

2017 Bethel's Global Reach Holy Land Grand Tour

# Jerusalem, Israel

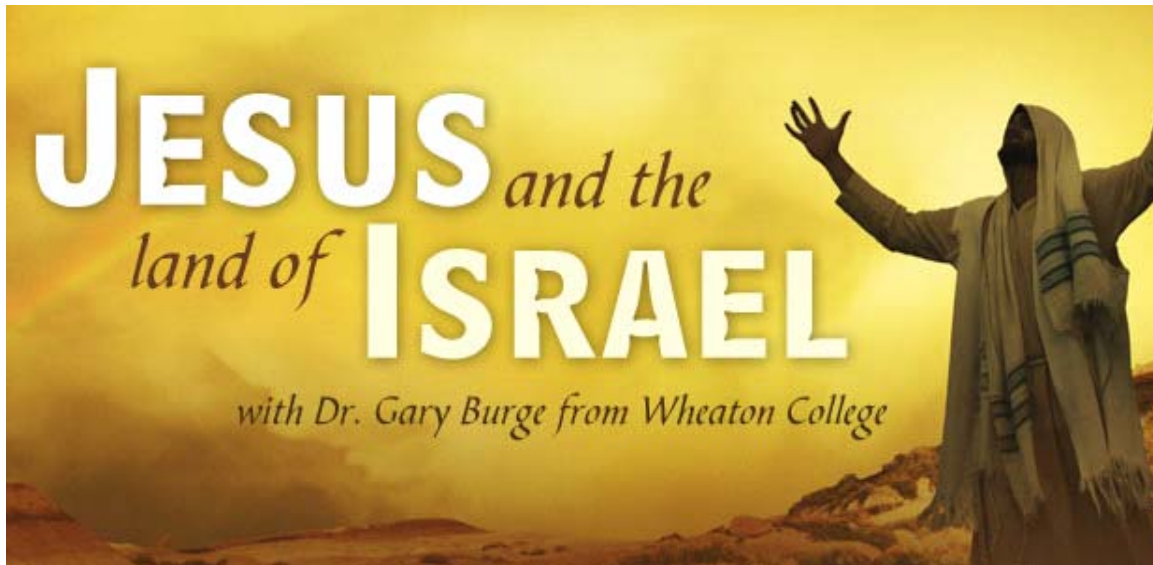
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Psalm 122:6 **Pray** for the **Peace** of  
Jerusalem

ישראל לשלום להתפלל מוזמן



## A Word from Bethel's Global Reach

It is our heartfelt prayer that over the next 10 days you will experience God in a way like never before. We hope that as you walk the footsteps of Christ (Physically) that you also walk the footsteps of Christ (Spiritually). As the Bible comes to life in the Chosen country of Israel you will see the Word come alive and excite a newfound passion in your love for God.

We thank you for entrusting us with your time, talent and your treasure!

- **Places in the Holy Land** | The Holy Land is a land filled with more than just milk and honey. It is a land filled with history, passion and with the presence of Jesus. Traveling through Israel, one has the opportunity to reach out and connect with the holiness of this place. Join this emotion filled journey, as you make your way through the stepping stones of His life.
  - **Bethlehem:** Only six miles south of Jerusalem you will find Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth and a site of invaluable significance to the Christian world. Bethlehem remains to this day a prime destination for tours to the Holy Land and Christian tours to Israel.
  - **Caesarea:** During the majority of Jesus' human life, the city of Caesarea remained under Roman rule. Like the rest of occupied Israel, Caesarea was made to fit the needs of the Roman Empire. Perhaps more so than any other city save for Jerusalem, Caesarea served the Romans as a major social, political and

commercial center—its proximity to Jerusalem and its construction on the Mediterranean shoreline making it desirable not only to the residents of Israel, but also to Judea, Egypt and Samaria.

- **Capernaum:** (pronounced Kefar Nachum in Hebrew) is currently an archeological site owned by two Christian denominations: the Franciscans who command the western part of the city, and the Greek Orthodox who control the western part including the city's ancient church.
- **Galilee:** Located in Israel's north, the Galilee region is most commonly associated with, on the one hand, mountainous scenery and a luscious landscape and, on the other hand, the famous Sea of Galilee. But the area has many more hidden treasures to offer, from historic monuments to excellent observation posts.
- **Jordan River:** Traditionally divided into three main sections, the Jordan River runs through the state of Israel from the northern tip all the way down to the center of the country. Beginning with its sources in the north of Israel and running down to Lake Hulah constitutes the Jordan's first section.
- **Mount of Olives:** Located on the eastern slopes of the Jerusalem mountains and set in relative isolation separated from the Temple Mount and the City of David by the Kidron Valley, the Mount of Olives is named after the olive trees that covered its grounds in Biblical times.
- **Nazareth:** A prime destination for Christian pilgrimages, Nazareth is home to countless churches and monasteries each belonging to a different Christian order or denominations. The majority of these shrines are named after and dedicated to Biblical events surrounding Christ's life.
- **Christian Sites** | From the Sermon on the Mount and the stories of His miracles through the Galilee to the solitude of the Garden of Gethsemane and the suffering of the Crucifixion in Jerusalem, uncover the world in which Jesus lived and defined a belief for generations to come
  - **Church of ALL Nations:** Believed to be Jesus' final sanctuary and the exact location of his Passion, the Church of All Nations (often referred to as the Basilica of Agony) is situated at the foot of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. It is in this pastoral location that, according to the scriptures, Christ was last seen praying before being captured by the Romans and sentenced to be crucified
  - **Church of the Holy Sepulcher:** Situated at the heart of the Christian Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, also known as the Church of Resurrection, is a holy site for the city of Jerusalem as much as for the Christian world
  - **The Garden of Gethsemane:** Best known as the garden adjacent to the Church of All Nations and not too far from the Church of Mary Magdalene, wherein Jesus and his disciples came to pray after the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane is historically linked to both prayer and betrayal

- **The Garden Tomb:** Located outside the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem, adjacent to the Damascus Gate, the Garden Tomb is the burial ground on which Jesus' tomb lies.
- **Christian Origins** | The Holy land provides the backdrop for one of the most powerful dramas to unfold on the stage of history. A place where past and present mingle together while traveling through the hills around [Nazareth](#) or the Valley of Gennesaret along the shores of the [Sea of Galilee](#), exploring the secret caverns of a Crusader fortress or hiking the beautiful trails of Caesarea Philippi. A place where modern cities such as Tel Aviv and Jerusalem are built on layers of history that come alive and provide a contemporary understanding yesterday and today come together in this young, vibrant and complex country.
  - **Jesus Boat:** The Boat of Jesus (also known as the Sea of Galilee Boat) was uncovered in 1986 on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee, thanks to an otherwise unfortunate drought which caused the waters of the Galilee to recede. The boat is currently on display in the Yigal Allon Museum located in Kibbutz Ginosar
- **History & Historical Sites** | The *his-story* of this land becomes *your-story* as you travel the length and breadth of this holy land. Rocks and stone, combined with people and passion, provide the foundations of thousands of years of history. From the stories of Jesus in Galilee and Jerusalem and the compelling saga of Masada and the Zealots to the Crusades and the Ottoman Empire continuing through to the establishment of the State of Israel...Much, much more comes alive as you become an active participant in the unfolding next chapter of the story of this land.

**WE WILL HAVE A TIME OF PRAYER AND DEBRIEFING AFTER EVERY NIGHT**

**Scriptural Reference of Visited Sites**

**REJOICE IN THE HOLY LAND**

**November 1-11, 2017**

**Cost of Trip: 3500.00**

**Day 1: The Journey Begins**

Today, we board our flight from Houston and head to the Promised Land. Prepare yourself for a life changing experience!

## Day 2: The Journey begins!

### We arrive in Israel! Welcome to Israel לִישְׂרָאֵל הַבְּאִים בְּרוּכִים

- We visit Mt. Carmel, where Elijah brought fire down from heaven. (1 Kings 17)
- We travel through the Jezzeel valley passing through the Armageddon Battlefield (Rev 16:16) and the ancient crossroads connecting the land of Egypt to the South and Syria to the North, we head to our hotel on the Shores of the Sea of Galilee.
  - After checking in to our hotel, we will enjoy a welcome dinner, praising God for His faithfulness.

## Day 3: The Life of Jesus

We begin this morning with a wonderful breakfast at the Galilee shores.

- We proceed to a beautiful boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. (Matt 4,)
- At Ginosar, we visit an ancient fishing vessel found at the time of Christ.
- We continue to the Mt. of Beatitudes,
  - Where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:1-12).
  - We journey to Caesarea Philippi, also known as Baniyas, where Peter made his great confession and Jesus was recognized as the Messiah (Mark 8:27).
  - We head now to Kfar Nahum (Capernaum) to visit the home of Simon Peter (Luke 4:38-40) and the ancient synagogue, in this environment Jesus taught.
  - Next, is Tabgha, where Jesus blessed the very little which the boy had and with it fed the multitudes. (Matt 10)
  - As a finale to the evening, meet a local Messianic couple over dinner.

## Day 4: Come, Let Us Ascend Jerusalem!

- Our day begins with a Baptismal service at the Jordan River (Yardenit) [ Matthew 3:1-16].
  - Then, with renewed minds and refreshed hearts we head to Nazareth Village, (Luke 4:16-21) here, we are taken back in time as we see the environment Jesus spent most of His life.
  - We proceed to Cana, where the first miracle occurred. (John 2)
  - We now head to Beit Shean/Scythopolis, the most magnificent archeological site in Israel, located at the juncture of the Jezreel and Jordan valleys also known as the city of the Decapelos. We continue to drive south through the Jordan Valley. Enjoy a relaxing drive as our guide will point out the agricultural restoration of the “Land of Milk and Honey,” the kibbutz system, and Israel’s intricate irrigation development.

### Day 5: Jerusalem, Old City

- Begin with a panoramic view of the old city, Mount Moriah (Gen 22:2) and the Dome of the Rock from atop the Mount of Olives (Luke 22:39-42).
- At the bottom of the hill visit the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 33:39-46)
  - We proceed to the Upper Room on Mt Zion, (Acts 1:13) walk through the Cardo and continue to the Temple Institute.
  - Proceed to the fascinating Rabbinical Kotel Tunnels, under the Temple Mount leading us through the Second Temple era.
    - Via Dolorosa, (the road that Jesus took on his way to Golgotha), Calvary and the Mt. of the Skull, finally, at the serene Garden Tomb (John19:41)
    - We visit the Empty Tomb and share communion! (Matthew 26:26)
    - Our communion with Christ will take on a tremendous new meaning today.

- We will conclude our time with shopping in the Arab Bazaar.
- We will conclude our night with a 30 minute Debrief

### Day 6: Jerusalem, See The Bible Come To Life

- Known as the "Teaching Steps" or the "Rabbi Steps", the steps at the southern end of the Temple Mount are believed to be where Jesus would often teach when he was in Jerusalem.
- We journey to the (City of David), at the Gihon Spring, we learn of how David overtook the city from the Jebusites and how the original city of Jerusalem was established.
  - From here, we head to Yad-Vashem, *the Holocaust Memorial is a place both of great sadness and an experience of the spirit of hope and triumph, for those who trust in Messiah.* We proceed to the Israel museum to get an orientation of the city as it was in the days of Jesus by observing a huge outdoor scale model of Jerusalem at the time of Christ. Here, we also study the Dead Sea scrolls at the Shrine of The Book.
  - Continue to the Passages section at the Bibla Lands Mususm. Visit prayer tower at the Klal building from 4:10PM - 5:10PM.

- We will have a 45 minute group bible study on this night after dinner

### Day 7: Experience The Dead Sea

- Begin this day descending to the lowest place on earth.
  - Take an in depth study tour of the Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Afterwards, we continue to the mountain top fortress of Masada with a cable car ride to the top.
  - After a floating on the Dead Sea, we proceed to Ein Gedi, "Spring of the Goat," an oasis on the western shore of the Dead Sea. Because of its warm climate and abundant supply of water, the site developed a reputation for its fragrant plants and date palm groves. This is where King David spared King Saul, and where God defeated the enemies of the Israelites by praise and worship led by King Jehoshaphat. (1 Sam 23:29; 24 Song of Songs 1:14).
  - This evening, we learn about the wonderful work of JIJ, Jerusalem Institute of



Justice.

### Day 8: Celebrate Jesus in Israel

- This morning, we visit a TOFI (Together One For Israel) Project.
- Then, we continue along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea by the sea. This fortified harbor city was built 2000 years ago by King Herod. We'll see the Roman Amphitheater and aqueduct.
  - This is where Peter brought the centurion Cornelius to the revelation on Christ (Acts 9 & 10).
  - We check in to our hotel on the Mediterranean Shores to freshen up, we will then proceed to see the sunset in Jaffa (Joppa) [2 Chronicles 2:16, Jonah 1:3 and Acts 9:36-41] a 4000 year old port city, once the gateway to the Land of Israel.
  - We walk through the port from which Jonah the Prophet tried to escape the Lord's command and stand at the site that commemorates where Peter brought Tabitha back to life (Acts 9:36-43).
  - We will have a farewell dinner (Business Casual) in Jaffa and return to our hotel.

### Day 9: Shalom!

We are transferred to the Tel-Aviv airport to board the United Airlines, our flight home, we cherish our sweet memories and we begin making plans for our return trip!

**\*\*Itinerary subject to minor changes\*\***

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