



Dear Pilgrim,

I am thrilled that you are considering a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I have been to Israel 10 times, and each time, I have been uniquely impacted by its ordinary sacred beauty. There is something enveloping about standing and looking at the one spot where Abraham almost sacrificed Isaac, Solomon built the first temple, and Jesus entered the temple. Thousands of years of our Christian history collide in one place. And nowhere else in the world do three religions come together to worship in peace.

However, I recognize that there are many groups that go to Israel, and so I want to share with you why the Gracious Gift Ministries pilgrimage is unique. As we travel through the nation of Israel seeing important Biblical locations, it can feel like a tremendous amount of information to absorb. In response, we have developed themes to guide and tie together each day. We also pause at the various sites to reflect, worship, and interact individually and corporately. We hope that after you have gone to Israel with Gracious Gift Ministries you will have a better understanding of the Bible, a richer experience of Jewish culture, have made lifelong friends, and most importantly, encountered the person of Jesus.

We offer you more than a tour of recognizable spots, but 12 days of invitations with the person of Jesus. We don't just want you to have seen the Holy Land. We want you to have tasted and seen the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living (Ps 34:8; Ps 27:13).

Will you consider joining Gracious Gift Ministries in May 2023 for this transformational trip of a lifetime? I hope to see you there.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JoAnna I. Dias".

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