



Grace Bible Church of Hutchinson KS
Study Trip to Israel
 January 12 - 24, 2019¹

Host Pastor: Blake Gillen²
 Teacher/Guide: Doug Bookman
 Driver/Guide: Pastor Nabil Kort

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 6 Telephone #s: Gilgal Hotel – Tel Aviv Kibbutz En Gev Masada Youth Hostel Gloria Hotel Bookman's Mobile Mobile (Guide)	January 7 From the USA, precede with 011-972- 3 5111000 4-665-9800 2-628-2431 050-709-5639 (Israel Phone) 973.685.5625 (US Virtual) 054 924-5552	Trip offered on Land-Only Basis Travelers secure their own air flights Land Cost \$2,950 - 3,100 Please read <i>completely & carefully</i> <u>all</u> of the information on both sides of this sheet		January 10	January 11 <u>Optional Early Departure Date</u> ³	January 12 <u>Depart for Israel</u> by the flight of your choice and arrangement. ⁴
January 13 <u>Arrive Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, Israel</u> Make your way to hotel in Tel Aviv ⁵ Option: Independence Hall Option: Joppa Walk Introductions & Preview ⁶ (after evening meal) ON: Gilgal Hotel Tel Aviv	January 14 <u>Coastal Plains & The Jezreel Valley</u> Caesarea Maritima Mt Carmel (Muhra)ka 2 nd Temple Tomb Megiddo Jezreel/Mt Gilboa [Ein Harod overlook] Nazareth Illit ON: Plaza Hotel - Nazareth	January 15 <u>Sea of Galilee</u> Kafar Kana Sepphoris (drive-by) HoH / Mt Arbel (Hike) Migdol / Magdala Church of Beatitudes Capernaum Tabgha Boat Ride ON: En Gev - Sea of Galilee	January 16 <u>Northern Galilee</u> Chorazin Hazor Huleh Valley Tel Dan Banias Falls Caesarea Philippi Mt. Hermon foothills Golan Heights ON: En Gev	January 17 <u>Jordan Rift / Dead Sea</u> Beth Shan Road to the Dead Sea Jordan R Baptismal Site Tel Jericho Seeds of Hope Qumran / Cave #1 En Gedi [overview] Dead Sea Swim ON: Dead Sea Youth Hostel	January 18 <u>Negev /Shephelah</u> Masada [down seige ramp] Beer-Sheva Lachish Elah Valley / Azekah Sorek Val /Beth-Shemesh Yad HaShmonah Biblical Gardens Aliyah – up to Jerusalem PM: Visit to Western Wall ⁷ ON: Gloria Hotel –	January 19 <u>Intro to Jerusalem</u> Bethlehem [Shepherds Fields] Herodium Israel Museum: 2 nd Temple Model Shrine of the Book Haas Promenade Mt of Olives ON: Gloria Hotel
January 20 <u>Ephraim/Samaria</u> [Early start!] Ai (Et-Tell) Bethel (Beitin) Sychar / Jacob's Well [Lunch on the bus] Samaria Mt. Gerizim Shiloh Gibeah ON: Gloria Hotel	January 21 <u>Jerusalem / OT</u> Hezekiah's Broad Wall 1 st Temple Jerusalem (Model - Ariel Ctr) City of David Warren's Shaft / Hezekiah's Tunnel / Pool of Siloam Afternoon: Free ⁸ PM: The Stone Pavement ON: Gloria Hotel	January 22 <u>Jerusalem / NT</u> Davidson Ctr Western Wall Tunnel St. Anne's / Bethesda Via Dolorosa Holy Sepulcher Church Aish HaTorah (TM overlook) Temple Mount [12:30 pm] Afternoon: Free ON: Gloria Hotel	January 23 <u>Jesus' Final Hours</u> Upper room Walk to Gethsemane Gordon's Calvary Afternoon free Farewell Dinner Depart for airport ⁹ – time per your arrangement ON: Aboard an airplane	January 24 Travel Home Important Note: Schedule your departure time here – as close as possible to midnight, Wednesday, January 23– Either very late on Wed, Jan 23 or as early as possible on Thurs, Jan 24. ON: In your own bed!	January 25 January 26 <u>FYI (Festivals – Hebrew year 5777)</u> Chanukah Dec 3-10, 2018 Purim Mar 21, 2019 Passover April 20-21, 2019 Shavuot June 9-10, 2019 Tish'a B'Av Aug 11, 2019 Rosh Hashana Sept 30-Oct 1, 2019 Yom Kippur Oct 9, 2019 Tabernacles Oct 14-15, 2019 Simchat Torah Oct 22, 2019	

¹ **Cost [Land-Only]: \$2,950-3,100.** Note that this is a trip of 13 days, which includes 10 *full study days in Israel*, with guide/teacher throughout the trip, all lodging, travel, entrance fees and incidentals paid. On the other hand, understand that the cost does not cover airfare, travel from and to the airport in Israel, lunches or any personal items (gifts, snacks, personal travel, etc.). Single Room Supplement: \$600.

Restrictions and Requirements: This study trip will demand more of the traveler than the ordinary tourist trip, both in terms of daily schedule and physical exertion. Our days will begin early and involve several hours of study and hiking. It is important that each traveler be capable of walking 5 to 6 miles a day, often up and down steep hills, and possibly in rainy weather. Finally, remember that you must be in possession of a valid and unexpired passport [i.e., which does not expire within six months of the departure date].

Deadline Dates

☞ A non-refundable deposit of \$250 asap to secure a spot; ☞ The balance paid by **November 15, 2018**

☞ Cancellations: full refund less deposit & administrative costs

Registration Procedure: If you would like further information, please contact either:

Blake Gillen, Grace Bible Church, 57 Monarch Ln, Hutchinson KS 67502 [O: 859.492.4473; M: 903.262.7150]; e-mail: blake@gbchurch.com

Doug Bookman, 115 Strathburgh Lane, Cary NC 27518 [O: 919.573.1555; M: 616.713.8999]; e-mail: doug.bookman@gmail.com

NOTE: If you would like to register for the *Study Trip*, please send your deposit to the underlined address above. Make the check to "Doug Bookman" and put "Grace Church Hutchinson Study Trip to Israel" on the memo line. Please be careful to include the following information:

- 1) the full name of all travelers (as the name appears on his/her passport);
- 2) complete mailing address(es);
- 3) phone numbers (day & evening);
- 4) e-mail addresses;
- 5) passport number(s) & expiration date(s);
- 6) any questions or special concerns you January have.

Note: It is recommended that travelers consider purchasing **accident/health insurance** for the trip. If your health insurance does not adequately cover you when abroad, consider short-term policies that cover only the time you are in Israel; they are quite affordable, and they do provide thorough and accessible coverage. An American company which provides policies primarily for Christian workers is MissionaryHealth.net. Phone: (800) 647-4589; e-mail health@missionaryhealth.net; website: www.missionaryhealth.net. A fine Israeli provider is Chacoty Sasson General & Life Insurance Agency, www.chacoty.co.il. Click the American flag for English, then *Options*, then *Insurance for Tourists*; download, print and complete the application form and submit it by fax. Allow at least two weeks to accomplish this. Further, it is strongly recommended that you purchase **Trip Cancellation** Insurance. A close friend of mine who offers this is Craig Dunning at <https://discipleshiptravel.com>; find the banner entitled "Need Travel Insurance" (right side of page), click and follow the prompts. Note: do *not* insure the land-cost, as that will be refunded to you if you are unable to go for any reason. You are wise to insure the cost of air passage, as the airlines are reluctant to refund that cost.

² To access a website dedicated to this trip, go to <https://thewestinstitute.moodlehub.com/course/view.php?id=90>, follow the instructions to create an account, and then use the enrollment key BookmanIsrael to get into the site where you will find a wealth of helpful information.

³The group will gather at the Gilgal Hotel in Tel Aviv on Sunday, January 13, 2019. 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 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 STS/ Bookman Study group.

The Gilgal Hotel is about a ten-minute walk from a very nice Mediterranean beach. 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).

⁴Arrival 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 (or before) Sunday, January 13*. The earlier you arrive, the more time you will have to gather yourself before we start out early Monday morning.

⁵ Getting from the airport to the first night's hotel. The least complicated and most dependable way of getting from the airport to the Gilgal Hotel in Tel Aviv is simply to take a taxi. There are shuttle services, but they are no cheaper (in my experience) and they involve a level of complexity and uncertainty (e.g., in case of flight delays) which are simply not worth the effort. To secure a taxi could hardly be easier or more dependable. After passing customs and picking up your luggage, proceed through the Greeters Hall and exit at Gate #3; turn left at the sidewalk, find the dispatcher's station and ask for a taxi to the Gilgal Hotel in Tel Aviv. (Have the address available.)

NOTE: Taxi drivers are required by law to offer to use the meter on all trips. If you know the accepted rates, it is acceptable 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.

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.)

⁶We 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.

⁷Folks from various synagogues gather at to the Western (nee: Wailing) Wall on Friday to welcome in the Sabbath.

⁸One important stop not on our itinerary is Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial in West Jerusalem. This would be a good day to take a taxi to the museum and spend 2 or 3 hours thinking through the exhibits.

⁹**Please schedule your departure as close to midnight as possible on Wed night (January 23), or as early as possible on Thur (Jan 24).**

Several airlines have departures close to midnight, which works best as it gives us a full day on Wednesday, saves us paying for a room on Wednesday evening. Your room will possibly be available to you as late as you need it on that Wednesday; we'll settle this when we are there. Once we know the various departure times, we will work to arrange either taxis and/or a bus to get us to the airport in plenty of time for the various departure times.