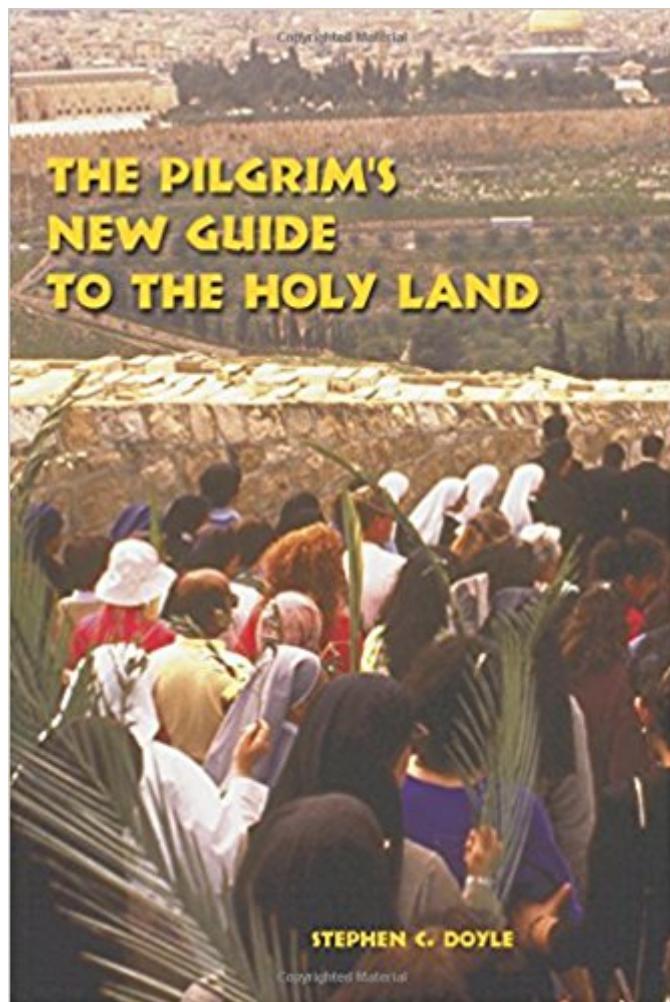


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# The Pilgrim's New Guide To The Holy Land



## Synopsis

More than an updated second edition, this book combines the best information from the popular first edition with new insights to help you turn your travels into pilgrimages. In this edition of The Pilgrim's New Guide to the Holy Land, Stephen Doyle adds the words to familiar hymns, and maps and photos, and includes new insights gathered from the documents of Vatican II, Paul VI's Decree on Evangelization, and prose and poetry that foster the spirit of prayer. After a brief introduction to each Holy Place, Doyle provides the Scripture passages appropriate to those locations. In offering these passages, Doyle reminds us of Pius XII's statement that to find the meaning of God's word, we must go back to the original languages, determine the intention of the author, and take into account the literary form. Following Pius XII's suggestion, Doyle provides his own translation of Scripture passages. By presenting these passages he offers new meaning by exploring a new experience, in a new context, in a new culture. Doyle explains that there are major differences between going to the Holy Land as a pilgrim and going there as a tourist, or even as a student of history or archaeology. People join a pilgrimage from faith and for faith. This is not the same as a deepening of theological insight, or becoming more knowledgeable about the facts and beliefs of Christianity. The basic Vision that distinguishes a pilgrim from a tourist is summed up in a passage by Paul: "Since you have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord, sink your roots deep in him, build your faith upon him, and overflow with thanksgiving" (Col. 2:6). In The Pilgrim's New Guide to the Holy Land, Doyle brings together the elements that facilitate that Vision. Chapters are \*Jerusalem, Jerusalem - ; \*Holy Places East of Jerusalem - ; \*Holy Places West of Jerusalem - ; \*Holy Places South of Jerusalem - ; and \*Holy Places North of Jerusalem. - Also includes appendices and an index. Stephen C. Doyle, O.F.M., has guided more than one hundred pilgrimages to the Holy Land and to Greece and Asia Minor. He has taught Scripture and biblical preaching at St. John Vianney Seminary, East Aurora, New York; Christ the King Seminary, St. Bonaventure, New York; Pope John XXIII Seminary, Weston Massachusetts; St. Bonaventure University; St. Michal's College; and Emmanuel College."

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... a trove of information, background, prayer and song worth treasuring. Prairie Messenger

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I have used this book twice now on pilgrimages to the Holy Land, once with a fully Catholic group, and once with an interfaith and ecumenical group (we were Catholics, Protestants and Jews; the Jews had their rabbi, the Catholics had me - a priest - and the Protestants had a minister, who was a woman - an eye opener for the Catholics!) Both times, the book was a valued resource for praying together at the various Holy Sites we visited. I had to make a few minor ad hoc word substitutions on the fly but nonetheless both the Jews and Protestants found it excellent, and all wanted to keep it at the end of the pilgrimage. I am planning a pilgrimage in 2016 and will be giving these to all pilgrims.

I recently toured the Holy Land and wanted my visit to be a pilgrimage, not just a tour. This book helped me to achieve that experience. It's well written, very well organized, and focuses on the spiritual experience. It does contain enough travel tips and historical information to make it interesting, but I particularly enjoyed the biblical references and prayers. My only negative comment is that the biblical passages are the author's own translation. While he may have captured the meaning of the passage, the language is too casual. I would have preferred one of the standard translations. But overall, this is an excellent companion book for any pilgrim to the Holy Land.

Just visited Israel and the Holy Land; this convenient little tome was a great assist in prayer and

cognizance of each place. Many in our Pilgrimage brought this along, much to their rich and full appreciation of the sites.

I quoted extensively from this book for a research paper I am doing on Church history. I will also bring it with me to the Holy Land in January.

This was recommend for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Helpful in preparing to visit the Holy Land

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