


Israel 2.0

GOING BACK TO ISRAEL BUT THIS TIME:

START THE NEW YEAR IN ISRAEL
STAY 4 NIGHTS OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM
“A LITTLE SLOWER AND A LITTLE DEEPER”

DECEMBER 29, 2022 - JANUARY 9TH, 2023





Why Israel?

Pastor Gregg's dream is everyone gets to Israel **sooner** than **later**.

Experiencing Israel:

- deepens and encourages one's faith
- puts the Word into HD
- let's us see (and be) where Jesus walked
- brings a reality to God's Living Word
- teaches us the history of biblical times

So, Why Israel
2.0? What do
we hope to
gain?

**To walk in the steps of Jesus in the Holy Land, so we
can more faithfully walk in the steps of Jesus in
Houston!!!**

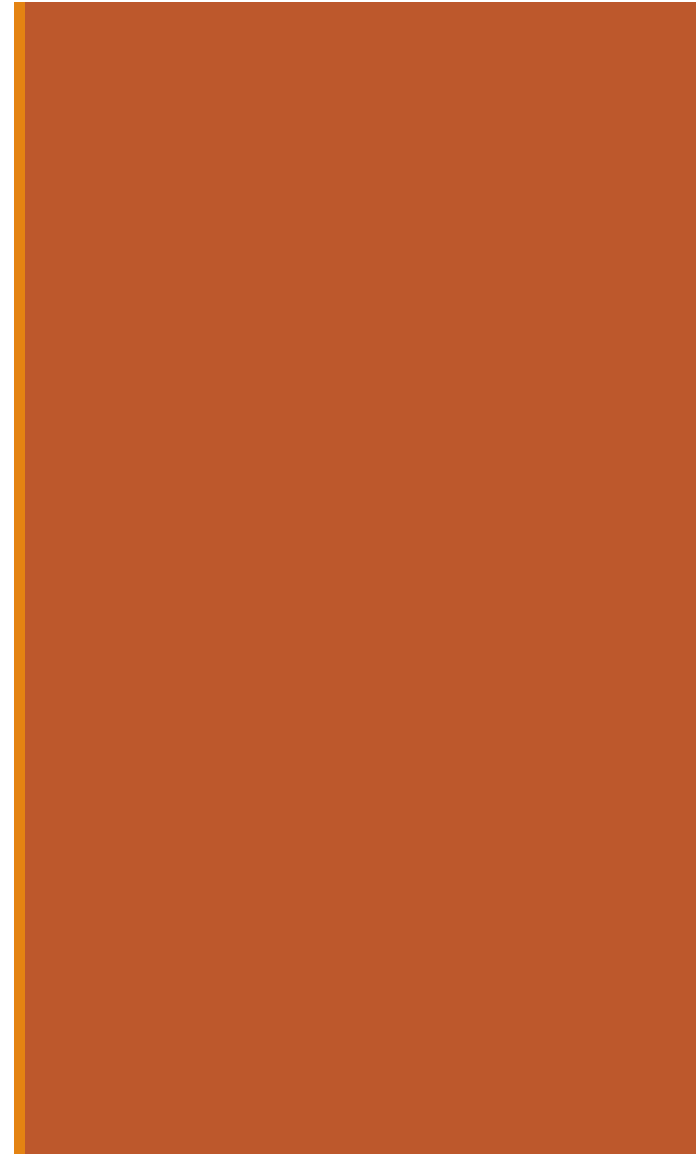
All our prayers, planning and preparation have been focused on creating a journey and experience that will allow us to:

- Develop a clear **Gospel-centered Vision** for our life,
- Extend a **passionate love for Christ** within our daily life,
- Help us see the **power and mission of Christ** in the pages of the Bible,
- Discover **God's unique ministry** He wants to accomplish through our life,
- Reveal our **next step(s) in disciple-making** ministry back home in Houston.

The Tools & Essential Elements of Israel 2.0

To accomplish the vision and goal of helping each person take their next step in their disciple-making journey back home in Houston, we will use:

- Intentional **pre-trip discussions** fueled by selected readings,
- A **daily "Key Stop"** (prayerfully selected from the Gospels) that builds a comprehensive vision for disciple-making,
- A **reflection time** following the "Key Stop" with focused questions to spark deeper learning and transformation,
- A few **"Formal" meals** to learn from each other,
- Interactions with **local Gospel-centered ministries** on the ground in Israel for inspiration,
- **Personalized recommendations** from Israel 2.0 team for next-steps back home.



Helps to Go Deeper: Preparation and Recommendations

- We strongly recommend that you have been to Israel at least once.
- We ask that participants are actively involved at HFBC and in a Life Bible Study Class.
- We ask that you complete the pre-trip reading assignments and attend the 3 discussion groups
 - **3 Sundays October 2, November 6, December 4 from 12:30 to 2:30p at HFBC**
- We ask that you attend 2 post Israel 2.0 gathering to pray and hear how God is applying Israel 2.0 back in Houston and HFBC.
 - **2 Sundays February 5, March 5 from 12:30 to 2p at HFBC**
- We are asking that Israel 2.0 will lead you to an applied application and that your trip will transform you, HFBC and your Life Bible Study
- We know there are exceptions – so If you have not been to Israel or are not part of HFBC or an LBS then talk with Don or Eric

Why these dates?

- It seems like the Iron is Hot
 - Numerous people are saying, “when are you going back, we are ready for more!”
 - Uncertain future condition – economically, politically,...
 - 2 Important elements aligned - both Hope for Israel and Christ Church had open dates
 - HFBC post pandemic seems ready for change - is Israel 2.0 the Catalyst?
- Late December through January is Israel’s off season.
 - The Christmas Crowd has left
 - Cooler Temperatures – same latitude as Houston (we will have a couple cool and rainy days)
 - Quicker Drives – less traffic to fight so more time at the sites!
 - No Lines – once at the site you are in the front row!
 - End-of-the-year Bargains - Merchants are ready to make a deal 😊

AIR TRAVEL

We will be travelling via British Airways

Flights are included in the TOTAL cost

Early Bird Special: if you sign up with your deposit by Sunday, August 28 receive a **\$300 discount!!!**

Ground Only: reduces your cost by \$1000 but you are responsible for transportation costs to join the group

Travel Insurance is not included in cost. We do recommend purchasing.



Air Flight Details

FLIGHT INFO:

December 29 – BA Flight 194 Depart Houston IAH at **3:55p** and arrive London Heathrow at **6:50a**

December 30 – BA Flight 165 Depart London Heathrow at **8:05a**

December 30 – arrival in Tel Aviv airport at **4:50p** (very reasonable hour)

January 9 – BA Flight 162 Depart Tel Aviv airport at **7:25a** and arrive London Heathrow at **11:00 a**

January 9 – BA Flight 197 Depart London Heathrow at **3:00p**

January 9 - arrive back in Houston IAH at **7:30p**

Great Schedule: Thursday, Dec 29 you can choose to work a ½ a day or have the morning to pack before departing. We arrive in Israel in time to still be able to go to Jaffa. Plus, we arrive back in the United States at decent time on Jan 9th. GREAT SCHEDULE!

Critically Important

1. **Passport:** Is yours up-to-date? – make an appointment this week!!!
2. **Vaccination Policy:** At this time, no vaccinations or testing is required for entry or exiting Israel. We will keep you posted.
3. **Healthy Enough:** Be considerate of others on the trip. Can you keep up? You will need 2 pairs of good hiking shoes that are broken in – even though it is a “little slower” it still means you need to be ready to walk 10K to 20K steps in a day. This is still a Don Trip 😊 Start walking today!
4. **Travel and Medical Insurance:**
 - Medical Insurance is required. (approx. \$30- \$50).
 - Travel Insurance (includes medical) is recommended (approx. \$200-\$300)

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

No Driving 😊 When you travel as a group the drive time is time to visit, rest, journal, listen, watch,... our Tour Guide, Isaac, will either be your encyclopaedia or your lullaby 😊

Ride in comfort in a climate-controlled Tour Bus

Stay connected – the bus has MiFi so you can stay connected back home

Licensed Bus Drivers and Tour Guides drive us every mile and provide commentary on the sites and wonders of Israel

MOST TIPS are included in your cost. However, we will take a special offering at the end of the trip for our Tour Guide and Bus Driver.



Accommodations

- **1 Night:** Resort Hadera/L.Plaza Natanya on Mediterranean Sea
- **4 Nights** – Ron Beach/Caesar Tiberius on Sea of Galilee
 - We will be in the North for a little longer than most trips. We will have time to settle in a bit in Tiberius.
- **4 Nights: In Old City Jerusalem** at Christ Church guest house across from the Jaffa Gate and Citadel of David. This is where you want to be!
- **1 Night: Yehuda/Ramada Ramat Gan** closer to the airport for our departure.
- **ROOM OCCUPANCY based on Double Occupancy**
(Private Rooms available – additional costs)

Communications

WiFi is available at the hotels and **MiFi** will be provided on the bus

What's App is a good way to stay connected back home **or** check with your phone carrier.

On the trip our group will download and use **GroupME** 😊



Meals

European Style Accommodations

Breakfast and Dinners are provided at the hotel the Natanya, Tiberius, West Jerusalem hotels Dec 30,31 Jan 1,2,3,4(am),8

Breakfast only at Christ Church Jan 5,6,7,8(am)

Breakfast (10) Full Buffet Style with Hot/Cold Entrées

Lunches – we will do these like a family road trip and eat at the site or on the bus! Cost TBD and will be collected before the trip. Give us more time at the sites!

Dinners (5) Full Buffet Style 3-8 Entrées Options per Meal

Dinners (4) in the Old City of Jerusalem on your own.

PLUS... a Farewell Dinner (1) – just a bit more special



Bible Teacher and Host for the Week

Bible Teacher: **Eric and Stacie Reed**

- MYA and then HFBC Men's Minister 15+ years
- Married 25 years
- Children: Emma, Luke, Kate and Lily
2 in college and 2 at home!
- AND Loves hiking and Premiere League Soccer!!!



Hosted by: **Don and Denise Munton**

- Minister at HFBC for 24 years in multiple areas Adult 2 Summit, Impact, College, The5, SPF
- Married 33 years
- Adult and College Children: Abby, Isaiah, Zach
- AND Loves hosting trips to Israel!!!

The Blessing of Group Travel

SAFETY IN NUMBERS

FRIENDS TO SHARE WITH IN REAL TIME BEFORE
SHARED WITH ON SOCIAL MEDIA 😊

NEW FRIENDS TO MAKE

MEALS LUNCHES TO SHARE AND SPLIT

PRAYER AND WORSHIP TO ENJOY

SHARED SELFIES PLUS... “PHOTO BOMBING”

INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTION

DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES MAKE FOR GREAT
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With the group blessing comes a great
responsibility.... LIKE...



LIKE...

TIME:

- Being Time Conscientious - it is OUR Trip

GROUP vs INDIVIDUAL

- Groups are Great! Cliques are not – mix it up!!!
- Group Time is for the Group and Individual Time is for YOU.

COMMUNICATE

- Let's be friends – it is a decision.
- Someone will get sick, someone will get grouchy, someone will...just communicate.

BE A FRIEND

- To make friends we must be a friend (friendly).
- Joy in Difference – Eric, Stacie, Denise and Don.

THE SCHEDULE

- Be flexible – we will try to do everything on our itinerary, but somethings are out of our control.

What do we mean when we say, "A LITTLE BIT SLOWER AND A LITTLE BIT DEEPER"?

A LITTLE BIT SLOWER - Most mornings will start with ONE KEY SITE

Historical Perspective of the Site - Israeli Guide

Followed by our **Bible Lesson** – lead by Eric

A LITTLE BIT DEEPER

Followed by **time to think, journal, pray** – breath deeply

Followed by **Life Application** – with our ISRAELI Ministry Partner



KEY STOPS – SLOWER AND DEEPER

Mediterranean

Friday, December 30th – Joppa

Tiberius/Sea of Galilee Area

Saturday, December 31 Caesarea Maritima

New Year's on the Sea of Galilee

Sunday, January 1 Cana and Church in Tur'An

in Church the First Day of the New Year

Monday, January 2 Vineyard

Tuesday, January 3 Boat on Sea of Galilee and Capernaum

Feeding of the 5K

Wednesday, January 4 Jericho

Old City of Jerusalem

Thursday, January 5 Upper Room

Friday, January 6 site-seeing day in Southern Israel

Saturday, January 7 Garden of Gethsemane

Sunday, January 8 Garden Tomb

OUR MINISTRY
PARTNERS in
ISRAEL

Hope for Israel

Beautiful Land

First Fruits

1st Baptist Tur'an

Christ Church

King of Kings

Messianic Jewish Kibbutz

Jerusalem Prayer Center

We will see some favorite old sites & some brand new sites!

SEA OF GALILEE



TIBERIAS



CAPERNAUM



JERICO TRAM

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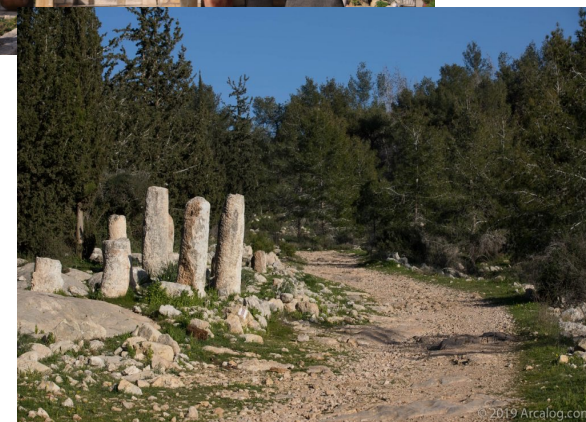


**CHURCH OF THE
MULTIPLICATION: FEEDING
OF THE 5,000**

RACHEL'S TOMB



**JERUSALEM
PRAYER
CENTER**



ROAD TO EMMAUS

We will see some favorite old sites & some brand new sites!



CANA OF GALILEE



KING OF KINGS



UPPER ROOM



GARDEN TOMB

We will see some favorite old sites & some brand new sites!



CITY OF DAVID

GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE



**OLD CITY OF
JERUSALEM**

WESTERN WALL



We will see some favorite old sites & some brand new sites!

CAESAREA MARITIMA



TEL MEGGIDO

MOUNT CARMEL



JOPPA



**CHRIST CHURCH CHAPEL
IN OLD JERUSALEM**

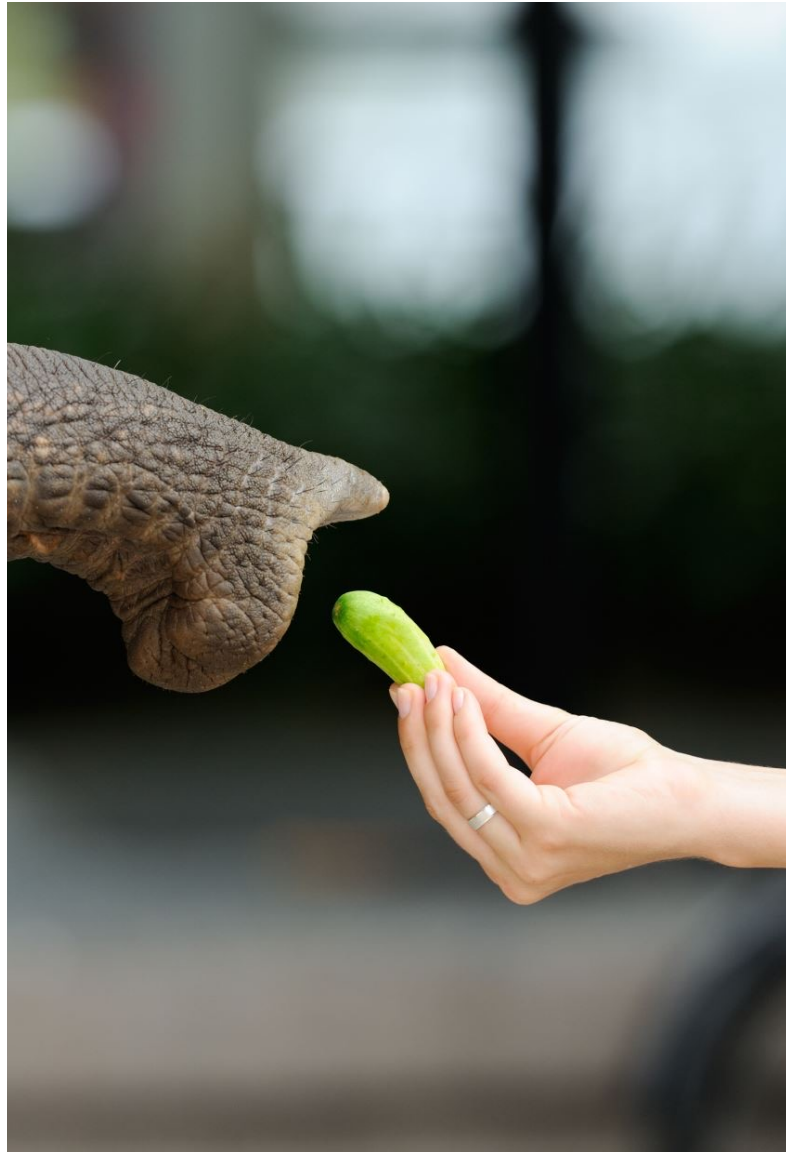
Free Time in Jerusalem

We will stay in the Old City January 4-8.

In Jerusalem we suggest seeing the following:

- Old City Gift/Coffee Shops and Restaurants
- Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross)
- Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Golgotha)
- Pool of Bethesda
- Tower of David (Crusade Era)
- Mt. Zion (Upper Room, David's Tomb)
- Evenings getting a cup of coffee - Relax and Journal...

REMINDER Always go in groups of at least 2 or better 3



Registration

[Focus \(gomethod.app\)](https://gomethod.app)