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Dear All,

Warm greetings from Atlanta to all of our friends and supporters! We have just returned from the Middle East, after a fabulous time in Egypt, Israel, and Jordan. The first segment of the tour included the ITS (International Teachers' Seminar), which met in Giza, Egypt. All lessons were recorded and are now available. Next year's ITS is provisionally slated for Atlanta, focussing on the topic *Racism in the Church*.

This weekend I'll be teaching in Jacksonville, Florida (my hometown). The lessons surround the theme of *The Kingdom of God*. A few days later we'll drive our middle child, Emma, to college (UF). For the next four years, it's just the three of us (Vicki and I, and our youngest, Lily) at home. (For my older readers, you know... the nest is emptying...)

The Daily Bible Studies, which are taking us through every chapter of the N.T. in 2008, are currently expounding the Corinthian letters. This has been an enjoyable project for me, forcing me to focus on the thoughts of the author, and to read chapter by chapter – not verse by verse, as is the temptation for most readers. I do hope you are getting a lot out of these studies.

In a few short weeks, David Bercot and others will converge on Marietta, Georgia, for our Early Church History weekend. This may be a once in a lifetime opportunity! The *Real Heretics* author is a fascinating person, and his revolutionary lessons are bound to stir up the deep reservoirs of your soul and lead to constructive reflection. If you're considering coming, please sign up soon, so that we'll know how many to expect.

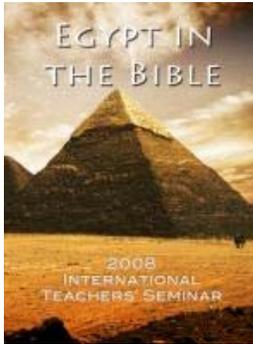
As always, thank you for your prayers.

Your brother,
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New CD set, Egypt in the Bible

A new CD set, including all lessons from the recent International Teachers' Seminar, is now ready. Egypt and the Egyptians are mentioned *more than 800 times* in the Bible! What do we know about this ancient civilization? Why is this so important for a working knowledge of God's Word? Join Douglas Jacoby, Foster Stanback, Glenn Giles, and Joey Harris as they lead us behind the scenes of biblical history for a glimpse of the land of Jacob and Joseph, early Israel, and their heroic deliverer, Moses.



The seminar was recorded in Giza, in the shadow of the pyramids. Lessons include:

1. Egypt in the Bible -- *Douglas Jacoby*
2. Gods & Goddesses in Ancient Egypt -- *Glenn Giles, Joey Harris*
3. Hot Issues in Our Fellowship -- *Douglas Jacoby*
4. World Report -- *various speakers*
5. Pharaohs, Mummies, and the Afterlife -- *Douglas Jacoby*
6. Evidence for the Exodus -- *Foster Stanback*
7. Egypt and Messianic Parallels -- *Joey Harris*
8. Why Old Testament Study is Vital! -- *Douglas Jacoby*

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Responses to the 2008 Middle East Biblical Study Tour

Following are just a few of the responses from the 165 persons who took part in this year's Biblical Study Tour:

From the United States

"The ITS was great -- thanks! It was one thing see one of the seven wonders of the world, but something else completely to see God's wonder in the world, his kingdom in the hearts of the Cairo brothers and sisters." – N.K.

"Thank you for the amazing trip...It was the experience of a lifetime. Sign me up for the 2009 trip to Rome!" – S.J.

"What an incredible and life-changing time and experience! We had a wonderful time seeing the amazing sites and increasing our faith. We deeply appreciate your work and the planning of the biblical studies tours, and are looking forward to next year!" – C.K.

"Honestly, I don't think words can even come close to describing what a wonderful trip this was – and I'm a professional writer. The ITS classes in Egypt opened my eyes, heart and mind so wide to the scriptures -- it's unbelievable. Then to be able to go to Israel and literally walk where Jesus walked -- that is something which will stay with me for the rest of my life. I would encourage *everyone* to take one of these trips. Being with Christians from all nations in biblical locations is my idea of a little piece of heaven on earth." – M.W.

From Australia

"Thanks for all your hard work in putting this together. For me it was one of the most memorable experiences of my Christian life." – S.P. (Australia)

"I just wanted to say thanks for an incredible time in the Middle East. It has inspired me to dig deeper into God's Word and call people to do the same. I look forward to coming on future trips and bringing my wife and daughters." – J.H. (Australia)

From Great Britain

"Many thanks for such an amazing trip. It was tremendously inspiring to me, and (even more importantly) a real inspiration to my teenage daughter and her friends, at a crucial stage in their spiritual development. It was wonderful to pray together in the Garden of Gethsemane and to see them hanging out and having fun with your daughters and the other teens..." – A.A.

From Canada

"Thank you very, very much for putting together such a wonderful itinerary. We have been on tours to other places, but never experienced anything as well coordinated or as touching as this one. This has truly changed our lives. We're preparing for our pre-teen class, and photos from this trip will be shown to them (they're studying the book of Exodus). " – V.D. (Canada)

From Ireland

"I felt so at home in the Garden of Gethsemane and that did it for me.... I went in there with the weight of the world on my shoulders and a long list of requests, and came out lighter and with a mighty sense of release and relief... I usually get all emotional a few days after reunions and conferences, and oh yes, yours truly was weeping as usual on Saturday! It's such an anticlimax -- isn't it? -- leaving the fellowship of disciples and going back. But a disciple's gotta do what a disciple's gotta do, and that's go out and preach the gospel..... I'm back in Dublin and – Hallelujah! -- it wasn't raining when I got in. The greenness was blinding after all the brown of Middle East..." – P.E.

From the Ukraine

"Thank you for the most incredible experience! We will remember it forever." – P.G.

More Debates!

Following the 2007 debate with Dr. Michael Shermer on *Does God Exist* and the 2008 "tribate" with Rabbi Shmuley Boteach and Imam Shabir Ally on *The True Legacy of Abraham*, I am excited to report that this autumn we will be holding two further debates:

- * 27 October, University of Florida: Shermer v. Jacoby on *Creation and Evolution: Can Both be True?*
- * 10 November, Safra Synagogue, New York City: Jacoby v. Ally v. Boteach on *Christianity, Islam & Judaism: Which is the Religion of Peace?*

Like the earlier debates, these will be videotaped. Your prayers (and attendance) are appreciated!