



**Join Jim Denison and the Denison Forum on Truth and Culture on  
"In His Steps" Tour of Israel  
October 8-17, 2018**

**MESSAGE FROM JIM DENISON:**

I am pleased that you are considering our "In His Steps" pilgrimage to Israel, October 8-17, 2018. There is no other place in the world quite like the Holy Land. You will be profoundly impacted by this experience. To walk where Jesus walked and relive the events of God's word will enliven your faith and deepen your relationship with our Lord and King.

I do not know anyone better suited or more able to organize this trip than Mike Fanning. I have traveled with him to Israel many times over the past 15+ years—he is hands-down the best. He lived in Israel for several years while studying biblical archaeology, then earned a Ph.D. in Old Testament from Baylor University. He leads groups to the Holy Land every year. Mike knows the culture and the sites, and will take us to the most significant and memorable places in Israel. I have utmost confidence in him.

This brochure will give you information you'll need in considering the trip. You'll find our day-to-day itinerary, pricing package, and answers to your other questions. Mike is also available to discuss the details of the trip with you by phone or email.

The net proceeds of our trip will benefit the Denison Forum on Truth and Culture as we engage contemporary issues with biblical truth. It is our privilege to lead this study tour as a spiritual pilgrimage. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will draw us closer to God, encouraging and equipping us to make Christ our King.

I hope you'll join us!

Jim Denison

**TOUR ITINERARY**

**Monday October 8: Dallas-Israel.**

The group will depart Dallas in the afternoon on our flight to Tel Aviv.

**Tuesday October 9: Tel Aviv.**

Upon arrival in Israel, we will be met by our hosts, who will assist and escort us through customs and transfer us by a private bus to the deluxe Renaissance Hotel, located directly on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea.

[www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tlvbr-renaissance-tel-aviv-hotel/](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tlvbr-renaissance-tel-aviv-hotel/)

**Wednesday October 10: Tel Aviv-Caesarea-Mt. Carmel-Sepphoris-Arbel-Tiberias.**

Our day will begin with a short tour of the city of Tel Aviv as we drive north up the coastal road to the spectacular ruins of the port city of Caesarea. While in the hometown of Cornelius, we will visit the Roman theatre, the palace of Herod, the water aqueducts and the new excavations in the city. We will then drive up the coast to the top of Mt. Carmel and the Carmelite monastery of Muchraka, where we will recount the story of Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal. After lunch at the home of a local Druze family, our next stop will be at the incredible Roman city of Sepphoris, where we will view the magnificent mosaics and learn about the possible connection between this city and Jesus. Our last stop will be at the indescribable cliffs of Arbel overlooking the Sea of Galilee. We will then head toward Tiberias and the Rimonim Galei Kinnereth Hotel, located directly on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.  
[www.english.rimonim.com/tiberias-hotels/rimonim-galei-kinnereth-hotel](http://www.english.rimonim.com/tiberias-hotels/rimonim-galei-kinnereth-hotel)

**Thursday October 11: Sea of Galilee-Capernaum-Bethsaida-Caesarea Philippi-Hill of Beatitudes.**

We will spend this entire day visiting sites in the Sea of Galilee area. We begin with a boat trip across the Sea of Galilee in one of the new wooden "replica" boats. We will then see the incredible "Jesus Boat", an ancient fishing boat that dates back to the time of Jesus! Our next stop will be at Capernaum, the city where Jesus performed many of his miracles. While along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, we will also visit the recently excavated city of Bethsaida, birthplace of Andrew, Peter, Philip, James and John. We will then drive north to the ancient city of Caesarea Philippi, where the Great Confession of Peter took place. On the way back to Tiberias, we will stop at the Hill of Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee, where we will have an inspirational service.

**Friday October 12: Jordan River-Cana-Nazareth-Megiddo-Beth Shan-Harod-Jerusalem.**

Today we leave the Sea of Galilee region and travel toward the Holy City of Jerusalem. Our first stop will be at the Jordan River. After driving through the city of Cana, where Jesus performed his first miracle, our first stop of the day will be at the hometown of Jesus—Nazareth. We will then drive across the Valley of Armageddon to visit the fortress city of Megiddo. We will then travel to view the newly uncovered ruins of the city of Beth Shan, stopping on the way at the Springs of Harod, where Gideon chose his 300 fighting men. Excitement will then build as we travel down the Jordan River valley, up the Judean hills and enter the city of Jerusalem. We will travel through the city on the way to our spectacular hotel - the David Citadel Jerusalem Hotel.  
[www.thedavidcitadel.com](http://www.thedavidcitadel.com)

**Saturday October 13: Old City of Jerusalem-Bethlehem.**

We will begin the day on top of the Mount of Olives for a dramatic overview of the city of Jerusalem and proceed to visit some of the most famous sites in the Holy Land. We will walk down the Palm Sunday road to the Garden of Gethsemane, where we will have a meaningful service. We will continue through St. Stephen's Gate to visit the Pool of Bethesda, the site where Jesus healed the paralytic. We will then walk up the famous Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, one of the possible locations of the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus. After walking through the Christian Quarter of Jerusalem, we will exit the Jaffa Gate and head for lunch. In the afternoon, we will visit the city of Bethlehem. While in the birthplace of Jesus, we will visit Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity, the site where Jesus was born. We will then head back to Jerusalem.

**Sunday October 14: Old City of Jerusalem-New City of Jerusalem.**

We will start the day with a visit to the holiest site in Judaism – the Western Wall. We will then have the unique opportunity to spend time visiting the incredible Western Wall Tunnels. After emerging from the tunnels, we will visit the Davidson Archaeological Park and the Southern Wall Steps, where one famous archaeologist said "This is the only site in Israel where I can definitely say that Jesus walked here!". We will then head up to the Jewish Quarter for lunch. After lunch, we will visit Mt. Zion, King David's Tomb and the Room of the Last Supper. We will then visit some of the sites in West Jerusalem, including the Shrine of the Book (home of the Dead Sea Scrolls) and the miniature model of the city of Jerusalem as it appeared during the time of Jesus.

**Monday October 15: Masada-Qumran-Dead Sea.**

Today we will drive through the wilderness of Judea, on the ancient Roman road, down to the city of Jericho, the oldest city in the world. We will then travel down the shores of the Dead Sea to visit the inspiring fortress—Masada. Built by Herod the Great as a winter palace, Masada was the site of the final

stand of some 900 Jewish rebels as they fought against the Roman troops in 70 AD. After a swim in the Dead Sea, we will visit the ancient city of Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.

### **Tuesday October 16: Garden Tomb-Free Afternoon-Depart.**

Today we will begin with a worship and communion service at the Garden Tomb, where Jesus was crucified, buried, and rose from the grave! This experience is one of the highlights of the trip! After this visit, we will have the rest of the free to do as you please...explore and shop in the Old City, revisit one of sites, visit Yad Vashem (the Holocaust Museum), etc. We will have our farewell dinner with our Israeli hosts before proceeding to the airport for our flight back to the US.

### **Wednesday October 17: USA-Dallas.**

Arrive back in Dallas in the early afternoon.

**Cost of Tour: \$5687.00 per person**

### **Included in Tour Cost:**

- \*\* **TRANSPORTATION:** Round trip airfare from Dallas to Israel.
- \*\* **HOTELS:** Seven (7) nights accommodations at Five Star Deluxe First Class hotels in Israel, as listed in itinerary, or similar, based on two persons sharing a twin-bedded room with private bath throughout. A few single rooms are available at an additional cost of \$1234.00. If a passenger cannot supply a roommate and MBF Enterprises, Inc. is unable to do so, the passenger will have to pay the supplemental charge.
- \*\* **MEALS:** Two meals daily in Israel consisting of buffet Israeli breakfast and dinner are included throughout the tour.
- \*\* **SIGHTSEEING:** Sightseeing by private bus, as shown in itinerary, including all entrance fees, with private English-speaking guide.
- \*\* **TRANSFERS:** All transfers between airports and hotels.
- \*\* **PORTERAGE:** Porterage and handling of one (1) bag per person.
- \*\* **TAXES:** All taxes on the hotels, meals and other tour services.

### **Not included in tour price:**

- \*\* Airline taxes and fuel surcharges (This cost changes every day, but has been running between \$100-\$180 per person)
- \*\* Tips for the local Israeli guide and driver.
- \*\* Trip cancellation insurance (strongly recommended).
- \*\* Personal expenses (laundry, phone calls, etc.).
- \*\* Excessive baggage charges, such as overweight charges or the portorage of more than (1) suitcase.
- \*\* Individual services apart from group.
- \*\* Expenses due to flight delays, strikes, bad weather or other irregularities.
- \*\* Cost of passport.

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**Registration and deposits:** An initial deposit of \$300 per person is required to secure definite reservations. We regret that no space may be reserved without a deposit.

**Final payment:** Balance of payment is due on August 1, 2018.

**Cancellations and refunds:** If the trip is cancelled 120 days or more prior to departure, there is no penalty and a full refund will be issued. If the trip is cancelled between 119-90 days prior to departure, there will be a \$100 per person cancellation charge. If the trip is cancelled between 90-61 days prior to departure, there will be an additional \$200 per person cancellation charge. If a trip is cancelled within 60 days of departure, there will be no refund. The cancellation penalties may be less if there is a person on a waiting list or if the trip can be sold to another individual. Cancellations must be made in writing; verbal cancellations, whether in person or by phone, are not valid. A special optional trip cancellation insurance policy is available.

**Travel and Health Documents:** A valid passport is required for all tours. No special inoculations are required unless specifically notified.

**Tour price:** The price of the tour is based on a minimum of 30 passengers. Should the final membership fall below this number, MBF Enterprises, Inc. reserves the right to increase the tour price.

**Responsibility:** This tour is planned and operated by MBF Enterprises, Inc. by contracting for services from other suppliers. MBF Enterprises, Inc. and/or its agents, acting as agents for the tour members, shall be responsible to tour members for supplying services and accommodations as set forth in this brochure, except to the extent such services and accommodations cannot be supplied due to force of nature, delays, or other causes beyond the control of MBF Enterprises, Inc. If the service and accommodations set forth in this brochure cannot be supplied due to delays or other causes beyond the control of MBF Enterprises, Inc., best efforts will be made to supply comparable services and accommodations. If such services and accommodation cannot be provided due to the above reasons, or if the services are not used due to voluntary omission by the tour member, refunds will not be granted.

By becoming a member of the tour, a participant waives any claim against MBF Enterprises, Inc. for any damages to or loss of property, or any injury to or death of persons due to any act of negligence of any hotels or any other persons rendering any of the services and accommodations included in the ground portion of the itinerary. MBF Enterprises, Inc. shall not be responsible for any delays, substitutions of equipment, or any act or omission whatsoever by any air or surface carrier, its agents, servants and employees; and a participant, by becoming a member of the tour, waives any claim arising there from. MBF Enterprises, Inc. and/or its agents is not responsible for loss or damage to participants baggage (baggage insurance highly recommended). The liability of the Airlines for the loss or damage to the baggage of the participant shall be limited in accordance with the carrier's liability insurance coverage, unless a higher value has been declared with respect hereto and additional payment made to the airline.

MBF Enterprises, Inc. reserves the right to decline, accept or retain any participant as a member of this tour at any time. If a participant is removed from the tour, a proportionate refund will be made. MBF Enterprises, Inc. reserves the right to cancel the tour prior to departure and if the tour is canceled, MBF Enterprises, Inc. shall have no responsibility beyond the refund of monies paid by the participant to MBF Enterprises, Inc. NOTE: If, because of war, or an act of God, or any reasonably unavoidable catastrophic circumstances, MBF Enterprises, Inc. and/or the tour hosts are forced to cancel the tour after funds are advanced to the airlines, ground service agents or other such vendors, MBF Enterprises, Inc. and/or the tour hosts are only obligated to return moneys advanced by the passengers in this tour which MBF Enterprises, Inc. and/or the tour hosts are successful in recovering from those vendors.

**RESERVATION FORM – DENISON FORUM ON TRUTH AND CULTURE**  
**“In His Steps” Israel Tour**  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Office): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name by which you like to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to share a room with another tour member.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please find me a roommate

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will travel on a single room basis at an additional supplemental cost.

Please answer the following questions. This information will help us with hotel registration, airline reservations, and any visa requirements.

Participant #1:

Name as it appears on your passport \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issue \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Your Profession \_\_\_\_\_

Participant #2:

Name as it appears on your passport \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issue \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Your Profession \_\_\_\_\_

Name to contact in case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Any special requests, dietary and/or medical requirements of which we should be aware?

I am enclosing (or have already sent) a check for the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, payable to MBF Enterprises, Inc., as my initial deposit.

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As a condition to acceptance of any application, each applicant must agree to and sign the statement set forth below:

I have carefully read the itinerary outline for this tour, as well as the terms and conditions of application and participation and represent that I am physically and mentally fit to be able to participate in it and recognize and accept any risks thereof and the conditions set forth therein, including the refund policy. I also understand and hereby agree for and on behalf of myself, my dependents, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth under "Responsibility" (above), and to release, defend and hold harmless MBF Enterprises, Inc. and any of their officers, agents, licensees or representatives from any and all liability for delays, injuries or death, or the loss of or damage to any property, however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, this trip.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour Members Requesting a Roommate Assigned by MBF Enterprises, Inc.**

We will try to arrange roommates for those traveling alone who prefer to share a room with another participant. If we are unable to find a roommate and a single room must be assigned, or if due to cancellation, illness or any other reason, a single room must be assigned at any time, the single supplement must be paid by the tour member.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Guidelines**

International travel, while rewarding, can be physically difficult. The itinerary may require early departures and late arrivals, occasionally resulting in a "long day" with varying meal times. We plan the tour itinerary to maximize the study experience, balanced with appropriate safety and physical comfort. The following information will help you understand the nature of this Bible study tour and the level of physical activity you can expect. Participants should be able to:

- Walk at least 3-5 miles on paved roads, both up and down hills.
- Walk for an extended time on cobblestone or uneven surfaces, as well as on gravel roads
- If you routinely need a cane to assist you in walking, you should consider not going on this trip

- Walk up and down stairs (both even and uneven) without assistance, often without railings
- Stand for 20 minutes in an outdoor location (to listen to lectures and Bible studies)
- Travel via airplane for 10 to 12 hours
- Travel via bus for up to two hours at a time. We will load/unload from a bus at least 4 times a day
- Personally carry all luggage through airport terminals without assistance (porters will be available at all hotels)
- Go through international passport control and customs without assistance

Should you need medical attention and/or hospitalization while on this trip, please know that your spouse or your emergency contact listed on this registration form is responsible for your care. Staff and/or personnel from MBF Enterprises and the Denison Forum on Truth and Culture will not be able to accompany you or stay behind should you need care. If need be, your spouse or emergency contact may need to travel to Israel to coordinate your care.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the level of physical activity, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Fanning ([Mike@Mikefanning.com](mailto:Mike@Mikefanning.com)) or Jeff Byrd ([jeff.byrd@denisonforum.org](mailto:jeff.byrd@denisonforum.org))

I (we) have read the participant guidelines and understand them in their entirety.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Permission Form**

In order to mail you follow up materials after the Bible study tour, we are required to have your preferred mailing address and permission on file. Please complete the following form and return it with your trip application.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No May we add your mailing address to our list? We do not share mailing addresses with any other ministries or businesses.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No May we share your email address with the other participants on the trip? We do not share email addresses with any other ministries or businesses.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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