



The Half Shekel Journals of 2023 by Pastor Ed Rice
#23020a Sat Mar 25th Sabbath Rest & Israel Museum Visit

It was Sabbath, in Israel, a very interesting day in itself, but Pastor Lee Pickett had graciously scheduled a day of rest on this 10th day of our March 16-30 Bible Berean Israel Tour 2023, which I call our Israel Pilgrimage. His booklet describes it “Free Day in Jerusalem. Enjoy the rest, explore on your own or come with me to walk the walls



of the old city.

Many had planned shopping excursions, and other activities right around our deluxe accommodations at the Prima Kings Hotel in Jerusalem. Beverly and I planned a well relaxed morning and an afternoon back at the Israel Museum with Pastor Lee leading the charge.

The Israel Museum, Jerusalem had several

galleries that could be explored, their index displayed these;

- A Upper gallery entrance
- B Library
- C Focus | spertus galleries
- D Contemporary art | designs | photography | prints and drawings
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- F Jewish art and life
- G Synagogue ruins
- H Springer auditorium
- I Wexner Gallery
- J Shop
- K Gallery entrance
- L Archaeology
- M Youth wing for art education and a cafe | expresso bar

Pastor Lee gave us a heads up that he wanted to explore some more of the Archaeology gallery, so we met him in the hotel lobby at 1 pm, and we shared an expensive cab that took us to the Israel



Museum. We had been here on a 10 Day Pastor Familiarization Tour with Lee and Donna 14 years earlier and in the cab ride we reminisced about all ten of those days.

We arrived at the Museum and secured entry. When touring with a group as we were one loose tract of the fact that every place we visit has an entry fee that must be paid. Guided Tours, I expect, get a group discount and it is all covered in their (I thought reasonable) tour price. After paying this museum entry fee, and considering all the entry fees paid for our group on a 14 day tour, I thought the overall tour price we paid to International Heritage Tours was even more reasonable. I recall the brochure saying: "Touring Price: \$4,399 USD per person sharing twin room. Based on a minimum of 21 paying passengers. If the group drops to less than 21 paying to a minimum of 15 paying there will be a supplement of \$260 USD per person to the above rates. If you pay by check there will be a discount of \$130 per person to the above rates."

(I actually carried the brochure everywhere I went, well, except the Israel Museum, they made me check my backpack at the entry point and pick it up afterwards).

The Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Archaeology Wing of the Israel Museum is a remarkable place that could consume hours of time for those who have had a previous taste of what they were looking at here. Brother Lee had. Their brochure stated it:



“The land of Israel has been the home of peoples of different cultures and beliefs for some, one-and-a-half million years. It is to these people and their cultures that the exhibition galleries of the Archaeology Wing are dedicated, serving as primary showcase to the rich and fascinating local archaeological heritage. The archaeological collection on display here is considered among the world’s leading collections of its kind, for its scope and quality. It takes the visitor on a journey of unparalleled depth into the historical course of ancient ”

Obviously the PR write up was written by infidels for infidels; if the Holy Bible is true, there are not “a half million years” of peoples anywhere on earth! Jehovah God wrote the record and documented clearly that the whole of the Uni-Verse was created in six days, and His documentation clarifies succinctly that that act of creation occurred right around 4,000 BC¹. Even the Hebrew Calendar, had today's date as 3 Nisan, 5783, dating creation 5,783 years ago in 3760 BC, and here we were in the Israel



Museum which mocked their own Hebrew calendar by 490 thousand years! Go Figure! It seems that Satan and his minions² had an influential input even here in the Hebrew stronghold? of the Israel Museum. That was disappointing, and frankly a little shocking. Their brochure went on to describe “prehistoric times” where I stopped reading. Anyone who owns a Bible can completely dissipate the worlds lie that there exists “prehistoric times!”

1 Reference the authors “GOD’S GLORY, GOD’S HANDIWORK, AND GOD’S WORD, THE GENESIS ACCOUNT A Dissertation Presented to the Faculty of Louisiana Baptist Theological Seminary In Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for Doctorate of Philosophy in Theological Studies”, January 2017, available for \$14.23 at lulu.com or for free in pdf at www.gsbaptistchurch.com/seminary/dissertation/6day_creation_dissertation.pdf

2 Minions def. A servile or fawning dependant, Fawning def. Attempting to win favor by flattery

The brochure did clarify the purpose of its many galleries:

“Historical events of prime importance, cultural achievements, technological innovations, and artistic creativity are all displayed in the galleries through thousands of ancient artifacts, many of them are one of a kind. These objects offer a close look to the lifestyle, beliefs, and worldview of the peoples of this area – from ordinary people to kings and monarchs – in distant and fascinating times.”



It was a tremendous sabbath “day-off” at the Israel Museum. We got back to the Prima Kings Hotel in time for my old man's nap. Supper was, as per usual, exceptional, and everyone was abuzz with all that the day-off in Jerusalem captured.

I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD: That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works

(Ps.26:6-7).

Shalom.