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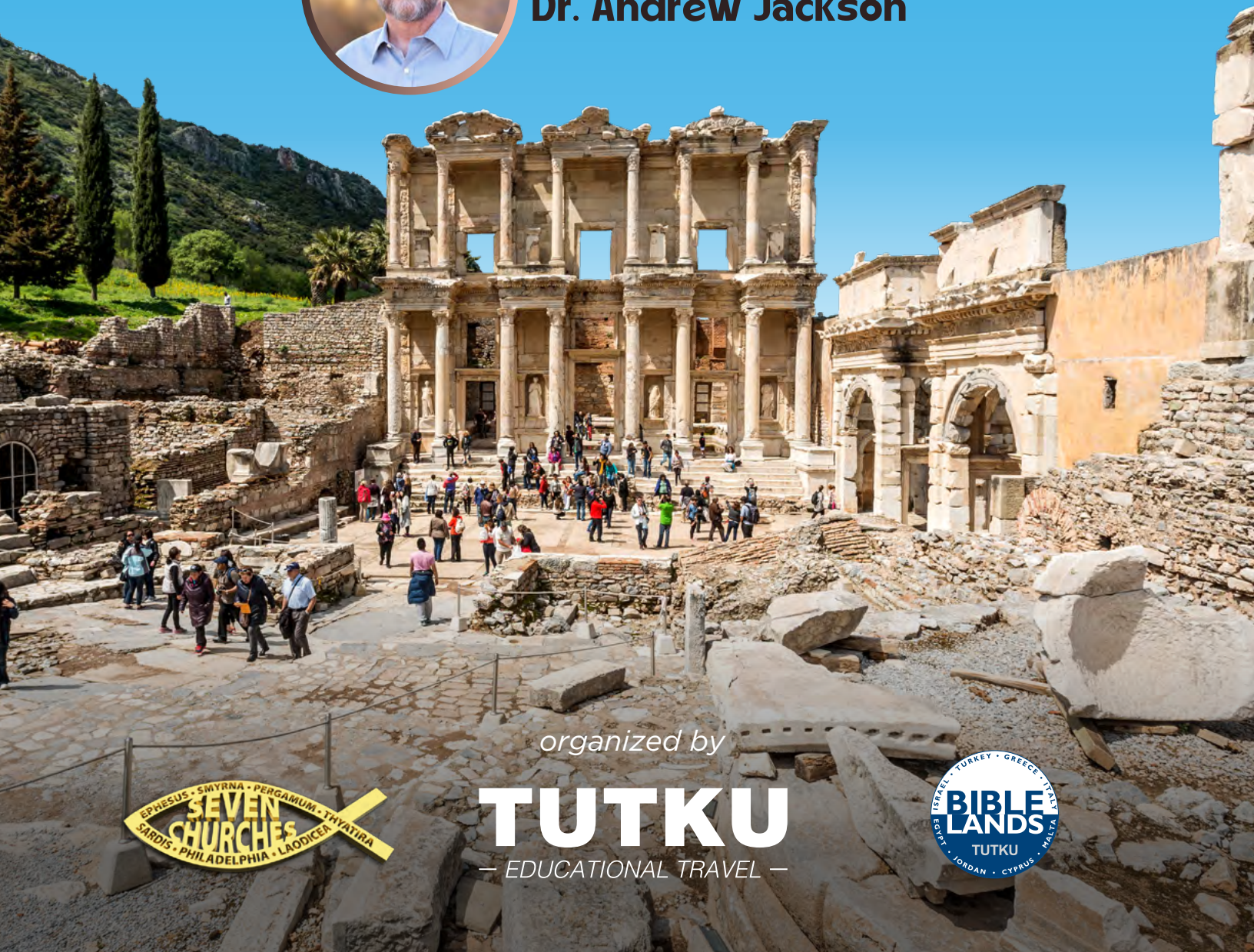
A SPIRITUAL AND PREPARATION TOUR FOR CHURCH PASTORS

The primary purpose of this biblical tour is to enable church pastors to experience God's presence afresh, prepare three sermon series for their church when they return home, and learn how to lead a future biblical tour for their church. If space is available, non pastors can also join this journey and benefit greatly from the in depth teaching sessions.

October 30 - November 11, 2026



TOUR HOST
Dr. Andrew Jackson



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St. Peter Cave Church, Antioch

Tour Itinerary:

Day 1 (Fri Oct 30) FLIGHTS TO ISTANBUL. Tour participants depart on **Turkish Airlines** from the **United States to Istanbul** (non-stop) from one of the following airports: Seattle, LAX, Houston, Chicago, New York JFK, Washington DC. The cost of your international flight to Turkey is included in the tour price.

BIBLICAL ANTIOCH AND PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

Day 2 (Sat Oct 31) - FLIGHT TO ANTAKYA (ANTIOCH). Arriving in Istanbul, we go through customs and take a domestic flight to Antakya (Antioch). We get our luggage and drive to our amazing 5-star Museum Hotel (www.themuseumhotelantakya.com).

Day 3 (Sun Nov 1) ANTIOCH AND PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS. After breakfast we experience a guided tour of the ancient **Roman ruins and mosaics** located under our hotel. After the mosaic tour, Dr. Jackson will teach on the **early church of Antioch and Paul's three missionary journeys** (sermon series preparation for pastors). Following the teaching session, we will visit the **Cave Church of Peter** (built in the late 300s or early 400s). Dinner and overnight at the Museum Hotel.

Day 4 (Mon Nov 2) THE ANTIOCH REGION. After breakfast we meet **Turkish Christian leaders** ministering in Antioch. We then drive to tour the famous mountain **monastery ruins of Simeon**, and then drive on to the historic **Mediterranean harbor Seleucia Pieria** from where the Paul and Barnabas sailed to Cyprus on their first missionary journey (Acts 13:4). Dinner and overnight at the Museum Hotel.



Hot Air Balloon Trip, Cappadocia

TARSUS AND CAPPADOCIA

Day 5 (Tue Nov 3) TARSUS AND CAPPADOCIA. After breakfast we drive to **Tarsus** and visit the hometown of the apostle Paul. We then drive up through the historic mountain pass of the **Cilician Gates** into the spectacular landscape of the **Cappadocia** region of central Turkey. On our way to the hotel, we visit the **underground city of Kaymakli**. Dinner and overnight at the Barcelo Hotel in Cappadocia.

Day 6 (Wed Nov 4) CAPPADOCIA. After breakfast (an early balloon option for participants, cost is around \$400 per person) we visit the **Göreme Open Air Museum** with its many fresco-covered cave churches. We then visit and walk through the **Zelve Valley** where Christian monks lived and carved out cave churches. At the Zelve Valley, Dr. Jackson will share on the famous ministries of the early church fathers—Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, and Gregory of Nazianzus—of Cappadocia. We then drive to the **Uçhisar Castle** (highest point in Cappadocia) where you can climb to the top for a beautiful panoramic view. Dinner and overnight at the Barcelo Hotel in Cappadocia.

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

DAY 7 (Thu Nov 5) - SMYRNA. After breakfast we take a **morning flight** to Izmir (Smyrna). After getting settled into our hotel, Dr. Jackson will teach on the **seven churches of the book of Revelation** (sermon series preparation for pastors). Later in the afternoon, we tour the **Roman agora of biblical Smyrna** (Revelation —), and see the location where the early apostolic church father **Polycarp** (a disciple of the apostle John) was martyred. Dinner and overnight at the Movenpick Hotel in Izmir.

DAY 8 (Fri Nov 6) - PERGAMUM. After breakfast we drive to biblical Pergamum (Revelation 2:12–17), and tour one of the most impressive acropolis and archaeological sites in Turkey. It was called the **Seat of Satan** in the book of Revelation. Here we visit a **10,000-seat theater** on the side of the acropolis that is the steepest in the ancient world, the **temple of Emperor Trajan**, and the remains of a **library** of 200,000 volumes second in size only to the library in Alexandria, Egypt. We then drive back to Izmir and enjoy a **special dinner** on the Aegean Sea **with Levent Oral, the owner of Tutku Tours**. Overnight at the Movenpick Hotel in Izmir.



Temple of Trajan, Acropolis, Pergamum



Sardis

DAY 9 (Sat Nov 7) - SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA, COLOSSAE.

After breakfast we drive from Smyrna to the beautiful Lycus River Valley. On this journey we tour the archaeological biblical sites of **Sardis**, **Philadelphia**, and **Colossae**. At **Sardis** (Revelation 3:1-6) we tour the remains of the magnificent temple of Artemis (later converted into a church), the beautifully reconstructed gymnasium, and the largest known synagogue outside Palestine. We drive to **Philadelphia** (Revelation 3:7-13) and visit the Basilica of the Apostle John built in the AD 500s. We then drive to the site of **Colossae** where Paul sent his letters of Colossians and Philemon. Dinner and overnight at the 5-star Adempira Termal & Spa Hotel (www.adempirahotel.com)

Day 10 (Sun Nov 8) LAODICEA AND HIEROPOLIS. After breakfast we tour the massive archeological sites of **Laodicea** (Revelation 3:14-22, Colossians 4:13) and **Hierapolis** (modern Pamukkale, Colossians 4:13). At **Laodicea** we visit two large theaters and several excavated early churches, and at **Hierapolis** we tour the martyrdom site and tomb of the **Apostle Philip**. Dinner and overnight at the Adempira Termal & Spa Hotel.

BIBLICAL EPHESUS: PAUL, TIMOTHY, JOHN

Day 11 (Mon Nov 9) EPHESUS REGION. After breakfast we drive to the Ephesus region where we visit the **Ephesus Archaeological Museum**, the remains of the **Basilica Church of Saint John** (where the apostle John was buried), and the modern **Turkish town of Selcuk** where we meet the locals and shop. Dinner and overnight at the 5-star Korumar Deluxe Hotel on the Aegean Sea (www.korumar.com.tr/en).

Day 12 (Tue Nov 10) BIBLICAL EPHESUS. After breakfast Dr. Jackson will teach on the **Ephesus ministries of the Apostle Paul, Timothy, and the Apostle John** (sermon series preparation for pastors) at the hotel. We then tour the **archaeological biblical city of Ephesus**, a magnificent reconstructed Greco-Roman city and walk through the spectacular first century Terrace Houses. Dinner and overnight at the Korumar Deluxe Hotel.

Day 13 (Wed Nov 11) DEPARTURE. After breakfast we drive to the **Izmir Airport** where we fly to **Istanbul** and board our international flights.



Ephesus Theater

LAND & AIR

\$5,980	Per Person in Double Room
\$3,980	Per Person in Double Room (for Pastors)
\$1,100	Single Room Supplement

TOUR INCLUDES

- Roundtrip international fare on Turkish Airlines from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Houston, or Atlanta.
- Istanbul-Hatay domestic flight
- Kayseri-Izmir domestic flight
- 3 Nights at **The Museum Hotel** in Antakya or similar
- 2 Nights at **Barcelo Hotel** in Cappadocia or similar
- 3 Nights at **Movenpick Hotel** in Izmir or similar
- 2 Night at **Adempira Termal & Spa Hotel** in Pammukale or similar
- 2 Nights at **Korumar Hotel** in Kusadasi or similar
- Daily breakfasts and dinners
- All Airport-Hotel-Airport transfers in private basis
- All land transportation by private fully A/C VAN with driver throughout the tour
- Tolls, parking fees, fuel, guide's and driver's expenses
- English Speaking Licensed tour guide throughout the tour
- All Entry fees to the mentioned sites & museums
- Service charges, accommodation taxes, & local taxes
- Tips to tour guide (\$60) and to the driver (\$25)

TOUR EXCLUDES

- Lunches and drinks
- All personal expenses and any other service which are not mentioned above
- Travel and Health insurance, any kind of insurance (insurance may be given at an extra cost, please ask)
- Hot Air Balloon Trip

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- 1- **\$300 per person Deposit** : January 6, 2025
- 2- **Full (Balance) Payment** : July 7, 2025

Land and Air Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made 60 days or more before departure: Full refund
Cancellations made 45-59 days before departure: 75% refund
Cancellations made 30-44 days before departure: 50% refund
Cancellations made 15-29 days before departure: 25% refund
Cancellations made 0-14 days before departure: No refund

In addition to the above cancellation policy, we charge a 5% processing fee for all refunds, regardless of the date of cancellation. This fee covers bank charges and administrative costs.

REGISTRATION

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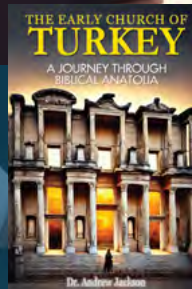
Dr. Andrew Jackson

“ Andrew Jackson is an American teacher and writer who has traveled through Turkey for around twenty-five years. He earned his Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary, and his specialized Doctor of Ministry in the history of Church renewal movements from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Dr. Jackson is the founder of Biblical Turkey Tours and hosts several tours each year. He was the co-host on the travel documentary Exploring Ephesus: The City of the Apostles.



THE EARLY CHURCH OF TURKEY

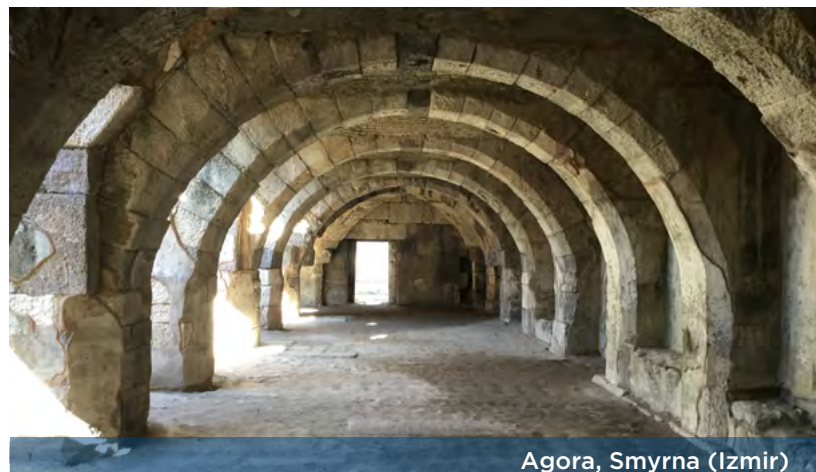
A Journey Through Biblical Anatolia
by Dr. Andrew Jackson



Step into the forgotten world of biblical Anatolia, the very cradle of the early church where the Apostles Paul, John, and Peter established the first Christian communities. This comprehensive journey guides you through all seven regions of ancient Turkey, uncovering the rich history of the Churches of Revelation, the missionary journeys of Paul, the wisdom of the Cappadocian Fathers, and the Syriac, Armenian, and Georgian roots of the faith. You'll explore the fierce challenges of Roman emperor worship, witness the crucial theological debates that defined the Trinity and the nature of Christ at the Seven Ecumenical Councils, and understand the vital role that Christian emperors—and empresses—played in shaping doctrine. By illuminating the historical, political, and theological landscape of these foundational churches, this book provides a vital context for the New Testament and offers a profound new perspective on the global story of Christianity today.



MAP OF ANTIOCH-TARSUS AREA



Agora, Smyrna (Izmir)

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