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HOLY LAND TOUR

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ITINERARY OF YOUR TOUR

1st day NEW YORK — TEL AVIV — Evening flight departing from JFK via Jet. You will arrive at your connecting point and continue on to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board the plane in flight.

2nd day TEL AVIV — JERUSALEM — After a brief connection, we arrive in Tel Aviv this evening. Upon arrival, you will be met by your courier and transferred to your hotel in Jerusalem, where you will spend the night.

3rd day JERUSALEM — Early morning departure for the Garden Tomb and Gordon's Calvary, place of a skull, for a morning service. Visit the Mount of Olives with its magnificent panorama of the old Walled City of Jerusalem. Visit the Holy Places of All Faiths, the Garden of Gethsemane and Place of the Ascensions; continue to the Pater Noster; drive along the Hosanna Road and see the Golden Gate (Ezek. 44:1:2). The Valley of Jehoshaphet, Kidron Valley, Tomb of Mary, Absalom Tomb, Pool of Siloam, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Hinnom Valley, place where Judas committed suicide; Old Mt. Zion, St. Stephens Gate, Pool of Bethesda, Temple area containing the Dome of the Rock and Mosque of El Aksa, Mount Moriah, where Abraham was to offer Issac, Wailing Wall, visit Pilate's Judgment Hall, Ecce Homo (Behold the Man!) Arch, Via Dolorosa, David Street, Citadel, St. James Cathedral on Zion Hill. Depart through Damascus Gate to your hotel.

4th day JERUSALEM — JORDAN RIVER — Morning visit to the Jordan Valley. Our first stop will be New Testament Jericho which Jesus visited on many occasions. Then to the ruins of ancient Jericho (Joshua 2:1:6:20) where the walls came tumbling down and see women drawing water at Elisha's Fountain. Drive through the city of Hericho to Jordan River, Bethabara, traditional site of Jesus' Baptism. This is the area where Joshua and the children of Israel crossed the Jordan River (Joshua 3:4). Proceed to the place where the Jordan River empties into the Dead Sea. Visit Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Then to the Dead Sea . . . time for a swim. Drive through wilderness of Judea and stop at Bethany, home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, on the way to Jerusalem. Afternoon tour of Orthodox section of city, Hinnom Valley, Mt. Zion, David's Tomb, Room of the Last Supper. Visit Shrine of Dead Sea Scrolls; view Ein Karm, John the Baptist's birthplace.

5th day JERUSALEM — GAZA — HEBRON — BETHLEHEM — Morning descend via Road of Courage to Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city. Brief tour of city. Continue to Jaffa (Jonah 1:3. Acts 9:43). Departure for Ekron, Ashdod, Askelon and Gaza (old Philistine cities). Here you will see fulfilled prophecy before your very eyes (Zeph. 2:4-7). View new seaport at Ashdod. Drive to the city of Gaza. Pass through Gath (Goliath's birthplace) to Hebron. Visit Cave of Machpelah, where Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Rebecca and Leah were buried. Depart for Bethlehem, see Solomon's Pools, Baraca Hospital, Rachel's Tomb. Visit Church of Nativity, Grotto of St. Jerome and see Shepherd's field. Return to Jerusalem.

6th day JERUSALEM – TIBERIAS – SEA OF GALILEE – Morning departure to Romallah and the old Bible towns of Beeroth, Bethel, Shiloh (Sychar), visit Jacob's Well, see Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal. Visit the Samaritan Synagogue and see the ancient Pentateuch. Continue to Sebaste for a visit to the Hill of Samaria which Ormi bought, Ahab beautified and Herod fortified (Mich. 1:6-7); view Dothan where Joseph was sold by his brothers. (Gen. 37:28). Drive through Afuleh crossing North End of Valley of Esdraelon (Armageddon of the Bible). Drive to the top of Megiddo. Visit Museum, see ruins of city and Solomon's Stables. Walk down through the water tunnel to the bottom, where buses will meet you for a drive to the top of Mt. Tabor, traditional place of Transfiguration, where you will have a beautiful view of the Valley of Armageddon, then to Nazareth, boyhood home of Jesus. Sightseeing tour of city. See Mary's Well, visit Grotto, assumed to be Joseph's carpenter shop. Continue to your hotel.

7th day TIBERIAS – CAPERNAUM – TEL AVIV – At the Waters of Galilee. A devotional service to be had at the bank of Galilee. Visit all points of interest including sites for Feeding Five Thousand, Sermon on Mount, Capernaum and Magdala. Drive to south end of lake where Jordan River makes its exit and to Ein Gev Kibbutz, a communal settlement on East Shore. Feast on Peter's fish. Leave Ein Gev for Tiberias by ship at approximately 12:30 p.m. Depart through the Horns of Hattin, pass Cana of Galilee, place of Christ's first miracle, then pass over the Brook of Kishon, where Elijah slew the Prophets of Baal. Drive to Haifa for a tour of Israel's second largest city, industrial center and seaport. Ascend beautiful Mt. Carmel for a magnificent view of the city and harbor. See Elijah's Cave, Botanical Garden and Bahai Temple. Depart through the Plain of Sharon to Caesarea, recently excavated first century Roman capital and seaport. See Crusader's City with its walls, moat, theater, harbor and old Amphitheater. Afternoon arrival at your hotel.

8th day TEL AVIV – ATHENS – Afternoon sightseeing includes the National Archeological Museum, the Royal Palace, the Stadium and Temple of Zeus, the Theatre of Dionysius, the Hill of Muses for a panoramic view of Athens and the Acropolis. Mars Hill where Paul addressed the citizens of Athens. The monument of the Acropolis, including the Parthenon, the Agora (market place) and Socrates' Prison (Acts 17:15-34).

9th day CORINTH – The city where Paul spoke so brilliantly and upheld the teachings of the Master, is on your agenda this morning. Here you visit the temple of Apollo and the Roman Ruins containing the platform from which Paul preached. Visit Daphni and Eleusis. Return to Athens in the early afternoon.

10th day ATHENS – NEW YORK – Morning departure from Athens via jet for home with the unforgettable experience lingering with you as you remember you walked where Jesus and the early Christians walked. Your Bible reading will have more meaning from now on, and thus comes to a close a most rewarding tour.

TOUR CONDITIONS

Transportation: Economy Class Sabena Belgian World Airlines Jet (Group includes tour basing fare); Deluxe motorcoach.

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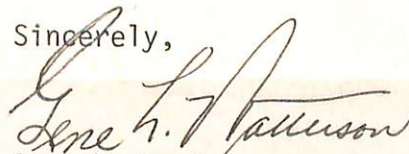
A visit to the Holy Land, an opportunity to walk where the Master walked and to see the sights that He saw is something that I have dreamed of for a number of years. Because there are many others who have entertained this desire and yet have found the cost prohibitive, I have endeavored to arrange a tour that will allow us to see places of real importance in Biblical history and yet at the same time not have the cost to be excessive.

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I look forward to having you as one of many who will walk in the Master's footsteps.

Sincerely,



Gene L. Watterson

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