Join Pastor Jim and Tracey Dykes for a life-changing Bible study tour of the Holy Land

April 8 - April 18, 2026

$3,935

(Airfare not included)





DAY 1 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH
EN ROUTE TO ISRAEL

Today, we will begin our journey to the Holy Land! Whether we are traveling together or meeting in Israel, as we leave the US coastline behind, we will know that our pilgrimage has "officially begun!" Our spirits will soar with prayerful expectations of all that awaits us in the 'Land of the Bible.'

DAY 2 THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH
BEN GURION AIRPORT / CAESAREA MARITIMA/ CRUSADER FORTRESS / ROMAN AMPHITHEATER / AQUEDUCT / MOUNT CARMEL / MEGIDDO / TIBERIAS

Upon your arrival at the **BEN GURION AIRPORT in Tel Aviv**, you will join your fellow tour participants as we meet our guide who will gather our group and escort us to our deluxe motor coach. We are ready to begin our exploration of the land of Israel, where the Bible will come alive to us like never before.

Our tour of Israel starts as we head north along the shore of the Mediterranean Sea to **CAESAREA MARITIMA** (Acts 25:4), where we'll walk through the ruins of a **CRUSADER FORTRESS** and view the archeological remains where Paul was imprisoned. We will walk along the newly excavated harbor – where he sailed to Rome – and see the **ROMAN THEATER** where Paul stood before King Agrippa. Following lunch by the Mediterranean Sea, we'll briefly stop at one of Herod's engineering masterpieces – an **AQUEDUCT**, built 2,000 years ago and stretching some fourteen miles to bring fresh water into Caesarea. Traveling eastward toward the Galiliee, our next stop is **MUHRAKA** (I Kings 18:18), on the **MOUNT CARMEL** range, where we remember Elijah's contest with the false prophets of Baal. From here, we journey over the Galilean hills to **MEGIDDO** (I Kings 9:15), where we enjoy the breathtaking panorama of the Jezreel Valley, the site of the coming battle of Armageddon. As we look across this ancient and future battlefield, we'll read of Christ's Second Coming in all of His power and glory! As this unforgettable day draws to a close, we will make our way to the beautiful Scots Hotel on the shore of the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3 FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH
NAZARETH VILLAGE / MARY'S WELL / CANA / MOUNT ARBEL / MAGDALA / BOAT RIDE ON GALILEE

This morning, you will awaken to a beautiful sunrise over the **SEA OF GALILEE**. Our tour begins after a sumptuous buffet breakfast when we board our bus and head off to **NAZARETH** (Matt. 2:19-23), the boyhood home of Jesus. Here, we will spend a few hours in the **NAZARETH VILLAGE**, a biblically authentic, re-created village designed to transport us back 2000 years to Jesus' childhood. We will walk through fields with locals in costume and visit a threshing floor and a winepress. We will read scripture in the ancient synagogue and see a home like the one Jesus grew up in. Departing the Nazareth Village, we'll stop at **MARY'S WELL**, the same water source Mary and young Jesus visited so often. As we leave Nazareth, we'll drive east through the town of **CANA** where Jesus performed the first of his earthly miracles, turning water into wine. Arriving back on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, we'll visit the dramatic precipice of **MOUNT ARBEL**. A short hike will take us to the top of the ridge, where we'll enjoy a panoramic view of the entire **SEA OF GALILEE**. We believe that it was here that Jesus delivered to His disciples the great commission of Matthew 28:19. From here, it's on to the amazing ruins of the town of **MAGDALA**. This is the hometown of Mary Magdalene, out of whom Jesus cast seven demons. We can also be sure that Jesus preached in the synagogue of this small fishing village. This glorious day will be capped off with a sunset **BOAT RIDE** on the **SEA of GALILEE** (Matt. 14:25). Once we're out on the lake, we'll turn off the engines for a wonderful worship service, remembering the many miracles that Jesus performed, on these same waters. Our adventurous day concludes with dinner and a good night's sleep at the Scots Hotel in **TIBERIAS**.













DAY 4 SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH
CHORAZIN / TEL DAN / CAESAREA PHILIPPI / MT. OF BEATITUDES / CAPERNAUM/BAPTISM AT YARDENIT

Today, we make our way to the upper Galilee, stopping first at Chorazin, one of the villages surrounding the Sea of Galilee where Jesus surely performed many miracles. We'll visit the ruins of a first-century synagogue where we can be certain Jesus preached! From here, it's on to **TEL DAN**, the location of the ancient Israelite city of Dan. Here, we'll see the extraordinary archaeological remains of the city and an ancient gate dating back to Abraham's arrival in this land! From there, we continue to **CAESAREA PHILIPPI** (Matt. 16:13-18) – now called Banias. Situated at the foot of Mt. Hermon, it is a source of the Jordan River and the site where Peter made his ringing confession concerning Jesus Christ, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!" After the teaching here, we will return to Galilee for a "must have" fish lunch, caught fresh from the Sea of Galilee. **CAPERNAUM** (John 6:24) is our next stop to see the ruins of an ancient synagogue, the home of Peter, and much more. This afternoon will be especially meaningful as we then gather on a hillside – the **MOUNT of BEATITUDES** (Matt. 5) – believed to be where Jesus delivered His renowned sermon on the mount. This wonderful day concludes with a memorable **BAPTISMAL SERVICE** in the Jordan River at **YARDENIT**. After dinner, we will gather in a conference room for a time of testimonies before our last night's sleep in **TIBERIAS**.

DAY 5 SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH
TABGHA / CHURCH OF THE PRIMACY / EIN HAROD / BEIT SHE'AN / JERICHO / JUDEAN WILDERNESS / JERUSALEM

Today, we will be off to an early start on our way to **TABGHA**, situated on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. It was in this area that Jesus multiplied the fish and loaves to feed the multitudes, as recorded in John 6. Our final worship service in this area will be at the **CHURCH OF PETER'S PRIMACY.** This location is especially meaningful as we gather on the lakeshore to remember our Lord's restoration of Peter in John 21:15-17. We'll take extra time here to worship Jesus for His restoring grace. Leaving Galilee, we'll begin our journey south to **EIN HAROD** (Gideon Springs – Judges 7), where God reduced Gideon's army to a few valiant men who later defeated the Midianites. From here, we're off to **BEIT SHE'AN** (I Sam. 31:10), an impressive archaeological site where painstaking excavations and reconstruction are currently underway. This city, one of the Decapolis league, is remembered as the place where the Philistines hung the bodies of Saul and his son, Jonathan, upon the city walls. Our next stop will be the oldest city in the world, **JERICHO!** Here, Jesus healed blind Bartimaeus and forgave that wee little man, Zacchaeus. While in Jericho, we'll climb to the top of Tel Jericho and remember the story of the marching Israelites and the falling walls. Now it's finally time to begin our Aliya, driving up the mountain to Jerusalem and ascending through the **JUDEAN WILDERNESS**. Along the way, we'll stop for a brief teaching service overlooking the Valley of the Shadow of Death, which David wrote about in Psalm 23. This special day concludes with our first glimpse of **JERUSALEM – The Golden City**. Dinner and overnight at the deluxe **DAN JERUSALEM HOTEL.**

DAY 6 MONDAY, APRIL 13TH
QUMRAN / EN GEDI / MASADA / DEAD SEA / JESUS' BAPTISMAL SITE at BETHABARA

Following our first sunrise in Jerusalem, we are off to see the sites of the Jordan Valley and Dead Sea. Our first stop is at **QUMRAN**, where Essene scribes hid ancient scrolls nearly 2,000 years ago. These parchments were discovered in 1947

in the greatest archaeological find of the twentieth century and became known as the Dead Sea Scrolls. These documents encourage our faith as they help us understand how God has preserved His word through the ages. Next, we continue to the **SPRINGS OF EN GEDI** (I Sam. 23:29), where we will take a short hike to David's Waterfall. It's here that David hid in caves from the murderous King Saul. En Gedi is also significant in Bible prophecy as the place where fishermen will dry their nets next to the Dead Sea in the coming kingdom of Jesus. From here, we travel on to **MASADA**, King Herod the Great's fortress/palace in the middle of the desert. We'll view a short film to learn the story of the Jewish zealots who chose death atop Masada in 73 AD rather than becoming captives to their Roman conquerors. Next, we ascend to the summit by cable car to view the exquisitely restored archeological remains of the palace complex, Herod's bathhouse, and much more. Following lunch, we're headed to the place where you can enjoy a luxury that few in this world will ever experience as you float in the waters of the **DEAD SEA**, which are so rich in minerals that it is impossible to sink. This is an unforgettable experience that everyone will enjoy! Before making our way back up to Jerusalem, we'll make a short stop at the bank of the Jordan River for one of the most moving visits of our tour, **BETHABARA**, the actual site of **Jesus' baptism**, where we'll remember how Jesus was immersed here at the beginning of his earthly ministry. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 7 TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH
BETHLEHEM / CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY / SHEPHERD'S FIELDS / VALLEY OF ELAH / YAD VASHEM / SHRINE OF THE BOOK – MODEL CITY (ISRAEL MUSEUM)

This morning, we'll journey south to **BETHLEHEM** (Micah 5:2 / Luke 2:1) to visit the **CHURCH of the NATIVITY**, the oldest and one of the most holy sites in Christendom, built over the traditional location of Christ's birth. After lunch in a Bedouin-style tent restaurant, we will visit the **SHEPHERDS' FIELDS**, where we'll read and reflect on Luke 2, which relates to the joyful announcement of Jesus' birth. While in this area, we'll drive to the **VALLEY OF ELAH** (1 Samuel 17) where David defeated the giant of the Philistines, Goliath. Here we'll be reminded of those five smooth stones chosen from the brook, one for each of the five capital cities of the Philistine nation. This afternoon, we travel to **YAD VASHEM**, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust. Spend time touring this vast complex with its Children's Memorial and walk along the Avenue of the Righteous, where trees have been planted to commemorate the many Christians who helped save the lives of Jews during World War II. Our day concludes at the **SHRINE of the BOOK**, located on the grounds of the Israel Museum, which houses many original manuscripts and copies of the Dead Sea Scrolls. While on the grounds, we'll visit the **MODEL CITY**, which explains "the look" of Jerusalem during the time of Jesus. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 8 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH
TOMB OF KING DAVID / UPPER ROOM / CARDO / THIRD TEMPLE INSTITUTE / WESTERN WALL / CITY OF DAVID / HEZEKIAH'S TUNNEL

This morning, our tour will begin on Mount Zion, and we will visit the traditional **UPPER ROOM** (Mark 14:12) and the **TOMB OF KING DAVID**. Next, we enter the Zion Gate into the Jewish Quarter, where our first stop will be the **CARDO**, the ancient marketplace. From here, a short walk through the narrow streets of the old city will bring us to the **THIRD TEMPLE INSTITUTE**, where rabbis, goldsmiths, weavers, and artisans are creating authentic Temple utensils based on Biblical, Talmudic, and archeological research to be used in the future, third Temple. Our descent to the Dung Gate will provide plenty of photo ops of the Temple Mount, where this Temple will one day stand! Nearby, we visit the visible remnant of the first Temple's **WESTERN WALL**, also known as the Wailing Wall, for it is here the Jews lament the destruction of their Temple and pray for the coming of their Messiah. This afternoon, our group will tour the extensive discoveries of the **CITY OF DAVID** and walk through the ancient **TUNNEL OF HEZEKIAH**. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.

DAY 9 THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH
TEMPLE MOUNT / POOL OF BETHESDA / ST. ANNE CHURCH / VIA DOLOROSA / LITHOSTROTOS / HOLY SEPULCHRE CHURCH / SOUTHERN EXCAVATIONS / RABBINIC TUNNELS

After a hearty breakfast, we enter the Old City through the Dung Gate, where we'll ascend to the **TEMPLE MOUNT**. Though entering the mosques is prohibited, we can view the Mt. of Olives and the Eastern Gate. Upon exiting, we visit the Church of St. Anne and the **POOL of BETHESDA** (John 5:1), where Jesus healed the lame man. A short walk up the modern **VIA DOLOROSA** will take us to the **LITHOSTROTOS**, also known as "The Pavement" (John 19:1-19). In this courtyard, as lots were cast for His garments, Jesus was stripped, beaten, and later led away to be crucified. From here, we'll head to the **CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE**, a site revered by many as the location of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Pilgrims have come here for more than 16 centuries to remember our Lord's passion and powerful resurrection. Leaving this church, we will walk back toward the Dung Gate to visit the Davidson Center and the **SOUTHERN EXCAVATIONS** of the Second Temple and stand on the ancient steps that Jesus would have used to ascend to the Temple. Later tonight, after dinner, our group will receive a guided tour of the **RABBINIC TUNNELS** where we'll see the 2,000 year old construction of the entire western wall of the Temple Mount. After such a full and amazing day, you are certain to sleep well in the Holy City tonight!

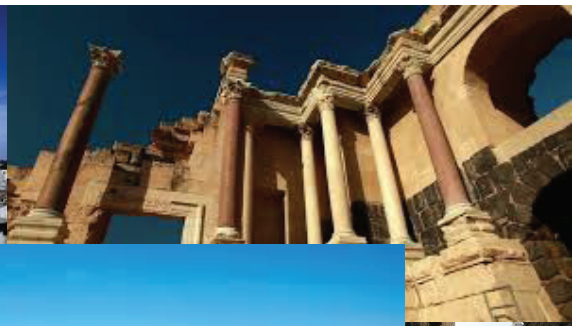
DAY 10 FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH
MOUNT OF OLIVES / DOMINUS FLEVIT / GETHSEMANE / HOUSE OF CAIAPHAS / CALVARY / GARDEN TOMB / FAREWELL DINNER / BEN GURION AIRPORT

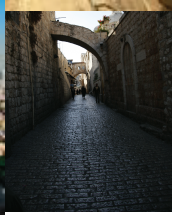
Today will surely be a day like no other as we trace the final footsteps of our Lord. We begin on the summit of the **MT. of OLIVES** (Acts 1:8) for a panoramic view of the Old City while our guide answers our many questions. Nearby, we walk down the slope to the tear-shaped church of **DOMINUS FLEVIT** (Luke 19:41-44), where tradition holds that Jesus wept over His beloved city of Jerusalem. We continue our descent to the **GARDEN of GETHSEMANE** (Matt. 26:36) with its ancient olive trees, where the Bible states Jesus prayed until His sweat turned to blood. Our group will then enter a private part of the olive grove to partake in a quiet worship service, praising Jesus for His agony in this garden. We may then find our own secluded spot to pray in this special place. Leaving Gethsemane, we drive across the Kidron Valley to the **HOUSE of CAIAPHAS** (John 18:12), the home of the high priest of Jerusalem. It is here that Jesus was tried and beaten late into the night. You and I will descend into the pit where Christ was kept until morning, when He was led away to Pilate. From here, we'll move to the climax of our tour with a visit to **CALVARY** (Luke 23) and the **GARDEN TOMB** (John 19:38). In this serene garden setting, we see the place of the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of our Lord, culminating our time together with a celebration of communion. This worship service concludes our Holy Land tour. Time permitting, we will enjoy some shopping in the Old City of Jerusalem before heading to the airport for our overnight flight home. But first, we'll enjoy an amazing **FAREWELL DINNER** with all of our new friends!

DAY 11 SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH
ARRIVAL HOME

This morning our trip of a lifetime has come to an end, as we arrive back home in the USA. We can be sure that our memories and friendships will last forever!







TERMS and CONDITIONS

THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
Deluxe hotels are based on twin occupancy with bath. Hotel category was determined through printed documentation published by OHRG. The single room supplement is **$1,250 per person.**

MEALS
The famous Israel-style breakfast buffet and dinner daily plus nine lunches are provided. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the meal menu of the day.

SERVICE CHARGES & TAXES
Surcharges normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included, as are all governmental and local taxes on hotels and meals. Group tips to the guide, driver and hotel maitre d' and porters are included.

SIGHTSEEING
The services of an English speaking guide, all entrance fees to sites included in the itinerary and transportation by modern motor coach are provided.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE
Airfare, passport cost, laundry, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, items of a personal nature. Also not included is the cost of baptism at Yardenit.

THE TOUR PRICE
The price is based on a **minimum of 25 paying guests** and on tariffs and rates in effect on **November 1, 2025** and is subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to the departure of the tour.

DEPOSIT & CANCELLATION
A deposit of $250.00 per person is required to secure reservations; the deposit is applied to the price of the tour. The balance must be paid in full by **February 8, 2026**. In the event of cancellation, a refund in full will be made up to **February 8, 2026** excluding a $100 per person administrative charge. Cancellations on or between **February 9, 2026 – March 9, 2026** are subject to loss of deposit. Cancellations on or after **March 9, 2026** are subject to a loss of 100% of tour cost. Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS
MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express credit cards are accepted for payment (3% fee for credit cards.)

RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY
The various persons, companies, owners, and/or contractors providing the means of transportation, accommodation, and other services in connection with this tour are independent contractors and are not affiliated with Brookstone Church and/or Pastor Jim Dykes in any way. Neither Brookstone Church, nor Pastor Jim Dykes shall be liable in any way for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, or irregularity in any vehicle, of any kind, including injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, or irregularity in any vehicle caused by the acts, omissions, or defaults of the persons, companies, owners, or contractors, or their agents, servants, and employees, providing transportation, accommodation, or other services in connection with this tour. Furthermore, the aforesaid church and pastor shall not be responsible for losses or accidental expense due to delays, changes in schedules or departures, hotel overbooking or defaults, sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantines, riots or insurrections, political disorder of any type, criminal acts committed by third parties, or other such similar causes. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the tour participant. The right is reserved to withdraw this tour completely or to make such alterations to the itinerary as may be necessary or advisable, in Pastor Jim Dykes' sole discretion, for the proper progress or completion of the tour. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable, in Pastor Jim Dykes' sole discretion, to alter arrangements or itineraries for the tour participants' comfort and/or welfare for any reason whatsoever, such alterations shall be made without penalty or liability to Pastor Jim Dykes or Brookstone Church. Losses and/or additional expenses occasioned by any such alterations, if any, shall be borne by the tour participant. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of any group at any time. It is agreed by and between the tour participant and Brookstone Church and Pastor Jim Dykes, that all disputes and matters whatsoever between them, arising under, in connection with, or incident to this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina and shall be resolved exclusively through mandatory arbitration.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS
Pastor Jim Dykes reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances.



