

Cornerstone Baptist Church of Pine Island MN

Study Trip to Israel

February 18 – March 1, 2012

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 Teacher/Pastor: Tim Graham
 Driver/Host: Nael (Joel) Zidat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 12 Telephone #s: Gilgal Hotel – Tel Aviv Golden Crown – Nazareth Kibbutz En Gev Dead Sea Hotel Gloria Hotel Bookman's Mobile Joel's Mobile (Guide)	February 13 From the USA, precede with 011-972- 3 5111000 4-6016666 4-665-9800 2-628-2431 USA 1(213) 254-0285 5-025-55069	February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17 <u>Optional Early Departure Date</u> ¹	February 18 <u>Depart for Israel</u> by the flight of your choice and arrangement. ²
February 19 <u>Arrive</u> <u>Ben Gurion Airport,</u> <u>Tel Aviv, Israel</u> Make your way to our hotel in Tel Aviv, on the Mediterranean ³ Introductions & Preview ⁴ (after evening meal) ON: Gilgal Hotel Tel Aviv	February 20 <u>Coastal Plains &</u> <u>The Jezreel Valley</u> Caesarea Maritima Mt Carmel (Muhra)ka 2 nd Temple Tomb Megiddo Ein Harod/Mt Gilboa Nazareth Illit ON: Golden Crown - Nazareth	February 21 <u>Sea of Galilee</u> Sepphoris (overlook) Horns of Hattim Mt Arbel (Hike) Ginosar (lunch), Tabgha/ Mt of Beatitudes Capernaum Gergasa Boat Ride (to En-Gev-?) ON: En Gev - Sea of Galilee	February 22 <u>Northern Galilee</u> Chorazin Huleh Valley Hazor Dan Caesarea Philippi Mt. Hermon foothills Golan Heights ON: En Gev	February 23 <u>Jordan Rift</u> Beth Shan Jericho Qumran En Gedi / Hike Dead Sea Swim ON: Dead Sea Youth Hostel	February 24 <u>Negev /Shephelah</u> Masada [Walk down Roman Ramp] Beer-Sheva Lachish Elah Valley / Azekah Sorek Val /Beth-Shemesh Beit Zeit / Dinosaur Tracks PM: Visit to Western Wall ⁵ ON: Knights Palace Hotel – New Gate - Jerusalem	February 25 <u>Ephraim/Samaria</u> Worship Jerusalem Assembly ⁶ Shiloh Mt Gerizim Wadi Faria (to the Jordan Rift) Ascent of Adummim PM: Preview of Jerusalem ON: Knights Palace
February 26 <u>Introduction to</u> <u>Jerusalem</u> Biblical Gardens (Yad HaShmonah) Nebi Samwil / Gibeah 2 nd Temple Model Shrine of the Book Haas Promenade Mt of Olives (walk to Kidron Valley) Bethlehem Herodion/Tekoa ON: Knights Palace	February 27 <u>Jerusalem / OT</u> Hezekiah's Northern Wall 1 st Temple Jerusalem (Model Ariel Ctr) City of David Warren's Shaft/ Hezekiah's Tunnel/ Pool of Siloam ½ Afternoon: Free ON: Knights Palace	February 28 <u>Jerusalem / NT</u> Southern Excavations Western Wall \Temple Mt St. Anne's / Bethesda Via Dolorosa Holy Sepulcher Church Jewish Quarter / Cardo Citadel of David PM: Western Wall Tunnel ON: Knights Palace	February 29 <u>Jesus' Final Hours</u> Upper room Walk to Gethsemane Christ Church Gordon's Calvary Afternoon free Farewell Dinner Depart for airport – time per your arrangement ON: In your own bed!	March 1 Dep. Tel Aviv by the flight of your choice and arrangement	March 2	March 3

¹The group will gather at the Gilgal Hotel in Tel Aviv on Sunday, February 19. However, if you would like to have a day to recoup, you are welcome to arrive a day (or more, for that matter) early. The hotel will be alerted that some travelers may choose to arrive early, but you must make those arrangements yourself. The contact information for the Hotel is as follows:

Address: Nes-Ziona St. Tel Aviv 63904

Website: <http://www.hotelgilgal.net/>

E-Mail: reception@hagilgal.com

Phone: +972 3 5111000

Fax: +972 3 5167291

Note: Mention that you are with the Cornerstone Study trip, led by Doug Bookman.

The Gilgal Hotel is on the Mediterranean, about a ten minute walk from a very nice beach, and offers a full slate of amenities. The price of a regular room for Sunday night (the 1st night of our tour) is built into the cost of the trip; if you choose to arrive early, you will need to cover the charge for the additional night(s).

²Arrival in Israel on Sunday will mean departing the US on Saturday. Select any carrier you like, but be careful to *schedule your arrival sometime on Sunday, Sept 25*. The earlier you arrive, the more time you will have to gather yourself before we start out early on Monday morning.

³ There are two ways to reach the first night's hotel: taxi and pre-arranged shuttle service. Either is direct and will be no difficulty at all.

To secure an *individual taxi*, after passing customs and picking up your luggage, proceed through the Greeters Hall and exit at Gate #3; find the dispatcher's station and ask for a taxi to the first night's hotel. (Have the address available, though it will probably not be necessary.)

NOTE: Taxi drivers in Israel are required by law to use the meter on all trips. Unless you know the accepted rates, do not be tempted to set a price beforehand. For long trips, the driver must charge passengers according to the Ministry of Transport price list posted in all taxis. Further, a 25% surcharge for night trips is in effect from 9:01pm – 5:29am (from 4pm on Fridays & holiday eves). Trips out of Ben Gurion Airport are charged an additional NIS 5.00, and passengers pay approximately NIS 3.00 for each suitcase.

To secure a pre-arranged shuttle, contact the Airport Shuttle Service at www.israel.airport-shuttle.com. This is a pre-paid service; you will be asked to pay by credit card and a payment voucher will be sent you via the internet. The driver will be waiting for you at the reception hall at Ben-Gurion Airport (with an appropriate sign); he will drive you directly to the hotel. The price/person is dependent on the total number in the group; you will find those prices listed on the web-page. Notice that the prices are in US dollars. They range from \$15 – 30/person.

Please do not be intimidated by this, as it is very simple and entirely dependable. Further, note that the cost of getting to the hotel is not covered in the cost of the trip, so you will have to pay for this yourself. The trip has been arranged in this way in order to provide maximum flexibility for the traveler, and to keep your cost at a minimum. (By booking your own flight, you will very probably save 10 – 20% of what a group rate would cost.)

Even at that, it will be wise to travel with a cell phone which is useable in Israel just in case there is any sort of issue. (The numbers you will need can be found on the calendar/itinerary.) On the other hand, if you do not have a mobile phone, it will not be hard to find a phone to use during the trip. The tour guide will be carrying a cell phone and will be accessible at any time. If a plane is delayed or missed, he should be notified as soon as possible. It will not be difficult to make arrangements to get the traveler to the group, regardless of what delay might occur.

⁴We will regularly gather in the evenings to review the day's travels and learning and to preview the region we will be exploring the next day.

⁵Men from various synagogues march and sing their way to the Western (nee: Wailing) Wall on Friday to welcome in the Sabbath; it is a very interesting and compelling event to witness.

⁶Jerusalem Assembly / House of Redemption is a delightful congregation of evangelical believers, pastured by Meno Kalisher (www.jerusalemassembly.com) which gathers for worship on Shabat (Sabbath/Saturday) morning. We plan to join the congregation for at least part of the service before setting off for sites in the central part of the country.