



# God's Faithfulness

A Shoresh Study Tours Itinerary

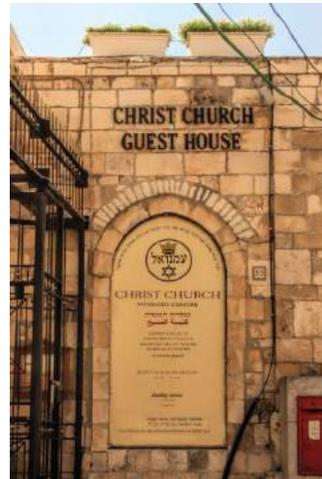
**May 28–June 9, 2017**

**Hosted by: Pastor Joel Johnson  
Westwood Community Church**

*Travel through the land, from coast, to desert, to mountains, and visit the places where important Biblical events took place. Dig deeply into the original context of Scripture to learn about God's faithfulness to His people, in the past, present, and future. This tour includes sites from the Old and New Testaments as well as the history of modern Israel. In addition, learn how God is working among believers in the land today. Jesus will always be the center of our studies, as we seek a better understanding of His ministry, His place among the Jewish people, and the application of His teachings in our lives.*



Golan Heights



Christ Church Guesthouse



Church of the Beatitudes



Capernaum Synagogue



King David's Citadel



Cave #4, Qumran



Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem



Nazareth Old City



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### **Sunday, May 28 Depart USA**

Depart from Minneapolis, MN today for Tel Aviv, Israel.

### **Monday, May 29 Arrival in the Land of Promise**

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv, and meet the guide and bus driver for the trip. Travel to the Holiday Inn, Ashkelon, located along the Mediterranean Coast for dinner and overnight. If time permits, enjoy an opportunity to stroll on the beach or swim before dinner. There is a brief meeting for introductions, orientation, and prayer this evening.

### **Tuesday, May 30 The Lives of the Patriarchs**

Drive through the strategic lowlands into the Mountains of Judea, to the burial Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron, and study God's covenants with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Continuing in the steps of the Patriarchs, drive south to the desert region called the Negev in the Bible. Visit a Bedouin museum and examine their nomadic culture to better understand the lives of Abraham and the Patriarchs. Our last stop will be Tel Arad, a pre-Abrahamic major city which later became an Israelite fortress. End the day travelling through the Judean Desert to the David Spa Hotel along the Dead Sea, to enjoy a float in the therapeutic mineral rich waters.



### **Wednesday, May 31 The Judean Desert—Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness**

Today's theme what the wilderness signified to the ancient Israelites. Begin at Masada, Herod the Great's magnificent desert fortress palace, and the site of the last stand of the Zealots, a Jewish revolutionary group at the time of Jesus. From Masada, drive north to the beautiful subtropical oasis of Ein Gedi, where David hid from Saul. Depending on conditions, walk into the nature reserve and to the waterfalls. Be on the lookout for wildlife, including the furry rock badger and the graceful ibex. Discuss the temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness at this location. Drive to Qumran, the home of the Essenes, a First Century Jewish sect which may have influenced early Christianity, and the site of the most exciting archaeological discovery ever made in Israel—the Dead Sea Scrolls. At the end of the day make the final ascent to Jerusalem—the City of the Great King. After dinner, join the Director of Shores on a short stroll for a rooftop panoramic view of the Old City, and share encouraging testimonies. Accommodations while in Jerusalem will be at the Gloria Hotel located in the Old City section of Jerusalem.

### **Thursday, June 1 Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus—The Temple at the Center**

Today is devoted to learning about the Jerusalem of Jesus' day, when the Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish life. Learn how worship was performed in the temple, the Sadducees and Jesus' attitude towards them, and gain insight into the many important events in the gospels and book of Acts. Travel up to the Temple Mount early today to consider some of Jesus' activities there, as well as the claims of Islam. After a visit to the Western Wall place of prayer, Judaism's most holy site, descend into the subterranean Western Wall Tunnels to walk at what was street level during the time of Jesus. Continue through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City to see the Herodian Villas, the palatial mansions that were the homes of the Sadducees, the ruling priesthood at the time of Jesus. End the day at the excavations near the base of the



Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the Southern Steps where Jesus walked. Return to the Gloria Hotel for overnight.

### **Friday, June 2 The Restoration of Hope—A Garland Instead of Ashes**

Today's focus is on both a great tragedy and the wonder of the Lord's redemptive power. Examine the systematic annihilation of six million Jews in the Nazi genocide, God coming to earth in the form of a man to save His people from their sins, and the loving witness of Christians committed to the Biblically prophesied physical restoration and spiritual rebirth of the Jewish people. After breakfast, enjoy a tour of the Christ Church Heritage Centre and learn about CMJ's 200-year history of ministry to the Jewish people. Visit Yad VaShem, the Israel Memorial Museum to the Holocaust. Examine the spiritual and theological roots of the most notorious genocide in history, and the connection between the Church, Jesus, and the Jewish people. Drive to Bethlehem to visit the Church of the Nativity, which marks the probable site of the birth of Jesus. Also visit the "Shepherd's Fields," where the angels heralded the advent of Messiah. Participate in a Jewish Passover Seder meal this evening to better understand the role of the Lamb of God and make the Biblical connections to the "last supper" that Jesus shared with His disciples. Return to the Gloria Hotel for overnight.



### **Saturday, June 3 In the Steps of Jesus—Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection**

Sites visited today relate to the Biblical passages concerning Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. Understand why He was crucified, how He was buried, and what it meant to the Jewish people of the First Century that He was raised from the dead. Begin with a panoramic overlook of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, the site of Jesus' ascension to heaven and His future second coming. After viewing a tomb from the time of Jesus, walk down the Mount of Olives to Gethsemane. Cross the Kidron Valley and enter the Old City through Stephen's Gate, and stop to examine the remains of the Pool of Bethesda. Walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. Touring in Jerusalem ends with a time of reflection at a site that wonderfully illustrates Jesus' burial and resurrection, the peaceful Garden Tomb. Return to the Gloria Hotel for overnight.



### **Sunday, June 4 Free Day in Jerusalem**

Today is free for rest, reflection, shopping, or for the energetic, perhaps a walk on the walls of the Old City. Return to the Gloria Hotel for overnight.

### **Monday, June 5 Samaria: Ancient Israel**

Say farewell to Jerusalem and journey into the northern homeland of the Patriarchs, the Israelites under Joshua, and later the breakaway Kingdom of Israel. Sites visited may include: Mt. Gerazim (the "Mount of Blessing" from Joshua's time), Mt. Kebir and Alon Moreh (scenic overlook and one of Abraham's campsites), Jacob's Well, and Shiloh (long-time location of the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant). Focus on Christianity's roots in the Old Testament, which are vital to understanding of the New Testament. Descend into the spectacular Syrian African Rift Valley, crossing the Jordan River before arriving at the Ramot Hotel overlooking the Sea of Galilee.

**Tuesday, June 6**

**Around the Sea of Galilee—Daily Life and Religion in the Time of Jesus**

Spend the day visiting various sites around the Sea of Galilee to picture daily life and religion of the First Century, and seek to better understand the miracles and teachings of Jesus in His original Jewish context. Begin at Chorazin, the well-preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village, to study village



life, Jewish religion, and the Pharisees. Stop at the Mount of Beatitudes, the traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, and discuss the teaching of Jesus on the Kingdom of God. Walk downhill to Capernaum, the town where Jesus lived during the majority of His ministry. Enjoy a time of contemplation along the lakeshore at lovely Tabgha, which commemorates the multiplication of the loaves and fish, and where Jesus met the disciples after the resurrection. Visit Kibbutz Ginosar to see the "Jesus Boat," a Galilean fishing boat from the First Century. Set sail on a boat ride on the Lake to enjoy the views and a time of worship, prayer and reflection. After dinner, meet with a local believer. Return to the Ramot Hotel for overnight.

**Wednesday, June 7 Northern Israel—"Who Do Men Say That I Am?"**

Explore Northern Israel today, one of the most beautiful regions of the country. Learn what the Jewish people of 2,000 years ago expected of the Messiah and how that was fulfilled in Jesus. Begin by climbing up to the magnificent Golan Heights. Visit a reconstructed Talmudic village at Katzrin and study life in New Testament times and the use of everyday imagery in Scripture. Travel along the lower slopes of Mount Hermon—Israel's highest mountain, and the most likely site of the Transfiguration. Stop at Caesarea Philippi, in the region where Peter made his famous confession that Jesus is the Messiah. Along the way, pass Druze Villages before coming to Mt. Bental, a lookout spot near the border with Syria and the area of the road to Damascus where the Apostle Paul met the Lord. Stop at the Dan Nature Reserve, to see the incredible archaeological remains of the OT city of Dan, including the city gate from the time of Abraham, and consider ancient Israel's apostasy. Enjoy a pleasant walk along a stream and discuss the meaning of "living water" as used in the Hebrew Scriptures and in Jesus' teaching. Return to the Ramot Hotel for overnight.

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**Thursday, June 8**

**Light to the Nations—Jews, Gentiles, and the Messiah**

Visit a number of Biblical sites which testify to God's faithfulness to His word, past, present, and future. Stop at ancient Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry. Continue along the route of the ancient Via Maris to Megiddo, one of King Solomon's cities, and according to the Book of Revelation the assembly point for the armies marching to the battle of Armageddon. Continue to Mount Carmel, for a spectacular view over the Northern part of Israel, near the location where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. End the day at the fabulous ruins of the Herodian city of Caesarea Maritima, the site of the conversion of Cornelius and the location from which Paul sailed from Israel on his journey to Rome. Overnight accommodations are at Kfar Hamakabia Hotel along the Mediterranean Coast.



**Friday, June 9**

**To the Ends of the Earth**

Drive to the airport early this morning to catch the flight home to the U.S.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate.
- Some days involve a significant amount of walking and/or steep climbing. Every effort will be made to enable all tour members to fully participate at every site, but in some cases that may not be possible.

**Tour Price** (based on departure from Minneapolis, MN and two persons sharing a double room)

**Air & Land Price: \$4179.00** (check payment)

**Land Only Price: \$2538.00** (check payment)

**Single Room Supplement: \$939.00**(check payment)

**Travel Protection Insurance (per person, non-refundable):**

**\$239: Coverage up to \$3,000**

**\$316: Coverage up to \$4,000**

**\$397: Coverage up to \$5,000**

Pay insurance premium at time of deposit.

**Deposit (due at time of registration\*): A \$500 deposit per person at time of registration (plus insurance premium, if applicable) is required to secure registration. Space is limited and reflects special group rates.**

\* Registrations and deposits are due by **January 27, 2017**. Late registrations or deposits received after this date will likely incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

**Credit Card Payment:** A 4% service will be charged for credit card payments.



**Travel Arrangements by:**  
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# Tour Features and Conditions

Please read all Tour Features and Conditions carefully. Payment of tour deposit constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

**Air Transportation:** Air transportation is restricted to the services of any IATA carrier, in economy class based on nonrefundable fare. Travelers are responsible to provide their names as they appear in their passport. Ticketing will be made 30-45 days prior to departure, after which there will be a charge for name corrections. Tour price includes current airline taxes and fuel surcharges, which are subject to change until ticketed. Tour participants are responsible for any increase in airline taxes or fuel surcharges imposed by the airline.

**Seat Assignments:** Raptim Humanitarian Travel notes specific seat assignments as requested by tour members and submits them to the airline. However, the airline makes the actual assignments; there is no guarantee that all requests will be honored. Any changes should be requested at check-in by the traveler. Please advise your travel consultant of any special seating needs due to health or mobility, or note under "Airline Seat Request" when registering.

**Accommodations:** Based on two or more persons sharing a room in accommodations listed in itinerary, or similar. Single rooms are subject to availability at an additional charge. If a passenger cannot supply a roommate, the passenger is responsible for the additional charge.

**Meals:** In-flight meals and snacks are served according to airline policy. Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily.

**Transfers and Baggage:** Group transfers between airports and hotels upon arrival and departure are included in the tour price, including handling of one medium-sized suitcase per person, not exceeding 62 dimensional inches (length plus width plus height) or weighing more than a maximum of 50 pounds. Due to limited luggage storage space on motor coaches, it is important that each person bring only ONE piece of checked baggage. In addition, a flight bag or overnight case may be taken, which must be handled by the passenger at all times. Baggage allowance is subject to change according to airline policy.

**Sightseeing and Entrance Fees:** Are included as indicated in itinerary, using private motor coach or other conveyance, with local guides where necessary.

**Tips and Taxes:** Service charges and taxes on accommodations and tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff are included. Tips for lunches and personal services are not included.

**Not Included:** Lunches and lunch tips, beverages with dinners, passport fee, the travel protection plan, checked baggage fees, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to departure city and return is not included.

**Deposit and Payment:** Reservations may be secured with a deposit payment of \$500 per person at time of registration prior to January 27, 2017. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due March 29, 2017.

**Passenger Initiated Cancellation Conditions:** The cancellation conditions outlined below apply to all passenger initiated cancellations. Should circumstances require that the passenger cancel, written notice of cancellation must be received by Raptim Humanitarian Travel minimum of 100 days prior to departure to secure any refund of deposit funds.

- From date of deposit to and including February 17, 2107: \$175 per person service fee applies
- From February 18 to and including March 29, 2017: Full deposit (\$500 per person) plus any unrecoverable fees apply
- After March 29, 2017: No refund

Cancellation policies apply when cancellation occurs for any reason. There is no refund for any unused services or portion of the tour package.

**Host and/or Shoresh Initiated Cancellation Conditions:** The tour host and/or Shoresh would only consider cancelling a tour if government warnings or airline cancellations necessitate cancellation.

- When the tour is cancelled by the tour host, a \$100 per person service fee will apply.
- When tour is cancelled by SHORESH a \$250 per person service fee will apply.

**Protect Your Investment:** Group travel protection coverage is available to cover medical expenses (first-pay coverage), medical evacuation & repatriation, trip cancellation/interruption, trip delay, baggage and personal effects loss, and baggage delay. A pre-existing condition exclusion waiver is available if coverage is purchased up to and including time of final payment. Further information can be found on the Insurance tab of the tour registration website or by contacting your Raptim consultant.

**Passport, Visa & Health Requirements:** A valid passport is required. If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. Information on obtaining or renewing a U.S. passport can be found at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english.html>. If you now have a passport, please verify that it is valid beyond December 7, 2017. A visa for Israel is not required for U.S. citizens. Non-U.S. Citizens are responsible to fulfill entry requirements for countries to be visited by contacting the appropriate consulates. No inoculations are required, but please check with your physician for his recommendation.

**Rates & Fares Information:** Rates are based on a minimum of 44 persons traveling together. Fewer tour participants will result in a price increase. The quoted tour price is based on the current rate of exchange. Fluctuation in the foreign exchange rate can result in price increase.

**Deviations:** Any individual making a change in travel arrangements apart from this group program will be charged a service fee of \$100 per person, plus any additional air or land costs incurred. If you choose to make your own travel arrangements (not through Raptim Travel), we are not responsible for any charges or cancellation fees you may incur at any time.

**Tour Operator Itinerary Changes:** The itinerary as outlined is an indication of sequence and sites to be included in the tour program. However, the tour operator reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary and/or the sites included should it be deemed necessary due to local conditions, time restrictions, or other circumstances.

**Traveler Safety:** In the ever-changing world situation, Raptim recommends personal monitoring of news about your destination. For the latest country information from the U.S. Dept. of State, please visit <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html>.

**Disabilities:** Guests with disabilities or dietary restrictions should inquire in advance about whether their needs can be accommodated.

## Responsibility

Raptim Humanitarian Travel, and their employees, agents, officers, shareholders and staff act only as independent third parties to connect customers with the various companies whose accommodations are utilized. Raptim Humanitarian Travel, its employees, agents, officers, shareholders and staff assume no responsibility or liability in connection with the services of any train, vessel, carriage, automobile, airplane or other conveyance, anticipated to be used or which is used, either wholly or in part, in any travels. Raptim Humanitarian Travel, its employees, agents, officers, shareholders and staff are not and will not be responsible and the passenger fully releases Raptim Humanitarian Travel, its employees, agents, officers, shareholders and staff for and from any act, error or omission, or any resulting expense or any injury to person or property (including death), other loss, accident, or any delays which may be occasioned, by reason of defect in any vehicle or through neglect or default of any company or persons engaged in the conveying of passengers including but not limited to any steamer, airplane services or that of any other conveyance, or through any sickness, accident, weather, strikes, war, quarantine or other causes, and all such losses, injury and expenses must be and will be borne solely by the passenger.

Prices and schedules appearing in this brochure are based on current schedules and tariff rates and are subject to change without notice. The tour operator reserve the right to modify the itinerary where deemed necessary or caused by changes in air or other schedules. The airlines and/or other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not aboard their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and purchaser of tours and/or the passenger.

**Reservation Form  
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*Electronic Registration is available at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/wvqdtf>*

Complete and mail this form, with your deposit of \$500 per person and insurance premium (checks payable to Raptim Humanitarian Travel) to Raptim Humanitarian Travel, 116 Lake Street., Ephrata, PA 17522 or complete the credit card payment information below.

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I have read the Tour Features and Conditions for this tour and agree to the terms listed therein. I understand that the airline tickets or air tours I am purchasing are subject to supplemental price increases after the date of deposit due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government. I acknowledge that I may be charged additional sums by Raptim Humanitarian Travel to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, and fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination thereof. I hereby consent to any post-purchase price increases. Raptim Humanitarian Travel has offered the option of purchasing travel insurance, and I take full responsibility for my decision to purchase or not.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Checking the box above and signature are both required in the processing of the registration of this tour.