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Israel

A Spiritual and Educational Tour
of The Holy Land



Hosted by
**Dr. Chuck Owens, Pastor
Church of the Cross**

10-Day Tour of Israel May 17 - 26, 2010

\$ 3,919.00 per Person

Round trip from Savannah, GA
Based on double occupancy

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Dear Friends,

I would like to invite you to join Becky and me on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Together we will explore the ancient land of Israel and engage anew, and on location, some of the greatest passages of the Bible. We will walk where Jesus walked and actually see many of the places that exist now only as names to us - you will never view the Bible the same way again!

The enclosed itinerary highlights some of what will be included during this unique, life-changing opportunity. Add to that the fellowship of others from The Church of the Cross who earnestly desire to deepen their faith and I believe you will have one of the most exciting and enriching experiences of your life.

Please say your prayers and if you would like to consider joining Becky and me as we journey through the land of our Savior, contact me and we will talk about it.

God's peace and love,



Father Chuck Owens

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 01 - MON. MAY 17 - OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Depart USA for an overnight flight to Tel Aviv.

DAY 02 - TUE. MAY 18- ARRIVE TEL AVIV / THE SHARON PLAIN AND GALILEE

We arrive in the Holy Land this afternoon where we are met by our Wilcox Tours' agent. After passport control and baggage claim we will meet our guide, board our bus and drive through the Valley of Sharon North to Caesarea by the Sea. We begin where the baptism of Gentiles began, at Caesarea Maritima (Focus on Acts 10). We will include the sunken harbor, the hippodrome, the theatre and the Roman aqueduct. We then drive to Muhraka ("burnt offering") on Mt. Carmel, with a panoramic view of the Plain of Jezreel (Esdraelon). We continue to Megiddo for the background to Armageddon (Revelation 16). Then we cross the country to the Arbel cliff for a magnificent view over the Sea of Galilee and the sites of Jesus' mission (Matthew 4). We will have dinner and overnight in Tiberias.



DAY 03 - WED. MAY 19. SEA OF GALILEE

After breakfast, we will drive up the Golan Heights for a panoramic view of the lake from the East. We will cross to the Mount of Beatitudes (Matthew 5-7). Those who wish may walk down the hill to the lake, meeting the group at Tabgha, where Christians have long remembered the first feeding of the multitude (Mark 6) and nearby, the breakfast of John 21. We continue on to Capernaum, where Franciscan archaeologists believe they have uncovered the house of Peter (Mark 1 and 2). After our St. Peter fish lunch, we will take an hour on the lake in a wooden boat modeled on one from Jesus' time (Matthew 14). We end the day with a visit to the modern baptismal site at the point where the Jordan flows out of the lake. We will return to



the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 04 - THU. MAY 20 - THE SOURCES OF THE JORDAN

After breakfast, we travel to Hazor, the largest Canaanite city, for a brief visit and a view of Mount Hermon and its beautiful surroundings. We continue to Dan, where we combine a nature walk beside the Upper Jordan with views of the ancient ruins, including the Israelite high place that supported a golden calf (I Kings 12). A short drive then takes us to the spring of Caesarea

Philippi (Banias) where Peter confessed his recognition of Jesus as Christ (Matthew 16). Here we can visit the stunning remains of a first-century AD palace belonging to Agrippa II. We then drive around Mt. Hermon for a glimpse of Damascus, 45 miles away, before heading back over the Golan Heights to our home on the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.

DAY 05 - FRI. MAY 21- THE LOWER GALILEE / UPPER JORDAN VALLEY AND JERICO

Today we will visit four major sites: Nazareth, Mt. Tabor,

Beth Shean and Jericho. On the way, we will stop at Cana where we commemorate Jesus' transformation of water into wine. In Nazareth we may choose a visit to the spring of the ancient village; a walk through the bazaar over the site of the ancient village to the Church of the Annunciation with a visit there; or a view from the "brow of the hill on which the city was built" (Luke 4) looking toward Mt. Tabor in the Jezreel Plain. We will then cross the plain and descend through the valley to the foot of Mt. Tabor. We then take the taxis up to Mt. Tabor, the traditional site of Transfiguration with a magnificent view of the Jezreel Valley. We descend back again by taxis, reboard our bus and continue driving east to Beth Shean (aka Scythopolis).



Here we shall climb the tel and view the setting for the death of Saul (I Samuel 28 - II Samuel 1). We will then survey the magnificent Roman and Byzantine ruins: theatre, bathhouses,

further south to the oldest city in the world, Jericho, settled in 9,000 BC. It is also the lowest, at 820' below sea level. This was the first city conquered by the Israelites in the Promised Land, under Joshua's command. View the Mt. of Temptation where Jesus was led into the wilderness and tempted by the devil, after His baptism. Continue through the deep and picturesque gorge of Wadi Kelt to Jerusalem, the city of David. The next four nights in Jerusalem! (B, D).

DAY 06 – SAT. MAY 22- MASADA / JERUSALEM

Early this morning we drive through Ein Gedi to visit the fortress Masada, rising 1,200 feet above the desert plain. See the restoration efforts of remains of buildings dating back to the fourth and fifth centuries AD. Afterward, those who wish may enjoy a "float" in the Dead Sea. View Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found by a Bedouin shepherd in 1948, before visiting the Shrine of the Book, displaying the scroll of Isaiah. This evening you can enjoy a shopping extravaganza!



DAY 07 – SUN. MAY 23- BETHLEHEM / JERUSALEM

E p h r a t h - meaning fertility, is now known as Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. In the Church of the Nativity we see a stone manger,

where it is believed Jesus was born. This site next to the inn was where the animals were kept and fed. Today a Silver Star marks the spot of His divine birth. In Mt. Zion we visit the Coenaculum - Room of the Last Supper, and Tomb of David; the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Christ; three times before the cock crowed - also known as the House of Caiaphas, where Jesus was brought after his arrest. In the Valley of Kidron we will see the Pool of Siloam where Jesus healed a blind man.

DAY 08 – MON. MAY 24- JERUSALEM

This morning we have a solemn visit to Yad VaShem, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, dedicated to the six million Jews who lost their lives before and during the World War II. Also, memorials have been placed to the many Gentiles who helped the Jews during this period, risking their lives to do so. Deep in the heart of Jerusalem we tour the Jewish Heritage Tunnel and see the Dome of the Rock Mosque, next to the Wailing Wall. Our walking tour in the Old City of Jerusalem will begin by the Lion's Gate, at the Church of St. Anne, and the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus said to the man "Take up thy bed and walk." Along the Via Dolorosa - "Sorrowful Road," we see the stations connected with the crucifixion of Jesus. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre



represents the final station where He was crucified.

DAY 09 – TUE. MAY 25- JERUSALEM / LEISURE / TEL AVIV AIRPORT

The Holyland Model affords us the opportunity to envision what Jerusalem might have looked like during the reign of King Herod. This magnificent work of art is continually being updated as new archaeological discoveries are being made. On the Mount of Olives we visit the Paternoster Church, where the Lord's Prayer is written in 35 languages, Church of Ascension, Tomb of the Virgin Mary, Garden of Gethsemane, and the Church of All Nations. Enjoy a breathtaking panorama of old and new Jerusalem. A special service will be held at the Garden Tomb. The rest of the day will be at your leisure. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner prior to late evening check in for our flight home.

DAY 10: WED. MAY 26- ARRIVE U.S.A.

Today we arrive back in the USA on our flight from Tel Aviv.

INCLUDED

- Current round trip economy air fare from Savannah to Tel Aviv via Delta Air Lines, with a connection in New York and Atlanta.
- Current airport departure taxes, customs & security fees.
- \$250,000 automatic flight insurance on all tickets issued by Wilcox Travel.
- Superior first-class (4 star) hotel accommodations throughout (7 nights):

Tiberias	3 nights	Moriah Plaza (Formerly Sheraton)
Jerusalem	4 nights	Inbal

- Breakfast and dinner daily, including one St. Peter's fish lunch and a farewell dinner.
- Comprehensive daily sightseeing per itinerary by private deluxe motor coach with qualified driver and English-speaking, licensed guide/escort, who meets you upon arrival after clearing Israeli customs (as per itinerary) and stays with the group throughout until he returns you to the airport for your flight to U.S.A.
- Entrance fees to all sightseeing, including the Sea of Galilee boat ride, Masada, Mt. Tabor, and The Jewish Heritage Tunnel.
- All transfers and portorage (one suitcase per person).
- All tipping to hotel and restaurant personnel, porters, drivers, and guides.
- Wilcox World Travel and Tours flight bag.
- Holy Land diary.

NOT INCLUDED

- Single room supplement \$ 925.00.
- Insurance: Travel, baggage, trip cancellation, etc
- Beverages with meals, or meals not specifically mentioned on itinerary.
- Passports
- Personal Items and Immunizations

Terms and Conditions

Air Transportation: ARC/IATAN jet economy class, round trip from gateway city applicable on all IATAN and ARC carriers, based on the non-refundable fare. Tours must be fully paid for and tickets issued no later than 60 days before the tour's departure date. If you cancel or change your reservation for any reason after tickets have been issued, a cancellation fee of 100% of the ticket price will be charged by the airline. **Fuel Surcharges:** We will review the air costs approximately 65 days before departure and notify you of any changes in air fuel surcharges or taxes. **Deviations:** Deviation requests should be in writing and will incur an additional service fee plus any applicable fare increases.

Land Transportation and Transfers: By private deluxe motor coach.

Accommodations: Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom with tub or shower. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost of \$925.00 (tour participants without a roommate will have to pay the single room surcharge). Hotels used are Superior First Class category.

Meals: Meals as per the itinerary. Coffee or tea included with breakfast only; all other beverages are extra.

Baggage: Subject to change, free baggage allowance is governed by Delta Air Lines. Baggage allowance guidelines will be included in your final documents. For specific information please visit their web site: http://www.delta.com/traveling_checkin/baggage/index.jsp. Excess baggage will be charged at the established rates. **Due to limited motor coach capacity we urge our tour members to carry only one bag per person.** Porterage for one checked bag is included in the tour price. Excess baggage charges from the airlines and motor coaches are the passenger's responsibility and will be collected at time of handling.

Service Charges and Taxes: Those normally levied by hotels and restaurants are included and all departure taxes and tipping.

Not Included: Passport costs, and health documentation costs (when required); food and beverages (including coffee and tea) not usually included with regular table d'hote meals; optional sightseeing tours and excursions; accident, baggage and trip cancellation insurance; transporting and handling excess luggage; tips to persons rendering special services not specifically mentioned as included; items of a purely personal nature such as laundry, telephone and cable expenses, internet access, room service orders, etc.; transportation between hometown city and gateway city.

Insurance: Acting only as agents for suppliers, Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc., is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident and/or illness. For protection, it is important that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities. Additional information and application forms for these types of coverage will be supplied to you prior to departure.

Important Passport Information: A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member at a local passport office. Passports must have an expiration date beyond Nov. 26, 2010 in order to travel with this tour. If your expiration date is inside this date, you must renew your passport in order to participate.

VISA: A visa is not required for US citizens traveling to Israel.

Deposits and Payments: A deposit of \$300.00 per person is required immediately. The balance is due no later than 60 days prior to departure. Please check your statement for specific due dates. Tour conditions and airfares are subject to Governmental, ARC/IATAN, and airline regulation requirements in effect on the date of and during the tour. All airfares and land rates are quoted in US Dollars and are based on tariffs and cost in effect February 2009, and are subject to change without notice. Land costs are based on group rates and final tour cost may be dependent on number of tour participants.

Guests with Disabilities: Please be aware that certain land tours may not be fully accessible to persons with disabilities. Wilcox World Travel and Tours must be notified of any special medical, physical or other requirements of passengers at the time of booking. Should a passenger require the assistance of another to make this tour, it is the responsibility of that passenger to arrange for a companion to provide the assistance at all times and for the entire duration of the tour.

Participating Air Carriers: The services of any ARC/IATAN air carrier may be used by Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc. for the air portion of these tours.

Responsibility: Your tour operator, Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc., an ARC/IATAN appointed agent, acts as agent for you in the making and securing of all arrangements for transportation, sightseeing, or for hotel accommodations for the tour. Wilcox World Travel and Tours does not own, manage, control or operate any transportation vehicle, any hotel or restaurant, or any other supplier of services. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers. Thus, by accepting the coupons and tickets and utilizing the services, you agree that neither Wilcox World Travel and Tours nor any of its Tour Hosts or Representatives shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage to you or your belongings or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences beyond its control including breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary, or schedules, etc. Also, remember that travel documents are your responsibility as well as compliance with custom regulations. No employee of Wilcox World Travel and Tours can change the terms under which you agree to take this tour. Airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time you are not onboard the aircraft. The passage contract in use by the airline, when issued, constitutes the sole agreement between it and you.

Cancellations and Refunds: If a passenger cancels his/her tour membership up to 61 days prior to departure, there will be a cancellation fee of \$250.00 to cover administration and communication costs. For cancellations within 60-46 days of departure date you will be subject to a 50% penalty or \$250.00 whichever is greater. Cancellations within 45 days are subject to a penalty of 100% of tour price. All cancellation requests must be addressed to Wilcox Travel in writing. **Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.**

NOTE: Wilcox World Travel and Tours reserves the right to cancel, withdraw, or change the tour, in part or whole, at any time. In the event of a change deemed necessary by Wilcox World Travel and Tours, the sole and exclusive obligation of Wilcox World Travel and Tours, Div. of Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc. is to refund monies recovered.



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