

SUKKOT AT TAMAR 2024

CELEBRATING THE SUKKOT HOLY DAYS IN ISRAEL

Leader: Dr. Hollisa Alewine
Tour Coordinator: Kisha Gallagher

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The Creation Gospel's choice of Biblical Tamar as a base for our tours, which celebrate both Passover and Tabernacles, is not random. Soon we will also add Shavuot. Tamar is the southernmost boundary of Israel that will be established when the tribes are restored to their inheritance in the Messianic Age. Ezekiel 47 gives a beautiful description of the Arava desert as does Isaiah 35.

In the blossoming desert around Tamar, Israel takes a step home. There she will prepare each year by drinking from the river that flows from the Temple. The step-by-step journey begins among the nations of exile. What if other sheep hear Yeshua's voice and yearn to celebrate the biblical feasts in the Land of Israel, yet they have no pedigree in hand? It doesn't matter because....

Thus says the Lord GOD, "This shall be the boundary by which you shall divide the land for an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel...the south shall extend from Tamar as far as the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the brook of Egypt and to the Great Sea.... You shall divide it by lot for an inheritance among yourselves and among the aliens who stay in your midst, who bring forth sons in your midst. And they shall be to you as the native-born among the sons of Israel; they shall be allotted an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel." (Ezek 47)

Notably, Solomon used Tamar as a fortress to guard southern Israel and its trade routes. It was Solomon who first prayed for the nations who would turn toward the Holy Temple and pray. He asked that their requests and return be accepted by the Father. Blossoming Rose at Tamar is a wonderful step

that connects both native-born Israel and the "strangers" who return.

By going up to celebrate the feasts in Israel, you are cooperating with Yeshua, Moses, and Elijah. And, as the famous Rabbi Kook stated, "the redemption continues onwards. The redemption from Egypt and the complete redemption of the future is one, uninterrupted act. Moses and Elijah work to bring the same single redemption. One begins, and one concludes; together they complete a unit.... The spirit of Israel listens to the sounds of redemptive activity, the result of all events, until the full sprouting of salvation, it is fullness and goodness."

Returning to the southern boundary of Israel is prophetic, and it explains the Mount of Transfiguration where Moses and Elijah spoke with Yeshua. Yeshua was sacrificed at Passover, he was taken away just before Shavuot, and he will set up his Kingdom at Sukkot. Yeshua is the Strong Hand and the Outstretched Arm that connects the Feasts...until Elijah is standing at the door.

Until that day, we take obedient steps HOME from our lands of captivity. If you can accept it, Elijah has already come. After all, at the Transfiguration, when the disciples looked up, it was only Yeshua who stood there. He is our Passover and our Sukkot.

At Passover and Sukkot 2021, our tours and volunteer activities will focus on the biblical teaching of resurrection. We will study the process of death, burial, post-mortem experience, and two resurrections from Genesis to Revelation. Specific sites along the journey will offer the opportunities to stand on the ground where biblical events and prophecy of the nations will take place

Are you coming?

TOUR LEADER: Dr. Hollisa Alewine



Hollisa Alewine began her career teaching high school students for seven years before becoming a federal law enforcement officer. She earned her Bachelor of Science and first Master's degree in Secondary Education from Texas A&M-Textarkana. While she continued her career with the Bureau of Prisons, she completed a second Master's degree in Religious Education and another in Theology in Rabbinic Studies, as well as a doctorate from Oxford Graduate School.

She is a television programmer at *Hebraic Roots Network* and she also travels to teach at conferences and other venues. Her *Creation Gospel* workbook series is an ongoing project, and she has recently started a new book imprint called BEKY Books, (Books Encouraging the Kingdom of Yeshua).

TOUR COORDINATOR: Kisha Gallagher



Kisha Gallagher is the author of the BEKY Book: *The Biblical New Moon: A Guide for Celebrating*, and the website, *Grace in Torah*, a ministry devoted to the Gospel of Yeshua (Jesus), the Feasts of the LORD, marital roles, and Hebraic Bible study. Many lives are touched through her website, conference engagements, and weekly small groups. Kisha is a *Creation Gospel* trainer and a former cohost on Hebrew Nation Radio's Morning Show: Renewed. She is a new programmer on My Revive TV (Hebraic Roots Network). Kisha resides near the Smoky Mountains with her husband and sons. She can be contacted at kisha@graceintorah.net.

EXPERIENCE ISRAEL

Some of our Sukkot experience will be in the desert (Arava) of Israel, at Biblical Tamar Park, but you will have time to walk the ancient streets of Jerusalem, visit the Western Wall, the Temple Mount, the Mount of Olives, and many other historic places. The Galilee tour will introduce you to the historic places Yeshua walked and the beautiful Sea.

You will also enjoy many leisure hours studying and meditating on the things of God. Biblical Tamar Park is enclosed in the immense southern Israel Nature Reserve, where over 100,000 acres are available for you to explore, and where you can go to such places as Mt. Hor, where Moses buried Aaron, where Moses smote the Rock, and where the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness. Tamar is the biblical site of Oboth as written in Numbers. It is also near Bozrah and Petra in Jordan.

This itinerary is subject to change at any time for any reason depending of the conditions and unforeseen issues that may arise while we are in Israel.

You can stay longer and volunteer at the Park at a daily cost of only \$40 per night for board and room. We invite you to stay longer and bless Israel by working physically on the Land. Contact: jcoxon@blossomingrose.org for more details.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1: Monday – 14th - USA to Israel



Those traveling from the USA and Canada will depart on Monday October 14th, flying overnight to arrive in Israel on Tuesday October 15th at the Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv.

Day 2: Tuesday – 15th - Arrive in Israel – Jerusalem



Flights arrive at the Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, and everyone will meet up with the rest of the tour group to board a chartered bus at 6pm for our Jerusalem hotel. There, we will enjoy a bountiful buffet dinner, and then rest after a long journey.

Day 3: Wednesday – 16th - Jerusalem – Mount of Olives, City of David, Kotel/Jewish Quarter – Erev Sukkot Day One



After a bountiful breakfast buffet at the hotel, we will begin our tour of the Holy Land viewing the Temple Mount from the Mount of Olives. We spend the rest of our morning touring the ancient City of David, followed by lunch and shopping in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City. Before leaving the area, we will go up to the Kotel for prayer and reflection before the feast. Then, we will return to the hotel to unwind before dinner. Afterwards, there will be an option to walk back to the Kotel to participate in erev Sukkot festivities.

Day 4: Thursday – 17th - Sukkot Day One in Jerusalem – Yom Tov – Great Synagogue, Burial Caves at Begin Center, Zion Gate, Kotel, Ben Yehuda



On the first Yom Yov (Shabbat) of Sukkot, we will wake up once again in the city of our King. After an early breakfast, we will join our Jewish brothers and sisters at the Great Synagogue and experience the morning Shacharit service. Lunch will be provided by the hotel. Since it is a festival Shabbat, we will walk to some nearby places such as the burial caves behind the Begin Center and the nearby overlook of Gehinnom Valley. The Zion Gate is not far from this area, so those who are able will have the option to continue to the Old City and join Sukkot prayers at the Kotel. Dinner will be served at the hotel. After sunset, you will have an opportunity to visit Ben Yehuda Street for shopping.

Sukkot Day 1 Torah Reading: Leviticus 22:26-23:44, Numbers 29:12-16 – Haftarah: Zechariah 14:1-21

Day 5: Friday - 18th – *Sukkot Day Two – Kever Rachel, Arugot Farm – Erev Shabbat at Biblical Tamar Park*



After an early breakfast, the bus will take us to Rachel's Tomb just outside of Bethlehem, and then to the Judean Hills to meet our good friends Rabbi Jeremy Gimpel and Rabbi Ari Abramowitz at Arugot Farm. They will give us a tour of the Farm and tell us about the great work they are doing there. Afterwards, we will stop in Dimona for lunch, and then make our way back to the Arava and Biblical Tamar Park to celebrate erev Shabbat with a wonderful dinner, followed by fellowship in the Sukkah.

Day 6: Saturday – 19th - *Sukkot Day 3 – Shabbat at Tamar*



Biblical Tamar Park is our home away from home in Israel. The wilderness of Zin is truly the ideal place to reset and refresh after much travel and touring. You will have plenty of time to relax and explore this ancient oasis that represents seven periods of Biblical history. For example, here you will find the oldest Israelite four-room house ever discovered, dating to the days of Abraham, huge openings where Solomonic gates once stood, Roman baths, aqueducts and fortress walls, and much more. We will begin our Shabbat with breakfast in the dining hall, followed by a public reading of the Torah portion. After lunch, Dr. Alewine will present a Sukkot teaching, and later, we will enjoy dinner and fellowship under the Sukkah.

Day 7: Sunday – 20th - *Sukkot Day 4 – En Gedi – Lower Spring, Bet Hogleh, Magdala, Tiberias*



After breakfast at Tamar, we will pack up, board the bus, and visit En Gedi's lower spring on the Dead Sea. Then, we will head north to the plains of Jericho to visit Erna at Beit Hogleh, the area where Israel kept their first Passover after crossing over into the Promised Land. After lunch, we will continue north to the Galilee region to visit Magdala before heading to our hotel in Tiberias. We will be staying at the Caesar Premier where dinner will be served. In the evening, you will have a free time to rest, shop, take a Galilee boat ride, or enjoy local Sukkot activities at your leisure.

Day 8: Monday – 21st - *Sukkot Day 5 – Tabgah (Ein Sheva), Mount of Beatitudes, Baniyas Falls, & Tel Dan*



After breakfast at the hotel, will begin our tour at Tabgah or Ein Sheva (Seven Springs), an ancient fishing town on the Galilee. The seven springs provided warm sulfuric water that caused many fish to gather there. It is believed that this is where Messiah fed the 5,000, resulting with the building of the Church of Multiplication where the ruins of a 4th century church were found. Then, we will stop on the traditional Mount of Beatitudes, which is located on a hill with spectacular views of the Sea of Galilee. Then, we will continue north and visit Baniyas Falls, the headwaters of the Jordan, and then head to ancient Tel Dan, where one of the golden calves set up by king Jeroboam was erected. We will have lunch in the Galilee area and dinner will be served when we return to the hotel. After dinner, you will have time to rest or shop at your leisure.

Day 9: Tuesday – 22nd - *Sukkot Day 6 – Mount Carmel, Tel Megiddo, Caesarea, Old Yaffa, Tel Aviv*



After breakfast at the hotel, we will gather with our group to take our place in the March. Those who would rather stay at the hotel and watch the Parade from there are welcome to do so. After the parade, Rabbi Looks will join us at the hotel to speak to us about the feast.

Day 10: Wednesday – 23rd - *Sukkot Day 7 – Erev Yom Tov – Tel Beit Shemesh, Valley of Elah, Tel Be'er Sheva, Tamar, Erev Yom Tov*



After a wonderful breakfast at the hotel, we will pack up and head south back to our home away from home, Biblical Tamar Park. Along the way, we will visit Tel Bet Shemesh where Samson, who lived in nearby Zorah, engaged in battle with the Philistines to liberate the area and return it to the Israelites. This is also where the Ark of the Covenant arrived when the Philistines returned it Israel in 1 Samuel 6. Then, we will visit the Valley of Elah where young David defeated the giant, Goliath. Finally, we head to Tel Be'er Sheva, the ancient home of Abraham, before continuing to our desert home, Tamar. After dinner in the dining hall, we will gather under the Sukkah for worship and fellowship as we enter into the last great day of the feast.

Day 11: Thursday – 24th - *Sukkot Day 8 – Yom Tov – Tamar*



After breakfast, we will join together for the Eighth Day convocation for payer and a communal reading of the Torah Portion. We will read the last portion in the cycle, and figuratively roll back the scroll by reading the first part of Bereshit together. In the afternoon, we will gather again to hear one last message from Dr. Alewine, on the last Great Day of the feast. As Yom Tov closes, we will pack up and board the bus for the airport in Tel Aviv.

Shemini Atzeret Readings: Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17; Numbers 29:35-40 – Haftarah: I Kings 8:54-66
Simchat Torah Readings: Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12, Genesis 1:1-2:3 – Haftarah: Joshua 1:1-18

Day 12: Friday – 25th – *Arrive Home*

We will arrive back home. Shalom!

Tour Package
\$3,095 (for land only)
Single Supplement: \$1,195 (if available)

Included in this Sukkot Tour

- Hotels
- Breakfasts
- Dinners (except October 7)
- National Park pass (6 sites)
- Entrance fees to all sites listed on the itinerary
- All tips (except housekeeping and Petra add on)
- All meals at Biblical Tamar Park
- Bus transfer to and from Ben Gurion Airport

Not Included

- Flight Insurance
- Lunches
- Airline Ticket

You will be notified by email when there are sufficient registrations to buy your airline ticket. If you would like to use the Blossoming Rose travel agent, the information is below. Blossoming Rose will provide group transportation to and from Ben Gurion Airport **at the designated times**. If you arrive or depart outside of these times you will be responsible for your own transportation to and from Jerusalem and Biblical Tamar Park. This itinerary is subject to change.

The cancellation fee is based on the total tour price, and is: 181 days or more = \$100; 180 - 151 days = \$250; 150 - 121 days = \$500; 120 – 61 days = 50% of total tour price; 60 – 31 days = 75% of total tour price; 30 days or less = 100% of total tour price. Refund may take up to 4 weeks. Trip insurance is recommended.

Reserve your place immediately by paying the \$500 deposit on-line at www.blossomingrose.org. Balance is due 120 days prior to departure.

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