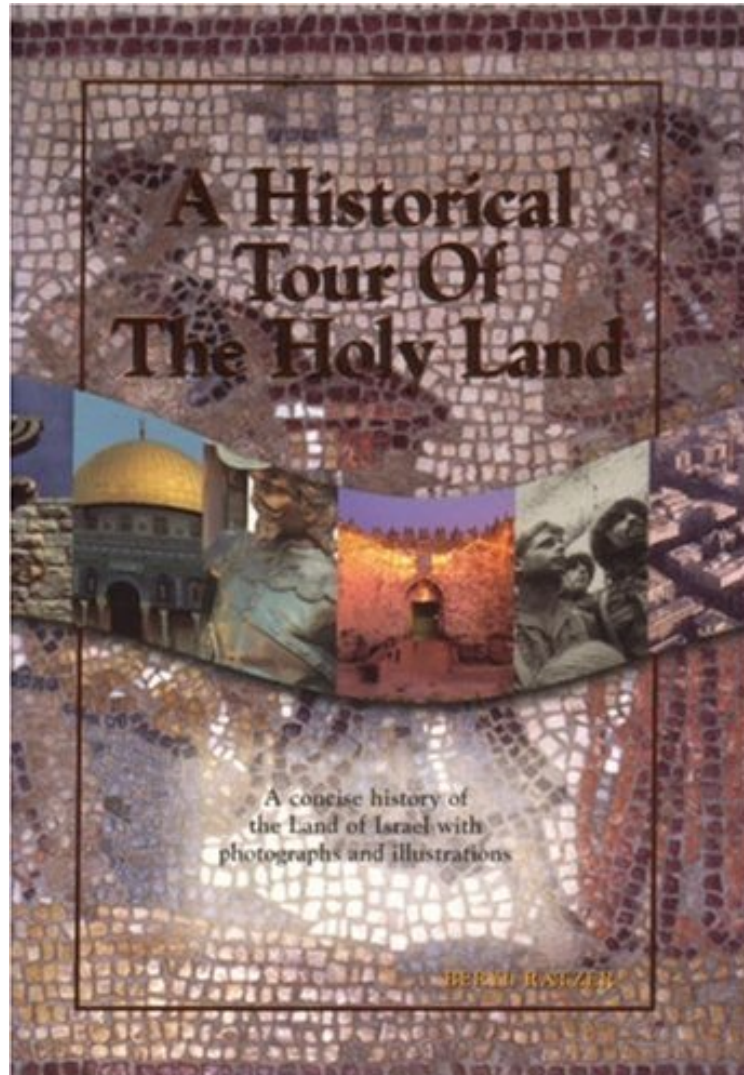


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**Beryl Ratzer : A Historical Tour of the Holy Land : A Concise History of the Land of Israel** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Historical Tour of the Holy Land : A Concise History of the Land of Israel:

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I guess I should have known to be wary from the "Holy Land" title. Apparently this has become a code word for Christian enthusiasts of Israel. Don't get me wrong; I didn't read anything anti-Zionist in the book, it's just the bent was clearly for Christian tourists, not Jewish. Actually, I didn't read much because I couldn't see much. The font is very very tiny. I have great reading glasses which should bring my vision to normal and it was still a stretch. Anyway, I returned the book. Buy Frommer's Israel instead.

History comes alive in this newly revised edition! Hebrew Scriptures - Canaanites - Israelites - First and Second Temples - Greeks- Romans - Christianity - Judaism - Islam - Crusaders - Mamlukes - State of Israel You will meet them all, and more, on the pages of A Historical Tour of the Holy Land as you tour from event to event in the history of this small piece of land nestled between Egypt and the Fertile Crescent. Beryl Ratzer, an Israeli tour guide, combines her extensive knowledge of Israeli archaeology, geography and history, with her great love of the Land of Israel to enrich the tourist and historian alike in their Holy Land adventure. The geographical setting for both the Old and New Testaments is the Holy Land, which today seems to feature in almost every news broadcast throughout the world. The Holy Land has a fascinating history covering more than three thousand years. Jerusalem, site of the Temple where Jesus prayed and taught, has been lived in during all that time. Countless conquering armies have wreaked destruction but the identity of Jerusalem has never been in doubt. You can learn that history quite painlessly, from the chronology of the biblical period through to modern times. Doesn't seem possible? Most tourists and pilgrims visiting the Holy Land would have agreed with you. At the end of their visit they would ask me: "How do we even begin to remember the interesting, but complicated, history of this land?" Many books were available but they were too heavy - literally and figuratively. What was needed was a short, readable and presentable book packed with information. That was why I, a licensed guide, sat down and wrote "A Historical Tour of the Holy Land". Successful beyond expectation, the book is now in its second edition. A mere 156 pages but it introduces the reader to all the people who have lived in, or conquered, the Holy Land - a land which has been known by so many names, from biblical times and up till the present.

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Moreshet Derech, Israeli Guides Association Magazine  
A concise history of the Holy Land, a guide for tourists and pilgrims to Israel as they attempt to make sense of the country's rich and complicated history. -- Eretz Magazine  
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The first edition of this book, printed in black and white, proved itself by selling out within two years and without any promotion. This new edition has been expanded and color photographs accompany the historical events and very readable text. A worthwhile buy.  
From the Author  
History never was one of my favorite subjects at school but learning the history of Israel, the Holy Land was a completely different experience. I wanted to share my love for this subject with as many people as possible. I want the reader to sense the people who walked this land over the last five thousand years. I am told that I have succeeded.