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The Holy Land of Pennsylvania *A Proposal*



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A Proposal

This proposal was born in the fictional account in [Parsonage](#) of the development of a major destination resort known as The **Holy Land USA**, made possible through the benevolence of a major donor from Saudi Arabia

The *Holy Land of Pennsylvania* will be a major inspirational destination resort located in central Pennsylvania, USA. It will be within a two hour drive of Washington, DC, Philadelphia, Pa., Hershey, Pa., the Pennsylvania Dutch Region of Lancaster County, PA, and Gettysburg, Pa. It will be within a four-hour drive of New York City and Pittsburgh, Pa., Funding for building and operating The Holy Land PA will be made through major contributions to a nonprofit foundation managed by [DiskBooks Electronic Publishing](#).

The primary focus of *The Holy Land of Pennsylvania* will be the education and spiritual edification of the guests. Shopping, sit-down dining, fast-food refreshments, and rides will remain available but will be secondary to the primary focus of telling the world the truth about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, [God's Plan for our Salvation](#), and the lands in which all related events took place.

General admission and parking will be free to all visitors. Access to major attractions and rides will be via "ride tickets" to be purchased by visitors, in the style of the [Knobels Grove Amusement Park](#) of Elysburg, Pa. However, *Holy Land of Pennsylvania* PA tickets that are unused at the end of a visit may be redeemed for a cash refund equal to 90% of the face value of the tickets.

All guests will enter the park through the *Gates of Heaven Concert Hall* where they may receive a 30-minute multimedia orientation to *The Holy Land of Pennsylvania* experience, as well as an overview of God's plan for our salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. The orientation presentations will run on the half hours from 9:00 A.M. through 6:00 P.M.

Guests who do not care to sit through the orientation presentation or who have already seen it may enter the park directly. The visit will be a self-guided tour of

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The *Holy Land of Pennsylvania* but will be assisted by numerous information stations equipped with DVD depictions of the specific point in the tour where the information is activated.

Automatic ticket dispensing machines will be situated throughout the park and at all major attractions and rides.

Simulcasts Will Augment English

Although English will be the primary language of the Holy Land of Pa., all written information on wall plaques and brochures will appear in Spanish, French, German, Japanese, Chinese, and Korean, as well as English. Guests who are non-readers or who prefer to receive new information by hearing instead of reading will be provided with an iPod-style FM receiver and ear-buds with a selector switch for choosing the preferred language from in-house simulcasts.

Examples of Major Attractions, Rides, and Services

General Information

All attractions will be constructed to actual scale with full attention to detail as specified in the Bible. Where the Bible does not provide sufficient specific relevant information, archeological data, classic art, and history will be used to authenticate the settings.

At no time will overall guest safety or access for guests with disabilities be sacrificed in the interest of authentic settings and activities.

All persons working in scenes involving simulated violence will work according to specifications provided by OSHA. When actors are involved in theatrically simulated actions of violence, simulated blood will be used according to the latest theatrical techniques. At no time, will planned physical interaction be more dangerous than that in a closely supervised high school varsity soccer match.

All animals used in the attractions will be treated humanely and according to guidelines provided by the International Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. For example, scenes portraying animals being sacrificed on the altar of God in the temple will use simulated blood and bloodletting. The same lambs and bullocks will be *recycled* and used over and over via camouflaged underground passageways.

Tabernacle in the Wilderness

God ordered Moses to build a Tabernacle in the Wilderness according to His specifications:

Exodus 25:9 Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

The prominence of this attraction within the Holy Land complex is based on the fact that this is where God's plan for our salvation was born. Animals would die a sacrificial death for our sins so we wouldn't have to die, first in the Wilderness Tabernacle, and then in the ornate Temple of Solomon. [Although Solomon's Temple was rebuilt by Herod, only the Solomon version is shown in the Holy Land.]

This attraction shows the complete, exact-size tabernacle built according to God's specifications as detailed in Exodus Chapters 25 through 40.

Via Dolorosa and Calvary

Background music provided by Sandi Patti, singing *Via Dolorosa*

Christ's journey through the narrow, winding streets of Jerusalem from Pilate's judgment hall to Mount Calvary will be reenacted in vivid detail. Guests will view this panorama from tiered seating along one side of the street; the "crowd" will occupy the other side of the street. The processional to the cross will run every hour on the hour. Costumed volunteer extras who serve in exchange for free ride tickets will augment the "crowds" of Jewish citizens who clamored for Christ's execution or pleaded for mercy. The crucifixion scene will be viewed from a distance by guests. A detailed crucifixion scene will be included as one of the *Bible Alive Theater* presentations.

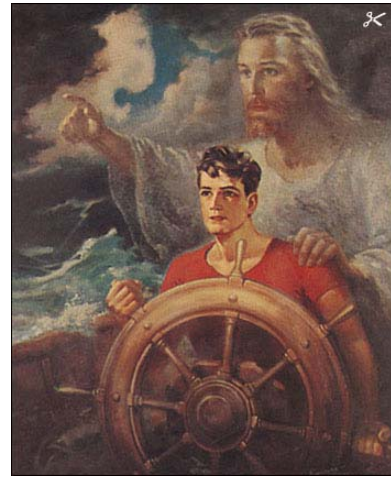
Solomon's Temple

The full-scale glory of the Temple will be captured through an artful combination of sprayed foam, fiberglass, anodized aluminum, and gold paint. The sights will be augmented by the recorded sounds of the shofar, trumpets, cymbals, and singers.

The smells will include incense and a controlled amount of the odor of burnt offerings.

Sallman's Chapel

Warner Sallman's contemporary Christian art masterpieces will be presented in full-size backlighted transparencies in a colonial-style chapel, with the interior illuminated primarily by light from the transparencies. The paintings will include such classic favorites as *Head of Christ*, *Christ at Dawn*, *He Careth for You*, *In His Presence*, *Jesus the Children's Friend*, *The Nativity*, *Portrait of Jesus*, *The Lord Is My Shepherd*, *Christ at Heart's Door*, *Christ in Gethsemane*, *The Good Shepherd*, and *Christ Our Pilot*. The Sallman Chapel exhibits will be presented courtesy of Kribel and Bates, copyright owners.



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Bible Alive Theater

Eight film shorts showing major Bible stories will be projected in an I-Max style rotating theater that revolves to a different auditorium every 20 minutes. The Old Testament scenes will include Adam and Eve's fall at the hands of Satan, Abraham offering to sacrifice Isaac to God on the mountain, David slaying Goliath, Elisha praying down fire on the altar, and Daniel in the lion's den. *[Although Adam and Eve wore no clothes in the Garden of Eden, their depiction here will show them artfully clothed in garments of vines and leaves.]*

New Testament scenes will include The last supper, Christ's trial, before Pilate, The Crucifixion, The Resurrection, the Acts-Two gift of the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room, and the Ascension. The resurrection scene will feature hand-to-hand combat between holy angels and Satan's demons.

Noah's Ark

The ark will be created according to Biblical specifications and floating on an outdoor lake. Guides representing Noah and his family will conduct tours. However, the live residents of the ark will be limited to domestic animals and herbivore creatures, in the interest of guest safety. Wild animals such as lions, tigers, and bears will be shown as animated life-size models.

Christian Concerts

Gospel and contemporary recording and concert artists will be featured in nightly two-hour concerts in the Gates of Heaven Concert Hall. Guests who have paid the full admission via ride tickets will have reserved seats. Any remaining seats will be open to the general public at no charge on a space-available basis.

The Upper Room Dinner Theater

The Upper Room Dinner Theater will feature excellent sit-down dining with a dramatic depiction of the Last Supper featuring Jesus and His disciples as they appeared at the last Passover and the First Communion the Thursday night before Christ died Friday morning. Reservations are required.

Food Courts

Guests are welcome to use the services of a food court featuring some of America's favorite franchises. Venues include MacDonald's, Chick-Fil-A, Long John Silver's, KFC Express, Auntie Anne's Pretzels, Dairy Queen.

Higher Education [Internships and Seminars]

The Holy Land of Pa. cooperates with major evangelical universities in providing internship and seminars in Bible history and architecture. Cooperating institutions of higher education include: Liberty University, Regent University, Oral Roberts University, and Bob Jones University.

Day Care Center

A day care center is available for families with preschool children. Infants must be at least 60 days old.

Sample Price List for Rides and Major Attractions, Expressed As Quantities of \$1 Tickets	Adults	Seniors	Children, up to 12 years
Via Dolorosa and Calvary	7	6	<i>Free</i>
Solomon's Temple	3	2	<i>Free</i>
Sallman's Chapel	3	2	<i>Free</i>
Bible Alive Theater	7	6	<i>Free</i>

Tabernacle in the Wilderness	7	6	<i>Free</i>
Noah's Ark	3	2	<i>Free</i>
Christian Concerts	12	10	5

Warning: Parents of young children should read the general information brochure very carefully before taking their entire families into activities that depict Biblically-accurate violence.

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