

# God's Faithfulness



February 23 – March 8, 2020  
Hosted by Todd & Beth Hoogland

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*We will travel through the land, from coast to desert to mountains, to visit the places where important Biblical events took place, and dig deep into the Scriptures in their original context to learn about God's faithfulness to His people, in the past, present, and future. Our tour includes sites from the Old and New Testaments as well as the history of modern Israel. In addition, we will learn about God's work amongst believers in the land today. Jesus will always be the center of our studies, as we seek a better understanding of His ministry, His place among the Jewish people, and the application of His teachings in our lives.*



MissionValley  
TRAVEL INC.



**\*IMPORTANT\***

**ALL DEPOSITS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 15, 2019**

**FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE DECEMBER 25, 2019**

**\$2,998** - Land price

**\$500** - Land ONLY deposit, due at registration  
(Direct Deposit or Check)

Air Travel reservations will be available about 10-11 months prior to departure.

For questions contact MVTI, email Alla at [alla@mvti.us](mailto:alla@mvti.us) or call 406-758-4836

Price is based on two persons sharing a double room.

IF PAYING WITH CREDIT CARD (3.5% fee):

**\$517.50** - Land Deposit

***\*Land price is based on a group of 20 people or more\****

**Booking:** Prices are good for **three weeks from the date they are quoted**. If not confirmed by the tour leader within three weeks, prices may have to be updated. In general, hotel prices cannot be guaranteed more than 6 months in advance. Shoresh reserves the right to amend prices of tours without prior notice in case of devaluations of the dollar, or in case of receiving new updated contract rates from suppliers

- Accommodation - Half-board (breakfast & dinner) in en-suite shared twin rooms, taxes & portage.
- Transportation - Bus and driver for touring and group transfers to and from airport.
- Guide - Licensed Christian/Messianic guide.
- Tips - Driver, Guide, Hotels.
- Guest speakers - (if specified).
- Entrance fees - Historical sites, museums, parks, etc.
- Study Materials.
- Services of US Travel Agent – Mission Valley Travel

**\*Not Included:** Airfare, visas, Travel Insurance (mandatory, rates listed below); lunches & snacks; individual activities on free days; individual transfers to/from the airport apart from the main group; wheelchairs; wheelchairs; discretionary gift for guide and driver; personal discretionary spending.

Single Supplement: **\$1,083** (additional single room cost, limited availability)

### **Approximate Travel Insurance Pricing for US residents:**

Trip Cost (Covers Up To)	Age Up to 30	Age 31-59	Age 60-70	Age 71-75	Age 76-79	Age 80+
<b>\$3000</b>	<b>\$109</b>	<b>\$151</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$265</b>	<b>\$323</b>	<b>\$439</b>

***Travel Insurance Quote is APPROXIMATE.  
Individual pricing is available upon request.***

# ITINERARY

## Day 1: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February (Or Sooner)

### DEPARTURE FROM USA

## Day 2: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February (Or Sooner)

### ENTERING THE LAND OF PROMISE

Self transfer from the airport to Beit Immanuel. Transfers from the airport to the hotel is the traveler's responsibility. Taxi rates are regulated and the link to check on rates along with the hotel address will be provided.

Overnight: Beit Immanuel, Old Jaffa



## Day 3: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February (Date of Touring)

### NATURE IMAGERY IN SCRIPTURE & HEBRON

After lunch, we will be met by our guide and bus driver for the trip. Today we will visit the Biblical landscape reserve of **Neot Kedumim** in the Judean lowlands. Walking on the beautiful hillsides, we will discover some of the rich symbolism of the cedar, hyssop, olive and other trees and plants, as well as trying our hand at herding sheep and goats. We will continue through the strategic lowlands into the **Mountains of Judea**, to the burial **Cave of the Patriarchs** in **Hebron**, where we will look at God's covenants with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We conclude our day traveling to our hotel in Beersheva. After dinner, we will have a brief meeting for introductions, some orientation, and prayer.

Overnight: Leonardo Hotel, Beer Sheva, Negev

## Day 4: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

### THE NEGEV DESERT

We continue our journey in the steps of the Patriarchs to the southern desert region called the **Negev** in the Bible (a name it still carries today). We start our day traveling through the



**Wilderness of Paran** to a spectacular view over the **Ramon Crater** where we discuss the importance of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt in Jewish religious thinking and its influence on Jesus and the Gospels. We will conclude our day with a short hike to a beautiful oasis in the **Zin Canyon** called **Ein Avdat**. Overnight: Leonardo Hotel, Beer Sheva, Negev

### Day 5: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February

#### THE JUDEAN DESERT - Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness

Our theme today is the wilderness and what it signified to the ancient Israelites. Our first stop of the day is **Tel Arad**, a pre-Abrahamic major city and later an Israelite fortress. We continue to the Dead Sea area where we visit **Masada**, Herod the Great's magnificent fortress palace in the desert, and the site of the last stand of the Zealots, a Jewish revolutionary group at the time of Jesus. We



We conclude our day travelling through the **Judean Desert** for an early arrival at our spa hotel on the shores of the Dead Sea for a therapeutic soak in the mineral rich waters. Overnight: David Dead Sea SPA Hotel

### Day 6: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

#### THE JUDEAN DESERT - Seeking Refuge in the Wilderness



We start our day at the beautiful subtropical oasis of **Ein Gedi**, where David hid from Saul. Depending on conditions, we can walk into the nature reserve and possibly to the waterfalls. We may see some wildlife, including the furry rock badger and the graceful ibex. We will also discuss the temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness. In the afternoon we will explore **Qumran**, likely the home of the Essenes, a First Century Jewish sect which may have influenced early Christianity, and the site of the most exciting archaeological discovery ever made in Israel – the Dead Sea

Scrolls. Time permitting we will visit **Jericho** – the oldest and lowest city on earth. After **Shabbat meal**, the Director of Shores will lead us on a short stroll to a **rooftop panorama of the Old City**, and then share some encouraging testimonies. Overnight: Gloria Hotel, Old City, Jerusalem

### Day 7: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February

#### BETHLEHEM & ISRAEL MUSEUM

In the morning, we take the short drive to **Bethlehem**, where we will visit the **Church of the Nativity**, which marks the probable site of the birth of Jesus, and the **“Shepherd’s Fields”** where the angels heralded the advent of Messiah. Our next stop will be **Israel Museum** the largest cultural institution in the State of Israel and is ranked among the world’s leading art and archaeology museums.

Overnight: Gloria Hotel, Old City, Jerusalem

### **Day 8: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

#### **THE RESTORATION OF HOPE – A Garland Instead of Ashes**

After breakfast we will join the **morning worship service** at Christ Church. After service we will enjoy a tour of the **Christ Church Heritage Centre** to learn about CMJ's 200-year history of ministry to the Jewish people. Today we study both great tragedy and the wonder of the Lord's redemptive power. We will examine the systematic annihilation of six million Jews in the Nazi genocide, God coming to earth in the form of a man to save His people from their sins, and the loving witness of Christians committed to the Biblically prophesied physical restoration and spiritual rebirth of the Jewish people. Next we travel to **Yad VaShem**, the Israel Memorial Museum to the Holocaust. Here we examine the spiritual and theological roots of the most notorious genocide in history and the connection between the Church, Jesus and the Jewish people. Overnight: Gloria Hotel, Old City, Jerusalem

### **Day 9: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

#### **FREE DAY**

Rest Day. Beth leads those who wish to shop. Todd leads those who wish to visit David's City/ Tower of David. Overnight: Gloria Hotel, Old City, Jerusalem



### **Day 10: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

#### **IN THE STEPS OF JESUS – Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection**

Today we focus on sites related to the Biblical passages concerning Jesus' last week in Jerusalem. Our goal is to understand why He was crucified, how He was buried, and what it meant to the Jewish people of the First Century that He was raised from the dead. We begin our day with a panoramic overlook of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, the site of Jesus' ascension to heaven and His future second coming. After viewing a tomb from the time of Jesus, we will walk down the Mount of Olives to Gethsemane. From here we walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the most likely site of the burial and resurrection of Jesus. Overnight: Gloria Hotel, Old City, Jerusalem

### Day 11: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

#### JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS – The Temple at the Center

Today will be devoted to learning about Jerusalem in Jesus' day, when the Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish life. We will study how worship was performed in the temple, the Sadducees and Jesus' attitude towards them, and generally enrich our insight into many important events in the gospels and book of Acts. An early start will take us up to the **Temple Mount** (conditions permitting), where we'll consider some of Jesus' activities there, as well as the claims of Islam. After a visit to the **Western Wall** place of prayer, Judaism's most holy site, we will take a trip to the subterranean **Western Wall Tunnels** to walk at what was street level in the time of Jesus. We then make our way through the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City to see the Herodian Villas, the palatial mansions that were the home to the Sadducees, the ruling priesthood at the time of Jesus. We complete our day at the excavations near the base of the Temple Mount and discuss Pentecost on the **Southern Steps** where Jesus walked.

Overnight: Gloria Hotel, Old City, Jerusalem



### Day 12: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

#### AROUND THE SEA OF GALILEE – Daily Life and Religion in the Time of Jesus

Our day will be spent visiting various sites around the Sea of Galilee as we try to picture daily life and religion in the First Century, and seek to better understand the miracles and teachings of Jesus in His original Jewish context. We will start the day at Chorazin, the well-preserved ruins of a typical Galilean village, where we study village life, Jewish religion, and the Pharisees. Our next stop will be the Mount of Beatitudes, traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount, where we will consider the Kingdom of God in Jesus' teachings. After a short walk or drive down the hill we will arrive at Capernaum, the town where Jesus lived during the majority of His ministry. Later in the afternoon we will visit Kibbutz Ginosar to see the "Jesus Boat", a Galilean fishing boat from the First Century. From here we will set sail for a boat ride on the Lake to enjoy the views and some worship, prayer and reflective time. Time permitting we will visit the Biblical city of Beit Shean to examine the visually impressive excavations of its Roman-Byzantine period when it was one of the ten Hellenistic cities of the Decapolis.

Overnight: Maagan Kibbutz Hotel, Galilee

### Day 13: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

#### NORTHERN ISRAEL

Today we explore Northern Israel, one of the most beautiful regions of the country. We will seek to understand what the Jewish people of 2,000 years ago expected of the Messiah, and how that was fulfilled in Jesus. We begin by climbing up to the magnificent **Golan Heights**. In the morning we will visit the **Dan Nature Reserve**, where we see the incredible archaeological remains of the **OT city of Dan**, including the city gate from the time of Abraham, and consider ancient Israel's apostasy. We will also enjoy a pleasant walk by a stream and discuss the meaning of "living water" in the Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus' teaching. Our next stop will be at the **Nimrod Fortress**, biggest Crusade-era castle in all of Israel, a mountain-top stronghold spanning back to the 13th century. Our last visit for the day will be **Mount Tabor** also known as "the mount of Transfiguration".

After dinner we will meet with a local believer.

Overnight: Maagan Kibbutz Hotel, Galilee

### Day 14: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March

#### NAZARETH & CAESAREA MARITIMA

Our first visit of the day will be ancient **Nazareth**, Jesus' boyhood home and place of His early ministry. From here we travel to **Caesarea Maritima**, the site of the conversion of Cornelius and the location from which Paul left the shores of Israel and set sail on his journey to Rome.

Overnight: Kfar Maccabia, Tel Aviv

### Day 15: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

#### TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

In the morning we say farewell to Israel and make the short drive to the airport to catch the flight home.

#### DEPARTURE FOR THE MAJORITY

#### IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

- *Most days on this itinerary involve a regular amount of walking and/or climbing. Therefore, this trip cannot generally accommodate those who have significant difficulty with climbing stairs or walking a half a mile at a time. Please be in contact with the trip leaders if you have any concerns about this.*
- *Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions necessitate.*
- *It is **mandatory** for each participant to have travel insurance to cover medical costs or trip cancellations.*

**Please register online via e-registration.**

<https://shoresh.mvti.net/Hooqland-2020>

***NOTE: If you absolutely do not have internet access and/or feel unsafe submitting an online form, you may send us your registration via US-mail by downloading the form at the below URL (Your tour leader may assist you with downloading and printing this form if internet access is limited).***

<https://shoresh.mvti.net/mail-in-registration>

***\*Important\* Mail-in submissions may delay the process of registration. It is imperative that you do so as soon as possible should you chose this route.***