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PBS 45 & 49 Presents Walking the Bible

Documentary is based on Bruce Feiler's best-selling book

KENT, Ohio -- Friday, Dec. 16, 2005 -- PBS 45 & 49 presents **Walking the Bible**, a three-hour miniseries where viewers join best-selling author Bruce Feiler on his epic 10,000-mile journey to the Holy Land. It airs on Wednesdays, Jan. 4 to Jan. 18, at 8 p.m.

Walking the Bible retraces Feiler's perilous odyssey to the deserts where the great Biblical stories originally unfolded over two millennia ago. Filmed in high definition in evocative areas of Israel, Jordan, Egypt, the Sinai and Mt. Ararat, the series is part adventure story, part archeological detective work and part spiritual exploration.

At a time when the world is searching for understanding, this miniseries accentuates the commonalities of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Part adventure, part archaeological detective work and part spiritual exploration, the programs join storyteller Bruce Feiler on his inspiring 10,000-mile odyssey as he searches for traces of the great biblical heroes.

Feiler travels by foot, four-wheel, camel and boat to re-create the journey he recounts in his best-seller, *Walking the Bible*. The series wanders through 10 countries on three continents, including volatile areas of the Middle East.

Accompanying Feiler is Avner Goren, one of the world's leading biblical archaeologists. Viewers join them as they explore the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in Iraq and Mount Ararat in Turkey, where Noah's journey commenced in the Ark. The expeditions continue in Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia.

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