

# ***SUKKOT AT TAMAR 2025***

## ***CELEBRATING THE SUKKOT HOLY DAYS IN ISRAEL***

**Leader: Dr. Hollisa Alewine  
Tour Coordinator: Kisha Gallagher**

**October 5 – 19, 2025**



## **Stories of the Promised Land**

The Sukkot tour of 2025 will be a special one. Our last tour ended on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and because of that day, no one who loves the Land of Israel will ever be the same. The Sukkot tour of 2025 will be our declaration, like Joshua and Caleb, that the Land is a good land, and it will supply our every need if we have faith in the One Who promised it to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

While the servants of the Most High can only bring earthly gifts to Him, it is because of that most precious gift that He responds with great spiritual gifts. An act of faith in coming to the Land of Israel takes a lot of natural resources, but our Father will pour out from His infinite spiritual wealth. Every trip to the Land yields an important lesson learned, a splendid revelation, or a peaceful sense of belonging and coming home. No amount of money can buy these things, yet all the Father asks is a step of faith in the direction of the Land He watches over.

Each location on our tour has been selected to tell the ancient stories of Israel in such a way that the ancient stories become our story. We are the living sequels, and walking in the steps of the patriarchs and matriarchs of our faith allows us to hear what they heard, see what they saw, smell what they smelled, taste what they tasted, and touch what they touched on their journeys. We can't wait to hear the stories you will tell after this tour!

Each stop will make Scripture come alive through interacting with Israelis, learning the geology, geography, history, archaeology, plants, animals, architecture, weather patterns, agriculture, and many

other details that contribute to our understanding of the Biblical stories we read. The Bible will take on increasing layers of living color, forever enriching time spent in study. Join us at Sukkot and become part of the story of Israel.

## **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-Texarkana. 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](mailto: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 Jodi at [info@blossomingrose.org](mailto:info@blossomingrose.org) for more details.

# ***TOUR ITINERARY***

## **Day 1: Sunday – 5th - Flights to Israel**



Flights leave the US to arrive in Israel the next day. Please arrive four hours early to take an international flight.

## **Day 2: Monday – 6th – Erev Sukkot – Jerusalem**



After arriving at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, you will meet our Blossoming Rose group at 6pm to board the tour bus. By the time we reach the hotel, Sukkot will have begun. We will eat dinner together at the hotel in Jerusalem and rest after having a long journey.

## **Day 3: Tuesday – 7th - Yom Tov - Sukkot Day One - Jerusalem**



After breakfast at the hotel, we will crossover the Valley of Gehinnom to enter the Zion Gate to the Old City of Jerusalem. As a festival Shabbat, the shops will be closed, but the city will be alive with people celebrating the feast. We will leisurely explore a few areas of the Jewish Quarter and make our way up to the Kotel. Everyone will have an opportunity to reflect and pray without needing to rush. After sunset and dinner at the hotel, you will be able to shop and enjoy more feast activities at your leisure on Ben Yehudah Street.

## **Day 4: Wednesday – 8th - Sukkot Day Two – National Archaeology Museum, Western Wall Tunnels, and City of David - Jerusalem**



After an early breakfast at the hotel, we will visit the National Archaeological Museum of the Land of Israel, which is the new home of The Israel Antiquities Authority. Then, we will return to the Old City for a tour of the Western Wall Tunnel. The tunnel allows visitors to reach the segments of the Wall hidden from view and a walk through archeological findings, such as large stone arches, water pits, and an ancient water aqueduct that ends at the Strouthion Pool. We will spend the rest of the afternoon in the City of David before heading back to our hotel for dinner and rest.

## **Day 5: Thursday - 9th – Sukkot Day Three – Bet Hogleh, Beit She'an, Tabor Winery – Tiberias**



After an early breakfast at the hotel, we will pack up and head to the plains of Jericho to Bet Hogleh, the area near where Israel first crossed over into the Promised Land. From there, we will go north to historic Beit She'an to view some of the best-preserved ruins in Israel. From there, you can see nearby Mount Gilboa where king Saul and three of his sons were defeated by the Philistines. Before heading to our hotel in Tiberias, we will stop by Tabor Winery, which sits at the foot of Mount Tabor. There you can take in the iconic views, taste, or shop.



Afterwards, we will make our way to the hotel for dinner and rest. You will have the evening free to shop, rest, or even charter a boat ride on the Kinneret/Galilee.

#### **Day 6: Friday – 10th - *Sukkot Day Four – Tabgha, Tzfat, Chorazin – Tiberias***



We will start our day by visiting Tabgha, also known as Ein Sheva (Seven Springs), which is situated on the banks of the Sea of Galilee at the foot of the Mount of Beatitudes. Traditionally, this is where Messiah multiplied the loaves and fish. Then, we will head to Tzfat (Safed) to view the Galilee from the Citadel, the highest point of Israel's highest city. This peak is one of the places ancient Israel lit signal fires announcing new months/moons. Known for mysticism and art, we will tour this ancient city. There, we will have lunch and have opportunities to shop. On our way back to the hotel, we will visit Korazim (Chorazin) to explore the ruins of this ancient village, which includes the remains of a synagogue, a residential area, and a ritual bath. You will have free time in the evening rest or join Shabbat and Sukkot festivities in Tiberias.

#### **Day 7: Saturday – 11th - *Sukkot Day Five – Shabbat in the Galilee - Tiberias***



After a leisurely breakfast provided by the hotel, we will gather for Shabbat prayers, Torah reading, and a teaching in one of the hotel's meeting rooms. Lunch will be served at the hotel, and later you will have the option to eat dinner out after sunset or enjoy another buffet style meal at the hotel.

#### **Day 8: Sunday – 12th - *Sukkot Day Six – Megiddo, Caesarea, Old Jaffa (Joppa/Yafo) - Biblical Tamar Park***



After an early breakfast at the hotel, we will pack up and head to Megiddo National Park and view the Jezreel Valley from the top of the tel. From there, we will drive to the Mediterranean coast to view the largest ancient port city in Israel, Caesarea, which was built by King Herod. There, you can explore the remains of Herod's palace, the Roman theater, the hippodrome, the aqueduct, and the harbor. Then, staying along the Mediterranean, we will visit another ancient port city,

Yafo or Joppa where Jonah found a ship going to Tarshish as he fled from the LORD (Jon. 1:3), and see the likely place where Peter received the vision of the sheet (Acts 10). Later, we will make our way to the Arava desert to Biblical Tamar Park, our home away from home in Israel. We will welcome the Sabbath with the lovely volunteers of the park and then sit in the sukkah for fellowship.

#### **Day 9: Monday – 13th - *Sukkot Day Seven – Qumran, Kalia Beach – Tamar Park***



After breakfast at the Park, we will spend the day along the Dead Sea, stopping first at Qumran to explore the archeological site's excavations of the area where the enigmatic Essene sect lived and where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. There, you can also eat and shop before we head to nearby Kalia Beach on the Dead Sea. Kalia offers more restaurants and shopping, scenic views, and a large beach area where you can relax, float on the salty sea, or cover yourself in its healing, mineral rich mud. Dinner will be provided by the volunteers at Biblical Tamar Park as we enter into Yom Tov.

**Day 10: Tuesday – 14th - Sukkot Day Eight – Shemini Atzeret – Simcha Torah – Yom Tov – Tamar**



We will spend the Eighth Day together at Biblical Tamar Park. All meals will be served in the fellowship hall. A more detailed itinerary of this day will be provided later.

**Day 11: Wednesday – 15th - En Gedi Kibbutz Botanical Garden, En Gedi Nature Reserve, Masada - Tamar**



After an early breakfast at the park, we will head to the beautiful Botanical Gardens of En Gedi. Afterwards, we will go to the nature reserve, where King David took refuge from Saul and penned many of the Psalms. You can hike to one of the cascading waterfalls, view the abundant wildlife, and take in amazing views of the Dead Sea. Later, we will visit Masada National Park with its rich history and archaeology including King Herod's northern palace, built on three rock terraces overlooking the gorge below.

We will return to Tamar for dinner and rest.

**Day 12: Thursday – 16th – Timna Park, Eilat - Gulf of Aqaba, Tamar Park**



After another early breakfast at the park, we will head to the southern tip of Israel where the majestic waters of the Gulf of Aqaba in the Red Sea touch four countries: Israel, Jordan, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia. Along the way, we will visit some of the highlights in Timna National Park where some of the world's oldest copper mines have been found.

Beautiful red sandstone rock formations such as Solomon's Pillars, the Mushroom, and the Arches will make for excellent photo opportunities, and walking through a guided tour of the full-size replica of the Tabernacle is spiritually moving. Afterwards, we will visit Eilat where you will have time to eat, shop, or even take a dip in the Gulf of Aqaba. We will return to Tamar for dinner and rest.

**Day 13: Friday – 17th – Miriam's Spring & Scorpion's Ascent, Vidor Center, Tamar Park**



After an early breakfast we will take the bus down the road to hike to Miriam's Spring in the Wilderness of Zin and view Ma'ale Akrabbim (Scorpion's Ascent) from the vantage point of the wadi. This ancient winding road is along the old spice route connecting the Negev to the Arava. Dr. Alewine will teach us about the fascinating history of this area,

which inspired her soon to be released novel, [Scorpion's Ascent](#). Then, we will visit the nearby Vidor Agriculture Center for an interactive learning experience about the history, geology, desert agriculture, and people living in the Arava. We will enter Shabbat with another wonderful dinner provided by the volunteers at Biblical Tamar Park followed by one final night under the Sukkah.

**Day 14: Saturday – 18th – Shabbat – Biblical Tamar Park – Ben Gurion Airport**



After a leisurely breakfast, we will gather for prayer, Torah readings, and one final message from Dr. Alewine. After lunch, you will have time to rest before packing and preparing for our departure. In the late afternoon, the bus will take us back to Tel Aviv to Ben Gurion Airport for return flights home.

**Day 15: Sunday – 19th – Flights Home**

**Tour Package**  
**\$3,395 (for land only)**  
**Single Supplement: \$1,350 (if available)**

**Included in this Sukkot Tour**

- Hotels
- Breakfasts
- Dinners (except October 18)
- National Park pass (6 sites)
- Entrance fees to all sites listed on the itinerary
- All tips (except hotel housekeeping)
- 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 = \$700; 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 \$700 deposit on-line at [www.blossomingrose.org](http://www.blossomingrose.org). Balance is due 120 days prior to departure.

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