

JOURNEY TO THE LAND OF THE BIBLE

Hosted by Hill Country Fellowship
January 18—28, 2011

Beloved,

You are invited to take the trip of a lifetime with Pastor McGee and other members of Hill Country Fellowship. Fulfill your dreams by joining us on an incredible eleven-day journey to Israel, the Promised Land.

Watch the Scriptures come alive while studying the spiritual and historical significance of each site we visit. Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and visit the places where Jesus accomplished most of his earthly ministry. Journey to Herod's Fortress at Masada, explore Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, and float on the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth.

View the Temple Mount, pray at the Western Wall, and sit on the Temple steps where Jesus taught. Visit the Upper Room, site of our Lord's last supper, and walk among the ancient olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus was arrested and taken for trial. See Calvary, the place of the skull. Enter into the Garden Tomb, and take communion in memory of Christ's sacrifice for us.

You will walk in the footsteps of Jesus, visit where He lived and taught, and stand where He will return again.



Roz & David Keeney
on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem



Rodney & Rosemary McGee
"It has been a lifelong dream of mine to go to the Holy Land and walk the same paths that Jesus Christ has walked." - Pastor McGee

Every detail, from the tour guide to the accommodations, has been carefully planned to make it a very safe, enriching, and pleasant experience. You will deepen friendships, make new ones, and return from Israel with unforgettable memories.

In order to provide the maximum impact for each person, our group size is limited, so reserve your spot soon.

Shalom,

David and Roz Keeney
Tour Directors

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JANUARY 18 • DEPARTURE

Our spiritual adventure begins as we depart from Austin for our long-awaited destination—Israel!

JANUARY 19 • ARRIVAL

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

NEOT KEDUMIM Our first stop will be these breathtaking biblical gardens, a place where both the Old and New Testaments will come alive before us.

JANUARY 20 • CAESAREA

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

MT. CARMEL Where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal.

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

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

JANUARY 21 • 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 the Sermon on the Mount.

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

CAPERNAUM This city witnessed many of Jesus' miracles.

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

BAPTISM IN THE JORDAN Here we have the opportunity to be baptized in the same river in which John baptized Jesus.



JANUARY 22 • ISRAEL'S NORTHERN BORDER

HAZOR We pass by this site 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.

CAESAREA PHILIPPI This 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.

JANUARY 23 • THE JORDAN VALLEY

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 We will view the city where the "walls came tumbling down."

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

JANUARY 24 • THE WILDERNESS & UP TO JERUSALEM

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.

QUMRAN The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered here.

WADI QILT The wilderness where Christ was tempted for forty days.

JERUSALEM We will enter this magnificent city, the capital of Israel and the focal point of biblical history.

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.

JANUARY 25 • THE MESSIAH

- BETHLEHEM** We will visit the Church of the Nativity, the traditional site of Jesus' birth.
- HERODIUM** Herod the Great's fortress and later burial place.
- SHEPHERD'S FIELD** We will stand in this obscure place and reflect on the birth of our Savior.
- LION'S GATE** This is the traditional place of the stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr.
- 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.

JANUARY 26 • ISRAEL: YESTERDAY & TODAY

- THE TEMPLE MOUNT** View the ancient site of the Temple, now holding the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aksa Mosque.
- WESTERN WALL** The Jews' most sacred site, also known as the Wailing Wall.
- 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.
- JERUSALEM MODEL** This display will give us an excellent visual of the city as it looked during Jesus' time.
- SHRINE OF THE BOOK** Here we will see the Dead Sea Scrolls and other highlights of biblical archaeology.
- YAD VASHEM** Israel's unforgettable memorial to the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust.



JANUARY 27 • OUR FINAL DAY

- ST. PETER IN GALICANTU** The traditional site of Caiaphas' house.
- 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 possibly where Christ stood mute before the High Priest and was condemned.
- FREE TIME** We will have some time free in the Old City to either bargain with shopkeepers, return to a site that held special meaning, or just people-watch while sipping Turkish coffee at a sidewalk café.
- SOUTHERN TEMPLE STEPS** A place where you can actually say, "I walked today where Jesus walked."
- 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!"
- AMERICAN COLONY HOTEL** Tonight we will dine at this historic hotel, founded by Horatio Spafford who wrote the unforgettable "It is Well with my Soul." The original manuscript still hangs on the lobby wall.
- DEPARTURE** Following dinner, we will drive to the airport for our midnight flight home.

JANUARY 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: \$3,950 per person
Single Occupancy: \$525 additional
\$500 deposit due at the time of registration
\$1200 due by September 20, 2010
Balance due by November 5, 2010

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST

Bus Transportation—Round-trip transportation between Hill Country Fellowship and the airport in Austin.

Air Transportation—Round-trip transatlantic economy class from Austin. 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 Occupancy—A limited number of single rooms are available at an additional cost of \$525 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 September 20, 2010. Final payment is due by November 5, 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 Sep 20, 2010	Full refund less 50% of your deposit
Sep 20 to Nov 5, 2010	Penalty of 50% of your deposit plus \$500
Nov 6, 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.

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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: Austin, Texas

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 September 20, 2010, and the balance by November 5, 2010.

I desire a single room (\$525 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 (September 20 and November 5, 2010).

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

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Signature _____

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