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**2018 Proposed Tour of Israel****Dates: Sept. 22—Oct. 5, 2018**

**Saturday. September 22, 2018. Day 1.** Gather at JFK airport. Begin flight to Israel.

**Sunday. September 23, 2018. Day 2.** Fly to Israel. Meet our guide. Old City of Joppa. (Other suggestions)? Go to Hotel in Tel Aviv.

**Monday. September 24, 2018. Day 3.** Caesarea Meritima. Ancient aqueduct. Mt. Carmel (Muhraqa). Tel Megiddo. Jezreel. Nazareth. Hotel: Ein-Gev Holiday Resort on East side of Sea of Galilee.

**Tuesday. September 25, 2018. Day 4.** Hazor. Tel Dan (walk to High Place; Middle Bronze Gate). Nimrod's Castle. Caesarea Philippi. Nokeib Overlook (where the pigs ran down the bank into the lake). Bethsaida. Susita (Hippus)? Back to Ein-Gev Holiday Resort.

**Wednesday. September 26, 2018. Day 5.** Boat across the Sea of Galilee (pay for extra time). Sepphoris (lunch at Cana?). [Nof Ginnosar (the "Jesus boat") Tabgha. Perhaps skip these two]. Magdala. Wadi Hammam. Mount of Beatitudes. Capernaum. Chorazin. Back to Ein-Gev Holiday Resort.

**Thursday. September 27, 2018. Day 6.** Beth Shean (Sythophilus). Ein Herod (Gideon's spring). Qasar al Yahud baptism site on the Jordan River. View of Wadi Kelt and St. George's Monastery. Old Testament Jericho. Elisha's Spring in Jericho. New Testament Jericho. Hotel in Jericho.

**Friday. September 28, 2018. Day 7.** Masada. En Gedi. Qumran. Swim in the Dead Sea. Camel rides. Jericho glass shop (no need to do if we do Hebron glass shops). Stop to view Judean Wilderness. Stop to see the "old Roman road" from Jericho to Jerusalem. Hotel in Bethlehem.

**Saturday. September 29, 2018. Day 8.** Gilgal. Shechem and Jacob's well. Samaria (Sebastiyya). Taybeh (biblical Ephraim; "Biblical house" in Taybeh (Taybeh beer factory?). Gibeon? Hotel in Bethlehem.

**Sunday. September 30, 2018. Day 9.** Solomon's Pools. Herodium (see threshing floors in the area). Tekoa. Shepherd's fields. Church of the Nativity. Souvenir Shop in Bethlehem (markets of Bethlehem if appropriate). Hotel in Bethlehem.

**Monday. October 1. 2018. Day 10.** Mount of Olives—walk from top to Garden of Gethsemane (stop and teach on way down). Garden of Gethsemane. “Hill of evil counsel.” Pool of Siloam. (Hezekiah’s tunnel?). Temple Mount. Damascus Gate; the Garden Tomb. National Museum: “The Shrine of the Book” & model of Jerusalem. (Hotel in Bethlehem or Jerusalem).

**Tuesday. October 2. 2018. Day 11.** Beer-Sheba. Lachish. Valley of Elah. Khirbet Qeiyafa in Israel’s Elah Valley. Beth Shemesh. (Or, Hebron and Ibrahimi Mosque; Hebron glass shops). Hotel in Jerusalem.

**Wednesday. October 3. 2018. Day 12.** Walk through Jerusalem: Top of Temple Mount (done of the Rock; El Aksa mosque); St. Stephen’s Gate. Church of St. Anne. Pool of Bethesda. Ecce Homo arch. “Via Delarosa,” Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Cardo and Hezekiah’s Broad Wall; Western Wall of Temple (and Western Wall Tunnels?). Site of Old Hasmonean Palace and St. Sophia Church. Excavations south of the Temple Mount. Church of Saint Peter of Gallicantu (Caiaphas’ house). Hotel in Jerusalem.

**Thursday. October 4. 2018. Day 13.** Free day. Hotel in Jerusalem

**Friday. October 5. 2018. Day 14.** Fly back to USA.