

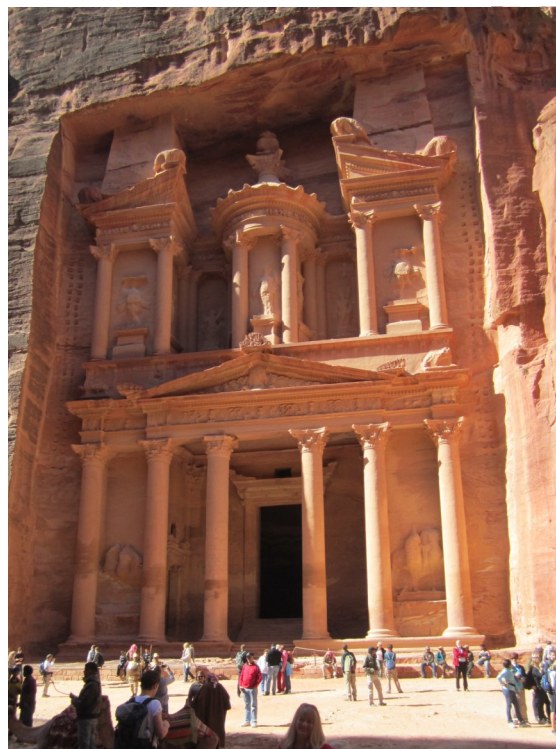


Valleydale Church presents

Biblical Israel and Jordan

Led by Pastor Jason Dees

March 29 – April 7/10, 2016



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Enjoy wonderful times of fellowship as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, Moses and the Apostles, spending time where they lived and ministered. The Bible will come to life in a new way as we experience the context of Bible passages, so bring your Bibles and experience the wonder of Israel and Jordan on this faith-enriching journey. Our guide in Israel is Amir Orly.



IF = In flight meals, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Day 1: Monday, March 28, 2016: Departure

Our journey to amazing Israel, to deepen our Christian faith, begins with our flights to Tel Aviv. (IF)

Day 2: Tuesday, March 29, 2016: Tel Aviv

On arrival in Tel Aviv international airport, we will meet our Reformation Tours representative and transfer to our hotel for a meal and a rest. If arrival time permits, we will have an excursion to explore ancient Jaffa and the port, and sample Is-



raeli deserts and coffee on the Mediterranean, surrounded by history. Joppa/Jaffa, is the ancient seaport in the biblical narrative of Jonah, Solomon's import of the ce-

dars of Lebanon, and Simon the tanner with Peter. We will walk in the old city and learn about the Miracle of the Resurrection of Tabitha by Peter, (Acts 9:36-42), and his vision in which God told him not to distinguish between Jews and Gentiles (Acts 10:12-13). We will spend one night in the Tel Aviv area. (IF/D)

Day 3: Wednesday, March 30, 2016: Caesarea, Mt Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Galilee

We will drive through the Sharon plain to Caesarea, the seat of the Roman Procurator of Judea in the time of Christ, where we will view the ruins of Roman, Byzantine and Crusader times. Our next stop is legendary Mt. Carmel/Mukhraka, where Elijah faced off against the prophets of Ba'al and God sent down fire from heaven in I Kings 18:17-46. We will see the Carmelite Monastery of St. Elijah and our lunch will be served in a Druze village on Mt. Carmel. We will hear about the connection between the Druze and the State of Israel for the last 60 years. In Nazareth, the childhood town of Jesus,

we will tour the Basilica of the Annunciation. On our way to Tiberias, we will drive through Cana, the village where Jesus performed the first miracle, turning water into wine. We will spend the next two nights in Tiberias, on the Sea of Galilee. (B/ L/D)

Day 4: Thursday, March 31, 2016: Mt of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River

An amazing day awaits us- driving all around the Sea of Galilee visiting the sites of Jesus! We will tour Tiberias and the Yigal Alon Museum at Kibbutz Ginosar, which features a Galilee Boat dating from the time of Jesus. We will visit the Mount of Beatitudes, and read Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Next is Tabgha, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee from Tabgha to Capernaum with lunch aboard. After a tour of Capernaum, we will pass by Bethsaida, and continue on the eastern shore to Kursi, where Jesus cast demons into a herd of pigs, (Matt. 8). Our last stop is Yardenit, the famous baptismal site at the headwaters of the Jordan River. Baptism is available for a nominal fee. (B/L/D)

Day 5: Friday, April 1, 2016: Golan Heights, Caesarea Philippi, Beit She'an, Jerusalem

This morning begins with a visit the Golan Heights, and Caesarea Phillippe-Banias. Then we will pass through the Jordan Valley to Beit- She'an/Beth Shean, Saul's final resting place, with its recently excavated amphitheater and the ruins of Roman Scythopolis. We will end the day in Jerusalem our home for the next five nights. (B/D)

Day 6: Saturday, April 2, 2016: Ein Gedi, Qumran, Masada, Dead Sea

Our first stop this morning is the Ein Gedi Nature Reserve, a biblical oasis with a spring and caves, where David hid from Saul. We will stop at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and then we continue on to tour Herod's fortress, Masada and enjoy a relaxing float in the Dead Sea before returning to Jerusalem. (B/D)

Day 7: Sunday, April 3, 2016: Jerusalem

We will begin with the inspiring panoramic view of the Old City from the Mount of Olives. From here it is a short walk to Dominus Flevit and then a walk (or drive) to the Church of All Nations and the Garden of Gethsemane. We will pass through Stephen's Gate in the city walls and continue on through the Jewish Quarter to the Temple Mount, scene of Abraham's offering of Isaac, today marked by the Muslim Dome of the Rock. Then, it's on to the Western Wall, revered as Judaism's most sacred site as the last remnant of the Second Temple. We will continue to Mount Zion to visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Jesus, King David's Tomb, the Room of the Last Supper and the Church of the Dormition – where by Catholic tradi-



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tion Mary fell into eternal sleep. We will visit the Pool of Bethesda – site of the miraculous healing of a paralyzed man by Jesus. We tour the Church of St. Anne, where Christian groups love to sing hymns as they visit. We walk the Via Dolorosa passing the Stations of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which some believe is the site of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Our day ends at the Southern Steps where Jesus is believed to have taught. (B/D)

Day 8: Monday, April 4, 2016: Bethlehem, Elah Valley



Our morning begins at the Elah Valley where David faced Goliath (1 Samuel 22.) We will then tour the Shepherd's Fields on the hillside outside Bethlehem. Today's highlight is the Basilica of the Nativity, Church of the Nativity, Chapel of the Milk Grotto and Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem. We will return to Jerusalem for dinner. (B/D)

Day 9: Tuesday, April 5, 2016: Jerusalem

In modern Jerusalem, we will drive by the Knesset (Parliament) and the campus of Hebrew University. In the Israel Museum, we will see the detailed model of Jerusalem from the time of the Second Temple and the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. We will then proceed to visit the archaeological site of the City of David and see the Hezekiah Tunnel. We will also see the Pool of Siloam and St. Peter Gallicantu, Caiaphas the High Priest's house (Jn. 18). Here we will walk through some of the ancient rooms. We will end with a communion service in the Garden tomb. We will return to our hotel to freshen up then transfer to the airport for our return flight home. (Those who are extending will spend one more night in Jerusalem.) (B/D)

Day 10: Wednesday, April 6, 2016: Arrive Home

We will travel home today, with fabulous memories of our time in Israel. (IF)

Extension to Jordan (\$500)

Day 10: Wednesday, April 6, 2016: Jerash, Amman

With an early departure from Jerusalem, our driver takes us to the Sheikh Hussein Border. After completing passport formalities we will enter the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and travel to Jerash, one of the best preserved and most complete provincial Roman cities. Jerash, Gerasa of Roman Times, was one of the cities of the Decapolis, a confederation of 10 Graeco-Roman cities dating from the 1st century BC situated in Jordan, Syria and Israel. Along the colonnaded street we will see the Temple of Zeus, the Forum, and Hadrian's Arch. We will overnight in Amman. (B/D)



Day 11: Thursday, April 7, 2016: Petra

We will follow the King's Highway through the land of the Moab. We will view to the east the hilltop fortress of Machaerus, the place where John the Baptist was beheaded, as we travel to the amazing city of Petra. We walk through the "Siq," an immense crack in the Nubian sandstone, to the city of Petra. 2000 years ago the Nabateans carved a city out of the rose red rock and the Treasury, El Khazneh, is one of the most elegant remains of antiquity. Beyond El Khazneh we are surrounded on both sides by hundreds of Petra's carved and built structures. We will overnight in Petra known to be inhabited by the Edomites – the descendents of Esau. (B/D)

Day 12: Friday, April 8, 2016: Mount Nebo, Amman

Our first stop today is Mount Nebo, believed to be the site of the tomb of Moses, where we will enjoy a spectacular view across the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea. Then we will drive to the town of Madaba, best known for its Byzantine and Umayyad mosaics and the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George. We will return to Amman for our farewell dinner before departing for our flight home. (B/D)

Day 13: Saturday, April 9, 2016: Arrive Home

We will travel home today, with fabulous memories of our time in Israel and Jordan (IF)

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