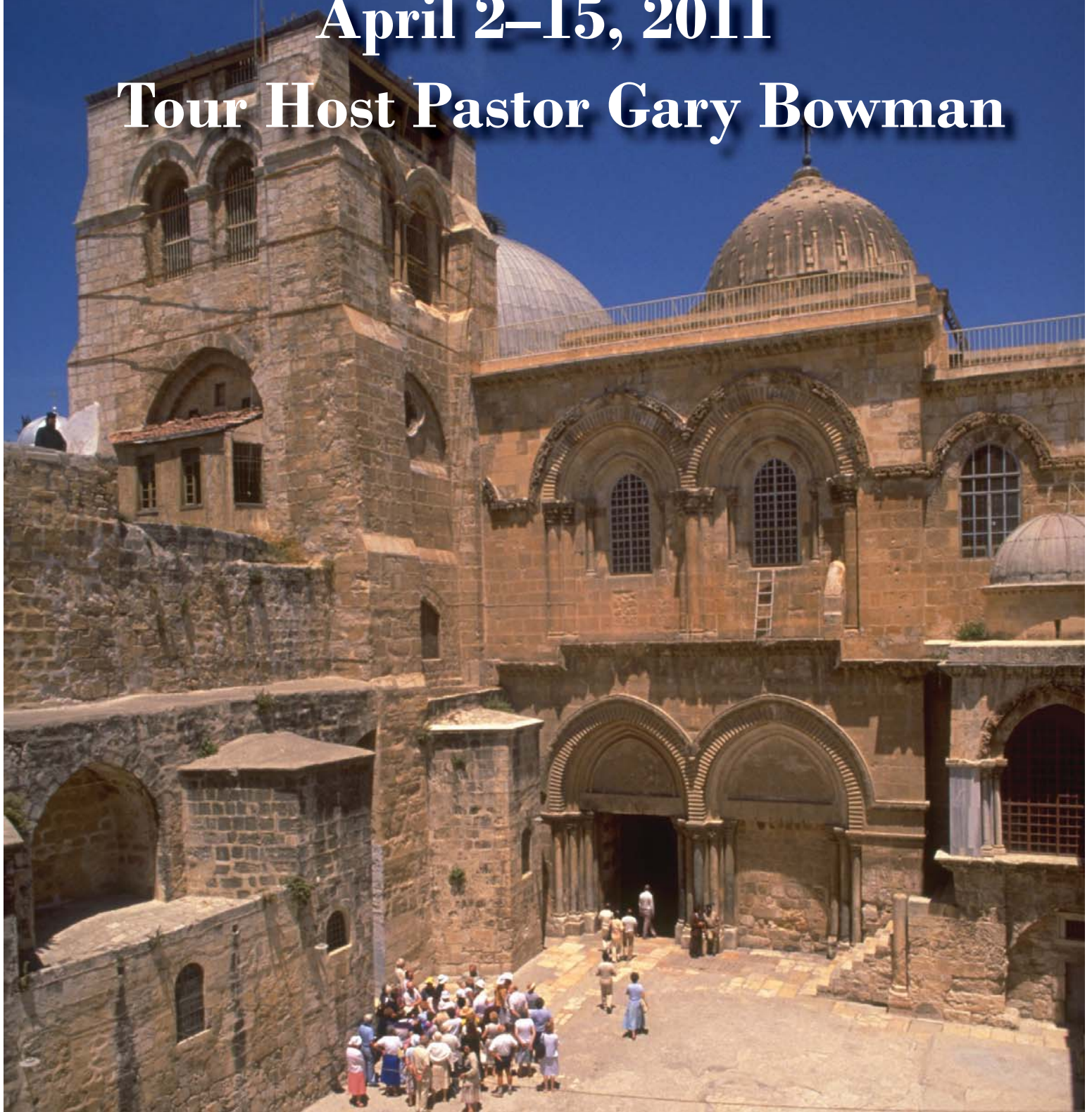


Holy Land Pilgrimage

April 2–15, 2011

Tour Host Pastor Gary Bowman



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Saturday, April 2 *Departure*

Depart San Diego this morning for JFK International Airport. Dinner on your own. Overnight at the Courtyard Marriott near JFK Airport.

Sunday, April 3 *New York – Tel Aviv*

Enjoy a walking-tour of New York this morning before transferring to JFK Airport for a non-stop flight to Tel Aviv.

Monday, April 4 *Tel Aviv – The Galilee*

Arrive in Tel Aviv around noon today. Drive north through the agricultural stretches of the Sharon Plain carpeted with orange groves and persimmon trees to Caesarea Maritima. This port city, built by Herod was an important Roman bridgehead to the east and became the springboard for the Gospel to the west. See the theatre, aqueduct, and magnificent harbor. It was here that Peter explained salvation to Cornelius. Next, stop at Mt. Carmel for a spectacular view over the North of Israel, with time to study Elijah's confrontation and victory over the prophets of Baal. Cross to the Arbel cliff which affords a magnificent view from the west over the Sea of Galilee. Dinner and overnight at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar.



Tuesday, April 5 *Sea of Galilee Area*

Drive along the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum; visit the ruins of the first century synagogue and the site early Christians remembered as the location of Peter's house. Continue to Tabgha, short for Heptapagon or "seven springs," to view the mosaics in the Church of the Loaves and Fishes. Ascend the Mt of Beatitudes and remember Christ's "Sermon on the Mount." Travel on to Chorazim, one of the towns cursed by Jesus for refusing to repent and see the remains of a Jewish town from the Byzantine period. Continue to Gamla, a site known as the Masada of the North, as it played an important role in the Jewish uprising against Rome in 66 AD. Experience a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Arrive at Nof Ginosar to see the Jesus Boat; a fishing vessel from the time of Christ which was found in the lake bed during a drought. Dinner and overnight at Nof Ginosar.

Wednesday, April 6 *Golan Heights / Galilee Area*

Drive along an ancient trade route to Hazor, biggest of the Canaanite cities in the land. Continue to Tel Dan and enjoy a nature walk and visit the high place where Jeroboam, son of Nebat, set up a golden calf. Continue to Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas) a source of the Jordan at the



foot of Mt. Hermon—where Peter answered Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" Drive through Golan Heights to the Syrian border, for a view toward Damascus and Mt. Hermon. Stop at Yardenit, the Jordan River baptism site at the southern end of the Sea of Galilee. Return to Nof Ginosar for dinner and overnight.

Thursday, April 7 *The Galilee – The Dead Sea*

Drive to Nazareth this morning to visit part of the ancient village and enjoy a view of Mt. Tabor. Continue to the mound of Megiddo, *har megiddo* in Hebrew, which gave its name to Armageddon. Stop at the Decapolis city of Beth Shean (aka Scythopolis) to survey the magnificent Roman and Byzantine ruins found there: the theatre, bathhouses, ancient rest rooms, market areas, and colonnaded streets. Drive south along the west bank of the Jordan River, continuing along the Dead Sea to Arad for dinner and overnight at the Inbar Hotel.

Friday, April 8 *Dead Sea Area*

Begin the morning at Masada, taking a cablecar to the top to visit Herod's mountain bunker and the last stronghold of the Jewish revolt against Rome (66-73 AD). The adventuresome may choose to walk back down via the ramp. Traversing the Judean desert, stop at Qumran for a view of Cave #4, which contained the largest number of the Dead Sea Scrolls found in the area. Enjoy a swim in the Dead Sea, where the high mineral content makes it impossible to sink! Return to Arad for dinner and overnight.



Saturday, April 9 *Dead Sea Area / Jerusalem*

Drive to Tel Arad for a look at the remains of an ancient Israelite temple. Continue to En Gedi to see the caves where David hid from King Saul. Opportunity will be given to relax in the lovely park area and watch the ibex, or to climb the rocks to the nearby waterfall. Drive to Jerusalem, arriving in time to overlook the Holy City as the sun sets. Dinner and overnight at the Ambassador Hotel.

Sunday, April 10 *Free Day, Jerusalem*

This morning is open to worship at one of the many churches in Jerusalem, with the remainder of the day free to explore Jerusalem on your own. The possibilities are endless—bargain for olive wood and jewelry in the bazaars of

the Old City, walk the rampart walls, explore the four quarters of the Old City, or spend time in several of the many museums, such as the Tower of David Museum, just inside the Jaffa Gate. Dinner and overnight at the Ambassador Hotel.



Monday, April 11 Mount Zion – New City

Drive to Mt. Zion this morning for a visit to the Upper Room to remember the Last Supper between Christ and His Disciples.

Drive to the New City, passing the Knesset, to visit the Shrine of



the Book where the Dead Sea Scrolls are housed. View the Model of Jerusalem depicting the city from around the time of Christ, putting into perspective the locations of sites already visited. Visit the Holocaust Memorial, Yad Vashem, and remember those who perished during WW II. Dinner and overnight at the Ambassador Hotel.

Tuesday, April 12 Jerusalem

Begin the day by walking the length of the Rabbi's Tunnel, also known as the Western Wall Tunnel, which was excavated by a group of Rabbi's until their work was discovered when they broke through into a room below the Al Aksa Mosque and their digging was heard from above. Visit the Ophel Excavations, an area located on the southeast side of the Temple Mount, inside the Dung Gate of the Old City. In Bible times, this site was referred to as the "Ophel" (the high place) or upper city of the ancient City of David. Explore the ancient water system of the City of David: those who wish can wade through Hezekiah's Tunnel, pausing at the recently discovered Pool of Siloam. This tunnel is 1750 feet long and was carved during the reign of Hezekiah to bring water from one side of the city to the other. Alternatively, there is opportunity to walk through the parallel Canaanite Tunnel, which is dry. Dinner and overnight at the Ambassador Hotel.

Wednesday, April 13 Jerusalem

Begin the day with a breathtaking view of the Old City from the top of the Mt. of Olives. See the Chapel of the Ascension and the nearby Monastery of Pater Noster,

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where you can see the Lord's Prayer inscribed in over 100 languages. Take the Palm Sunday walk down the Mt. of Olives to Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. Drive to Mt. Zion and visit the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu



("cock crows"), believed to be the site of Caiaphas' house where Jesus was tried and kept overnight. Enter the Jewish Quarter of the Old City through the Zion Gate to see Nehemiah's Wall and the Roman Cardo on the way to the Western Wall, Judaism's most holy site. Walk onto the Temple Mount to see the Dome of the Rock. Stop at the nearby Pool of Bethesda and St. Anne's Church with its outstanding acoustics. Walk along the Via Dolorosa, stopping to see the Arch of Ecce Homo, the Chapel of Flagellation, Pilate's Judgement Hall, and ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Return to the Ambassador Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Thursday, April 14 Bethlehem / Jerusalem

Travel to Bethlehem this morning, the birthplace of Christ. See the Shepherd's Fields, the Fields of Boaz, the Church of the Nativity and the Manger Cave. Tour Herodion, a palace complex built by Herod to mark his tomb. The artificial mountain is manmade, and at least one other mountain was lowered to allow Herodion to sit on the highest point in the area. Return to Jerusalem to visit the Garden Tomb for a time of reflection. After dinner at the hotel, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for a late night departure for the United States.

Friday, April 15 Return to U.S.A.

Arrive in San Diego in the early afternoon having gained a new understanding and appreciation of the Lands of the Bible.

Tour Cost: \$4,879 per person, based on double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$790

Optional Travel Protection Insurance: \$329 per person

This tour price reflects special group rates. Deposits received after December 21, 2010, will likely incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

Tour Includes:

- Round-trip airfare from San Diego International Airport
- Accommodations listed in itinerary, or similar
- Breakfast and dinner daily in Israel
- Sightseeing and entrance fees to sites listed in itinerary
- English-speaking guides throughout
- Drivers and transportation in air-conditioned motor coaches
- Hotel service charges and local taxes
- Airline taxes and fuel surcharges (currently \$521, subject to change)
- Tips to guide, driver and hotel staff

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 of \$521, which are subject to change until ticketed. *Tour participants are responsible for any increase in airline taxes or fuel surcharges imposed by the airline.*

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 of \$790. *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 in Israel. Opportunity will be given for participants to purchase lunches on their own. Beverages with dinners are not included.

Transfers and Baggage: 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, 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 are included. Tips to guides, drivers, and hotel staff are included. Tips for personal services are not included and are at tour member's own expense.

Not Included: Passport fee, lunches, travel protection insurance, and expenses of a purely personal nature are not included. Transportation from your home to San Diego International Airport and return is not included. Checked luggage fee(s) charged by the airline.

Deposit and Payment: Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of \$500 per person. You will be invoiced for final payment, which is due February 1, 2011.

MTS Cancellation Conditions: Refund of full deposit (less \$100 administrative fee) will be made up to December 21, 2010. If cancellation occurs between December 22, 2010 and March 3, 2011, a fee of \$500 plus unrecoverable airline, hotel and tour operator payments. There is no refund after March 3, 2011, or for unused tour services.

Protect Your Investment: MTS TRAVEL strongly recommends purchasing this primary insurance coverage. If you purchase the protection plan upon enrollment with your

deposit, any restriction on pre-existing conditions is waived. If protection plan is purchased after the deposit is received, all coverage is subject to exclusion of pre-existing conditions. Certain conditions, exclusions and limitations apply as set out in the Evidence of Coverage and Confirmation of Coverage, which you will receive upon receipt of deposit. You will have ten days to review coverage and cancel your policy.

Following is a brief description of coverage:

- This protection plan will cover you for cancellation fees if you need to cancel because of death, injury or illness to you, your traveling companion or your immediate family member.
- Medical Evacuation: \$250,000
- Medical Expenses: \$25,000
- Baggage loss/delay: \$1,500/\$250

A valid passport is required. If you do not have a passport, you should apply for one immediately. Information on obtaining a passport will be provided upon receipt of deposit. If you now have a passport, please verify that it is valid until October 15, 2011. A visa for Israel is not required for U.S. citizens.

All rates and fares are based on current information and are subject to change. Rates are based on a minimum of 12 persons traveling together.

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.

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.

In the ever-changing world situation, MTS TRAVEL recommends personal monitoring of news about your destination. For the latest country information from the U.S. Dept. of State, please visit www.mtstravel.com and click "U.S. State Department Travel Warnings" in the middle of our home page.

Guests with disabilities or dietary restrictions should inquire in advance about whether their needs can be accommodated.

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**To be assured of reservations, please complete and mail this form, along with your deposit of \$500 per person to:
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Please reserve space as follows:

Enclosed is my deposit check of \$ _____ (\$500 per person.)

Please make check payable to MTS TRAVEL or complete the credit card payment information below.

(Please Print)

Name 1 (as it appears on passport): _____

Name 2 (as it appears on passport): _____

Nickname for name badge: _____

Nickname for name badge: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____

Birthdate: _____ Birthdate: _____

Phone: (evening) _____ (days) _____ Fax: _____

Passport Copies: Please provide a clear photocopy of the photo and signature page of your passport. This is required for all international tours.

Room Type: Twin/Double
 Single

Rooming With: _____

Travel Protection Insurance—Check One:

I/we wish to be covered by cancellation insurance.

(Include \$329 per person with your deposit check. The \$329 is not refundable.)

I/we do NOT wish to be covered by the cancellation insurance.

Credit Card Information:

Please Charge: My Deposit of \$ _____ + \$ _____ Travel Insurance = \$ _____ Total Charge

Mastercard Visa Discover American Express

Name as it appears on card (printed): _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____ Security Code: _____

I have read the Tour Features and Conditions for this tour and agree to the terms listed therein.

Signature: _____