



“A REAL THANKSGIVING: FOR & IN ISRAEL”

November 18 – December 2, 2010

Day one (Nov. 18, Thursday)

Travel Day

Meet, as a group, at the airport, check in to our domestic flight, and continue on our international flight to the Promised Land.

Exact Details: _____ **later on...!**

Day Two (Nov. 19, Friday and Erev Shabbat)

Tel Aviv, Tel Beersheba, Eilat

On arrival in Tel Aviv, early in the morning, we will be met by our Israeli representative, who will help us clear customs, etc. We will board our luxury bus and start making our way south, to the city of Eilat on the Red Sea. On the way, we will stop at **Tel Beersheba**, where we will begin the first part of our study tour – “The Desert Experience”. We are going to consider the desert and its important biblical role in the life of the believer. We will arrive at **Eilat** late, and the remainder of the day will be dedicated for free time of relaxation and recouping from jet lag.

In the evening you will experience an Erev Shabbat Meal with local believers! It will be one of the highlights of your stay in Israel.

Day Three (Nov. 20, Shabbat) – A Day Off!

Eilat on the Red Sea

Experience Shabbat in Israel! If you wish, you will be given an opportunity to fellowship with local believers and/or spend time relaxing on the peaceful shores of the Red Sea. For those who wish, we will meet at sundown to close the Shabbat and welcome the new week. In the evening, enjoy strolling the beautiful bazaar streets of Eilat or walking the beach as countless stars illuminate the night sky.

Day Four (Nov. 21, Sunday)

Under water Observatories, Tabernacle in the Wilderness, Bedouin Tent Experience

This morning we will visit one of the most beautiful **underwater observatories** in the world! (The Red Sea is known for its great variety of beautiful fish and corals). Those who wish may take this time to scuba dive on their own (Optional). After lunch, we will visit a ‘one to one’ scale model of **the Tabernacle in the wilderness** where we will learn how God’s dwelling among His chosen people in the wilderness is a wonderful picture of His present dwelling in us! At the day’s end, we will camp in a **Bedouin Tent** overlooking the Rift Valley toward the mountains of Jordan and enjoy wonderful Bedouin hospitality! An experience, indeed!!!

Day Five (Nov. 22, Monday)

Camel Ride Excursion, Bedouin Cookout, Head to the Dead Sea

“Rise and Shine” to an unforgettable sunrise, and mount up for a half day ride on a **camel**’s back! We will consider life in the desert, even ‘cooking’ our lunch en route the “Bedouin” way. In the afternoon, we will board our bus, making our way down to the **Dead Sea** to spend the night, passing near the sites of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Day Six (Nov. 23, Tuesday)

Dead Sea, Masada, Ein Gedi Oasis Hike, Travel by Qumran, Jericho, Jordan Valley

Early this morning, we get to experience one of the most impressive phenomenon in the world – **A**

float on the Dead Sea! Following that, we shall visit **Masada**. Here we will learn of one of the Jewish sects existing in Yeshua's time – The Zealots! Our next adventure will include a beautiful hike into the **Ein Gedi Oasis** overlooking the Dead Sea, where we will become more intimately acquainted with the only man Scriptures describe as “a man after God's own heart” – David. We will then drive northward to the Sea of Galilee where we will spend our next 5 nights! Along the way, we will pass by **Qumran** (the area where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found), **Jericho**, and the **Jordan Valley** where the children of Israel crossed into the Promised Land!

Day Seven (Nov. 24, Wednesday)

The Galilee Area: Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum Ruins, “Yeshua” Boat, Galilee Experience, Baptism in the Jordan River, Sea of Galilee Sunset Boat Ride

The second segment of our study tour begins today – “The Life and Early Ministry of Israel's Messiah – Yeshua of Nazareth”! We start on **the Mount of Beatitudes**, basking in the thoughts of our Lord teaching the people there on the mountainside. Then we will visit **Capernaum**, an ancient fishing boat (“**Yeshua's Boat**”), and the **Galilee Experience** where we can shop, supporting a Messianic Ministry in Israel. On this day, you may be baptized in **the Jordan River** if you choose. Finally, we will watch the sunset as we travel by boat across the **Sea of Galilee**.

Day Eight (Nov. 25, Thursday)

Golan Heights, Qatzerin, Caesarea Philippi, Tel Dan, Jordan River Hike

Driving up to the **Golan Heights**, we are going to visit sites as the **Qatzerin Talmudic Village**, **Caesarea Philippi** (“**Banias**”) and **Tel Dan** in connection with Yeshua's early ministry. Interesting, indeed! We will hike along the mouth of the Jordan River where water flows down from **Mt. Hermon**.

Day Nine (Nov. 26, Friday and Erev Shabbat)

Ministry Day: Israeli Army Base, Children of Tiberias, Erev Shabbat Meal

Today, we are going to have a very unique and special **day of ministry**, where we can demonstrate the love of Yeshua to common Israelis! We will be visiting an **Israeli Army base**, work with the soldiers, and have lunch in their dining room. The afternoon will be dedicated to helping unfortunate children in the city of **Tiberias**. You will be blessed by this day of “mission work” as you get to know and minister to the people of Israel!

In the evening we will join **the Hyde family** in Poriyah for a beautiful time of fellowship which will include a **special Erev Shabbat Meal** (Kiddush).

Day Ten (Nov. 27, Shabbat) – A Day Off!

Worship at Poriyah Messianic Congregation, Walk the hillside of the Sea of Galilee

An opportunity will be given to those who wish to fellowship with local believers in Poriyah Messianic Congregation. The Poriyah Congregation is within walking distance of the hills overlooking the Sea of Galilee. If you wish, walk down the hillside path used by the local shepherd and his flock that offers a spectacular view of the Golan Heights, Jordan Valley, and the Sea of Galilee. On a clear day, you can see Mount Hermon. Don't forget to take water and walking shoes.

Day Eleven (Nov. 28, Sunday)

Bethshean Ruins, Gideon Springs, Sachne Nature Reserve

Day Nine takes us to the beautiful ruins of **Bethshean** (whom some call, “Ephesus of the Middle East”), then on to where Gideon picked up his three hundred fighters (“**Gideon Springs**”), and ending the day in a **beautiful nature reserve** (“**Sachne**”), where those who wish, can swim in the lukewarm pools, or just enjoy the beauty of this site.

Day Twelve (Nov. 29, Monday)

Megiddo, Mount Carmel, Caesarea Maritime, Jerusalem

Our ascent to the city of our Great King – **JERUSALEM**, begins today! On our way, we are going to visit sites such as **Megiddo** (“Armageddon”), **Mount Carmel** (1 Kings 18), and **Caesarea Maritime** (on the beautiful Mediterranean Sea). Tonight, we will stay in Jerusalem!

Day Thirteen (Nov. 30, Tuesday)

Jerusalem “The City of the Great King”

The Old City: Jewish Quarter, Herodian Villas, The Temple Institute, The Western Wall, Rabbi's Tunnels, Pools of Bethesda

This morning, we begin our third and last segment of this study tour – Yeshua's Last Week (and day) in His earthly life. We will start the day with a visit to important sites within the walled city, specifically in the **Jewish Quarter** - The “**Herodian Villas**”, the “**Temple Institute**”, the “**Western Wall**”, and the “**Rabbi's Tunnels**”. We are going to end the day with a visit to the famous “**Pools of Bethesda**” (John 5).

Day Fourteen (Dec. 1. Wednesday)

Jerusalem “The City of the Great King”

Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Caiapha's House, Via Dolorosa, Golgatha, Has Promenade, Back to Tel Aviv

This final day of the tour will be dedicated mostly to the very last days of Yeshua's life! We are going to start on the **Mount of Olives**, with the magnificent view overlooking the city of Jerusalem, then walk down to **Gethsemane**, move on to **Caiapha's house**, and walk parts of the **Via Dolorosa** on our way to the **Garden Tomb (Golgatha)**, where we will also take communion together, remembering Yeshua's death and resurrection. The afternoon hours will be dedicated to last minute shopping.

In the evening we will share a **farewell dinner at the Has Promenade**, facing Jerusalem from the South, and then return to Tel Aviv to catch our night flight back to the U.S.

Day Fifteen (Dec. 2. Thursday)

Back in the USA

We will arrive early in the morning in America, probably very tired, nevertheless all satisfied and changed for the good with memories to last a lifetime!