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"Bruchim Ha-ba'im"
ברוכים הבאים



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“Israel, Off the Bus, On the Ground” an IAT Series of Orientations

Part 1 – Sites and Sounds, Tastes and Touches: Sensing the Experience

Exploring some of the sites we plan to visit
within the first few days of our life-transforming
10-Day Spiritual Journey of a Lifetime through the Holy Land

Join us as we explore some of the stories of the Bible and where they actually happened...



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10-Day Spiritual Journey of a Lifetime through the Holy Land
October 24 – November 2, 2022
with
Pastors Kevin and Joeline Taylor

Day 1 – Monday, October 24, 2022

Depart Chicago O'Hare Airport for Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport

Day 2 – Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Welcome to Israel!

Airport formalities and baggage claim

Arrive at our hotel in Netanya

A spiritual journey of a lifetime through the Holy Land places The Word from The Book and Places it within the Context of the Land of Israel, solidifying the connection between the Bible and the Land...



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Geography

Size: 8,019 sq. mi

Max Width: 71 mi

Coastline: 170 mi

Boarders:

Lebanon

Syria

Jordan

Egypt

Elevations

Mt. Hermon: 9,230 ft. above sea level

Jerusalem: 2,500 ft. above sea level

Galilee: 695 ft. below sea level

Dead Sea: 1,300 ft. below sea level



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The Galilee

Vital Source of Spirituality

For many visitors, the name Galilee alone evokes the source of their faith. Christian visitors of all churches reverently make their way to the sites which mark the beginning of Jesus' ministry:

- Magdala - 1st century synagogue, hometown of Mary Magdalene
- Caesarea Philippi – Peter's Great confession, Jesus is the Messiah
- Mount of Beatitudes - Jesus delivers the Sermon on the Mount on the hillside
- Capernaum – Center of Jesus' ministry; remains of the ancient synagogue
- Jordan River, flowing freely and embracing those who come to be baptized



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Day 3

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Caesarea / Akko / Megiddo /
Magdala / Tiberias



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Overview

- **Caesarea** – Ancient seaport built by Herod the Great; Paul was imprisoned here; site of Peter's first Gentile convert
- **Akko** - Capital of medieval Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem
- **Megiddo** – 24+ layers of civilizations; Ahab's chariot city; strategic crossroad of the world during Old Testament times
- **Magdala** – 1st c synagogue; fishing village; Mary Magdalene hometown
- **Tiberias** – View of the Sea of Galilee; Jesus' ministry; center of Jewish life and culture



Caesarea



¹ There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, ² a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always." (Acts 10: 1 – 2)



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Akko



³¹Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Akko, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Achlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Chelbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rechob. (Judges 1:31)



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Megiddo



¹⁶ Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon. (Revelation 16:16)



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Magdala



³⁹ After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of Magadan. (Matthew 15:39)



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Tiberias

Spa town built by Herod Antipas to honor Tiberius Caesar.

One of Judaism's four Holy Cities.

After the fall of Jerusalem, it became the center of Jewish learning.



²² The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realized that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with His disciples, but that they had gone away alone. ²³ Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. (John 6:22-23)



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Day 4

Thursday, October 27, 2022

Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee / Yigal Alon
Museum / Caesarea Philippi / Capernaum /
Mensa Christi / Mount of Beatitudes / Katzrin /
Mitzpe Shalom / Yardenit Baptismal Site



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Overview

- **Private boat sail** along the Sea of Galilee
- **Yigal Alon Museum:** Ancient boat dating from time of Jesus
- **Caesarea Philippi** – Site of Peter's Great Confession
- **Capernaum** – Center of Jesus' ministry; 4th century synagogue
- **Mensa Christi** – Slab of granite, perhaps the rock on which Jesus ate with His disciples after His resurrection
- **Mount of Beatitudes** – Jesus delivers the Sermon on the Mount
- **Katzrin** – Modern capital of Golan Heights; Talmudic Village
- **Mitzpe Shalom** – Observation point; overlook entire Sea of Galilee
- **Yardenit** – Baptismal site



Sea of Galilee



¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. (Matthew 4:18)

Jesus encounters His first disciples



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Gennesaret, Garden of the Minister

⁵ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,^[a] the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.



Jesus Calls His First Disciples, Luke 5:1-3



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Sea of Galilee Boat Sail



³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

Jesus Calms the Storm, Mark 4:35-39



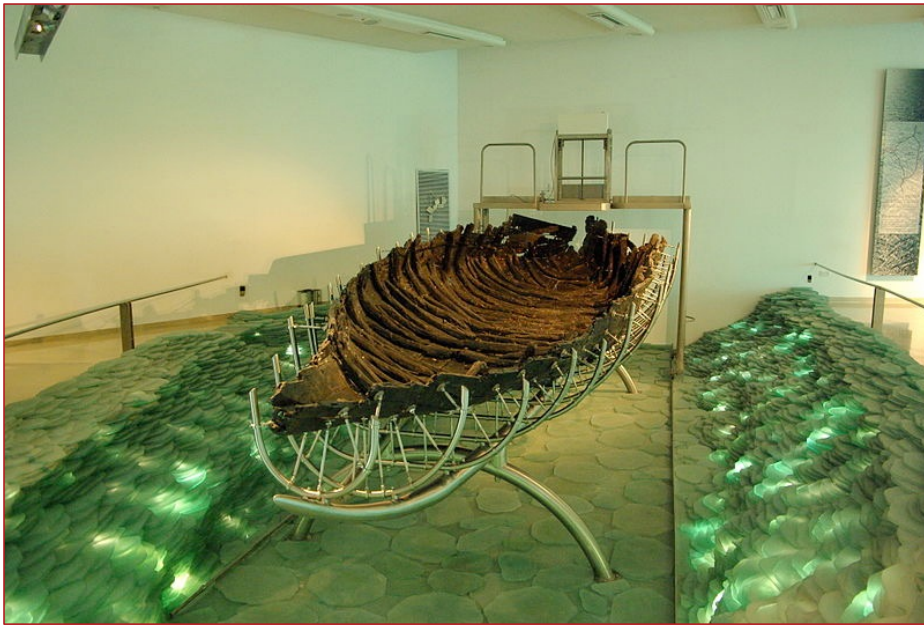
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Journey Church Private Boat Sail



Yigal Alon Museum

2,000 year-old boat at Kibbutz Ginnosar



The boat is made of 12 different types of wood and measures 25.5 ft. (8.2 m) long, 7.5 ft. (2.3 m) wide, and 4.1 ft (1.25 m) high. It would have had a crew of five (four rowers and one helmsman) and could carry about 15 additional persons. This seems like a lot for such a humble boat, but men were smaller 2,000 years ago — about 5'5" and 140 pounds.

"So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat" (Luke 5: 1-3).



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Caesarea Philippi



¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, ^[b] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades ^[c] will not overcome it.

¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be ^[d] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be ^[e] loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. (Matthew 16:13-20)



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Capernaum

frequently mentioned in the Gospels



- Begins His public Galilean ministry
- Heals the centurion's sick servant
- Heals Peter's mother-in-law at Peter's house
- Heals the lame man who was lowered through the roof
- The discussion arises of who would be the greatest in the kingdom

Jesus is found teaching in the synagogue of Capernaum, drives out an impure spirit, heals many.
Mark 1:21-31



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Mensa Christi



The three decades Jesus spent in Nazareth are commonly called the “*silent years*.” Over the centuries, Christians have sought sites in Nazareth to commemorate events from Jesus’ life. Mensa Christi, Latin for “*Table of Christ*,” contains a slab of granite that, according to tradition, was the rock on which Jesus dined with the disciples after His resurrection.

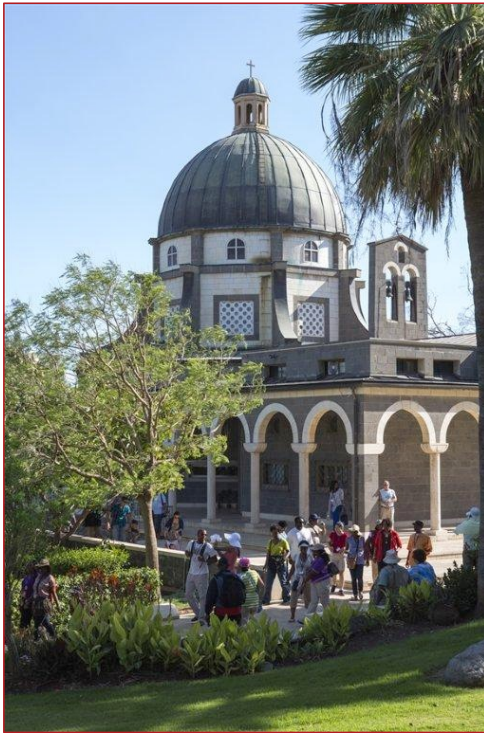


He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen--by us who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. (Acts 10:41)



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Mount of Beatitudes



⁵ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

*³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

*⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.*

*⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.*

*⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

*⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.*

Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 5:1 - 8



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Katzrin

Ancient Katzrin is a restored Byzantine period village in the central Golan area. This unique archaeological park provides a complete picture of the everyday life in a typical Jewish village at these times, also known as the Talmudic period. The park is located near the modern city of Katzrin - the main Jewish city of the Golan.



Reconstructed arches in a section of the ancient village



Entrance to ancient Katzrin synagogue

The ancient Jewish farming village of Katzrin was built around a spring which still flows. Although there were standing ruins on the sites, archaeological excavations have revealed even more ancient buildings.



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Mitzpe Shalom



An observation point overlooking the entire Sea of Galilee and the entire Galilee region



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Yardenit for Baptismal Service



Israel's most important river, the River Jordan, joins the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea (overnighting at the Dead Sea on Day 5). Jesus was baptized in the river by John the Baptist (Mark 1:9-11). Most Christian visitors wishing to be baptized in Israel are baptized at this site, one of two traditionally recognized as the site for baptismal service.

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (NIV, Mark 1:9 – 11)



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Day 5

Friday, October 28, 2022

Beit She'an / Gilgal / Ein Gedi /
Qumran / Dead Sea Swathe /
Dead Sea



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Overview

- **Beit She'an** – one of the Decapolis cities dating from the 5th century; King Saul and his sons displayed on the city walls
- **Gilgal** – Joshua and the Israelites enter the Promised Land
- **Ein Gedi** – David hides from Saul; nature preserves and waterfalls
- **Qumran** - protecting the Dead Sea Scrolls; Book of Isaiah
- **Dead Sea** - lowest place on earth with therapeutic properties



Beit She'an



9They cut off his head and stripped off his weapons, and sent them throughout the land of the Philistines, to carry the good news to the house of their idols and to the people. 10They put his weapons in the temple of Ashtaroth, and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan. 11Now when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul, 12all the valiant men rose and walked all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and they came to Jabesh and burned them there. 13They took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days. (I Sam. 31:10)



Gilgal

Mentioned many times in the OT



Throughout Joshua, Deuteronomy, Book of Samuel, Book of Kings, Hosea, elsewhere where it is unidentified

¹⁹ On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. ²⁰ And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. (Joshua 4:19-20)



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Ein Gedi

Ein Gedi was once an important city on the western shores of the Dead Sea, its name meaning “Wild Goats” after the spring which waters it and is mentioned together with the city of salt as part of the territory of Judah (Joshua 15:62). In antiquity, this city was known for its aromatic plants. The first historical mentioning of the city comes to us in the context of David’s flight from Saul.



And David went up from there and lived in the strongholds of En Gedi. (1 Samuel 23:29)



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Qumran



Entire Book of Isaiah found in Qumran caves



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Dead Sea



1300 feet below sea level, the saltiest body of water on earth



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Important Dates

- Passenger Tour Registration Forms with deposit: Due December 1, 2021
- Color copy of passport: June 23, 2022
- Passports must be valid at least through May 31, 2023

FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY JUNE 23, 2022



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Turkey Pre-Trip

October 21 – 25, 2022

Per person cost: \$1,350

Based on minimum 20 passengers

Tour Brochure and Passenger Tour Registration Form

Deadline to register: December 1, 2021

NOTE: If you have already purchased travel insurance, please be sure to contact your travel insurance company and notify them of your added Turkey program.



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The 3 Rs

- **REACH OUT** – This tour is an important aspect of Pastors Kevin and Joelene's ministry. It is an extension of their ministry.
- **REGISTER** – Complete the forms and make your deposit.
- **RETAIN** – Stay informed about journey updates. Share the updates. Become involved in trip educational programs.

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