

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ACCOMMODATIONS: Deluxe and first-class hotels based on twin occupancy with bath. Single-room supplement is \$50 per night per person.

MEALS: Buffet breakfast and dinner daily throughout the tour. Extra charge for beverages not included in the menu.

SIGHTSEEING: By air-conditioned motor coach, including services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary.

NOT INCLUDED: Taxes, tips, passport fees, travel insurance, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, items of a personal nature, excess baggage and airport service charges. Taxes are not included in the tour price as they are subject to change and are calculated on the day of ticketing. Taxes will be collected with your payments for the tours. Approximate taxes: Israel only: \$330 per person; Egypt/Jordan only: \$463 per person; Combined tours: \$463 per person. Taxes are decided by the governments of the countries we visit, and include such items as costly security fees, exit and entrance fees, fuel surcharges, etc. Tips of \$12 per person per night go to our guides, drivers, porters, dining room wait staff, maids and other hotel personnel. Tips will be collected with your payments before the tour, so you won't have to carry extra cash for tips, or wonder when or whom or how much to tip.

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and rates in effect on June 10, 2009, and subject to change without notice, should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION: A deposit of \$300 per person is required to secure reservations, which sum will be applied to the price of the tour. Balance to be paid in full not later than January 12, 2010. Reservations made within 60 days of departure are subject to \$25 per person late reservation charge. In event of cancellation, refund in full will be made prior to December 12, 2009, excluding a \$50 per person administrative fee. If cancellation is after January 12, 2010 there is a \$300 per person fee. If cancellation is after February 12, 2010, refund will be subject to a minimum 25 percent cancellation fee or an amount equal to the out-of-pocket expenses arising to the tour operator, whichever is greater. Any exceptions must be in writing from Maranatha Tours, Inc.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip economy class jet via Turkish Airlines or any other IATA member. Based on 6-day minimum / 21-day maximum advanced purchase fare. Full payment is due 60 days prior to commencement of travel. If cancellation is effected by passenger within 35 days of departure or after air tickets are written, whichever comes sooner, 100 percent of airfare will be forfeited by passenger. In the event that 25 passengers do not book the tour within 30 days of departure, the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour. All airfares are subject to government approval and may change without notice.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: Land arrangements including surface transportation: Maranatha Tours, Inc., Growing Christians Ministries, Inc., and the participating Tour Operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others which provide the actual land arrangements, and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or non-performance occurring in connection with these land arrangements. Turkish Airlines and any other IATA carriers, steamship lines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage.

CHANGE FEE: All changes not received in writing by Maranatha Tours at least 30 days prior to departure will incur a \$50 change fee per person for each revision.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to emergencies.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance. An application will be provided when you register for the tour.



Dave and Margie Reid

Why visit the lands of the Bible? If you've been reading the Bible in black and white, wouldn't you like to see it in living color? A trip to Bible lands will greatly increase your understanding and appreciation of the Bible. If you believe that a biblical education is important, we suggest that a study tour of the lands where many of the biblical events took place is a good investment.

When we say "study tour" we don't mean that you have to write papers and take exams! No, we mean a vacation with fun and fellowship, and a vacation with a purpose. We'll visit biblical sites that are not included on many Bible Lands tours, and you'll get a good "feel" for the land as it was in biblical days. We'll see recent archaeological discoveries and excavated sites that confirm the biblical record. We'll have on-site mini-lectures with practical applications for Christian living, and read the appropriate Bible passages. Maps and study materials will help relate what you're seeing directly to Bible passages.

Our study tours are limited to about 40 people, since we have found that a limited number of tour members encourages close-knit family fellowship and allows for more Q&A time at the sites, on the bus, or in our small, optional, informal evening sessions.

"Dr. Dave" has led many tours to the Holy Land and other Bible lands, and he will give the lectures, devotional talks, comments and Scripture readings as we travel. Dave was on the faculty of Emmaus Bible College for 28 years, where he taught Old Testament, Biblical Archaeology, Bible books and Bible-related subjects. In addition, he has studied at the Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem. Margie helps with planning our tours. She is a women's Bible study teacher and a registered nurse. Qualified and knowledgeable local guides also accompany our tours.

Upon receiving your deposit, we will put you on our tour member list and send you a letter of confirmation and further tour information.

For more information, please visit our website, www.growingchristians.org, or call us at (401) 377-2925, or email us at gcm@growingchristians.org.

We hope you can join us!

Dave & Margie Reid

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EGYPT & JORDAN "Exodus" TOUR

March 12-20, 2010
(9 Day Tour)

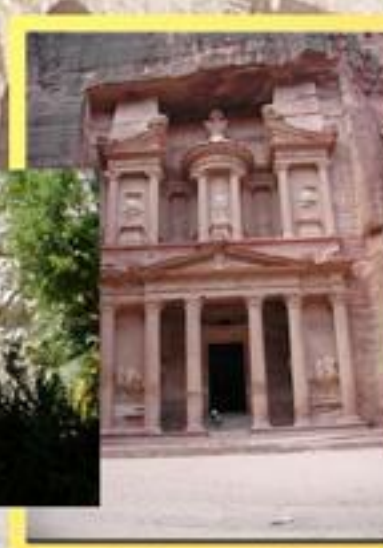
ISRAEL

March 18 - 27, 2010
(10 Day Tour)

COMBINE BOTH TOURS

March 12 - 27, 2010
(16 day tour with \$500 per person discount)

**Tour Hosts:
DR. & MRS. DAVID R. REID**



**EGYPT & JORDAN “Exodus” TOUR
\$2635 PER PERSON**

Day 1 - Friday, March 12: NEW YORK / IN FLIGHT

Today we are on our way to the lands of the Exodus! We meet at John F Kennedy International Airport and depart from New York for our overnight flight.

Day 2 - Saturday, March 13 - CAIRO

This morning we arrive in our transit city and board our flight to Cairo. Upon arrival in Cairo we will drive to our hotel, which is located near the Pyramids, for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 - Sunday, March 14 – PYRAMIDS / SPHINX / STEP PYRAMID / EGYPT MUSEUM / OLD CAIRO

Today we some of the great wonders of the ancient world, the awesome Giza Pyramids and the Sphinx. We enjoy the excitement of a camel ride at the Pyramids! Next we visit Saqqara to view the Step Pyramid, the oldest stone structure on earth. We explore an ancient Egyptian burial site with hieroglyphic wall paintings.

This afternoon we visit the Egypt Museum, with its priceless treasures from the tomb of Tutankhamun and other world-famous relics, such as the Memphthah Stele, which documents the existence of Israel residing in the Promised Land. We also tour Old Cairo, where early Egyptian (Coptic) Christians lived. Overnight at our Cairo hotel.

Day 4 - Monday, March 15 - CAIRO / ELIM / VALLEY OF SIN / MT. SINAI

Today we leave Cairo and travel by tunnel under the Suez Canal to the Sinai Peninsula. Driving south along the Red Sea, we visit the possible sites of Marah, Elim, and the Valley of Sin, the area where the Israelites wandered for 40 years. At Ras Sidr we board 4-wheel drive vehicles for an exciting ride into the wilderness, to gain a better understanding of the conditions faced by the Israelites on their wilderness journey. After a traditional Bedouin meal, we travel on through the rugged and awe-inspiring wilderness terrain to the traditional Mt Sinai, where we will spend the night.

Day 5 - Tuesday, March 16 - MT SINAI / RED SEA CROSSING / AQABA / PETRA

This morning tour members who want a strenuous early morning hike will climb Mt Sinai to see the sun rise over the mountains of the Sinai wilderness -- an unforgettable experience! After a tour of St Catherine’s Monastery, the ancient monastery at the foot of Mt Sinai, we continue through the Sinai wilderness to Nuweiba on the shores of the Red Sea.

We cross the Red Sea by ferry to Aqaba, Jordan. Heading north from Aqaba, we travel along the ancient caravan route, “the King’s Highway,” to our hotel at Petra, where we will spend the night.

Day 6 - Wednesday, March 17 - PETRA / WADI RUM

We awake this morning to the beauty of Petra! Petra is in biblical Edom, and Mt Seir is Aaron’s burial place. We walk through the Siq (a narrow canyon) into the “Rose-Red City” of Petra, where buildings are carved from the rock face. We see the Treasury, ancient temples, tombs, caves, a Roman theater, climb to the high place of sacrifice and the traditional Aaron’s tomb.

In the afternoon we drive to Wadi Rum, where we marvel at the spectacular and most unusual scenery. Wadi Rum is the result of an enormous geological upheaval, when huge pieces of granite and sandstone were heaved upward to form great cliffs resembling pale purple mountains. Wadi Rum has been called the “Eighth Wonder of the World.” After a day of spectacular natural beauty, we return to our hotel at Petra for the night.

Day 7 - Thursday, March 18 – MACHAERUS / MADABA / MT NEBO / AMMAN

Today we travel north along the ancient King’s Highway, passing the remains of castles built by the Crusaders during the 12th century AD. We come to Dibon, the capital of ancient Moab, where the Mesha Stele was discovered, and continue on to the impressive fortress of Machaerus, high above the Dead Sea, where John the Baptist was imprisoned and beheaded. Traveling on, we visit Madaba, a border town of Moab at the time of the Exodus. Here on the floor of an ancient church we view the famous “Madaba Map,” an interesting mosaic map of Jerusalem in Byzantine times.

Next we travel to Mt Nebo, where Moses died after he viewed the Promised Land. From Mt Nebo we enjoy the panoramic view across the Dead Sea to the hills of Judea, as Moses did. Traveling on we come to Amman, the Ammonite capital, where Uriah, Bathsheba’s husband, met his death during King David’s time. Dinner and overnight in our Amman hotel.

Day 8 - Friday March 19 - AMMAN / JABBOK RIVER / JERASH / JORDAN RIVER

This morning we briefly view some of the archaeological remains in Amman, including a 5000-seat Roman theater which is still used for concerts. Driving north from Amman we cross the Jabbok River, site of Jacob’s wrestling match with the Angel of the Lord. Next we come to Jerash, or Gerasa, one of the cities of the Decapolis, which was founded by the soldiers of Alexander the Great. Jesus may

have passed through Gerasa on his way from Galilee to Jerusalem, following the eastern route through the Decapolis. At Jerash we visit extensive Roman remains, such as Hadrian’s Gate, the Forum and the amphitheater.

We travel on to the Jordan River, where tour members who are continuing on to Israel will cross the Sheik Hussein Bridge into Israel. The rest of the group returns with our guide to our hotel in Amman for dinner and overnight.

After crossing into Israel, the Israel tour members continue north along the Jordan River to our guest hotel at beautiful Kibbutz Ma’agan, situated on the southern shores of the Sea of Galilee, where we join with tour members who arrived this afternoon from the USA.

Day 9 - Saturday, March 20 - AMMAN / NEW YORK

This morning the “Exodus” tour members depart from Amman for New York, with wonderful memories, renewed biblical knowledge, and fresh insights into the journey of the Israelites -- from their exodus from Egypt, the 40 years in the wilderness, Edom, Moab and Ammon, and on to the Promised Land.

**ISRAEL TOUR
\$2685 PER PERSON
(Combine Israel and the Exodus tour and receive a \$500 per person discount)**

Day 1- Thursday, March 18 - NEW YORK / IN FLIGHT

Today we are on our way to the Holy Land! We meet at John F Kennedy International Airport and depart from New York for our overnight flight.

Day 2 - Friday, March 19 - ISTANBUL / TEL AVIV / GALILEE

We arrive in our transit city and board our flight to Tel Aviv. Upon arrival in Israel we drive to our guest hotel at beautiful Kibbutz Ma’agan. Stretch your legs after the long trip -- enjoy a walk along the shore or the lawns and gardens, or take a quick dip in the Sea of Galilee! Here the tour members who are arriving from Egypt and Jordan will join us for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 - Saturday, March 20 -GALILEE / CAPERNAUM / DAN / GOLAN HEIGHTS / MT OF BEATITUDES

This morning we enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias to Kibbutz Nof Ginosar where we view the 2000-year-old fishing boat, similar to the one used by the Lord and His disciples. On to Capernaum, the adopted hometown of Jesus, to see remains of the excavated 1st century village and the beautiful synagogue. Next we visit tel Hazor, the Canaanite capital of the north. In the large Canaanite temple at Hazor we see clear evidence of the huge fire when Joshua and the Israelites burned Hazor at the time of the Conquest -- archaeology supporting the biblical record!

Next we come to Tel Dan with its ancient Canaanite gate and walk through the impressive Israelite city gate complex. Climbing up to the high place, we see the steps and the altar platform where King Jeroboam I of Israel set up one of the idolatrous golden calf shrines. We enjoy the spring wildflowers as we ascend to the Golan Heights, and make a brief stop at Caesarea Philippi near the spot where Peter made his declaration of faith in Jesus as the Christ. Returning to the Sea of Galilee, we visit the Mount of Beatitudes, with its beautiful panoramic view of the Sea of Galilee. We return to our kibbutz for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 - Sunday, March 21 - BETH SHAN / HAROD SPRING / MEGIDDO / MT CARMEL / CAESAREA / JOPPA (JAFFA)

Today we head south along the Jordan River Valley past the Crusader castle of Belvoir to the ancient and impressive tel of Beth Shan (Beit Shean), the largest tel in Israel. After their defeat by the Philistines at Mt Gilboa, the bodies of King Saul and his sons were hung on the walls of Beth Shan. Known in the time of Christ as Scythopolis, it was the capital city of the Decapolis. Magnificent Roman ruins are still being excavated. We visit the amphitheater, walk the colonnaded city streets, and view buildings and bath houses with beautiful mosaic floors. Leaving Beth Shan and driving past Mt Gilboa and Mt Tabor, we come to Harod Spring, where Gideon tested his men, and we reenact the event! Continuing west along the Jezreel Valley we pass the tel of Jezreel, location of the summer palace of the northern kings of Israel, and view the busy city of Nazareth on the northern hillside. From atop the tel of Megiddo, we view the Jezreel Valley, the Valley of Armageddon, where the armies of the earth will gather for the final battle. Archaeologists have uncovered 24 layers of civilization at Megiddo. We walk through the ancient triple-chambered city gates, view the stables and the large Canaanite altar.

Leaving Megiddo through the ancient water shaft, we come to Mt Carmel, where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal, and enjoy yet another panoramic view of the Jezreel Valley. We travel down the Mediterranean coast and come to Caesarea Maritima, the Roman capital of Judea during the time of Christ. Here at Caesarea the apostle Paul was imprisoned for two years, and Cornelius the centurion responded to the gospel. We will walk along the Mediterranean seacoast among the spectacular Roman and Crusader antiquities, and visit the Roman theater, Herod’s seaside palace, the hippodrome, the harbor from which Paul sailed for Rome, the Roman aqueduct and the Crusader dry moat. Passing through Tel Aviv we come to Joppa (Jaffa), the city from which Jonah fled, and where Peter had his vision at the

home of Simon the tanner, then on to our hotel which is located on the Mediterranean Sea.

Day 5 - Monday, March 22 - AJALON VALLEY / VALLEY of ELAH / BEERSHEBA / ARAD / DEAD SEA

This morning we visit Neot Kedumim, the Biblical Nature Preserve, where plants, trees and agricultural methods of biblical times are preserved or re-created. Here we see and experience such things as an ancient olive press, reaping and threshing, and a watch tower. Next we head south into Philistine country, passing through Beth Shemesh, where the Ark returned from the land of the Philistines. Climbing tel Azekah, we have a bird’s-eye view of the Valley of Elah where David fought the Philistine giant, Goliath. Then on to Beersheba, the city of Abraham and Isaac, where we visit the tel and the ancient well, and exit the tel through the water system.

We travel on to the tel of Arad, where archaeologists have uncovered a large Canaanite village and a fortress from the time of the Divided Kingdom. Here we visit an unusual “high place” with a sacrificial altar, incense altars and a “holy place” modeled after the Temple in Jerusalem. Then we begin our descent through the mountains of the Judean wilderness to the Dead Sea, 1300 feet below sea level -- the lowest place on earth! At our hotel on the shores of the Dead Sea, we’ll enjoy a water experience that is absolutely unique -- an opportunity to “swim” in the mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea!

Day 6 - Tuesday, March 23 - MASADA / QUMRAN / JERICHO / JERUSALEM

This morning we travel to the mountain fortress of Masada, ascending by cable car to visit the extensive remains of one of King Herod’s great building projects. Here, from 70-73AD, Jewish defenders held out against the Roman army, finally choosing suicide over captivity and slavery. We see the remains of the storehouses, cisterns, bath houses, Herod’s three-tiered palace (built on the cliff face), the Roman camps and the siege ramp. Traveling north along the Dead Sea we come to Ein Gedi, where David hid from King Saul. At the northern end of the Dead Sea we visit Qumran and see the many caves where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered in 1947. Next we come to Jericho, which is said to be the world’s oldest city. If conditions permit, we will visit the tel of the ancient city, the first city to be conquered in the conquest of the Promised Land. Then “up to Jerusalem”!

Day 7 - Wednesday, March 24 - JERUSALEM

Today we enter the Old City of Jerusalem through the Dung Gate and come to the Temple Mount area. We visit the Western Wall (formerly known as the “Wailing Wall”), the holiest site in Judaism, and climb the Temple Mount to walk the ancient paving stones where once the Temple stood. Next we visit the southern Temple Mount excavations, and climb the steps that Jesus used when entering the Temple. We see the stones that were cast down by the Romans from the Temple Mount in 70AD. In the City of David we walk through the recently excavated foundations of King David’s palace and down the hillside to see a portion of Nehemiah’s Wall. We walk through Hezekiah’s Tunnel, which was hewn out of the bedrock under the city by Hezekiah’s workmen, to bring water from the Gihon Spring outside the city to the Pool of Siloam inside the city.

We visit the Tower of David Museum, which is creatively built in and upon the ramparts of Jerusalem at the Jaffa Gate. Here we review the history of Jerusalem from Canaanite times to the present, and get a wonderful view of the Old City from atop the city walls. As we traverse the Old City’s Jewish Quarter we see the remains of Hezekiah’s Broad Wall and walk the Roman Cardo, the “Main Street” of Roman Jerusalem. If time permits, we will visit the Temple Institute where furniture, vessels and vestments for the “Third Temple” are being prepared. We return to our Jerusalem hotel for the night.

Day 8 - Thursday, March 25 - JERUSALEM

We begin the day with a panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem from the top of the Mount of Olives. Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we walk down the western slopes of the Mount of Olives and stop for a brief time of quiet reflection at Dominus Flavit Church, which commemorates our Lord weeping over Jerusalem. Continuing down the hillside we visit the Garden of Gethsemane, and recall our Lord’s time of agony and His arrest. Leaving the Mount of Olives, we travel along the Kidron Valley to the Church of St Peter Gallicantu (cockcrow), which is built over the traditional site of the house of Caiaphas. We walk down into the rock-hewn dungeon under this mansion -- here Jesus may have spent part of the night before His crucifixion. First century stone steps, almost certainly used by Jesus and His disciples, descend into the valley beside this church. A beautiful view of the Old City and the City of David from the south can be viewed from an overlook near this church.

Next we enter the Old City of Jerusalem through the Zion Gate and wend our way to the ancient Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We walk through the marketplaces along the narrow and winding Via Dolorosa, and come to the ruins of the Pool of Bethesda. Nearby we recall our Lord’s trial at Pilate’s Judgment Hall and the “Pavement” (Gabbatha). We sing praises to our Lord in the centuries-old Crusader Church of St. Anne. We leave the Old City though St Stephen’s (Lion’s) Gate. Our final stop is a highlight of our trip -- a visit to Gordon’s Calvary and the Garden Tomb, where we end our day with a time of communion in the beautiful and peaceful garden setting.

Day 9 - Friday, March 26 - JERUSALEM / HALF DAY FREE

Today we walk from our hotel, passing the Knesset (Israeli parliament) and a campus of the Hebrew University, to visit the Shrine of the Book, the Dead Sea Scrolls Museum. Here we also visit a very interesting and helpful scale model of 1st century Jerusalem -- Jerusalem as it looked during the time of Jesus. You will be amazed to see how all the places and biblical events “come together” in your memory as the model gives us a birds-eye view of the sites we have visited and the events we have discussed and re-lived as we walked around the Old City of Jerusalem over the past two days! The remainder of this final day of our tour will be free for you to do whatever you choose -- explore the important artifacts at the Israel Museum, return to sites in the Old City, visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, go to Bethlehem, finish your shopping, start packing -- or just relax at our hotel!

Day 10 - Saturday, March 27 - TEL AVIV / NEW YORK

This morning we transfer to the airport for our flight to New York. We have gained fresh insights from the Bible, great new friends, and many wonderful memories of our travels in the footsteps of Jesus and the people of God throughout the centuries.

Please Note: Be prepared for walking on uneven and unpaved terrain and climbing hills and steps on these tours. If your ability to walk without aid is limited, you will have difficulty accessing many of the sites on these tours.

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