

JOURNEY TO THE LAND OF THE BIBLE

Hosted by Grace University

October 17—28, 2010

Dear Friends,

The 2010 Israel tour is going to be a memorable one! If you are a first timer to the Land of the Bible or a returning veteran, this journey will provide you with many new and exciting experiences with the Lord Jesus and the Land He loves.

No picture can portray, no words can convey, no story can illustrate what awaits you in the land of Israel. Imagine walking in the steps of Jesus and the heroes of both the Old and New Testaments: Capernaum, Chorazin, sailing on the Sea of Galilee, Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, the Dead Sea, Beersheba and, of course, Jerusalem—and many other places. We will also climb (or ride up to) Masada where the zealots stood against ruthless Rome and visit Qumran to see the caves of the Dead Sea scrolls. Mt. Tabor, the Jezreel Valley, Mount Hermon, and the Golan Heights are just a few of the other biblical sites we will visit.

We will sing, study the Word and pray in the Land of God's Word. The attached itinerary gives you the overview of our trip. As you see the places associated with God's people and the gospel message that changed the world, you will be transformed spiritually and your faith will be deepened.

Working closely with Morning Star Tours, we have carefully selected the airline, land operator, and bus company to ensure your comfort and safety throughout the trip.

Perhaps now more than ever, God is calling you to Israel, the Land that He loves! Your presence there will bless God's people and change you forever.

In His mighty grasp,

James P. Eckman, Ph.D.

For More Information, Contact:

Dr. James Eckman
President, Grace University
GUPres@GraceU.edu
(402) 449-2809

Morning Star Tours
P.O. Box 740305
Dallas, TX 75374-0305
(800) 809-5412 or (972) 690-0092
tours@morningstartours.com



ITINERARY

OCTOBER 17 • DEPARTURE

Our spiritual adventure begins as we depart from the U.S. for our long-awaited destination—Israel!

OCTOBER 18 • ARRIVAL

This afternoon we will arrive in Tel Aviv. We will be met and assisted through customs and introduced to our guide and driver.

OCTOBER 19 • CAESAREA

CAESAREA Here we will see the Roman theater, harbor, newly excavated hippodrome and palace, and aqueducts.

MT. CARMEL Where Elijah confronted Baal.

MEGIDDO The Chariot City of King Solomon; explore the excavations and view the Jezreel Valley where the nations will gather at Armageddon.

MT. PRECIPICE Here we have a magnificent view of the Jezreel Valley, Mount Tabor, and Nazareth.

MT. ARBEL A breathtaking panorama of the Sea of Galilee and the biblical sites of Jesus' public ministry.

OCTOBER 20 • AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE

SEA OF GALILEE This morning we board an ancient-style boat for worship on the Sea of Galilee.

GALILEE BOAT This boat dates back to the time of Christ.

MT. OF BEATITUDES This is where Christ delivered one of His most powerful teachings.

CHORAZIN A city condemned by Jesus for its lack of faith.

CAPERNAUM This city witnessed many of Jesus' miracles.

BETHSAIDA This town was known as the "house of fishing" during Christ's time.

KURSI The mountainside where the demons entered the swine after being cast out of the demoniac.

BAPTISM IN THE JORDAN We will have the opportunity to be baptized in the same waters in which John baptized Jesus.



OCTOBER 21 • ISRAEL'S NORTHERN BORDER

HAZOR We will stop at this ancient site located on the old International Highway between Egypt and Mesopotamia.

ANCIENT DAN A beautiful nature reserve provides a backdrop as we visit this ancient Israeli city and see where wicked King Jeroboam set up a golden calf.

CAESAREA PHILIPPI At the foot of Mount Hermon, this New Testament city is where Peter made his great confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

BANIAS WATERFALL A breathtaking spot where the headwaters of the Jordan River spill over.

GOLAN HEIGHTS We will learn about Israel's struggles with Syria and Lebanon and discover why this area is so strategic.

OCTOBER 22 • THE JORDAN VALLEY

MOUNT TABOR We will pass by the traditional site of Christ's transfiguration.

SPRING OF HAROD This is the site where Gideon chose his 300 men for a battle that only God could win for them.

BET SHE'AN These Roman ruins sit in the shadow of the hill where the Philistines displayed the bodies of King Saul and his sons.

JERICHO The city where the "walls came tumbling down."

QUMRAN The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered here.

DEAD SEA The lowest point on the face of the earth.

OCTOBER 23 • THE DEAD SEA

MASADA We will ride a cable-car up to Herod's lavish palace/fortress where Jewish zealots made their final stand in their revolt against Rome.

EN GEDI One of the places where David encountered Saul.

FREE AFTERNOON We will return to our hotel along the shores of the Dead Sea for a fun afternoon of relaxation.

OCTOBER 24 • SOUTHERN ISRAEL

- BEERSHEBA** The southernmost city of Israel in ancient times; here, Abraham built an altar to the Lord.
- BETH SHEMESH** Where Samson lived and the Philistines returned the Ark of the Covenant to the Israelites.
- ELAH VALLEY** The location where David fought Goliath.
- BET GUVRIN** Here we will see the unique Bell Caves.
- ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG** We will uncover treasures from the Hasmonean era and learn more about what happens on a dig.
- JERUSALEM** Finally, we journey up to this magnificent city.

OCTOBER 25 • JERUSALM: YESTERDAY & TODAY

- MT. OF OLIVES** At this panoramic vista, we are reminded of what Christ saw as He looked out over the city.
- DOMINUS FLEVIT** We will walk down Palm Sunday Road and stop at the place where Jesus wept over Jerusalem.
- GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE** Here, amongst the ancient olive trees, is where Jesus was betrayed.
- BETHLEHEM OVERLOOK** From the edge of Jerusalem, we will see the close proximity of the town of Jesus' birth.
- JERUSALEM MODEL** This display will give us an excellent visual of the city as it looked during Jesus' time.
- YAD VASHEM** Israel's unforgettable memorial to the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust.

OCTOBER 26 • THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

- SOUTHERN TEMPLE STEPS** A place where you can actually say, "I walked today where Jesus walked."
- THE TEMPLE MOUNT** View the ancient site of the Temple, now holding the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aksa Mosque.
- POOL OF BETHESDA** The pool where Jesus healed a sick man.
- ST. ANNE'S CHURCH** This old Crusader church's amazing acoustics will enhance any group's songs of praise.
- ANTONIO'S FORTRESS** The place where the soldiers mocked Jesus and placed a crown of thorns on His head.
- VIA DOLOROSA** We will travel along the "Way of the Cross" until we reach the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.



OCTOBER 26 – CONTINUED

- THE CITY OF DAVID** Starting from the platform on which King David's palace was located, we will see Warren's Shaft, the waterspout through which David's forces climbed to capture the city, and the Pools of Siloam where the blind man, after encountering Jesus, washed the mud off his eyes and received his sight. Those interested can also walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel.
- WESTERN WALL** The Jews' most sacred site, also known as the Wailing Wall.

OCTOBER 27 • OUR FINAL DAY

- TOWER OF DAVID** Herod the Great built this Citadel 2,000 years ago, which is now a museum at Jaffa Gate.
- UPPER ROOM** The traditional site of the Last Supper.
- HEZEKIAH'S CITY WALL & THE CARDO** We will wind through the narrow streets and colorful bazaars of the Old City, stopping along the way to discover history that proves our faith.
- HERODIAN MANSION** This is the possible site where Christ stood mute before the High Priest and was condemned.
- THE GARDEN TOMB** We will walk into an ancient tomb similar to the one in which Christ was buried and then have a communion service celebrating the resurrection of our Savior... "He is not here! He has risen!"
- JOPPA** City of Jonah & Simon the Tanner; we will see its ancient port and the artists' colony around it.
- FAREWELL DINNER** We will enjoy a final meal together before driving to the airport for our return flight home.

OCTOBER 28 • HOMEWARD BOUND

With heart-changing memories of our time in the Holy Land, we will return to the United States!

TOUR COST & PAYMENT DATES

Tour Cost: \$4,175 per person

Single Supplement: \$675

\$500 deposit due at the time of registration

\$1200 due by June 10, 2010

Balance due by August 10, 2010

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST

Air Transportation—Round-trip transatlantic economy class from Omaha. A limited number of seats will be confirmed. Participants will be given these seats on a first come, first served basis.

Airfare used is based on economy class effective at date of publication. *Airfares and airlines are subject to change should more seats be needed than allocated.*

Hotels—First class hotels throughout, double occupancy.

Meals—Breakfast and dinner daily except where noted on itinerary. *(Beverages provided at breakfast only.)*

Sightseeing—As itinerary specifies, in deluxe motorcoaches with English-speaking guide. All entrance fees are included.

Transfers—All group transfers between airports and hotels.

Porterage—Porterage of one suitcase (standard size).

Tips—Tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff.

Taxes—Airport departure taxes in the U.S. and Israel; amount is subject to change and is based on tax rates & fuel surcharges at time of ticketing.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST

Lunches—Also beverages at meals, other than coffee and tea with breakfast.

Personal Expenses—Such as passport fees, visas for non-US citizens, travel insurance, laundry, phone calls, etc.

Single Room Supplement—A limited number of single rooms are available at an additional cost of \$675 per person.

Services—Not specifically mentioned above.

SPECIAL NOTES

Reservations—A deposit of \$500 must accompany the reservation form for each participant enrolling in the tour. An additional partial payment of \$1,200 is due by June 10, 2010. Final payment is due by August 10, 2010.

Tour Prices—All tour prices are based on costs, charges, taxes and US dollar exchange rates known at the time of booking. We regret should any of these costs change, a surcharge may be added to the cost of your tour. You would be notified prior to travel.

Deviations & Changes—Participant requests for deviations from itinerary are subject to space plus an applicable airfare surcharge, and a \$50 deviation fee per person. To enable finalizing of group arrangements, requests and changes are not accepted less than 60 days prior to departure.

Insurance—Baggage, trip cancellation and emergency medical insurance is STRONGLY recommended. Forms will be provided upon registration. **Important:** The exclusion of Pre-Existing Conditions is waived provided the premium is received no later than fifteen days after the initial deposit for your trip.

Cancellations—All cancellation notices must be received in writing.

Date of Cancellation	Refund Policy
Prior to June 10, 2010	Full refund less 50% of your deposit
June 11 to August 10, 2010	Penalty of 50% of your deposit plus \$500
Aug 11, 2010, until departure	No refund

Passports—You must have a valid passport with expiration not less than 6 months after your return to the US. It takes about eight to twelve weeks to secure a passport so don't delay. *Non-US passport holders must contact Morning Star Tours to confirm need for visa.* Passport information along with applications can be obtained on the WEB by going to: www.travel.state.gov/passport/index.html

Baggage Allowance—Due to bus size we can only allow one checked piece, not to exceed 62 inches (length plus width plus depth) and 50 lbs. You may also bring one carry-on item.

The tour operator reserves the right to make necessary changes to the itinerary.

RESPONSIBILITY Morning Star Tours, with their officers and staff, act only as agents for the various companies whose accommodations are utilized. They assume no responsibility or liability in connection with the services of any train, carriage, automobile, airplane, or other conveyance which will be used either wholly or in part. Neither will they be responsible for any act, error, omission, or any injury, loss, accident, or any delay which may be occasioned by reason of defect in any vehicle or through neglect or default of any company or person engaged in the conveying of passengers. Morning Star Tours accepts no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delays or changes in motorcoach, train, airplane services, or that of any other conveyance, sickness, accident, weather, strikes, war, quarantine, or other causes; and all such losses or expenses must be borne by the passenger. The airlines and/or other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not aboard their plane or conveyance. The passage contract, as issued by the airlines or other transportation companies involved with the tour, shall constitute the sole contract between the purchaser and the airlines or transportation companies and limit the responsibilities of the tour sponsors concerning the related travel and accommodations. Prices and schedules that appear in any brochure or web site are based on current schedules and tariff rates and are subject to change without notice.

Payment of deposit for this tour signifies full understanding and acceptance of the above-mentioned conditions.

JOURNEY TO THE LAND OF THE BIBLE

Hosted by Grace University

To reserve your place on this tour, please complete the reservation form and mail it with your \$500 deposit per person. Additional information will be sent to you upon receipt of your reservation form and deposit.

Name (as it will appear on your passport) _____

Name Tag _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Gateway city for departure: Omaha

Is this your first time to travel with Morning Star Tours?

YES No, I traveled with MST in _____

I am enclosing a \$500 deposit (for each participant, due with reservation form) and will pay a partial payment of \$1,200 per person by June 10, 2010, and the balance by August 10, 2010.

I desire a single room (\$675 extra).

Form of Payment: Check (Make checks payable to Morning Star Tours)

MasterCard Visa Discover

Card # _____

3 Digit Validation Code _____ Expiration Date _____

I authorize Morning Star Tours to charge my credit card in the amount of \$500 per person and to automatically charge the credit card when payments are due (June 10, 2010, and August 10, 2010).

The name and billing address are the same as above for this credit card (If not, please provide below)

Mail reservation forms to:
Tour #505



Morning Star Tours
PO Box 740305
Dallas, TX 75374-0305

Signature _____

Payment of deposit for this tour signifies full understanding & acceptance of the conditions mentioned in the brochure/website