 18		4:15 PM
Return (Depart Tel Aviv):	May 31	CO 91	11:50 PM
Arrival Newark:	June 1		4:45 AM

For additional information, questions, etc. please contact Mr. Ken Stanford at World of the Bible Ministries (512) 396-3799/ wbmadmin@itouch.net. Details concerning the dig are also posted at: [www.worldofthebible.com](http://www.worldofthebible.com).