A Personal Invitation from Pastor Greg Denham

Draft welcome for Pastor Greg's review



Dear Rise Church family and friends,

I would love for you to join me in Israel. There is something deeply meaningful about opening your Bible in the land where its story unfolded. The places become familiar. The setting comes into focus. We begin to see more clearly the Jewish world of Jesus and His first disciples.

As we walk through Jerusalem and spend time beside the Sea of Galilee, we will return to the Scriptures together. We will remember the cross and resurrection, reflect on the words of Jesus, and make room for prayer. My desire is for us to slow down enough to take these truths to heart and consider what it means to follow Him today.

Israel also reminds us that God is faithful to His promises. I hope this retreat will deepen our love for the Jewish people and our commitment to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. The history we encounter here belongs to the same unfolding biblical story we read at home.

Bring your Bible, your questions, and a heart ready to listen. Whether this is your first visit or a return to a place you already love, I look forward to sharing these days with you. My prayer is that we come home with a deeper love for Jesus and renewed purpose in living out His Word.

Pastor Greg Denham

Rise Church Israel Retreat

With Pastor Greg Denham | November 29–December 8, 2027

Review copy — registration is not yet open.

Join Pastor Greg Denham and Rise Church of San Marcos, California, for an Israel retreat with Philip's House, November 29–December 8, 2027. Spend eight hotel nights in Jerusalem and the Galilee, with Scripture, prayer and time to reflect where Jesus walked.

$3,399 paid in full · $3,499 payment plan · Land tour only. Double occupancy; private room +$1,369. Tips of $160 included. Airfare separate.

Get $400 back when 40 active paying travelers are current on required payments by October 4, 2027. Automatically credited or refunded; once earned, the rebate will not be reversed. Effective price: $2,999 paid in full or $3,099 payment plan.

Hotels near History

Begin with four nights at Dan Panorama Jerusalem. Travel along the Mediterranean coast through Caesarea and Mount Carmel to two nights at David's Harp Galilee. Return through the Jordan Valley and Masada for two final nights at Dan Panorama Jerusalem.

Getting There and Home Again

Your journey begins with your independently booked overnight flight to Israel. Settle in, watch a devotion, and look forward to meeting your group in Jerusalem. Fly Your Way: book your own international airfare for competitive pricing, your ideal itinerary, seat upgrades, or frequent flyer miles. Airfare is separate from the land-only retreat. Choose a flight arriving at Ben Gurion Airport before 3:00 pm on November 30. Your route may require an earlier departure. Our $100 Flight Booking Service includes airport shuttles both ways; airfare is separate. Extra nights or transfers outside the group schedule cost extra. Recommended meet-up: 6:00 pm on November 30 in the Dan Panorama Jerusalem Hotel lobby, 39 Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem. Arrival and meeting times are Israel local time.

Fly home early December 8. Check flight times with Philip's House before booking.

What is included

Hotels near History

Eight hotel nights: Dan Panorama Jerusalem, David's Harp Galilee, and Dan Panorama Jerusalem.

Breakfasts and dinners

Half-board hotel accommodation, including dinner on December 7 before the airport transfer.

Guide and motor coach

Seven full guided touring days and the quoted transfer arrangements. December 7 is an independent day in Jerusalem.

Biblical sites

Admissions to the quoted sites, including Caesarea, Megiddo, Magdala, Capernaum, the Ancient Boat Museum, Galilee sailing, Yardenit, Beit She'an, Masada, the City of David, Davidson Center, Western Wall Tunnels, Tower of David and Garden Tomb.

Listening headsets

Hear your guide clearly at the sites.

Tips included

$160 per traveler for guide, driver and hotel staff gratuities.

Arrival assistance

Airport arrival assistance and the group arrangements in the itinerary.

Time to reflect

Prayer, Scripture and unhurried personal reflection with your Rise Church group.

What is not included

International airfare

International airfare not included. Booking service add-on available with airport shuttle included.

Lunches

Lunches are at your own expense.

Travel insurance

Travel insurance is not included. Arrange your own coverage in accordance with the travel terms.

Personal expenses

Personal purchases, extra beverages, passport and entry-authorization costs are not included.

Fly Your Way to Israel

Monday, November 29, 2027

Your journey begins with your independently booked overnight flight to Israel. Settle in, watch a devotion, and look forward to meeting your group in Jerusalem. Fly Your Way: book your own international airfare for competitive pricing, your ideal itinerary, seat upgrades, or frequent flyer miles. Airfare is separate from the land-only retreat. Choose a flight arriving at Ben Gurion Airport before 3:00 pm on November 30. Your route may require an earlier departure. Our $100 Flight Booking Service includes airport shuttles both ways; airfare is separate. Extra nights or transfers outside the group schedule cost extra. Recommended meet-up: 6:00 pm on November 30 in the Dan Panorama Jerusalem Hotel lobby, 39 Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem. Arrival and meeting times are Israel local time.

Welcome to Jerusalem

Tuesday, November 30, 2027

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport, meet your guide, and travel up to Jerusalem. Arrival time permitting, take in your first view of the Holy City from Mount Scopus. Settle into the Dan Panorama Jerusalem for a welcome dinner with your fellow Rise Church travelers. Pastor Greg offers an optional after-dinner walk to the Western Wall.

Daily itinerary

Accommodation: Jerusalem

Arrive at the Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv and meet your guide.

Transfer to Jerusalem.

Arrival time permitting, stop at the Mount Scopus overview for a first look of Jerusalem.

Check-in at your hotel for welcome dinner and overnight.

Optional: after-dinner walk with Pastor Greg to the Western Wall.

Gethsemane, the Upper Room and the Cross

Wednesday, December 1, 2027

Upper Room. Remember the Last Supper at the traditional site on Mount Zion. Cross the Kidron Valley to Gethsemane. Pause to pray: “Not my will, but Yours be done.” Continue to the ancient steps and the vicinity of Herod’s Palace, then visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, a traditional site of Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Daily itinerary

Accommodation: Jerusalem

Begin the day at Mount Zion and visit the Upper Room.

Cross the Kidron Valley

Enjoy a time of prayer at the Garden of Gethsemane.

Continue to the ancient steps and the Herod's Palace vicinity.

Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

City of David and the Southern Steps

Thursday, December 2, 2027

City of David. Walk into the story of ancient Jerusalem. Southern Steps. Sit where Jesus taught, at the Davidson Center excavations, and view Robinson's Arch. The Burnt House brings the first-century city into focus. Walk through the Western Wall Tunnels, with the route arranged by your guide. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Daily itinerary

Accommodation: Jerusalem

Begin the day at the City of David.

Continue to the Jerusalem Archeological Park with its Davidson Center and the Southern Steps, where Jesus taught.

View the Robinson's Arch area.

Continue to the Burnt House.

Tour the Western Wall Tunnels (Rabbi's Tunnel; route arranged by your guide).

Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

The Tower of David and Christ Church

Friday, December 3, 2027

Tower of David. Explore the museum and the remains associated with Herod's Palace. Christ Church. Slow down for quiet reflection and coffee. Take time with an open Bible to absorb what you have seen. An optional ramparts walk offers a different view of Jerusalem from its Old City walls. Dinner and overnight are at your hotel.

Daily itinerary

Accommodation: Jerusalem

Visit the Tower of David Museum, where you will also be able to view part of what was Herod's Palace.

Visit Christ Church for a quiet time and coffee.

Optional: Ramparts walk.

Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Caesarea, Mount Carmel and Galilee

Saturday, December 4, 2027

Caesarea Maritima. The dramatic Roman port city: home of Cornelius, house of Philip, prison of Paul. See the amphitheater, hippodrome, ancient port and aqueducts. Mount Carmel. Where Elijah called down fire, with sweeping views toward the Jezreel Valley. Visit Tel Megiddo, stop for an overlook of Nazareth, and drive through Cana. Magdala. The first-century synagogue and hometown of Mary Magdalene. Settle into David's Harp Galilee for dinner and overnight.

Daily itinerary

Accommodation: Galilee

After breakfast, check-out of your hotel.

Depart Jerusalem for Galilee via the Mediterranean coast.

Visit ancient Caesarea Maritima with its Roman amphitheater, hippodrome, ancient port remains, and aqueducts.

Continue to Mount Carmel, where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal.

View the Jezreel / Armageddon Valley.

Visit the Tel Megiddo National Park.

Stop for an overlook of Nazareth.

Drive through Cana.

Visit Magdala and its first-century synagogue.

Check-in at your hotel in the Sea of Galilee for dinner and overnight.

The Sea of Galilee and the Jordan River

Sunday, December 5, 2027

Ancient Boat Museum. See the boat preserved from the time of Jesus. Sail on the Sea of Galilee and reflect on the miracles that took place here. Capernaum. The center of Jesus' ministry and its ancient synagogue. Mount of Beatitudes. Pause above the lake at the traditional setting of the Sermon on the Mount. At Yardenit, those who wish have the opportunity for baptism in the Jordan River. Return to your Galilee hotel for dinner and overnight.

Daily itinerary

Accommodation: Galilee

Begin the day at the Beit Igal Alon Museum, with its ancient boat.

Sail on the Sea of Galilee and reflect on the miracles that took place here.

Continue to Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry and its ancient synagogue.

Visit the Mount of Beatitudes.

Continue to the Yardenit baptismal site on the Jordan River, with the opportunity for baptisms.

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Beit She'an, Masada and Jerusalem

Monday, December 6, 2027

Beit She'an. Explore the impressive remains of ancient Scythopolis. Travel south through the Jordan Valley, passing Jericho, Qumran and Ein Gedi. Masada. Ascend by cable car to the mountaintop fortress. Travel through the Judean wilderness and up to Jerusalem. Mount of Olives. Take in the panorama of the Holy City. Garden Tomb. Share a special time of reflection before returning to Dan Panorama Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

Daily itinerary

Accommodation: Jerusalem

After breakfast, check-out of your hotel.

Continue to Beit She'an, and view the Scythopolis archaeological site.

Drive south through the Jordan Valley, and drive by Jericho, Qumran, and Ein Gedi.

Ascend Masada by cable car.

Continue driving through the Judean wilderness and ascend to Jerusalem.

Enjoy the Mount of Olives panoramic overlook.

Share a special time at the Garden Tomb.

Check-in at your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Your Day in Jerusalem

Tuesday, December 7, 2027

Enjoy Jerusalem at your own pace. Revisit a favorite place, browse the Old City, linger in a café, or rest before the homeward journey. Dinner is at your hotel, and your room remains available until departure for the airport late this evening. Plan an early-morning flight on December 8 and ask Philip's House to check the time before you book.

Daily itinerary

Accommodation: Jerusalem

Free day in Jerusalem, enjoy an independent visit through the city.

Dinner and use of the hotel until departure for the airport.

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport late this evening for an early-morning flight on December 8.

Homeward Journey

Wednesday, December 8, 2027

Fly home from Ben Gurion Airport on your independently booked flight. Your flight itinerary determines your arrival time and home airport. Take more than pictures home: carry the Scriptures, prayers and memories of this retreat into everyday life.

Travel terms

Full terms: https://www.philipshouse.com/terms. Registration details will be provided when booking opens.