

# STANDING WITH ISRAEL: THE REVELATION

## A SECOND ISRAEL EDUCATIONAL TRIP CELEBRATING THE PASSOVER IN ISRAEL

Leader: Dr. Hollisa Alewine

Coordinator: Joan Pennington

Guide: Rabbi Eitan Levy

Facilitator: Blossoming Rose

March 25 - April 5, 2018



### PASSOVER STEP-BY-STEP

Even though Israel was delivered from Egypt with great miracles, the journey back to the Land was slow, step-by-step. This slow, thoughtful

journey characterizes what we hope to accomplish by celebrating Passover in the Land of Israel. Just as many steps of preparation were required of the ancient Israelites, this study tour will be taken at a slower pace, giving time to absorb the many significant locations. We will visit northern Israel and then celebrate Passover at Biblical Tamar in the Arava, the southernmost boundary of Israel described in Ezekiel. Our ultimate destination during the Passover week is Jerusalem. By traveling the length of the Land and having Jerusalem as our goal, we hope to prepare ourselves for the Reign of Messiah.



Rabbi Eitan will discuss the tribal territories as we go step-by-step through them each day and talk about how the area connects to the traits of each tribe (as described in Jacob's blessings and reflected in the stories of the Tanak). For instance, on our first day, we will emphasize "Benjamin, Ephraim and Manasseh," the second day in the North – "Asher, Zebulon and Naphtali."

The third day will be "Dan, the other half of Manasseh." The days in the south our emphasis will be on Judah and Shimeon, and we will discuss Reuben and Gad in the Jordan Valley. A source sheet will be mailed to participants before departure. Dr. Alewine will

teach about the Passover from Exodus in relation to its unfolding in Jewish tradition, the Gospels, and the Book of Revelation.

## TOUR LEADER: Dr. Hollisa Alewine



**Hollisa Alewine** began her career teaching high school students for seven years before becoming a federal law enforcement officer. She earned her Bachelor of Science and first Master's degrees in Secondary Education from Texas A&M-Texarkana. While she continued her career with the Bureau of Prisons, she completed a second Master's degree in Religious Education and another in Theology in Rabbinic Studies, as well as a doctorate from Oxford Graduate School.

She has been a television programmer at God's Learning Channel and Hebraic Roots Network while she travels to teach at conferences and other venues. Her Creation Gospel workbook series is an ongoing project, and she has recently started a new book imprint called BEKY Books (Books Encouraging the Kingdom of Yeshua.)

## TOUR COORDINATOR: Joan Pennington

**Joan Pennington** has visited Israel over twenty times since 1996 and has led large and small groups in personalized studies throughout the Land. She is a licensed minister, owner of Yad Institute of Kinesiology, and a certified Touch for Health Instructor. She also operates Bridge Spring Balancing. This is the third trip to Israel that she has co-hosted with Dr. Alewine. She has served as both a short-term and long-term volunteer at Biblical Tamar Park many times, which she calls her second home.



## TOUR GUIDE: Rabbi Eitan Levy



**Rabbi Levy** is one of Joan's favorite guides. He is an ordained orthodox Rabbi who lives in Judea-Samaria. He is an expert on the historic places that are important in the prophetic portions of the Hebrew Scriptures.

## TOUR FACILITATOR: Blossoming Rose



**DeWayne A. Coxon** is the founder and President of Blossoming Rose. He received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University and served as a public-school teacher, minister, college instructor and administrator from 1960 – 1984. Shortly thereafter he founded Blossoming Rose, an organization whose mission it is to bless Israel through various programs, including the maintenance and restoration of the 55 acre Biblical Tamar Park. He has visited Israel over 150 times and his knowledge of Jewish, Christian and Muslim history gives him a unique perspective on contemporary events taking place in the Middle East. Blossoming Rose is the curator of the archaeology site at the Park.

# ITINERARY

## Day 1: (Sunday – Mar. 25) --- USA to Israel

To begin our journey, we will leave our home city and fly to Israel. Meals will be served during our flight. (Please arrive at airport three hours early.)

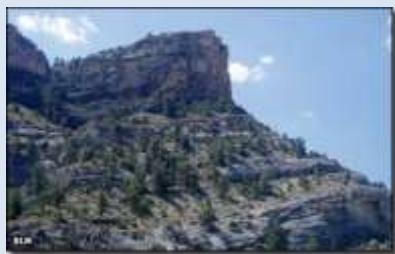


## Day 2: (Monday – Mar. 26) --- Israel – Ariel

We will land in Israel at Ben Gurion International Airport, and our group will have a bus waiting for us to take us to Ariel where we will be served dinner and then sleep in the Land surrounded by the Mountains of Samaria.



## Day 3: (Tuesday – Mar. 27) --- Shiloh, Beit El, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, and Tiberius



We will visit Beit El and Shiloh where we will meet local Jewish artisans and we'll visit a religious kibbutz where they grow wheat for Passover. This will be the beginning of our step-by-step journey through the lives of the tribes and our journey on the way to Passover. We will make our way to Tiberius where we will have a beautiful dinner and get a good night's rest.

## Day 4: (Wednesday – Mar. 28) --- Mt. Arbel, Tabga, Caesarea Philippi, and Galilee Boat

We will board our bus and go up to Mt. Arbel, overlooking the Sea of Galilee and Tabga. Caesarea Philippi will be of real interest to us on this day. The Galilee boat ride will be a wonderful way to end our last night in Tiberius. We will have another lovely dinner at our Leonardo hotel in Tiberius



## Day 5: (Thursday – Mar. 29) --- Jordan River, Jericho, Beit Hoglah, En Gedi, Dead Sea, and Tamar

We will eat a hardy Israeli breakfast, board our bus, and continue our steps to Passover by crossing over the Jordan River on our way to Jericho. This ancient city has a park where the ruins of Joshua's Jericho can be seen. Next we'll continue on the Beit Hoglah, a Jewish outpost, walk up to the waterfalls of En Gedi, where David hid from King Saul, experience the Dead Sea, and then arrive at Biblical Tamar Park, our home away from home.



## **Day 6: (Friday – Mar. 30) ---Tamar – Preparations for Passover, Miriam’s Spring, and Seder**

We'll awaken with the feel and anticipation of our Seder. We will work to clean the kitchen (in a Jewish way) and prepare for the Passover Seder, united in the excitement of being in the Land the first evening of Passover. This day is open to HaShem to lead us in preparing together for this great event. We will “take a break after lunch” and then board our bus to visit Miriam’s Spring, a sacred place to Jewish people near to the place that Moses battled and cursed the snakes that bit the Israelites. After we will return to Tamar, we'll dine together for our Seder meal, after which, Dr. Alewine will present a teaching in the Sukkah around the camp fire.



## **Day 7: (Saturday – Mar. 31) --- Shabbat at Tamar and Mount Hor**

We will awaken and feel the Shabbat stillness of the desert and see the sun rising over the red Jordanian mountains. If you take time to listen, you will hear the small desert birds chirping as they seek their food. We'll go to the dining room for a cup of American coffee and breakfast. Dr. Alewine will teach and have a discussion in the Sukkah. Those who wish, can board the bus after lunch and go to Mt. Hor, the burial place of Aaron. The Israelites spent part of their 40 years in the wilderness in and around the great oasis of Tamar, the largest in the Arava. Those who want to, can climb the Mountain, to the west of Tamar about five miles, or spend time exploring the buildings and tel Tamar. There are some historic pictures and writings in the British building, on the top of the tel, and in the Israeli bomb shelter under the tel. We will all join in thanksgiving before the evening dinner, and later spend time around the camp fire again in the Sukkah, sharing stories about our experiences.



## **Day 8: (Sunday – Apr. 1) --- Tamar – (archaeology, tree planting, and Park beautification)**

We will begin the day with an American cup of coffee and serve ourselves at the breakfast bar. The day will begin with a tour of the archaeology site led by Dr. Tali Erickson, from the Israel Antiquities Authority. She will also lead those who wish to dig for the day. Others who wish to “green the desert” will go to the west of the Park where trees are being planted to form a “wind break” for the Park. Some may wish to beautify the Park by raking and cleaning. Still others may wish to walk the short distance to Prayer Mountain for a time of meditation with Joan. The Park Supervisor, Alan Vanderkolk and Joan will share the vision of Biblical Tamar Park while we sit around the campfire after dinner.



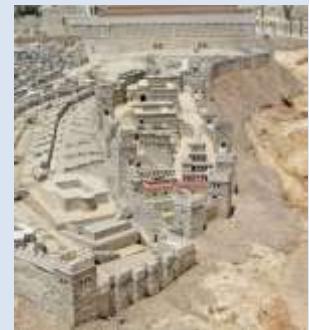
**Day 9: (Monday – Apr. 2) --- Beersheva, Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Western Wall, and the Old City**

Our touring day will begin at 8 am with a visit to tel Beersheva, the desert home of Abraham. We will continue to Jerusalem where we will have a panoramic, breathtaking view of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. We will walk down to the Garden of Gethsemane on the Emmaus Road, and then look across the Kidron Valley to the old city walls of Jerusalem. The Western Wall will be our next stop where we will offer prayers, and then we will go into the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, to the Cardo. Our first day in Jerusalem will be busy, and we will have seen many of the historic sites before we go to our hotel for dinner and a leisure evening.



**Day 10: (Tuesday – Apr. 3) --- Davidson Center, Huldah Gate, Temple Institute Tour, and Jewish Quarter**

We will walk from our beautiful King Solomon Hotel to the Jaffa Gate and through the Armenian Quarter to the Davidson Center. We will have the whole day to live inside the Old City walls, listen to Rabbi Eitan Levy and Dr. Alewine speak and point out significant buildings along the way. We may also sit in the shadow of the mighty wall of the ancient temple. The Temple Mt. Institute is the creation of Rabbi Chaim Richman, a friend of Blossoming Rose and the driving force to reinstitute temple worship in the times of the Messiah. We will return to our hotel, blessed to spend the whole day viewing so many new things that not all people get to see when they visit Israel.



**Day 11: (Wednesday – Apr. 4) --- Jerusalem**

Today is our last day in Jerusalem and it is still Pasach (Passover) and so we will enjoy another teaching by Dr. Alewine and then revisit places in the Old City where we wish to stop to meditate and visit. We can wander through the Jewish quarter to the Zion area where King David's tomb is located. We will meet in Mamilia Mall at 6:30 pm to be bussed back to the airport for our flights home.



**Day 12: (Thursday – Apr. 5) --- Flight Home**

We will arrive back in the USA in the morning, having gained the seven hours back that we lost when we arrived in Israel. We will check through customs and go to our connecting flights home. Shalom!

*\*This is our initial itinerary, but some adjustments may be made. You will receive a final itinerary prior to departure.*

## **TRIP INFORMATION**

### **Included in Tour**

- Hotels
- Breakfast
- Dinner (except April 4)
- National Park pass
- Masada Gondola
- Galilee Boat
- All tips (except housekeeping)
- All meals at Biblical Tamar Park
- Bus transfer to and from Ben Gurion Airport

### **Not Included**

- Flight Insurance
- Lunches
- Airline Ticket
- Jericho Excavation

**Land Only Price: \$2,395 (airfare not included)**

**Tips: \$100 paid in Israel**

**Single Supplement: \$695 (if available)**

**Airline ticket: See note below**

NOTE: Airline tickets vary in price depending on the airline, location, and class you choose, and also the date that you purchase your ticket. A group departure from JFK is also planned. **DO NOT** purchase your ticket until the group has met its quota to hold it. You will be notified via email when it is time to purchase a ticket.

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