

# DRINK OFFERING TOURS

## DAY TOUR: THE SHEPHELAH

### DEPARTURE POINT

This tour departs from the Tel Aviv or Jerusalem areas.

### DRESS/GROOMING

This tour involves walking on dirt and gravel paths and provides little shade from the weather, dress accordingly.

### LUNCH OPTIONS

Lunch isn't included in the price as various options are available depending on your preference.

### ACCESSIBILITY

This tour can be adapted into a scenic program suitable for those with mobility challenges. *Contact us for the details.*



**Length:** 9 Hours (8:00am – 17:00pm)

**Focus:** Israelite period (Late Bronze, Iron Age) archaeology

**Sites Visited:** Tel Bet Shemesh, Khirbet Qeiyafa, Tel Lachish

**Lunch Options:** Simple Israeli lunch (falafel or shawarma) or an Israeli charcuterie style lunch at a boutique winery.

**Day Plan:** We'll leave the hotel at 8:00am and drive to the Judean Hills and Coastal Plain (Shephelah). We will visit various sites important to Biblical history and examine famous Biblical history against the backdrop of archaeology and secular history.

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*“The Philistines assembled their armies for war  
...and they camped between Socoh and Azekah”*

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### OVERVIEW OF THE DAY AND THEME

The Philistines played a pivotal role in the Israelite history. So we will examine their relationship with Israel during the time of the Judges and Samuel from the ruins of Tel Bet Shemesh and the Sorek Valley. From there we will head to Qeiyafa which looks over the Elah Valley to consider the Philistine's relations with Saul and David, and the famous showdown with Goliath.

After a lunch break, we will continue south to Lachish and discuss the war between Judean King Hezekiah and Sennacherib of Assyria and what the motivation was behind Assyria's invasion.

As we return to the hotel/drop off we will take in the scenery and landscape of other sites mentioned in the Bible, this may include Maresha and Gath.

### PRICE AND BOOKING

Our standard daily guiding rate applies (\$350 per group – *includes tip*). Transportation is not included but can be provided for an extra fee. Park entrance fees (\$8/person) are not included. Lunch price varies depending on your preference.

To book, contact us at [info@drinkoffering.com](mailto:info@drinkoffering.com). The tour is not confirmed until a \$50 non-refundable deposit is paid.