



**Grace Church invites you to join
Bible Teachers Pastor Armin Sommer
and Mottel Baleston in Israel for**

Five Thousand Years in Ten Days

March 3–12, 2018

**Optional Jordan Extension
March 12–14, 2018**



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Saturday, March 3**Departure**

Depart from the U.S. on a transatlantic flight to Tel Aviv.

Sunday, March 4**Arrival / Coastal Touring**

Arrive in Tel Aviv mid-morning and meet the driver and guide. Drive along the seacoast to Caesarea Maritima to see Herod the Great's magnificent Roman city. Visit the harbor, theater and aqueduct of the city where Peter explained the way of salvation to Cornelius. Drive north along the coastline to Mt. Carmel where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal, proving the God of Israel was the one true God. Continue inland for dinner and overnight at the Ramot Nofesh Resort, located along the Sea of Galilee.

**Monday, March 5****Galilee Area**

Drive to the Yigal Allon "Jesus Boat" Museum to see the remains of a first century boat found in the lakebed during a drought in the 80s. From the museum, walk to the docks, board a boat and sail on the Sea of Galilee in a craft modeled after first century boats. Next, drive to Capernaum to visit the synagogue and the location where early Christians say Peter's house was located. Ascend the Mt. of Beatitudes, and listen to Jesus' teachings. Walk downhill to Tabgha to visit the Church of the Loaves and Fishes. Visit the Church of St. Peter's Primacy at the north-western shore of the lake, an area intense with Christian memories. Drive to Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas)—where Peter confessed his recognition of Jesus as the Christ. Enjoy a nature walk at Tel Dan and visit the high place where Jeroboam set up a golden calf. Return to the Ramot for dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, March 6**Galilee Area**

Depart Tiberias this morning and drive to Megiddo, a strategic location along the trade route running from Egypt to Mesopotamia. Megiddo overlooks the Jezreel Valley and approximately 26 levels have been uncovered during excavations. Explore these excavations which include Ahab's stables, a grain silo and the fascinating water system. Walk through the vertical shaft and tunnel of this water system to a spring located outside the city walls and hidden from enemy attack. Drive to Jesus' boyhood hometown of Nazareth, viewing the present day city from Mount Precipice, where the townsfolk tried to throw Jesus off the cliff. From here, view the mountain of Tabor and remember the story of Deborah (prophetess and judge of Israel), Barak and Yael, where she led the Israelites to victory. In Nazareth, visit the Church of the Annunciation, the Synagogue Church and Mary's Well. Continue to Magdala to visit the excavations of the ancient synagogue unearthed there. Magdala is believed to be the hometown of Mary Magdalene. Archeological evidence indicates that it is very likely that Jesus would have taught in this synagogue. Return to the Ramot for dinner and overnight.

**Wednesday, March 7****Tiberias – Jerusalem**

Visit the mount of Beth Shean, hearing the story of Saul and viewing the ruins of Roman Scythopolis. Drive south through the Jordan Valley, viewing the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan across the Jordan River. Stop at Jericho to visit the tel of this oldest city, and view the traditional mountain of Jesus's temptation. Continue up to Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives to behold the majestic Holy City of Jerusalem! Visit the Church of Pater Noster, where you can see the Lord's Prayer inscribed in over 100 languages. After viewing the Golden Gate, follow the traditional Palm Sunday route to the church known as Dominus Flevis ("the Lord weeps"). Continue downhill to Gethsemane for a private visit to the garden. See the Church of All Nations which enshrines a stone believed to be where Jesus prayed on the night of his arrest. Dinner and overnight are at the David Citadel Hotel in Jerusalem.

Thursday, March 8**Jerusalem**

Today is spent in the Old City, beginning at the Temple Mount area. See the Pools of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church, then walk the Via Dolorosa (Way of the Cross) stopping at many of the various Stations of the Cross, walking all the way to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Explore the Byzantine main street (Cardo) and the Broad Wall of King Hezekiah. Visit the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site. At the Southern Steps, stand on the steps that Jesus and His disciples climbed to the Temple Mount. Walk through the Western Wall Tunnel, where additional portions of the wall, as well as other structures beneath it, have been excavated. Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel.

Friday, March 9**Jerusalem / Bethlehem**

Today, visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu which commemorates Peter's denial of Jesus during the trial of Jesus held at the house of Caiaphas. Next is a visit to Mount Zion to see the Upper Room. Travel to Beit Sahour to see the Shepherd's Fields before continuing to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. See the Church of the Nativity believed to be built over the site of Jesus' birth. Bethlehem is an excellent place to buy items that are hand carved from olive wood. Overnight at the David Citadel Hotel.

**Saturday, March 10****Dead Sea Area**

Drive along the Dead Sea this morning to Masada. Take a cable car to the top of this high plateau fortified by Herod the Great and the last stronghold of the Zealots in their rebellion against Rome. Stop at the nature reserve of En Gedi, the region where David fled and hid from Saul and cut off a part of Saul's robe in a cave. There will be time for swimming or hiking in the nature reserve. Visit Qumran and view Cave #4, which contained the greatest quantity of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Return to Jerusalem for communion at the Garden Tomb. Dinner and overnight at the David Citadel.

Sunday, March 11**Jerusalem**

Visit Hezekiah's Tunnel this morning where one may walk through the illuminated tunnels where water has flowed since the time of the prophets. The Tunnel, part of Jerusalem's water system, is located under the City of David and connects to the Gihon Spring—Jerusalem's fresh water supply. The tunnel was dug to redirect water into the city during the reign of King Hezekiah in preparation against the invading Assyrian army's attack on Jerusalem. Next, visit the Shrine of the Book which houses many of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Continue to Visit the Model of Jerusalem representing how the city looked on the eve of the Jewish revolt, 36 years after the Passion of Jesus. Stop to visit the Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem. Return to the David Citadel for dinner and overnight before transferring to the airport for the return home.



Those who are participating in the Jordan extension will remain at the David Citadel for overnight.

Monday, March 12**Depart Israel**

Those who chose not to participate in the Jordan Extension left Israel late last night and arrive in the U.S. early this morning.

Jordan Extension

The group traveling on to Jordan will transfer to the Allenby Bridge, bid farewell to our Israeli guide and driver and cross over into Jordan. Drive up to Mt. Nebo and experience the view of Israel that Moses had before the children of Israel crossed into the promised land after 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. View the sculpture which represents the staff and serpent God had Moses erect to heal the people of snake bites. Continue on to the town of Madaba to visit the Church of St. George and

view the remains of the Madaba Map, a beautiful mosaic map of the Holy Land as early Christian pilgrims would have known it. Afterwards, continue on to Petra for overnight at the Mövenpick Resort, Petra.

Tuesday, March 13 Petra

Today is spent touring the rose-red city of Petra. Walk down a long, winding and narrowing siq, which opens abruptly into a wide canyon revealing the amazing buildings carved out of the walls of the canyon. The movie, "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" featured the Treasury Building and it is the first building one sees upon entry. Petra sits along an ancient trade route ruled by the Nabataeans. After exploring the vast complex, transfer to the Mövenpick Resort & Spa, Dead Sea, for dinner and refreshment before continuing to Amman for the flight home.



Wednesday, March 14 Return to U.S.

After an overnight flight, arrive back in the U.S. this morning.

ESTIMATED Tour Price: \$4,390 per person, based on sharing a double room

Single Supplement: \$930

Jordan Extension: \$900 per person, based on sharing a double room

Jordan Extension Single Supplement: \$260

Optional Group Travel Protection Plan: This Non-refundable price is per person. Payment due with deposit for immediate cancellation* coverage.

- \$397 covers up to \$5,000*
- \$472 covers up to \$6,000*
- \$550 covers up to \$7,000*

Payments: A \$500 per person is due at time of registration. Final payment is due December 29, 2017.

This tour price reflects special group rates. Registrations with deposits received after November 24, 2017, will likely incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

Included:

- Round-trip airfare from NYC area airport
- Accommodations as listed in itinerary, or similar
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Sightseeing and entrance fees to sites listed in itinerary
- Services of English-speaking licensed guide
- Driver and transportation in air-conditioned motor coach
- Hotel service charges and local taxes
- Tips to drivers, guides and hotel staff
- Whisper headsets in Israel
- Hotel portorage
- Jordan visa (for those on extension)
- Israel and Jordan departure taxes

Not Included:

- Transportation from home to NYC Airport and return
- Passport fees
- Lunches and lunch tips
- Beverages with dinners
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance (nonrefundable)

Bible Teachers



Armin Sommer is Senior Pastor of Grace Church on the Mount in Netcong, New Jersey. He has been in pastoral ministry for 38 years, with 33 of those as Senior Pastor. His calling is to accurately and effectively to communicate God's Word, to raise up leaders from the next generations, and to cast a compelling vision for God's Church.

Armin has been married to his wife Nancy for over 40 years. He and Nancy have two adult daughters and five grandchildren.

"A journey to the Holy Land is not merely interesting," he reports. "It causes the writings of Scriptures to become tangible and unforgettable real-life experiences with the power to transform the traveler."



Mottel Baleston was born into a Jewish home in New York City and attended Jewish and public schools there. He came to faith in Messiah Jesus as a result of reading the Messianic prophecies of the Jewish Bible, it was evident that only Jesus has fulfilled these.

Mottel's ministry is to communicate the good news of Messiah Yeshua (Jesus) to the Jewish community of northern New Jersey, disciple Jewish believers and educate Christians concerning the Jewish roots of their faith. He also served as Associate Messianic Rabbi of a Messianic Congregation in New Jersey where he was a Teaching Elder and Hebrew class instructor.

Mottel is a graduate of Northeastern Bible College and attended Ulpan Beit HaAm (Hebrew Language Institute) of Jerusalem, Israel. He has taught at Congregations, Churches & conferences in Israel, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and throughout the United States.

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Tour Features and Conditions

Please read all Tour Features and Conditions carefully. Payment of tour deposit constitutes acceptance of these conditions.

Air Transportation: Air transportation is restricted to the services of any IATA carrier, in economy class based on nonrefundable fare. Travelers are responsible to provide their names as they appear in their passport. Ticketing will be made 30-45 days prior to departure, after which there will be a charge for name corrections. Tour price includes current airline taxes and fuel surcharges, which are subject to change until ticketed. *Tour participants are responsible for any increase in airline taxes or fuel surcharges imposed by the airline.*

Seat Assignments: Raptim Humanitarian Travel notes specific seat assignments as requested by tour members and submits them to the airline. However, the airline makes the actual assignments; there is no guarantee that all requests will be honored. Any changes should be requested at check-in by the traveler. Please advise your travel consultant of any special seating needs due to health or mobility, or note under "Airline Seat Request" when registering.

Accommodations: Based on two or more persons sharing a room in accommodations listed in itinerary, or similar. Single rooms are subject to availability at an additional charge. *If a passenger cannot supply a roommate, the passenger is responsible for the additional charge.*

Meals: In-flight meals and snacks are served according to airline policy. Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily.

Transfers and Baggage: Group transfers between airports and hotels upon arrival and departure are included in the tour price, including handling of one medium-sized suitcase per person, not exceeding 62 dimensional inches (length plus width plus height) or weighing more than a maximum of 50 pounds. Due to limited luggage storage space on motor coaches, it is important that each person bring only ONE piece of checked baggage. In addition, a flight bag or overnight case may be taken November, which must be handled by the passenger at all times. Baggage allowance is subject to change according to airline policy.

Sightseeing and Entrance Fees: Are included as indicated in itinerary, using private motor coach or other conveyance, with local guides where necessary.

Tips and Taxes: Service charges and taxes on accommodations and tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff are included. Tips for lunches and personal services are not included.

Not Included: Lunches and lunch tips, beverages with dinners, passport fee, travel protection plan, checked baggage fees, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to departure city and return is not included.

Deposit and Payment: Reservations may be secured with a deposit of \$500 per person paid at time of registration prior to November 24, 2017. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due December 29, 2017.

Raptim Cancellation Conditions: The cancellation conditions outlined below apply to all passenger initiated cancellations. Should circumstances require that the passenger cancel, written notice of cancellation must be received by Raptim Travel a minimum of 100 days prior to departure to secure any refund of deposit funds.

- From date of deposit to and including November 21, 2017: \$100 per person service fee applies. (**Exception: When tour is cancelled by the tour host, a \$35 per person service fee will apply.*)
- From November 22 to and including December 29, 2017: Full deposit (\$500 per person) plus any unrecoverable fees apply.
- After December 29, 2017: No refund,

Cancellation policies apply when cancellation occurs for any reason. There is no refund for any unused services or portion of the tour package.

Protect Your Investment: Group travel protection coverage is available to cover medical expenses (first-pay coverage), medical evacuation & repatriation, trip cancellation/interruption, trip delay, baggage and personal effects loss, and baggage delay. A pre-existing condition exclusion waiver is available if coverage is purchased up to and including time of final payment. Further information can be found on the Travel Protection Plan tab of the tour registration website or by contacting your Raptim consultant.

Passport, Visa & Health Requirements: A valid passport is required. If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. Information on obtaining or renewing a U.S. passport can be found at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english.html>. If you now have a passport, please verify that it is valid until September 13, 2018. A visa for Israel is not required for U.S. citizens. A group visa for Jordan will be obtained free of charge by Raptim, provided that a copy of the photo page of your passport is received in our office no later than December 29, 2017. Non-U.S. Citizens are responsible to fulfill entry requirements for countries to be visited by contacting the appropriate consulates. No inoculations are required, but please check with your physician for his recommendation.

Rates & Fares Information: Rates are based on a minimum of 27 persons traveling together. Fewer tour participants will result in a price increase. The quoted tour price is based on the current rate of exchange. Fluctuation in the foreign exchange rate can result in price increase.

Deviations: Any individual making a change in travel arrangements apart from this group program will be charged a service fee of \$100 per person, plus any additional air or land costs incurred. If you choose to make your own travel arrangements (not through Raptim Travel), we are not responsible for any charges or cancellation fees you may incur at any time.

Tour Operator Itinerary Changes: The itinerary as outlined is an indication of sequence and sites to be included in the tour program. However, the tour operator reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary and/or the sites included should it be deemed necessary due to local conditions, time restrictions, or other circumstances.

Traveler Safety: In the ever-changing world situation, Raptim Travel recommends personal monitoring of news about your destination. For the latest country information from the U.S. Dept. of State, please visit their website at <http://www.state.gov/travel/>

Disabilities: Guests with disabilities or dietary restrictions should inquire prior to registration whether their needs can be accommodated.

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Prices and schedules appearing in this brochure are based on current schedules and tariff rates and are subject to change without notice. The tour operator reserves the right to modify the itinerary where deemed necessary or caused by changes in air or other schedules. The airlines and/or other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not aboard their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and purchaser of tours and/or the passenger.

**Reservation Form
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Pastor Armin Sommer and Mottel Baleston, Bible Teachers

Electronic Registration is available at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/2vqy72>

Please complete and mail this form, along with your deposit of \$500 per person (checks payable to Raptim Humanitarian Travel) to Raptim Humanitarian Travel, 116 Lake Street., Ephrata, PA 17522 or complete the credit card payment information below.

(Please Print)

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT)		
Name 1		
Nickname for Badge		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone (days)	Phone (cell)	
Email		
Emergency Contact Name		
Emergency Contact Phone		
Passport #		
Exp. Date	Birthdate	
Please provide a clear copy of your passport. Make sure your passport is valid beyond September 13, 2018.		
JORDAN EXTENSION		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
FLIGHT INFORMATION		
Airline Frequent Flyer #		
Special Dietary Requirements		
Airline Seat Requests		
Do you need connecting flights?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	From where?
ROOM TYPE		
<input type="checkbox"/> Twin <input type="checkbox"/> Double <input type="checkbox"/> Single	I need a roommate <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
My roommate's name is:		
TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN THROUGH TRAVELEX INSURANCE SERVICES (PAYABLE WITH DEPOSIT, PLEASE SEE PAGE THREE FOR PRICING DESCRIPTION)		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$397, covers \$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$472, covers \$6,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$550, covers \$7,000		
<input type="checkbox"/> No, I decline the insurance		
CREDIT CARD INFORMATION		
Name on Card		
Card Number		
Exp.	CVV	
Amount to Charge (Deposit + Insurance x # of participants) = \$		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> American Express		
Signature:		

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT)		
Name 2		
Nickname for Badge		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone (days)	Phone (cell)	
Email		
Emergency Contact Name		
Emergency Contact Phone		
Passport #		
Exp. Date	Birthdate	
Please provide a clear copy of your passport. Make sure your passport is valid beyond September 13, 2018.		
JORDAN EXTENSION		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
FLIGHT INFORMATION		
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CREDIT CARD INFORMATION		
Name on Card		
Card Number		
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Amount to Charge (Deposit + Insurance x # of participants) = \$		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> American Express		
Signature:		

I have read the Tour Features and Conditions for this tour and agree to the terms listed therein. I understand that the airline tickets or air tours I am purchasing are subject to supplemental price increases after the date of deposit due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government. I acknowledge that I may be charged additional sums by Raptim Humanitarian Travel to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, and fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination thereof. I hereby consent to any post-purchase price increases. Raptim Humanitarian Travel has offered the option of purchasing travel insurance, and I take full responsibility for my decision to purchase or not.

Signature: _____

Checking the box above and signature are both required in the processing of the registration of this tour.