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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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First/Middle/Last (As it appears on your passport)

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Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_  M  F

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete this section if a Spouse or Child is Traveling with you.**

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**Your Roommate:**

- Please try to accommodate me with a Roommate
- I do request a single room @ \$583 additional

**Travel Protection Plan** For more information on the available plan, get a quote, or to enroll, go to:

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By signing below, I certify that I have read the "Fine Print", understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to additional fees that may apply if full payment has not been received.

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

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

Parental signature or guardian required for minors

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** First class hotels based on twin occupancy with bath. Single-room supplement totals are ISRAEL \$583.

**MEALS:** Unlimited buffet, ISRAEL BREAKFASTS 7 and DINNERS 8 are included. No meals are provided in USA. Extra charge for coffee, tea or other beverage not included in the menu of the day. If a passenger chooses not to have a meal, there will be no refund for unused me

**AIRLINE ROUTES & TICKETS:** In order to keep prices low, MTI does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once "printed" or "issued", airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. Full payment is due 45 days prior to commencement of travel. If the passenger cancels within 45 days of departure or after air tickets are written (whichever comes sooner), then 100% of airfare will be forfeited by passenger. All airfares are subject to government approval and change without notice. AIR-cost and schedules could change. Please Note: An overnight may be necessary for groups misconnecting on the outbound or return. Airline tickets are issued 45 days prior to departure, seat assignments can be requested but are not guaranteed as most group seat assignments can only be finalized at the airport upon check in.

**ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:** You may incur additional airline baggage and optional fees (food, Excess Baggage, Items of a Personal Nature etc...) and will be charged by the airline at check in.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Tips to guides & drivers, gratuities to porters, restaurant and hotel servers, fuel surcharges, foreign departure taxes and visas (for US passport holders) are included in the tour cost. (Increases in government taxes, fuel surcharges, gratuities and visas fees are subject to change). The taxes as of print are: ISRAEL \$470, the tips as of print are: ISRAEL \$120 per person.

**SIGHTSEEING:** By modern motor coach including services of English speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Where available all groups will be provided with portable listening devices. Passengers are responsible for loss or damage of the device.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Passport, laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters and after-dinner coffee or tea, meals not included in the itinerary, room service, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned. Baggage fees and surcharges are different for every airline therefore please contact the airline for specific baggage allowance and fees. Maranatha Tours Inc. is not responsible for these related fees as this is solely the responsibility of the passenger.

**PASSPORTS, VISAS:** A valid passport is required for all passengers. If you do not have a passport please contact your local passport office. Passports must be valid for 6 months after return date. For all non-US citizens please consult the consulate for each country you will be entering as a VISA may also be required and will be the responsibility of each passenger to obtain.

**TOUR PRICE:** Price is based on international tariffs and rates in effect on Date of proposal and is subject to change should there be a revision in AIR or LAND rates prior to payment in full of the tour price. Price is based on a minimum of passengers using double occupancy. In the event that a minimum of passengers does not book the tour within 91 days of departure the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour. You will be notified immediately upon any increase and will have the option of paying the difference or cancelling with full refund. Late booking or changes may result in an additional fee. Maranatha Tours Inc. reserves the right to correct invoices, itineraries, and/or brochures without notice.

**PRICE INCREASES:** All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change if not paid in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. You will be notified immediately upon discovery of an increase and will have the option of paying the difference or canceling with full refund.

**LAND ONLY:** From time to time a tour may be canceled due to not materializing. If you choose to purchase a land only package and arrange your own domestic and international flight independently, Maranatha Tours Inc. is not responsible for any international flight schedule changes. If domestic tickets are purchased by an individual, all penalties and fare differences will be paid by the client.

**RESERVATIONS:** Reservations received within 90 days or less from departure may incur an additional late fee plus any additional fees based on air availability at that time of registration. For reservations received 90 - 61 days prior to departure a \$100 late reservation fee will be applied (plus additional airline & land fees). For Reservations received 60 - 31 days before departure the late fee will be \$200; for reservations received 30 - 1 days prior to departures the late fee will be \$300 per person. Additional fees will be advised upon registration

**TOUR PROTECTION PLAN (optional):** Maranatha Tours Inc. recommends you purchase a Tour Protection Plan for Trip Cancellation/Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay, and more. To view/download the Policy, go to: <http://policy.travelexinsurance.com/356A-0920>

**DEPOSIT, PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATION:** A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations, which will be applied to the price of the tour. An additional 25% of the remaining balance will be due at 200 days prior, 120 days prior, and 60 days prior to the departure. The remaining balance to be paid in full not later than 45 day prior to departure of the tour. If payment is not received 45 days prior to departure, a \$100 late payment fee will be assessed. All cancellations must be in writing by letter, fax or e-mail to Maranatha Tours and will be in effect on the date of receipt by Maranatha Tours.

There is no exception to cancellation fee. Any exceptions must be in writing from Maranatha Tours, Inc. Air penalties are not part of the percentages below and vary based on the airline policy at the time of ticket issue. Returned checks incur a \$30 NSF fee. Cancellation Fees:

- 121 + Days Prior: \$100.00 per person administration fee
- 120-91 Days Prior: \$200 for international tour, \$500 for international tour and cruise
- 90-61 Days Prior: \$500 for international tour, \$700 for International tour and cruise
- 60-46 Days Prior: 50% of tour cost
- 45 Days Prior or less: 100% of tour cost

**RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:** Land arrangements including surface transportation: Maranatha Tours, and the participating Tour Operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others which provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or non-performance occurring in connection with these land arrangements. International air carriers and other IATA carriers, steamship lines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage. The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary, delete or substitute sites when tour operator feels it to be in the best interest of the tour. Maranatha Tours does not provide additional assistance to any passengers that have physical or mobility limitations as tour itineraries require full mobility. Please advise Maranatha Tours if you have any limitations that may impact your tour. All changes not received in writing by Maranatha Tours at least 45 days prior to departure will incur a \$75 change fee per person for each revision (that is in addition to any other charges per revision once the basic or pre/post tour package has been confirmed).

**FIT TO TRAVEL:** By registering, passengers accept responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Many sites are not accessible to physically challenged and may limit the overall tour experience. Maranatha Tours does not provide additional assistance to passengers with physical or mobility limitations as tour itineraries require full mobility. Please advise Maranatha Tours if you have any limitations that may impact your tour.

**ITINERARY CHANGES:** The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to emergencies. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged the cost of the additional hotel accommodations, meals and single rooms supplements required. Should sights be missed due to necessary changes, no refund for missed touring will be given.

**CHANGES & DEVIATIONS:** All changes and deviations will incur a \$125 fee, plus any other additional costs associated with services included in the basic or pre/post tour and change requests must be received at least 90 days prior to departure of the tour. Transfers are included in our group round-trip programs, passengers who deviate or purchase land only packages will be responsible for arriving and leaving independently and must transfer at their own expense.

**CREDIT CARDS:** All prices already include a 5% discount for payment by cash, check or money order.

**EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS:** Foreign currency exchange rates fluctuate daily. For example, in 2012, Euro rates versus the US Dollar fluctuated from a low below 1.10 to almost 1.70 (meaning that one Euro cost \$1.10 to \$1.70 US). It is very difficult to set the price of a tour when we cannot predict what exchange rates will do. We price our tours at \$1.10 = € 1 and adjust for fluctuations at final billing. If the rate drops below the original rate, we pass the savings on. If rates increase, we must pass those costs on.



**BibleSettings and Stanwich Church Invite You to**

**ISRAEL 2022 THE LIFE AND WORLD OF JESUS**

**June 23 - July 2, 2022 \$4,450 from New York**

**(All-inclusive except Tour Protection Plan)**

**Pastor/Host: Dr. Nathan Hart**

**Director/Guide: Dr. Bryan Widbin**



Thursday, June 23. Depart JFK/NY via Turkish Airline

Friday, June 24. Arrive Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv. Caesarea Maritima. Upon your arrival, we motor up the coast to the capital city of Roman Palestine, Caesarea by the Sea. This expansive city built by Herod the Great just before the birth of Jesus furnishes an experience in the worlds of Greek culture and Roman imperialism. It also sets the stage for our understandings of early Christianity, with both Jewish and Gentile influences. Important comparisons of Herod the Great with Jesus furnish an opening look at early Christians' understanding of our Lord. Overnight Seasons Hotel, Netanya.

Saturday, June 25. JESUS IN ANTICIPATION: GREEKS, ROMANS, AND SECOND TEMPLE JUDAISM. Mount Carmel, Megiddo, Nain. Our morning opens with a drive to Mount Carmel, which bisects the land cutting off the largely Gentile north from the core of the country in the central mountain range. We begin on the highest peak of the mountain with a consideration of the encounter between the prophet Elijah and the prophets of Baal (I Kings 18). Understanding the collision between alternative kingdoms envisioned by the kings, on one hand, and the prophets, on the other, is exceedingly important for gaining a proper foundation for Jesus' life and teachings. We then travel along the ridge above the Jezreel Valley to the Old Testament city of Megiddo (I Kings 9:15) and a look at the Valley of Armageddon. Lots of insights and experiences here laying a foundation for the days to come. Before settling in for the night then, we stop at the village of Nain in lower Galilee, where Jesus raised the widow's son from the dead (Luke 7), and then traverse the hills that Jesus knew so well to our stop for several nights in the city of Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Overnight The Sea of Galilee Hotel, Tiberias.

Sunday, June 26. JESUS IN BOYHOOD. Sepphoris, Nazareth, Arbel. JESUS IN BOYHOOD AND COMMENCEMENT: Sepphoris, Nazareth, Precipice, Arbel. Jordan River Site. This day in the region of lower Galilee begins at the newly built city of Sepphoris, capital of the regime of Antipas, son and heir of Herod the Great. Its majestic theater, water system, Jewish quarter, and palaces capture our imagination. Here Salome danced before Antipas on Purim in 28CE and requested the execution of John the Baptist (Mark 6:23). Sepphoris was labelled by Josephus "the ornament of the Galilee," and so it was. We then move on to Nazareth for a look inside the Herodian remains of the town where Jesus grew up and visit the largest church in the middle east, The Basilica of the Annunciation, which sits on top of the Herodian village. After lunch we move to the brow of the hill, Mount Precipice, where the synagogue elders thought to cast Jesus down (Luke 4) after his offense in interpreting the oracle of Isaiah. We move then back to the region of the lake for a short hike up to a promontory for a view of the entire Sea of Galilee. Here we discuss the characteristics of Jesus' disciples and the Old Testament prophecies that spoke of the coming Messiah. Our day concludes at the Jordan River for a discussion of baptism as viewed by John and Paul. We'll have time here for an Old Testament Sukkot water rite and the importance of the river for early Israel and developing Judaism. Overnight The Sea of Galilee Hotel, Tiberias.

Monday, June 27. JESUS IN DISTINCTION Chorazin, Mt. of Beautitudes, Capernaum, Tanureen stop, Boat Ride (Francis Gordon Galilee Sailing). Our day begins at the site of the so-called "swine miracle" on the opposite side of the Sea of Galilee at Gergesa. Here Jesus encountered the demoniac from the Decapolis. Then we motor on to the northwest corner of the Sea for a spectacular view of the lake, stopping at the area of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Here we consider Jesus' teaching in these sermons to the multitudes which came to hear him. We'll discuss the major points of Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom of God and its relationship to the historic covenant faith of the Jews. After this, it's on to the Jewish town of Chorazin, once condemned by Jesus for its failure to repent. This medium-sized town gives us a complete picture of normal life in the Jewish Galilee of Jesus' day. Then, before lunch, we stop at the ruins of Capernaum, where Jesus established a "safe house" for himself and his disciples while in the area of the Sea. Lots to take in here at this town that Jesus knew so well. Finally, after lunch, we'll board a boat fashioned from the ferries of Jesus' day, relaxing with modern day fishermen on the waters of the Sea. Finally, we stop at the ruins of Tiberias, part of the great urbanization of Galilee project implemented by Herod the Great's son, Antipas, during Jesus' teen-aged years. Overnight The Sea of Galilee Hotel, Tiberias.

Tuesday, June 28. JESUS IN FINALIZING: Beth Shean, New Testament Jericho Approach, Qumran, Camel Ride. Our day begins with a move along south to the impressive remains of Beth Shean/Scythopolis where we experience a day in the life of a citizen of this world famous Roman-Byzantine city. Then just before lunch we drive on to the important site of Jericho in the days of the New Testament. We'll stand at the entrance to the royal estate where Jesus encountered the blind man Bartemaeus (Luke 18) and walk through the city where He found tax farmer Zacchaeus in a sycamore tree (Luke 19). After lunch, we move to the vicinity of the Dead Sea (400 meters below sea level!) for a visit to Qumran. Here Essene sectarians produced the famous Dead Sea scrolls, which tell us much about the state of the Hebrew Scriptures at the time of Jesus. We'll also view some of the caves where the scrolls were found. Then before bedding down for the night in Jericho, we offer an opportunity to ride camels at the site of Old Testament Jericho, where the walls fell down. Overnight Oasis Hotel, Jericho.

Wednesday, June 29. DEAD SEA ADVENTURES. Ein Gedi, Masada, Dead Sea Swim/Qalya Beach. This morning we set out to the area of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the surface of the earth, and to the canyon where David hid from Saul at Ein Gedi (1 Samuel 24). We get a full experience of desert life here and a deep sense of what water in the desert meant to the psalmists and what it still means to the people who live here. Then it's on to the infamous fortress of Masada where in 73 AD, Zealot rebels and their families held on to the last against the 10th legion of Rome. The impressive remains here will leave a last impression about what this site means to the state of modern Israel and can mean to us as well. Our day ends at the northern shore of the Dead Sea for a leisurely "float" in this absolutely extraordinary body of water. And a drive up the Jericho Road to the Holy City of Jerusalem with vistas Jesus would have known so well. Overnight Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem.

Thursday, June 30. JESUS IN BIRTH. Israel Museum, Herodium, Bethlehem. We begin this day at the Israel Museum in the modern west city for a look at the Jerusalem of Jesus' day via a 1:50 scale model of Herodian Jerusalem. This mind-boggling model is necessary for appreciating the events of Passion Week tomorrow. Before leaving the museum, we view some of the actual Dead Sea Scrolls housed in the Shrine of the Book. Then we return to the upper city and descend three meters underground to enter the palatial estates of the Sadducees, who controlled the temple religious system and the economy on which it rested in second temple Jerusalem. Then it is on to Bethlehem for lunch and an unforgettable visit to the site of Herod the Great's mausoleum and final resting place at Herodium. We compare here this notorious, world-famous figure, "the king by might," with Jesus the Galilean, "the king by right," born so very close by. Our day ends with a visit to the birthplace of our Lord, at one of the oldest churches in the world, the Basilica of the Nativity. Here we enter a cave where records from as early as the 2nd century AD tell us Jesus was born. Overnight Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem.

Friday, July 1. JESUS IN PASSION: The Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Upper Room Site, St. Peter in Gallicantu, The Church of the Holy Sepulcher. This very meaningful day in Jerusalem begins with a panoramic view of the city from just west of Bethany, on the Mount of Olives. Here we will lay out the steps of Jesus between March 27, and April 4, in AD 33, the days of his passion. Then we walk along the pilgrim route to Gethsemane, where we'll enter the cave of the olive press, the "place" where Jesus met in secret with his disciples on the night he was betrayed. We also find a quiet spot in the olive garden to contemplate the agonizing temptation of our Lord. Just before lunch then, we visit the site of the Upper Room where Jesus ate the Passover feast with his disciples and the immediately go to the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu, where Peter denied Jesus just outside the interrogation before Caiaphas and the authorities of the Sanhedrin. After lunch, we visit the site of the Roman trials before Pontius Pilate, where Jesus was scourged and condemned to death and walk the historical Via Dolorosa together to the site of his crucifixion and resurrection. This very emotional day ends with our hands on the bedrock that shook when the earthquake released our risen Lord from the tomb. A lavish farewell meal and celebration at the hotel concludes our extraordinary experience together, a foundation for the rest of our lives. Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, for early morning flight to JFK/NY via Istanbul (July 2).



Dr. Bryan Widbin

Dear Friends,

BibleSettings and Stanwich Church are pleased to announce our fourth study trip to Israel, June 23-July 2, 2022. Whether you missed the other three or are looking to go again, we invite you to an unparalleled experience in the world of the Bible. For nearly three decades, Bible Settings trips have been recognized as among the most innovative, informative study experiences available in the Middle East. This uniquely designed New Testament trip focuses on sites frequented by Jesus, evening wrap ups and Q&A's at the hotels, and daily special events like hikes and swims.

Dr. Bryan Widbin (Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible, Brandeis University) will be our guide into this world. You will absolutely love Bryan! He is unmatched as one licensed by the state of Israel, has lived in the Middle East, loves its lands and peoples, and has a rich knowledge of the cultures, languages, and history of the Bible. Warm and zesty as a person, he also has the wonderful gift of making the trip richly informational, deeply inspirational, and just all-round fun. As one traveler put it, this trip was "the beginning of the rest of my life!"

Warmly,  
Nathan Hart

### TOUR PROTECTION PLAN

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Any specific questions regarding the protection plan, needs to be directed to Traveler Insurance Services. Please contact Traveler Insurance at 1-844-877-1879 and refer to the Plan Code 356A-0920. This is a brief description of benefits. The full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusions, are contained in the insurance policy. To view/download the Policy go to: <http://policy.travelerinsurance.com/356A-0920>. Traveler Insurance Services, Inc. CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company; NAIC #22276 QWM

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Maximum Benefit/Person (Up to Limits Shown)	100% of Trip Cost (up to \$10,000)	100% of Trip Cost (up to \$10,000)	500 (\$1.50/day)	200	500	1,000	200	\$15,000 (\$500 dental sublimit)	\$150,000		\$1-\$2000	\$101	\$4501-\$5000	\$240	\$7001-\$7500	\$403
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\*Travel Assistance & Concierge Services are provided by the designated provider listed in the Description of Coverage. The above is a brief policy.