

LON SOLOMON'S SEVEN CHURCHES OF THE REVELATION TOUR APRIL 4-13, 2027



Hagia Sophia (“Holy Wisdom” in Greek) is considered the epitome of the Byzantine architecture. In the sixth century A.D., Justinian I, the emperor of the Eastern Roman Empire and a staunch believer in Jesus Christ, ordered his architects to create a structure unlike any other in existence to honor the Lord Jesus Christ. Justinian had splendid building material brought in from all over the empire and employed over ten thousand workers during the church’s construction. When it was completed, Hagia Sophia was so magnificent that Justinian was reported to have said: “Solomon, I have outdone thee!” The church was inaugurated on December 27, 537 A.D. and became the focal point of Christianity in the Middle East for the next 10 centuries. Following the Muslim conquest of Constantinople in 1453 A.D., the church was turned into a mosque. In 1935, it became a museum. It was turned into an active mosque in 2020.

**REGISTER BY OCTOBER 1, 2026 (postmark date),
AND RECEIVE A \$100 DISCOUNT PER PERSON**

NO INTEREST PLAN ALSO AVAILABLE – SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS

APRIL 4-13, 2027

We have decided to offer (for only the third time ever) a tour that focuses on **Seven Churches of the Revelation** (Rev. chapters 2-3). In light of the times we live in, and the condition of the church today, this seems like a great place to concentrate our attention! I am really “jazzed” about this tour and I hope you will be too.



We will spend three days in **Istanbul** (ancient Constantinople), the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire for 11 centuries, and the only city in the world built on two continents! Here will be talk about the conversion of Constantine in 312 AD and the impact his conversion had on the entire world. We will see the magnificent Hagia Sophia Church, built by Emperor Justinian 1 in the 6th century AD, which served as the rallying point for Christianity in the entire Eastern Mediterranean region for almost 1000 years.

In Istanbul, we will also visit the amazing Istanbul archaeological museum, where some of the most strategic artifacts confirming the trustworthiness of the Bible are housed-- such as the Siloam Inscription, the Gezer Calendar and the Treaty of Kadesh. I'll explain what each of these artifacts is and why they are so important for the truthfulness of the Bible. We will also see the impressive

Blue Mosque and I will be sharing a devotional outside the Blue Mosque on Islam-- what it is and how the Bible says Islam plays into the events of the end the age and the return of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Then we fly to **Izmir** and spend 5 days in the heart of Turkey, visiting the churches that the Lord addressed in Revelation chapters 2 and 3. We will see the archaeological discoveries at each of the churches and share sermons (based on the letters that the Lord wrote to each of these churches in Revelation chapters 2 and 3) at each of these places. We will also talk about ancient Colossae and have a devotional that focuses on the powerful Christological message of Paul in the book of Colossians.

Many of us may not realize that, except for Israel itself, more of the New Testament happened in Turkey than in any other country --and we will have the blessed privilege of living out so much of this biblical history on our tour.

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The Seven Churches of the Revelation were seven churches spread out in central Turkey in a crescent-moon shape around the hub-city of Ephesus. They had all been established as a result of the Apostle Paul's two-year ministry in Ephesus (Acts 19: 10). In Revelation chapters two and three, the Lord Jesus sends a personal message to each of these churches. Each letter is rich with spiritual challenge and practical-life application for us as followers of Christ today. We will spend devotional time talking about what the Lord Jesus said to each church and how he intends for it to impact our lives today in the 21st century.



Archaeological Remains of Ancient Pergamum

Sunday, April 4, 2027 – Depart Washington Dulles airport

Monday, April 5, 2027 - Arrive in Istanbul, Turkey. Dinner and overnight in our deluxe hotel.

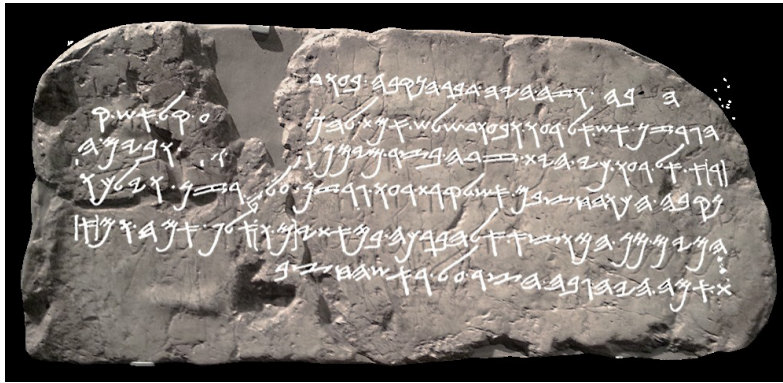
Tuesday, April 6, 2027 - After an amazing breakfast, we set out to explore the exotic city of **Istanbul**, the only city in the world that lies on two continents (Europe and Asia). Formerly named Byzantium, the city became the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire under Emperor Constantine in 326 A.D. He named it after himself and gave it the new name of Constantinople. The city's name was changed to Istanbul by the Ottoman Turks after they captured the city in 1453 A.D. We will visit the world-famous St. Sophia Church built in 537 A.D. by Emperor Justinian. This church was the fulcrum point of the Christian faith for the Middle East for almost 1000 years until the fall of the city in 1453 A.D., when it was converted into a mosque. Lon will give a message here on the history of the Christian faith in the Eastern Roman Empire after the fall of Rome in the 5th century A.D. He will also talk about the Ottoman Empire and the key role it played in the present-day politics of the Middle East.

Next, we go to the impressive Blue Mosque, built by Sultan Ahmet in 1603 A.D. with the deliberate intention of rivaling the St. Sophia Church in beauty. Lon will give a lecture here on Islam. After lunch, we will go to the very high-end Turkish rug factory where we will see step by step how these amazing rugs are made. Afterwards, those who wish will have time to shop for rugs there at the factory or for leather goods in the surrounding shops. We will then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



The Blue Mosque in Istanbul

Wednesday, April 7, 2027 - After another luscious breakfast, we take a driving tour of the ancient city of Istanbul and Constantinople. We then head to the Topkapi Palace, the official residence of the Ottoman sultans from the 15th to the 19th centuries. Afterwards, situation permitting, we will visit the Istanbul Archaeological Museum, home of some incredibly important archaeological artifacts including: (1) the Siloam Inscription, chiseled off the inside of Hezekiah's Tunnel in Jerusalem; (2) the Gezer Calendar, the



The Siloam Inscription from Hezekiah's Tunnel in Jerusalem on display in the Istanbul Museum

oldest written Hebrew inscription in the world; (3) the Treaty of Kadesh, one of the earliest recorded peace treaties in human history, concluded between the Egyptian Empire under Ramses II and the Hittite Empire under Hatusilis III in 1258 B.C.; and much more. We will end the day by giving you time to shop in the world-famous Grand Bazaar. Dinner and overnight at our deluxe hotel.

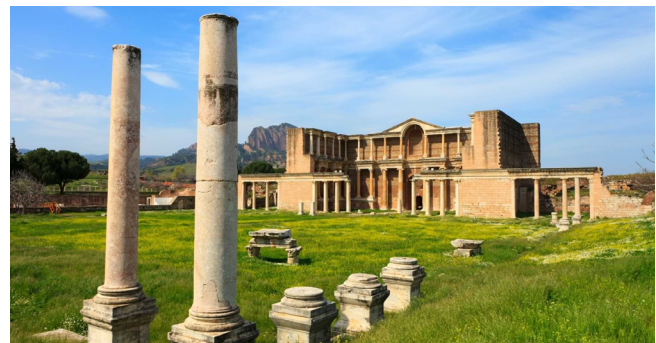
Thursday, April 8, 2027 – After a relaxing morning, we fly to Izmir, Turkey to begin our visit to the Churches of Revelation.

Friday, April 9, 2027 - After a great breakfast, we set off to visit the first two churches of the Revelation. We begin by traveling to **Pergamum**, where we will see the ancient acropolis from the time of the Apostle Paul. We will also see the Church of Pergamum built on the traditional site of the ancient church from biblical times. Lon will give a lecture here that covers the archaeological and historical data regarding ancient Pergamum as well as focusing on the comments Jesus to the Church of Pergamum as recorded in Revelation 2:12-17. After lunch, we move on to the ancient city of **Thyatira** (modern Akhisar). Thyatira was the hometown of Lydia (Acts 16:14), who became the first person to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ on the continent of Europe. The Lord Jesus sent the Church of Thyatira a searching message in his letter of Rev. 2:18-29. Lon will speak about this as well as instructing us on the wealth of historical information that we know today about this very important city of the first century A.D. We return to Izmir for dinner and overnight in our deluxe hotel.



The Grand Bazaar in Istanbul

Saturday, April 10, 2027 - After another wonderful breakfast, we go to **Sardis**, capital of the ancient Kingdom of Lydia and home to another of the Seven Churches of the Revelation. We will visit the archaeological site (presently being excavated by teams from Harvard and Berkeley Universities) and Lon will preach a message here based on the letter to this church found in Rev. 3:1-6. After lunch, we continue on to **Philadelphia** (modern Alasehir). Here we will visit the ruins of the ancient city as well as the ancient church that stood here in the days of the New Testament. Lon will share a devotional message at this spot based on the message of the Lord Jesus to this church in Rev. 3:7-13. We then return to Izmir for dinner and overnight.



Archaeological Remains of Ancient Sardis

Sunday, April 11, 2027 – After breakfast, we visit the ruins of the ancient Church of **Smyrna** not far from our hotel in Izmir. This was the Church of the great church father Polycarp, who was martyred for his faith in dramatic fashion. Lon will talk about Polycarp's example to us today as well as focus on the letter Jesus sent this church in Rev. 2:8-11. Lon will also speak today about the Letter to the Church of Laodicea and the Letter to the Colossians.



The Theatre in Ephesus Acts 19:29

here as well based on Jesus' letter to the Church of Ephesus in Rev. 2:1-7. Then we visit the remains of the House of the Virgin Mary and the Temple of Diana. After a full and rich day we return to Izmir for dinner and overnight in our deluxe hotel.

Monday, April 12, 2027 -Today we head for a full day in the magnificent city of **Ephesus**. Ephesus was the capital of the Roman province of Asia and was the third most significant city in the Roman world in the days of the New Testament, immediately after Rome itself and Alexandria in Egypt. Paul himself spent two years here (Acts 19:10) building one of the most strategic and powerful churches in the first century A.D. The excavations here in Ephesus are perhaps the most spectacular in all the Middle East and we will spend the day here exploring these marvelous sights. Lon will share a devotional

Tuesday, April 13, 2027 – Today, after our rich concentration of biblical learning and study, we head to the airport to fly home, cherishing our new friends and sweet memories.

In light of both the dollar's drop against the euro and the recent rise in oil prices, I am excited that we are actually able to offer this tour **for less than** our Footsteps of St. Paul Tour in May 2025 and our Footsteps of Moses Tour in February 2026 without reducing any of our first-class accommodations or services.

Here are some other important points for you to consider:

- HLP tours is offering a **\$100 early-registration discount** for those who register with their deposit by October 1, 2026 (postmark date).
- HLP tours is also offering a **no-interest payment plan** to help our tour fit into your budget. Please see the inside of the enclosed brochure for all the details of this plan.
- Our tour departs from and returns to Washington Dulles airport.

To reserve your spot on our tour, simply fill out the registration form and send it in with your deposit \$750 per person. Once you register, I'll be writing you with lots of articles to get you prepared for what I hope will be one of the greatest trips of your life. Please read the enclosed brochure and call if you have any questions (703-280-1114). God bless and I hope to see you in April!

Lon Solomon

TOUR APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

1. **Tour Agreement with Holyland Pilgrimage Tours (“HLP Tours,”) Mevasseret Zion, Israel.** Your tour agreement is with Holyland Pilgrimage Tours (HLP Tours) in Mevasseret Zion, Israel, and not with the tour host, guides or drivers. The terms set forth in this Tour Application and Agreement will become a binding contract when HLP Tours receives and accepts your signed application and deposit. Your submission of this Tour Application and payment of the deposit constitutes passenger acceptance of all terms, conditions, assumptions of risk, and releases from liability set forth in this Tour Application and Agreement.
2. **Price.** Tour price for the Tour, including coach airfare and two-people-per room accommodations, is \$6,299 per person.
3. **Deposit.** The deposit, which must be submitted with this application, is \$750 per person.
4. **Payment.** Your deposit, payable to HLP Tours, must be submitted with this application.
5. **Cancellation and Deposit Refund.** If you cancel for any reason more than 120 days before the date of departure, the cancellation fee is \$750 per person (the entire deposit). If you cancel for any reason within 120 days of departure, the cancellation fee is 100% of the total tour price for each person, including taxes, tips and fees.. These cancellation fees are firm. **THUS, HLP TOURS URGES YOU TO OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. (Please note: no funds applied to this tour from any previous HLP tour will be refunded in cash or cash equivalents.)**
6. **Tips.** Your tips for guides, drivers, hotel personnel, etc. are not included in the price of the tour. You will be required to pay \$495 per person for tips. This amount will be collected by HLP Tours with your final payment. HLP Tours will handle distribution of all tips during the tour.
7. **Accommodations.** Your accommodations will be in first-class hotels. Price is based on two persons in a room. HLP Tours will match up individual travelers with roommates. If this is impossible, the passenger must pay the single supplement.
8. **Meals.** Your meals will be breakfast and dinner throughout the program.
9. **Guide.** Your sight seeing includes an English-speaking guide and all entrance fees to sights listed in the program.
10. **Items not included.** Not included in the base price are (1) tips for guides, drivers, hotel and dining room staff, etc; (2) Turkey arrival and departure taxes; (3) USA arrival and departure taxes; (4) airline taxes and surcharges; (5) Turkey hotel taxes; (6) personal items such as laundry and drinks; (7) excess baggage charges; (8) transfers other than with the group; and (9) visas and border taxes. At the time of publication of this brochure, all taxes and fees total \$903 per passenger. Any additional fuel surcharges imposed by the airlines after the published price of the tour has been released will be the sole responsibility of the passenger. If you go “Land Only” you will pay the figure for the hotel taxes which total \$353.
11. **Airline arrangements.** Your airline arrangements will be finalized and your ticket written by HLP Tours a minimum of 120 days prior to departure. Once your ticket has been written, it cannot be re-written or refunded. Your flight times are subject to change without advance notice. HLP Tours is not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and does not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from delays (your travel insurance will normally cover these fees). If the airlines change flight schedules, HLP Tours reserves the right to shorten or lengthen the itinerary accordingly. Occasionally, an increased cost may occur, which will be your responsibility. **Please note:** “Land-Only” passengers must pay over and above the tour price for the Two(2) domestic flights between Istanbul and Izmir. HLP Tours will purchase these tickets for you once your payment for them is received by HLP Tours. These tickets are not refundable.
12. **Itinerary and Possible Changes To Itinerary.** HLP Tours agrees to provide the itinerary described herein, subject to the following: HLP Tours reserves the right to alter the published itinerary in its sole discretion without advance notice and/or while the tour is in progress.
13. **Possible Revocation of Right to Travel Before or During.** HLP Tours reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is determined to be, in the sole judgement of HLP Tours, incapable of group travel. If this determination is made while the tour is in progress, HLP Tours reserves the right to send any passenger home early. In such cases, there will be no refund for any unused services.

14. **Assumption of Risk in View of the Inherent Risks and Dangers of International Travel.** International travel involves certain inherent risks and dangers, including without limitation the following: (1) There is a risk of accident, serious injury and even death during travel by air, bus, boat or other means of conveyance, and at all other times during the tour; (2) There is a risk of negligence by private carriers used during the tour or their employees; (3) There is a risk of crime and theft; (4) There is a risk of violent attack by terrorists. Some or all of the destinations indicated in the itinerary may be covered by travel warnings or advisories issued by the U.S. State Department before or during the tour. Some of the specific destinations indicated on the itinerary may present more significant risk than others. HLP Tours and your tour host will endeavor to take reasonable precautions to avoid risks. However, there can be no guarantee that they will be successful in doing so. Accordingly, by signing this application, which will become a binding contract when accepted by HLP Tours, you are voluntarily and expressly agreeing to assume all such risks and hold HLP Tours and the tour host harmless for any injury or loss that may occur as a result of such risks, and to release them from any and all liability, claims or causes of action that may arise from the occurrence of such risks. HLP Tours and the tour host assume no liability whatsoever for actions by any person, or that result for any reason, outside the direct control of HLP Tours, including but not limited to events such as strikes, revolts, terrorist actions, civil unrest, wars, natural disasters, inclement weather, closures of airports or hotels, or the breach of contract, negligence or misconduct of any private carrier used during the tour. HLP Tours and the tour host are not responsible for any injury or loss that may occur while you are on board any airplane, bus, boat or other commercial carriers provided by HLP Tours under this Tour Agreement. HLP Tours and the tour host are not responsible for any injury or loss that may occur from your registration or participation in any optional activities for which you choose to register and/or participate.
15. **Release from Liability For Loss Or Injury Resulting From Ordinary Negligence.** Except for the gross negligence or intentional wrong doing of HLP Tours, its direct employees, or the tour host, HLP Tours assume no liability or responsibility for any loss, injury, inconvenience, illness, or damage of any kind (including general and consequential damages) occasioned by the ordinary negligence of such persons or by other circumstances and risks outside of their control.
16. **Liquidated Damages For Breach of Tour Agreement.** In the event of a breach of contract by HLP Tours, HLP Tours will pay you as liquidated damages (not as a penalty) an amount equal to the total price you have paid for the tour. In no event will HLP Tours be liable for loss of profits or any special, incidental, or consequential damages, however caused, even if HLP Tours has been advised of the possibility of such damages. Any action arising under this Tour Agreement or because of its breach must be commenced within one year after the cause of action accrues. From the nature of the services to be provided by HLP Tours, it is impracticable and extremely difficult to fix the actual damages, if any, that you may incur as a result of HLP Tours's failure to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement. Accordingly, if HLP Tours is found liable for loss or damage arising from breach of this agreement, its liability will be limited to the refund to you of an amount equal to the total amount you paid for the tour as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, and this remedy shall be exclusive.

No Interest Payment Plan

- This plan is designed to help our Seven Churches Tour fit into your budget. Here is how it works:
- Pay 70% of the total trip cost by final payment date. Your deposit counts towards this amount.
- Spread the remaining balance over four (4) months after your return with no interest or charges, payments begin May 1, 2027
- To use this option simply check the no interest plan box on your registration form.

PRICE INFORMATION

Tour Price: \$6,299

*** Land-Only—i.e., Get to Turkey and back on your own: \$5,880**

*** Single Room—\$2,300**

REGISTRATION FORM

Fill out & send to: HLP TOURS, 8116 Arlington Boulevard #302, Falls Church, VA 22042

along with \$750 deposit per person payable to HLP Tours

phone: 703/280-1114 fax: 703/280-1116

PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

- ☐ Seven Churches of the Revalation Tour (April 4-13, 2027) (\$6,299 per person base price)*
☐ I prefer to go "land-only" (\$5,880 per person base price)*
☐ I prefer a single room (\$2,300 per person)
☐ I prefer to fly Business Class Please Call
☐ I WOULD LIKE TO USE THE NO INTEREST PAYMENT PLAN

***PLEASE NOTE: The above prices do not include charges for taxes, fees, visa and tips.**

**REGISTER BY OCTOBER 1, 2026 (POSTMARK DATE)
AND RECEIVE A \$100 DISCOUNT ON THE TOUR
(PAYMENTS BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY)**

EXACT PASSPORT NAME: (Dr. / Rev. / Mr. / Mrs. / Ms) _____

NAME PREFERENCE FOR NAME TAG: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PASSPORT NUMBER AND EXPIRATION DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

AGE: _____ PHONE: _____ MALE: _____ FEMALE: _____

MY ROOMMATE'S NAME IS: _____

MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS: _____

SIGNATURE (REQUIRED FOR EACH PASSENGER):

I have read and understand the Tour Application and Agreement, including paragraph 5 (cancellation), and paragraphs 14-16 (assumption of risk and releases from liability and liquidated damages for breach of Tour). I agree to all of the terms and conditions set forth therein. I understand that my agreement is with HLP Tours, Mevaseret Zion, Israel exclusively, and any liability for breach of this agreement rests with HLP Tours alone.

Signed: _____ DATE: _____

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