Exegetical FAM Tour

A Shoresh Study Tour

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Hosted by:
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This tour of Israel is primarily designed for teachers and preachers of Scripture. We will examine the historical, geographical, cultural and linguistic context of the Bible as we move from the Negev to Galilee in order to gain a Hebraic perspective of our faith. We will pay special attention to the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament) and how its themes are used and developed in the New Testament. Equally, we will focus on Jesus of Nazareth to come to an understanding of ways we can better present his life and teachings to our communities. We will also ask ourselves how can we create a culture of Bible in our churches so that the word of God remains vital and relevant in each generation.

Bring a Bible and a large, empty notebook. Be prepared to join the discussion as we learn from Scripture, the Land and each other.

Day 1: Tuesday, 14th January
Afternoon arrival and transfer to our accommodation in the desert city of Beersheva. 
Overnight: Leonardo Hotel, Beersheva

Day 2: Wednesday, 15th January
OUR FATHER ABRAHAM
We examine in some detail the stories of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as we explore Biblical Negev, Tel Beersheba and Tel Arad. Time permitting, we will visit the graves of the Patriarchs in Hebron. Overnight: Leonardo Hotel, Beersheva

Day 3: Thursday, 16th January
PREACHING THE EXODUS
We recount the stories found in Exodus and Numbers as we visit Wadi Zinn, Mitzpe Ramon and Sde Boker. Evening discussions: Preaching/Teaching Jewish Holidays. Overnight: Leonardo Hotel, Beersheva

Day 4: Friday, 17th January
IN THE WILDERNESS PREPARE THE WAY
Today we visit the Dead Sea area beginning at Masada, then spending much of our day at the Essene settlement of Qumran. Here we will walk to Cave 1 or 11 (conditions permitting) where the first Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. If time permits we take a dip in the Dead Sea. Evening Shabbat Meal and discussion: The Sabbath in the Life Our Communities. Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem

Day 5: Saturday, 18th January
THE FAITHFUL CITY
We begin with an introduction to Jerusalem at the Tower of David. We will walk around the Old City stopping at key sites: the Holy Sepulchre, the Pools of Bethesda and Hezekiah’s Broad Wall. After dinner we will be treated to a short stroll for a rooftop panorama of the Old City and talk with the Director of Shoresh. Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem
Day 6: Sunday, 19th January

**WORSHIP**
We join in worship this morning at Christ Church. In the afternoon, we will visit Yad Vashem, Israel’s Memorial Museum to the Holocaust. Here we will discuss the value and pitfalls of using modern Jewish history (the Holocaust in particular) in our teaching and preaching. **Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem**

Day 7: Monday, 20th January

**BUILD ME A SANCTUARY**
We will walk through Jerusalem’s Jewish Quarter and visit the Temple Mount, Western Wall and the Southern Wall Excavations. Our afternoon is free for rest, reflection, shopping or, for the energetic, perhaps a walk on the walls of the Old City. After dinner we will have a talk on how to book and lead a tour with Shoresh. **Overnight: Christ Church Guest House, Jerusalem**

Day 8: Tuesday, 21st January

**THE REIGN OF GOD**
We depart early this morning for the Galilee where we focus on Jesus’ message, *Repent the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand* in its Jewish context. Sites today include Jericho, the Jordan River, and Mount Arbel. Evening discussion: *Changing the Way the Church Thinks About the Kingdom.* **Overnight: Ramot Hotel, Galilee**

Day 9: Wednesday, 22nd January

**COME AND FOLLOW ME**
In the Galilee and Golan Heights we examine discipleship in its 1st century setting while visiting Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes and Chorazin. Evening discussion: *Preaching and Teaching – Discipleship.* **Overnight: Ramot Hotel, Galilee**

Day 10: Thursday, 23rd January

**CAESAREA MARITIMA**
At the fabulous ruins of the Herodian city of 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, we look at the big picture of God’s call on Abraham and the nations (Genesis 12). Time permitting, we will discuss ways to preach/teach eschatology in its various forms while at Megiddo. This evening we will have a special farewell dinner. **Overnight: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv**

Day 11: Friday, 24th January

Morning departure.

**Please note:**

- *Itinerary and accommodation subject to change if conditions (especially weather) necessitate.*
- *Some days involve a significant amount of walking and/or steep climbing. Every effort will be made to enable tour members to fully participate at all sites, but in some cases that may not be possible.*