

*In Israel, we do not say 'goodbye'; instead, we say 'le-heet raot',  
which means 'until we meet again'!  
Thank you for traveling with us in Israel, and 'le heet raot'!  
Todah rabah (thank you very much)!*  
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Note: This itinerary is subject to change without notice due to unforeseeable circumstances.

Note about physical requirements: This tour involves continuous physical movement and walking on uneven surfaces, climbing steep inclines, and many stairs and periods of standing.



Continue to the **Old City!** Visit **Tzedekiyah's Cave** – “Follow the Arc of the Covenant”, where the stones for Solomon's Temple were quarried, into the threshold of the Temple Mount – into the heart of the Gihon Spring. It is where the *Gihon*, the Holy Spring and Holy River, begins. The Gihon is one of the three rivers coming out of the Garden of Eden, as written in the Book of Genesis. According to the Book of Ezekiel, it is here, under the threshold of the Temple, that the Living Water, Gihon Spring, will flow into the Dead Sea and change its salted water into Living Water, feeding the world. We will examine maps to see the water sources and follow them according to the prophecy in Ezekiel 47. Gain a better understanding of the 'Living Waters' as it relates to the *Gihon Spring* and the three other springs flowing from the Temple Mountain, The *Pishon*, the *Perat* and the *Hidekel*.

Ascend to the **Beit Hesda Pool**/the “Fuller's Pool” (the place for cleaning the sheep's' wool) which was used during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Time. Study the '*Lamb*' and its relevance to this site. Walk into the amazing **St. Ann Church**, built in the Crusader era, and with the most beautiful acoustics! Sing to the Lord! Visit **Ecce Homo Church** “Behold the Man”, where we will be able to walk on the *original Litho Stratus courtyard pavement of the Antonia Fortress*. This is the place where Pontius Pilatus pointed at Jesus and said, “Behold the Man – the King of the Jews! Crown Him with the Crown of Thorns!” Continue to the **Garden Tomb** (Golgotha), the traditional site of the Crucifixion. Time for *worship and communion*. Dinner and overnight at the **Shepherd's House Hotel**.

### **Day 12: Monday, June 12, 2017**

*Bethlehem and Israel Museum*

Begin the day at the **Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem** – the traditional site of the birth of Jesus Christ. Continue to the **Shepherd's Field Church**, where we see an example of a cave that gives us a very interesting example of what the “Inn” may of looked and felt like. **Shopping in Bethlehem**, specializing in olive wood handcrafted items, locally made ceramics, glassware, and many other items.

Visit **Yad Vashem**, the *Holocaust Memorial and Museum*. This museum and memorial was opened in 2005, and I suggest that we take time to give special attention to the *Valley of the Lost Jewish Communities and the Children's Memorial*.

Visit the **Israel Museum** and the **Shrine of the Book, with the Dead Sea Scroll** exhibit. Stop to see the important Menorah Candelabra sculpture, near the Knesset, designed by the Holocaust survivor and sculptor, Benno Elkan, which reflects the 4000 years of Jewish history in a remarkable way. (It was given to the State of Israel by Great Britain in 1956).

Return to the **Shepherd's House Hotel** to prepare for your departure. Enjoy a “**Farewell Dinner**” as we wrap up this amazing experience we have shared! Overnight at **Shepherd's House Hotel**

### **Day 11: Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

Early morning transfer to Ben Gurion Int'l Airport for your return trip home!

### **Day 11: Wednesday, June 14, 2017**

Travel Time. Return to the USA.

Absorb the special ambiance of this town of contrasts, where ancient synagogues and modern art galleries exist side by side. As you wander through the narrow winding alleys.

Return to **Tiberias** for Shabbat dinner and overnight. *Shabbat Shalom!*

### **Day 10: Saturday, June 10, 2017 Shabbat Shalom!**

*From the Jordan River Valley to Jerusalem*

Visit **Beit Shean**, at the foothill of Mt. Gilboa, the biblical site in which King Saul and his son, Jonathan, were killed. It is here that David came to punish and to execute the soldiers whom had helped the King to die on his sword. From here, David continued to Yavesh Giliad on the East side of the Jordan River to bring the dead home to Israel. Visit the Roman-era *Decapolis* and Byzantine-era city, its temple and *Cardo* and the magnificent Roman-era theater. On the outskirts of the National Park, visit the most complete and preserved Roman Hippodrome, where people were sent to be killed by lions.

Continue south along the valley, via the “Field of the Lord” at the Gilgal to “the Oldest City on Earth”, **Jericho**. Visit the ‘*Tel*’ where the ‘...walls came tumbling down...’

Visit **Kasr el Yahud**, the baptismal site on the **Jordan River**, and *take time for prayer and reflection*. It is here that John the Baptist blessed Jesus and at this same place where the prophet Elijah and Elisha walked to the prophets’ center beyond the Jordan River; Elijah established a school of prophets similar to what he had near Mount Sinai (‘Har Karkom’), at an oasis about 6 miles from there. After Elijah left from nearby Qumeran, walking toward Kasr el Yahud, he rose with a chariot and fire to God. As he left, his mantle fell on the shoulders of his student, the prophet Elisha. John the Baptist wore that same mantle when he came to that same spot to baptize Jesus.

Dinner and overnight at the **Shepherd’s House Hotel**.

### **Day 11: Sunday, June 11, 2017**

*Jerusalem*

Visit the **City of David** (*Ir David*), as you follow the footsteps of David and *Yeshua*, the Savior. Enter the **City of David** (*Ir David*) complex and see the 3D presentation at *Ir David*. Visit the Palace site of **Metzudat Zion** – the *Fortress of Zion*, which was the royal residence at the time of King David. Tour the **Gihon Spring** - *Beit Hama’ayan* - the House of the Gihon Spring. Walk through the underground walkway into the Canaanite Fortress from the 18th century B.C.E. - Abraham’s time. It is also known as the Pool above the spring; the site where King Solomon’s coronation took place. Walk through the Tzinor/water pipe (gutter) on which Joab Ben Tzeruyah climbed into the City of Jerusalem. Visit the newly unearthed Mikveh - the High Priest ritual bath. We stand at the Gihon Spring, mentioned as the ‘spring that fed the Garden of Eden’, also known as the ‘Virgin’s Spring’, anointing everybody with oil on their heads, in the exact area where Solomon was anointed. Visit Abraham’s altar of sacrifice, where the Covenant with Machitzedek took place. Continue to the Pool of Siloam, recently unearthed, then along the shopping arcade where Christ used to walk and where He performed His great Miracles.

A special visit to the **altar of Abraham and Malachi**, followed with a visit to the Jebusite-era ‘**Water Gate**’, where King David’s palace was located. We ascend to the House of God by the newly opened underground tunnel, which will enable us to stand on the exact place where Jesus healed the blind man. Continue to the **Upper Room**, where Jesus had his Passover (*Pesach*) *Seder*/meal, which we know today was the “Last Supper”. It is at this same location, at Pentecost, that Jesus and His Disciples and followers gathered to announce that Christianity was established!

the spectacular view of Haifa and the Mediterranean Sea from the top of Mount Carmel, and look toward the Western Galilee and Lebanese border!

Drive through the Galilee capital city of **Nazareth**, and continue to **Zippori**. **Zippori** is the town of the *Sanhedrin*, the home place of *St. Anna* and *Jehoyachin*, Mary the Mother's parents. Participate in time for Worship. **Study:** The story of Zerubabel, son of Sha'altiel and his connection to Mary and Jesus. Visit the synagogue dedicated to Sara, Isaac, Mary, and Jesus, Abraham, with The Ram, The Lamb, the Bush and its connection to The Cross. Sit down for a lesson of the "Promise and Redemption". Walk through the community center marketplace and the Roman-time villa known for its "*Mona Lisa-esque*" mosaic floor. Here also is an example of the house of St. Anna and Jehoyachin, where Mary came from. As you walk on the Roman Cardo Road, visit the Menorah Candelabra and the Nile Mosaic Floors. These two sites bring us to the very beginning of Christianity and the story of Mary, Jehoyachin and Jesus fleeing to Alexandria, Egypt, and on the other end, the Menorah as the center of our spiritual temple in Jerusalem. **Study:** Egypt, Alexandria and the connection with all the Holy families in the Bible who found refuge in Egypt. Abraham, Isaac, Sara, Jacob, Joseph, David, Joseph, Mary and Jesus.

Drive along Cana of Galilee, the site of the First Miracle of Christ, where He changed the water in the six stone jars to wine!

Arrive at the Sea of Galilee and the ancient city of **Tiberias**.

Dinner and overnight in **Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee**.

### **Day 9: Friday, June 9, 2017**

*Sea of Galilee and the Work of Christ*

We begin our day with a ride on a **Worship Boat on the Sea of Galilee!** This is a beautiful time to sing and give praises to the Lord! After the boat ride, we will visit the "**Boat Museum**", with the preserved boat, discovered in recent times, from the time of Jesus.

Time for Shopping.

Visit **Mensa Christi (Tabgha)**, the traditional site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Continue to **Capernaum (Kfar Nahum)**, where Jesus lived, and performed His healing.

From here, we continue to **Beit Saidah** on the foothill of the Golan Heights. Beit Saidah was the capital city of the Geshur Kingdom from King David's time. It is where Absalom, David's son, found refuge at his grandpa Talmi's, the king of Geshur and the father of Ma'acha, King David's wife and Absalom's mother. During Jesus' time, three of the apostles were born here: Andrew, Peter and Philip. It is where Judaism and Christianity melded together to one community of God. It was the site of the *Sermon on the Mount* (Book of Matthew, Chapters 5, 6 and 7) and where Jesus performed the "miracle of the loaves and fishes"; the multiplication.

**Study:** the beginning of Christianity and its connection to Judaism, particularly in regard to the House of David and the Messiah. We assemble for a reading of the Sermon on the Mount, on, overlooking the Sea of Galilee. **Halleluiah!**

Visit the ancient mountain city of **Tzfat (Safed)**, on Mount Canaan, the House of David/Yehoyarib Priestly family town. Today, it is known for its talented artists, its history as the birthplace of Kabbalah (Jewish Mysticism), and its deep Jewish history. One of our most important visits here will be to visit the 500-year old Jewish Quarter and its synagogues, Abuhab and Yosef Caro, in the Sephardic Quarter of the city.

Check in to our hotel in Eilat, and take time to swim or snorkel or SCUBA in the Red Sea, OR time to shop in this duty-free port.

Dinner and overnight in **Eilat on the Red Sea**.

### **Day 7: Wednesday, June 7, 2017**

*From the Red Sea to the Salt Sea/Dead Sea, to Beit Sachur in the Shepherd's Field*

Visit **Makhtesh Ramon** (the Ramon Crater), and learn about the fascinating geological history of this region and the crater. The fact that today the heights of the Ramon Ridge stand more than 1,000 meters above sea level is evidence of a marked rise in the ridge. As the ridge rose, it slanted slightly to the northeast (towards the 'Aravah'), as the result of the development of the deep valley of the Syrian-African Rift. The great difference in height and the slanting of the ridge led to vigorous erosion and the undermining of the soft sandstone strata, which were carried from the Ramon Ridge to the 'Aravah'. The erosion of the inner parts of the ridge created Makhtesh Ramon as it is today.

Continue to **Tel Arad**, where we have an example of a Judean Temple, with examples of the temple worship area (Altar/ complete with a hall, a sanctuary, a "holy of holies", and incense altars), which scholars say was a small version of Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem. We will see the **hall (ulam)** which is entered from the **East (Mizrach)**, the Temple/Main Hall (**Eikhal**) with the **altar (mizbeakh)** and incense (**ktoret**), and the **Holy of Holies (debir)**, where the **Holy Ark of Covenant** would have been (**Aron haBrit**). The lower city was inhabited in the Early Bronze Age (3150–2200 BCE) and the upper city was first settled in the Israelite period (1200 BCE).

As we approach the southern Dead Sea region, we will visit the site of an ancient **church cave** at **Sodom**. Found at **Emek Hassidim**, the battlefield of Abraham and King Chedorlaomer at the biblical pathway that leads from Mount Sinai along the Zin Wilderness to the Zered River, ascent to Moab. Gather for worship at this holy site, where Abraham and Lot, Moses and Joshua, King David and **Yeshua/Jesus** with Mary and Joseph/ the Holy Family stationed after they fled to Egypt, the Kingdom of Cleopatra!

Enjoy time to swim in the **Dead Sea!** Time to enjoy and swim in the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth and a rich source of minerals). Also called the 'Salt Sea', it is 1300 feet below sea level and over 9 times more salty than the Earth's oceans. Experience a therapeutic dip and let the buoyant waters support you as you relax on your back and think of nothing else but the sea and salt all around you!

Ascend the Judean Hills to Beit Sachur, and check in to the **Shepherd's House Hotel** for dinner and overnight.

### **Day 8: Thursday, June 8, 2017**

*To the Galilee!*

Ascend to Mount Carmel, to **Muchraka**. This is the site of the Sacrifice of Prophet Elijah, dramatically recounted in the Bible (I Kings 18). It takes place in the days of the wicked queen Jezebel, daughter of the king of Tyre, who sought to introduce Baal-worship into the northern kingdom, after her marriage to Ahab, king of Israel.

Elijah rose up to resist the persecution. He persuaded Ahab to assemble both people and prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel (I Kings 18:21) where he challenged them to a contest.

After their failure to invoke fire from heaven on the altar and his own success, the false prophets are seized and led down to the Kishon River (I Kings 18:40).

Visit the **Druze Village of Usafia**, and experience their unique culture and cuisine. Jethro of Midian is considered an ancestor of all Druze and revered as their spiritual founder as well as chief prophet. Enjoy

soil and water. It was chosen by the Byzantines in the 4th Century A.D. as a place to settle and build one of their most important Christian communities east of the Jordan River. In Jesus' time, it was called *Arabea*, from where the three Magi/Kings came (from the East) to visit the newborn Messiah in Bethlehem, in Judah, in Israel. Madaba became known for its mosaic floors and holy churches. We will concentrate on a most important mosaic, built as a map of the Promised Land, the Biblical-era Israel. The map has writing and quotes from the Bible and it dates to the 6th century AD. Also in Madaba, we will visit the oldest and surprising **Church of John the Apostle**. The church was built originally as a *synagogue*.

Drive along the "King's Highway" down to the valley of Sodom and Gomorrah toward the Crusader-era castle of **Kerak – Kir Moab**. View its magnificent walls, which could not hold in the battle because the Crusaders collapsed into the Muslims' hands some 900 years ago. In biblical times, Kerak was known as 'Kir Moab', the capital city of Moab, on the Arnon River.

Visit the Biblical remains of the town **Aroer**, on the north bank of the River Arnon. The town was an ancient Moabite settlement, mentioned in the Bible: "*Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of Arnon*" (Deut. ii. 36). It was the city of *AR*, the son of Judah, who was married to Tamar. It was in Aroer where Ruth the Moabite was born and later married Machaon, the son of Naomi. Aroer is called the "Be'er Sheba" of the East of Jordan.

Arrive to the red-rock city of **Petra**. Dinner and overnight in **Petra**.

#### **Day 6: Tuesday, June 6, 2017**

*Petra and then to Aqaba the Biblical Aialot = Eilat Region on the Red Sea*  
**Petra in Jordan**

Begin the day with a visit to **Red Rock city of Petra** (Also known as '*Hasela ha'adom*').

**Petra**, the Red-Rock City, built by the Nabateans 2200 years ago. It is the biblical city of Sela and the traditional burial site of A'aron, Moses' brother. During time of the Hasmonian/Maccabean, 2150 years ago, the people of the city were force by the Maccabees to convert to Judaism. Two of the most important families at Petra were *Herod Antipatris* and *Costobar*. They came out of Petra and influenced the history of the world of the God of the Bible, since they were directly involved in the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and the story of Jesus' birth. Walk into Petra via the *Siq* (narrow canyon). Study the architecture and its influence on the Jerusalem Temple construction, which King Herod had built. Visit the temples, churches, tombs and the High Temple and bema/stage. Learn about Petra's ancient culture of sanctifying the dead. Sit by the theater which was in use as a gathering place for honoring the dead - - a kind of *yeshiva* (school) (like the "Upper Room"). Learn about the Jewish culture, about prayers for the dead and the legacy of teaching.

Enjoy the drive along the *King's Highway*, through the Desert Highway and south to **Aqaba the Biblical Eliot from King Solomon time** on the **Red Sea**. The drive along the Edom Mountains and the Hejaz Railway made in order that the Muslim pilgrims to travel and pay their respects to *Mecca* in Saudi Arabia, and it provides some spectacular view. On the way, look over to **Wadi El Ram**, the high valley where the Arabia Revolt, led by Laurence of Arabia, took place. Descend the mountains to the **Aravah Wilderness**.

Cross the Jordanian/Israeli *Aravah Border-Crossing* into **Eilat, Israel** on the shores of the Red Sea. **Welcome Home to the Holy Land of God, Israel!** You are at a "bridge" of sorts; between two seas (Mediterranean with the Atlantic Ocean and the Red sea connected to the Indian Ocean), three continents (Africa, Asia and Europe), and four countries (Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia)!

Moab ordered, just as we see written in the Bible's text. It is one of the most important proofs of the Biblical text (not written by a Hebrew king).

**More information about Dier Allah and the story of Balaam riding on the Lord's Donkey and God speak from the Donkey Mouth, at Biblical Penu'el.**

The most famous finds in Dier Alla the Biblical Penu'el, were the plastered walls of a shrine or Holy site. The walls were covered with a unique text of the story of **Balaam**, who was hired by Balak the Moabite King, to curse the Children of Israel, the Children of God. The ass/donkey that Balaam was riding on refused to walk further, and from the mouth of the donkey, God spoke to Balaam, telling him to stop cursing and to start blessing the Children of Israel saying *Ma-Tovue Oalecha Yahakob Mishkenotecha Israel* מה טובו אוהלך יעקב משכנותיך ישראל. The inscription found at Dier Alla points to the site of the *real crossing*, Adam A'Ir אדם העיר Adam City and Adam Crossing of the River Jordan, into the Promised Land to the Gilgal, which is at Moshav Argaman, the Hill of Circumcision. Dier Alla is on the delta of the Yabok (Jacob) River and its entry to the Jordan River encompasses some of the most prominent biblical history; it is here at *Penu'el* ( which means, "I saw God face to face") that Jacob wrestled with God's angel and received his name, "Isar – El", later called "Israel", and literally meaning "wrestled with God". It is at the Adam Crossing where Jacob crossed the Jordan River to meet with his brother, Esau, waiting for Jacob at the Gilgal at the same place where Joshua and the Children of Israel crossed into the Promised Land.

Dier Alla is on the delta of the Jabok River, where it crosses of the Jordan River and its valley (going from north to south). The crossing place is at *Adam A'Ir* (Adam's City), is today known (in Arabic) as the *Damia* – bridge. Dier Alla is the biblical-era *Penu'el*, and it faces the **Gilgal**, the encampment of the Children of Israel. The Gilgal at Moshav Argaman is on west side of the Jordan River, near Nachal (River) Tirtzah, whose canyon rises west to Shechem and Mount Ebal where the Altar of this covenant with God found with the none chiseled stones coated with white plaster and the Bible words of God, written on them.

The Gilgal is in the midst of the "Field of the Lord" also called the Land of Paradise, where God Banished Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden to the land of the Arabah Me 'Kedem Le'Eden. The field of the Lord at the Gilgal by Adam and Eve Dwelling place, It is the place where Cain killed Abel, at the Altar of the Mincha Le'Adonai a Sacrifice Present, a Meal for God its where the blood of Abel still calling from this Altar ground. This Altar was later build at the Argaman Gilgal, by the tow and halve Tribes living east of the River Jordan, and was called the Tower of Witness Gal Ad= גל עד. The 'Way'/*derekh* continues west to Mount Ebal and Shechem, through Nachal (River) Tirtzah, to **Keren Sartaba**, (the *Horn Hill of Sar-Tzavah*, Adonai the Angel of God the Host, *Gabriel*, which held in his hand the blazing sword), overlooking and watching the way to the Tree of Life in Jerusalem. This is the Gate from the East to the Debir in the Temple at the west it's where Yeshua the Door and the Gate to the Father God awaiting all His Followers, to Follow Him after.

Ascend the hills of Moab to **Mt. Nebo** (the "*Pisgah*" or the "precipice") in the land of the Israelite Tribe of Gad, where Moses ascended to view God's Promised Land. We will do the same! Standing atop the mountain, we will look out over the Jordan River Valley into Israel.

At Mt. Nebo, we will read from the Bible and join for fellowship as we look west toward God's Promised Land of Israel— "*from Dan to Be'er Sheba*" (I Samuel 3:20). Make a special visit to the newly open **Museum of the Children of Abraham**, which will bring these stories to LIFE in an amazing way! Take time for Shopping at this unique Jordanian Center of Art's.

Visit the ancient city of **Madaba**, with its Byzantine-era (6<sup>th</sup> Century AD) mosaic map, making it the oldest surviving original cartographic depiction of the Holy Land and especially of Jerusalem. **Madaba** (*Mei Deva*) means "good water" in Aramaic. This was a city of the Tribe of Gad and it was known for its good

**Keren Sar Tzavah Adonai** sits high above the Jordan Valley (*'araba'*) and the Field of the Lord at the Gilgal. It overlooks the Tel of **Penu'el** (in today's Jordan), where the Angel of God the Host wrestled with Jacob, and God changed his name to Isra'el (*'wrestled with God'*). At the same place, Balaam came riding on God's donkey to curse the Children of the God of Israel, and God changed his words to blessings! "How good is thy tent, O Jacob, thy dwelling place, O Israel!" (Numbers 24:5).

Cross to **Jordan** at the **Sheikh Hussein border crossing**. Meet with the Jordanian Tour Leader and the Jordanian Guide and begin the visit in Jordan. Moshe Bronstein will be your 'scholar in residence' for the Jordan portion of the trip.

**Welcome to the World of God in the Holy Land, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan!**

Ascend to the **Jesus Cave**, near the birthplace of Prophet Elijah. This site is where Jesus took a rest in the *Rock of God* (while He was on His way to the Adam Crossing of the Jordan River and then to the Gilgal at Moshav Argaman by *Keren SAR Tzavah Adonai* with the Angel of God the Host and ascended to the Garden of Eden in Jerusalem). This cave is similar to the cave in the Garden of Gatshemene in Jerusalem. Spend time by the **Elah tree**, where Absalom was killed by Joab, son of Tzeruyah (in Hebrew, the myrtle tree is "Elah" אלה).

Arrive at **Gerassa** (*'Jaresh'*), one of the Roman-era 'Decapolis' cities.

Visit **Wadi E Sir**, built by the House of Tobias the Horites family at the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E. *Tobias the Horites* rebelled against Zerubabel, a descendant of King David's priestly family as well as against Nehemiah and was their bitter enemy. He joined Sanbalat the Samaritan in the rebellion against building the Temple in Jerusalem (No wonder that the Horites were bitter enemies of Jesus and his family). Visit the **Tobias Temple**, and the Hasmonian (the Maccabees') palace, who settled in the Tobias Palace, built within the flint stone cliff and caves. It is one of the most *perfectly preserved structures from the biblical times = the Second Temple time*. During the time of the Maccabee's, the Hasmonian family of Horcunus, the Judah King, occupied it, using it as their Capitol of East Judea.

Arrive in Amman (biblical-era 'Ammon', and known as '*Philadelphia*' during the time of the Roman occupation), Jordan's Capital City!

Dinner and overnight in **Amman, Jordan**.

**Day 5: Monday, June 5, 2017**

*Jordan*

After breakfast, we will start our day in **Amman**, the capitol city of the Ammonites, known as *Rabat-Ammon*. Visit **Jabel Amman** (Mount Amman), overlooking the entire city, which sits on more than seven hills. Enjoy the ancient Roman Theater and the forum and more. Drive through the old city of Amman and its shopping bazaars.

Visit the **Jordan Museum of Archaeology**. Our special interest here will be *Bible evidence*; participants will have contact with the most important written artifacts from biblical times. See the *Mesha stele* of black basalt stone, which bears the inscription of the ruler Mesha of Moab (9<sup>th</sup> Century BC). View the copper scroll (one of the Dead Sea Scrolls), the sculpture of King David with the crown of the Ammonite King, and most importantly, the *Dier Alla inscription*, written by King Balak of Moab, complains, about Balaam, who was hired by King Balak to curse the Children of Israel. It is an old example of a written document, in a West Semitic language, written with Moabite = Hebrew alphabet letters, the oldest piece of Aramaic literature there is. The complete text, found in our Bible (Numbers 22) written, on this plastered wall, in the Moabite language (similar to ancient written Hebrew); it verifies what King Balak of



### **Day 3: Saturday, June 3, 2017**

### ***Shabbat Shalom!***

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Day of the Counting of the Omer - Pentecost / Shavuot**

Experience a thrill for this special Holy Day, as we visit the biblical landscape gardens of **Neot Kedumim**. Joining the *text* of the Bible with its *context*, Neot Kedumim offers us hundreds of varieties of Biblical and Talmudic-era plants mentioned in the Bible, along with ancient and reconstructed technologies such as the olive and wine press, enriching our understanding of the God's Word. Stroll along the pathways and various stations and hear explanations of the connections between the plants and their biblical ancestors. Study the word '*Abib*' (also, '*aviv*') -*springtime*.

Continue to one of **Israel's Kibbutzim** ('Kibbutz' is a *collective farming settlement*) to experience the beauty and joy of a **Shavuot Holy Day celebration**; dancing in the fields, celebrating the agrarian Holyday as it was in the time of the Second Temple, during the time of Jesus, when the "First Fruits" were brought to the Temple. *Chag Sameach!* (Happy Holyday!)

Dinner and overnight at the **Shepherd's House Hotel**.

### **Day 4: Sunday, June 4, 2017**

*Follow Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden in Jerusalem (the "Garden of Gatshemene" = the Garden of the Oil Press) to the Land of "Arabat HaYarden Mokedem Le'Eden", in the Jordan Valley (Arabah/Aravah), the "East of Eden" land.*

Visit **Adam A'ir**, where the Lord banished Adam and Eve, to the Field of the Lord, at Argaman, at the **Gilgal**. Arrive in the **Gilgal** where the Children of Israel placed the 12-stone monument, as ordered by Moses and executed by Joshua and the 12 Priests of the 12 Tribes of Israel. This is the place where Joshua laid boulders from the Jordan River, upon crossing to the Promised Land with the Children of Israel, to create a place of worship and sacrifice. This is the place where Esau was awaiting Jacob, his brother. It is here that Jacob fell on his brother's shoulder and where they made peace, breaking bread and sharing a meal before God.

At this site the Tabernacle Tent was resting until it moved to Shiloh; it is known as *Givat A'arlot*, the 'Circumcision Hill' where the Children of Israel were circumcised after they crossed the Jordan River. We will focus on the "2-1/2 Tribes of Reuben and Half of the Menashe" monument; a covenant altar, not for sacrifice but as a witness; a high tower so that our children's children will not say (to each other), "You have no rights to this Land which God promised." Joshua 22:25-29. *Discuss this Covenant with God.*

It is here that Samuel anointed Saul as king, and King David used it as a holy site and a base (prior to building the Temple in Jerusalem) to execute his conquest against the Midianites and Philistines on the east side of the Jordan River. It is our Lord's Field, where legend has it that Jesus plowed a furrow with his own hands.

This field at the Gilgal produced the first grains of barley and wine for blessings, which were used at the Temple in Jerusalem at the Passover sacred meal before God. It overlooks the Adam-Crossing where the Children of Israel entered to the Promised Land. Recent scientific research has shown that the very first wheatgrass, the mother of all wheat, originated from this site.

Visit the Altar, where Cain killed Abel, his brother. Follow Cain (who was later followed by Jacob, after he cheated Esau, his brother) to the East of the Jordan River...to the Kings Highway...to the Gilead Mount on the way to Damascus, where Abraham and later Jacob, his grandson, walked when they returned to the Land of Eden. This 'way'/*derekh* has been watched by God's Angel of Host, with the blazing sword, watching the way to the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden.

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with **Dr. Danny Crosby**  
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**June 1 -14, 2017**  
(Version: 9 days in Israel, 2 days in Jordan)

**Day 1: Thursday, June 1, 2017**

**Travel Time**

Depart the USA.

**Day 2: Friday, June 2, 2017 – Welcome Home to Israel!**

Arrival at **Ben Gurion Int'l Airport** in Tel Aviv, Israel. (*Airline, flight#, arrival time*).

You will be met by your guide, awaiting you in the Arrival Hall. Take time for refreshments and board your tour bus.

It is the holy time of **Shavuot** (Shavuot/Pentecost Eve), The start of the “Seven Weeks”, at the **49<sup>th</sup> Day of the Counting of the Omer** עומר/Sheaves of Wheat.

Ascend the Judean Hills to Jerusalem, entering Jerusalem from the East. Arrive to **Mt. of Olives** and at the **Miphtakh** where the **Altar of the Red Heifer** once stood, at the exact spot where Christ entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We will take time for prayer and recite **The Shehechyanu blessing** (Hebrew: שהחיינו) which means, "Who has given us life". It is a common Jewish prayer said to celebrate special occasions, to express gratitude for new and unusual experiences. The blessing has been recited by Jews for nearly 2000 years.

Walk along the **Kidron Valley** to the *House of the Lessers* burial place. Discuss the place of the Crucifixion of Jesus, and Joseph from Arimathea tomb in the garden, where Jesus' body was laid.

Continue to the **Western Wall** for a special *candle-lighting ceremony to welcome the Holy Days of Shavuot/Pentecost*, and to welcome in the Holy Day of Shabbat! *Shabbat Shalom! And Chag Shavuot Sameach* (Happy Shavuot Holy Day!)

Follow the story of Ruth the Moabite and Boaz. Study the story of the “Lamb”, Rachael, and “Israel”, Jacob. Learn the story of King David's birth and the birth of *Yeshua*, the Messiah!

We begin at **Giloh of Jesse**, the *Beit Lechem* of David, built by Rekhaboam at *Tzel Tzach* (the ‘pure shade’) on the Rock of God. It is known today as “**Katisima**”, and is also the place where Joseph and Mary took a rest as they made their way to *Midgal haEder* (the Tower of the Flock) and its Inn with the Manger, where the birth of Jesus took place. The entire area is covered with a large olive grove, a center of olive presses and an ancient Holy Church (today in ruins). Under the church apse, a manger was found with an ancient cross (which was made - added - by the early church believers when they built their church above this manger in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century C.E.).

Check in to the **Shepherd's House Hotel** in the Christian village of **Beit Sachur** for Shabbat dinner and overnight.

**Our rate Excludes:**

- Expenses of a personal nature
- Lunches throughout the entire tour unless indicated.
- Tips to driver, guide, hotel and restaurant staff: \$16 per person, per day.
- Border taxes Israel & Jordan (**approx. \$ 45 pp**)
- Trip Insurance

**Terms & Conditions:**

**A. Deposit Due Date:** \$ 500 per person by latest **Dec 20 2017**  
Please note that airfare may change until deposits are received  
**Balance of payment:** by latest **Mar 1, 2017**

**B. Cancellation Policy**  
Final commitment and latest day to cancel the group: **Jan 1, 2017**

**C. Group Status & Rooming list**

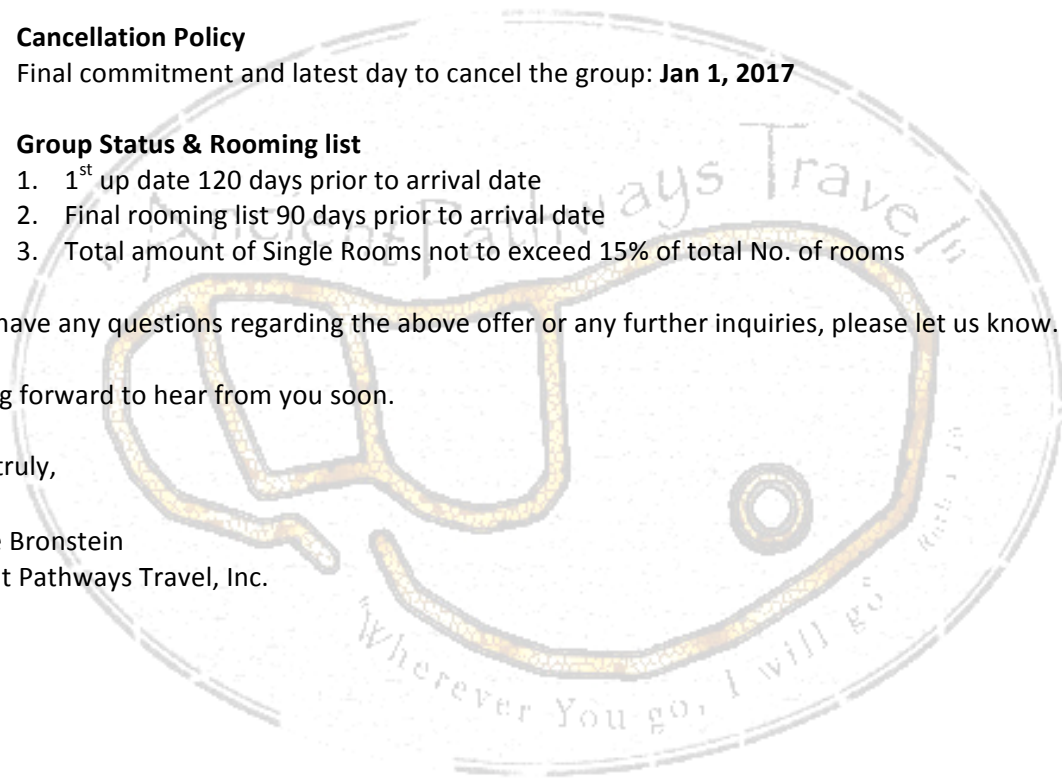
1. 1<sup>st</sup> up date 120 days prior to arrival date
2. Final rooming list 90 days prior to arrival date
3. Total amount of Single Rooms not to exceed 15% of total No. of rooms

If you have any questions regarding the above offer or any further inquiries, please let us know.

Looking forward to hear from you soon.

Yours truly,

Moshe Bronstein  
Ancient Pathways Travel, Inc.





Wednesday, September 21, 2016  
 TO: Dr. Danny Crosby  
 FROM: Moshe Bronstein, Ancient Pathways Travel, Ltd.

**I am pleased to present you with the proposal for “Israel and Jordan Tour” for First Baptist Cleburne, with Danny Crosby. June 1-June 13, 2017**

Our rates are net to you in US\$, per person sharing a double room, on HB basis (dinner and breakfast daily).

**Hotel accommodations:**

|            |                |                                                                                                      |
|------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| June 2-4   | Beit Sachur    | <b>Shepherd’s House Hotel</b><br><a href="http://shepherds-house.com">http://shepherds-house.com</a> |
| June 4-5   | Amman, Jordan  | <b>Century Park Hotel</b><br><a href="http://centurypark-hotel.com">http://centurypark-hotel.com</a> |
| June 5-6   | Petra, Jordan  | <b>Petra Moon Hotel</b><br><a href="http://petramoonhotel.com">http://petramoonhotel.com</a>         |
| June 6-7   | Eilat, Israel  | <b>Prima Music or similar</b>                                                                        |
| June 7-8   | Beit Sachur    | <b>Shepherd’s House Hotel</b>                                                                        |
| June 8-10  | Sea of Galilee | <b>Restal Hotel or similar</b><br><a href="http://restal.co.il">http://restal.co.il</a>              |
| June 10-13 | Beit Sachur    | <b>Shepherd’s House Hotel</b>                                                                        |

**TOTAL 11 Overnights**

**LAND PORTION: Rates per person in double room**

|                          | <b>21-30 pax</b> | <b>31-40 pax</b> | <b>41-58 pax</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Per person HB</b>     | \$ *             | \$ *             | \$ *             |
| <b>Single supplement</b> | \$ 635           | \$ 635           | \$ 635           |

**\*Prices subject to change until deposits are received**

**Our rate Includes:**

- Transfers to/from Ben Gurion Int’l Airport (as a group).
- Portorage at airport and hotels
- 11 overnights at the above mentioned hotels
- 11 full days sightseeing in air-conditioned coach in Israel & Jordan
- Moshe Bronstein: Bible scholar and licensed Israeli tour guide, throughout the tour
- **Meal arrangements: Half Board**, including full breakfast and dinners at hotels daily.
- **Farewell dinner on June 12.**
- Entrance fees included as per the below program.
- Jerusalem “Pilgrimage Certificate”