

An Open Letter to All Gentile Christians

As I write this, in October 2024, Israel is currently fighting against those who threaten Her existence and survival. But **soon**, Israel will be back in the business of welcoming Christian tourists. Therefore, NOW is the time to begin the planning process prayerfully.

There are **many** ways to bless Israel and the Jewish people, but at the top of the list is to visit Israel and tour the Biblical sites. Therefore, by visiting Israel and the Biblical sites, your Bible will “come to life” as you experience the “places” where Jesus, our Messiah, ministered and the Biblical events that took place there.

Therefore, after an “Introductory Tour” in 2013, I began writing “**Next Year in Jerusalem is Now.**” I placed “these” Biblical sites in a specific order to tell a story— about Israel, Jerusalem, God’s Word, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and Salvation. I also included pictures, commentary, and Bible passages to enhance the stories. The book “concludes” with a tour of the **Via Dolorosa** and my father’s heartwarming testimonial. Please click “**Next Year in Jerusalem is Now**” to read, print, or share.

God’s “Favorite Instrument” is the “Shofar” Trumpet, and He LOVES to hear its sound. So, from my perspective, I believe every Christian should own and regularly sound the “Shofar.” I also believe that every Christian should “**Sound the Trumpets in Zion**” when they travel to Israel and the Biblical sites. Click “**Instructions**” on our website to learn how to sound it. Click “**Sound the Trumpets in Zion**” on our website to read every story in the Bible about God’s Trumpets, from Genesis to Revelation.

Several years ago, I Trademarked “**Next Year in Jerusalem is Now**” and “**Sound the Trumpets in Zion**” under the category of “Tourism” with the **only** explanation that I sensed the unction to do it. In light of recent events in Israel, I believe these Trademarks have “value” and can help “Israel,” Tour Companies, Churches, etc. — to bring Gentile Christians to Israel. **Therefore...**

I **permit** any [“For or Non-Profit”] Tour Company, Church, Person, or Group leading or desiring to lead Gentile Christians for a tour of Israel and the Biblical Sites to use “**Next Year in Jerusalem is Now**” and “**Sound the Trumpets in Zion**” in their efforts. Anyone may also use anything I have written to help promote and lead trips to Israel. I also suggest pages **3-4** (following) as a two-sided “flyer” to distribute.

Feel free to send this **PDF** via email (**not social media**) to your friends, family, and anyone in the Tourism business who promotes or wants to promote tours of the Biblical sites in Israel to Gentile Christians.

I am happy to help everyone in their efforts.

Please contact me at **MichaelNAttar@aol.com**.

I pray that Gentile Christians will bless Israel and that God blesses them.

Hugs, Smiles, and Joy,
Michael

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A Trip of a Lifetime— “Next Year in Jerusalem is Now”™



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A Trip of a Lifetime...

To end the Feast of Passover, the father pours out the fourth “cup” of wine, which is significantly different in appearance and meaning from the previous three cups. This cup is for a “special person,” Elijah, and is called “Elijah’s Cup.” Traditionally, Elijah’s “place setting” is set at the Passover table, and the back door of the Jewish home is left slightly open, just in case Elijah comes in to partake of Passover.

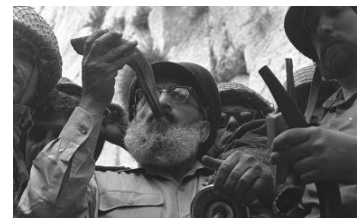


The Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Second Temple in 70 AD, and the Jewish people were scattered to the “four corners” of the world. Therefore, for the past 2,000 years, to conclude the “Passover,” the father poured “Elijah’s Cup” and prayed, “Next Year in Jerusalem.” The final prayer of Passover was asking God to restore the Jews to their Land, “Israel,” so they could celebrate Passover “again” in Jerusalem. The Jewish people knew their Bible and that their God had made a covenant with them regarding their Land. They had HOPE— it was just a matter of time. In 1877, Naftali Imber, a Jewish poet, wrote “Hatikva,” which became Israel’s National Anthem. The lyrics reflect the Jewish people’s hope to return to Jerusalem so they could celebrate Passover there.

As a “direct” result of the Holocaust, the HEART of the “Nations” was open and receptive to providing the Jewish People with “Land” to become a State again. Therefore, on May 14, 1948, the State of Israel was reborn. The “Land” they were given is the same Land that God had promised to His people, the Jews, and the same Land they had “Occupied” thousands of years earlier. Interestingly, the prophet Isaiah prophesied this miraculous event. *“Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son. Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment?”* Isaiah 66:7–13.



The Jewish people began returning to Israel, but Jerusalem was still not under Israeli control, so the father continued to pray “Next Year in Jerusalem” to end the Passover. Then, yet again, by God’s miracle-working power, on June 7, 1967, as a result of the “Six-Day” War, God enabled the Jews to recapture Jerusalem. As Israeli paratroopers entered through the “Lion’s Gate” and captured the “Western Wall.” Rabbi Shlomo Goren, the IDF chief rabbi, blew the **Shofar Trumpet** for the “first” time at the “Western Wall” and quoted. *“When you go into battle in your own Land against an enemy who is oppressing you, sound a blast on the trumpets. Then you will be remembered by the LORD your God and rescued from your enemies”* Numbers 10:9. At this MOMENT, the prayers of the Jews were answered, and another of Isaiah’s prophecies was fulfilled. *“They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away”* Isaiah 35:1–10. Therefore, “Sound the Trumpets in Zion,” — Jerusalem, “Zion” – the City of God, has been “redeemed” and is NOW under Jewish control. The father’s prayer to end Passover, “Next Year in Jerusalem,” has been answered.



Jews NOW live in Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is NOW once again the Capital of Israel.
Jews NOW come to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover.

“Next Year in Jerusalem is Now”™

A Trip of a Lifetime...



"Next Year in Jerusalem is Now"™

"And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem." Acts 20:22

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Underlined Purple – These are the Biblical sites you can see on an “Introductory Tour.”

Bold Black – These are important stories to understand.

Section One

“Israel and Jerusalem”

Welcome to Israel

Who is “Israel?”- God’s chosen Land of Israel and the Jewish People.

Mount Nebo - Moses saw the “Promised Land” on Mount Nebo in Jordan for the first time. But God did not allow Moses to enter the “Promised Land,” and Moses died somewhere in Jordan.

Meet “Jacob” - The story of Jacob is foundational for understanding the “history” of Israel.

Meet “Joseph” - The story of Joseph provides a vital understanding of how “Jacob’s Twelve Sons survived the famine to form the Nation of Israel. The story also demonstrates Joseph’s heart of weeping and reconciliation.

Dominus Flevit Church - Jesus was a “man of sorrows,” He wept often.

Meet Judah - His father. Jacob’s prophesy over Judah foreshadows the coming of the Messiah, who would come from the line of Judah.

Meet “Malachi”- God LOVES “Israel,” and He, “says” so in the Book of Malachi.

King David’s Tomb - David was a “Good” King.”

Tower of David Museum - There is much to see about “Israel” and the Jewish people inside the Tower of David Museum located on Mount Zion.

“Hatikvah” – in 1877, Naftali Imber wrote the song “Hatikva.” It means “The Hope.” The lyrics reflect the Jewish people’s hope to return to Jerusalem. Hatikva became Israel’s National Anthem.

Israel was Reborn - On May 14, 1948, the United Nations voted to give the Land of Israel to the Jewish people.

The manuscript continues to provide many interesting details about Israel.

Qumran Caves - The “Dead Sea Scrolls” were discovered here and contain fragments of every book of the (Old Testament) except for the book of Esther. The Dead Sea Scrolls are the most significant manuscript discovery of modern times.

Jewish Museum - Here, the Dead Sea Scrolls are on display.

The manuscript continues to provide many interesting details about God’s Word.

Temple Mount -The “Temple Mount,” located in Jerusalem, is the most important Biblical site. The First and Second Temples were located here.

Western Wall - After the Romans destroyed the Second Temple in 70 AD, the only remaining structure was a “Retaining Wall” that had surrounded the Second Temple. A small section of this Retaining Wall is located on the “West Side” called the “Western Wall,” and 24/7 365 prayer takes place here.

Paternoster Church - You will be reminded to go into your “room” and pray.

Jerusalem - “Zion” or “Jerusalem” is the “City of God and is where God has chosen to dwell.

The manuscript continues to provide many interesting details about Jerusalem.

Jerusalem Museum - see a 1-50 scale model of Jerusalem during the Second Temple period. This model is breathtakingly vast and accurate to the minute details.

Old City- Walk Through the “Four Quarters” and the “Open” Gates.

Pool of Bethesda - is a "Mikvah," a pool of water used by the Jewish people in the Old Testament to attain "ritual purity."

Mount Gerizim - Jacob's Well" is located here. Six of the Twelve Tribes of Israel stood on Mount Gerizim to confer blessings. The other Six Tribes stood on Mount Ebal opposite Mount Gerizim to confer curses.

Yad Vashem - The Jewish **Holocaust** Museum in Jerusalem. My mother was born in Poland 6 days before the Nazis invaded. I share details about our family's story.

Dead Sea - 1,388 feet below sea level, makes it Earth's lowest elevation on Land. It's so salty that you will float on the water.

Ein Gedi - Situated along the shore of the "Dead Sea" is an oasis in the desert called Ein Gedi, consisting of lush vegetation, nature reserves, and natural rivers.

Mount Masada - In 70 AD, the Romans invaded Jerusalem, destroyed God's City and the Second Temple, and killed most of the Jews. But 960 Jewish survivors retreated to the Mountain of "Masada." They also all committed suicide three years later to avoid the Romans, who built a ramp and would kill them. Masada reminds us of the Bible people who dealt with mental health issues and everyone we know who does, too.

Beit Shean - Of all the miracles in Scripture about Jesus, casting out demons and evil spirits is often mentioned.

Feasts of Israel- The "Feasts of Israel" are Jewish Holidays, but they're more than that. They are "pictures, shadows, and prophecies" (fulfilled and to be fulfilled) that reveal the God of the Bible, Israel, Jerusalem, the Jewish Messiah, the Jewish people, and Jewish and Gentile believers.

Sound the Trumpets in Zion - The origin of God's instrument, the Shofar Trumpet.

Jerusalem Biblical Zoo - On a "free day" or "free afternoon," you may want to visit to see many of the animals native to Israel and mentioned in the Bible.

Victorious Lamb of Glory - This story uses Scripture to illustrate progressively how a "little lamb" grows up to become a Mighty Lamb.

Section Two **"Covenants and Connections"**

"Cutting" Covenant in the Bible The term "Covenant" comes from the Hebrew word for "Cut," which is "B'irth" and means to cut with the shedding of blood. Listed are the "aspects" of the "Cutting Covenant" found in the Bible and how Jesus fulfilled them.

David Keeps His Covenant He "Cut" with Johnathan - "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

God's Eight Covenants - I cannot stress the importance of understanding God's Covenants, so we will review each one.

God's Economy - The "Abrahamic Covenant" provides a context indicative of "God's Economy." It reveals how God intended for Jews and Gentiles to treat each other.

The Tabernacle and the First and Second Temples - With the LAW, God instructed Moses to construct a Tabernacle "Tent," where God set up His temporary residence on the Earth. See arrow. There, a "System of Sacrifice" was enacted.

"Golden Gate" or "Eastern Gate" of the Jewish Temple - It is "Closed" because the Muslims encased it with 16 feet of concrete, which is shut tight, so a man could not open the gates just as Scripture predicted.

A "New Covenant" is Coming - The sacrificial system was never-ending as everyone sinned. Therefore, God had it in mind to replace the "Old Covenant" with a "New Covenant."

The Bible is the Jewish Deed to the Land of Israel - Israel’s Ambassador to the United Nations, Danny Danon, said that God gave the Land to the people of Israel in Genesis when he made a covenant with Abraham; he held up a copy of the Bible for all the ambassadors present to see.

Valley of Megiddo - the strategic piece of Land, is large enough to “host” hundreds of thousands of hostile soldiers and their “battlements” for the “Great War” called the **“Battle of Armageddon.”**

Petra - you may “opt” to take a three or four-day extension trip to Jordan to see and learn more about this haven of “Rescue” for the Jewish people.

Mount of Olives - Located “up” from the Garden of Gethsemane is the “Mount of Olives.” Jesus will RETURN “here.”

New Covenant - Instead of requiring that an animal be sacrificed every time you sinned, God put ALL sin ON Jesus Christ. The “Good News” is that God sent His One and Only Son, Jesus Christ, to bring the “New Covenant,” which began at His death on the Cross.

A Contract Between the “Old” and “New” Covenant - Paul contrasts the “Old Covenant” and the “New Covenant.” Sarah represents the New Covenant, and Hagar represents the Old Covenant.

Garden of Gethsemane - Eight (original) olive trees that date back several thousand years. These **eight** ancient olive trees came from cuttings, i.e., branches that had been pruned and then grafted, belonging to the same “mother” tree. This is a beautiful picture of Jews and Gentiles who believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and receive the promises and blessings of God.

Church of the Beatitudes - an octagonal-shaped (8-sided) building. Each of the eight sides symbolizes one of the eight beatitudes described in Matthew 5:3-11 we will review.

Section Three

“The Gospel of Jesus Christ and Salvation”

Church of the Annunciation - Here, the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary (a virgin) and proclaimed she would give birth to the Savior of the Jewish people.

Church of the Nativity - the site in Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

Daniel’s “70 7s” Prophecy-The most significant prophecy in the Bible. A “decree” would be issued to rebuild Jerusalem and the First Temple. Then, the Jewish calendar and modern history provide the “dates” when Jerusalem and the First Temple were rebuilt—also, the date for the arrival of the Jewish Messiah and His death. Also, Jerusalem and the Second Temple would be destroyed. It also provides the events surrounding the rebuilding of the Third Temple.

Capernaum- “Jesus’ City.”

Two Kinsman Redeemers from Bethlehem - The Gospel of Jesus Christ is communicated through the Old Testament story of Ruth.

Mount Precipice - Jesus is the Great Physician, but many were furious with Him. They wanted to throw Jesus off this mountain.

Church of the Multiplication - God is a God of miraculous abundance, and there are many stories in the Bible about God’s goodness and His rich supply of “food.”

Sea of Galilee -Jesus gave more than half of His parables and performed most of his miracles at the Sea of Galilee.

The Book of Hebrews - Jesus Christ, the Jewish Messiah, is BETTER than anything or anyone found in the Old Testament.

Events of Jesus Recorded in All Four Gospels- Four different people wrote the first four books of the New Testament (Gospels). Each provides a different perspective of Jesus and the events surrounding His life, ministry, and resurrection.

Jesus Fulfills the Ten Commandments - **Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”**

Jesus Fulfills All the “Aspects” of the Tabernacle and Temple - Everything points to HIM!

Some of the Many Prophecies Jesus Fulfilled – What are the odds?

Feast of Passover - the father takes three pieces of Matzah (bread made without yeast- “Unleavened”) and places one piece of Matzah into each of the three compartments of the Afikoman bag. The father takes the middle piece of Matzah from the bag and breaks it into two equal pieces. The father wraps one of the two broken pieces in a linen cloth and then hides it. After the Passover meal, the father “retrieves” it. This is the “broken” body of Jesus Christ. Then, the father pours the third cup of wine called “The Cup of Redemption.” It represents the “New Covenant.” Taking “Communion” moving forward will NEVER be the same

Golgotha On your way to visit Jesus’ empty tomb, you will stop at “Golgotha,” a scull carved into a mountain.

Big Fish and the Empty Tomb - these Biblical “landmarks” remind us of Jonah’s story. Jesus said that the ONLY sign that will be given is the sign of the prophet Jonah.

The Story of Jonah

The Bible Records Six Resurrections Before Jesus.’ Three resurrections are in the Old Testament, and three resurrections are in the New Testament.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

After Jesus’ Resurrection, More People Are Resurrected

Jesus’ Empty Tomb - “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”

Partaking of Communion in the Garden - you will serve each other “bread” and a “cup.”

Elijah’s Cup - To end the Passover, the father pours out the fourth “cup” of wine.

The “Upper Room” - You’ll enter the “Upper Room” in Jerusalem and be reminded that Jesus Christ, a Jewish Rabbi, had just been crucified, buried, and resurrected (fulfilling the first Three Feasts). Then Jesus appeared to His Jewish disciples for 40 days, ascended to Heaven (where He sits at the “right hand” of His Father), and He sent “down” The Holy Spirit” on the “Feast of Pentecost.”

The “Church Age” Begins -On the Day of “Pentecost,” Peter (a Jewish disciple) preached the first sermon to a Jewish audience. Three thousand Jews “Believed” in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and were “saved,” and the “**Church**” was born. The first Church was a Jewish Church. Remember that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is “First” for the Jew, then for the Gentiles.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ **was crucified on the Cross as a sin substitute**, and His blood was spilled to cover and forgive **all** past, present, and future sins. This occurred on **Passover**.

Jesus **died and was buried** that same day. This occurred on **Unleavened Bread**.

Three days later, the gravestone that sealed Jesus’s body was miraculously rolled away, and **Jesus Christ was resurrected**. This occurred on **First Fruits**.

Jesus Christ **gives us His LIFE** through the indwelling, Precious Holy Spirit. This occurred on **Pentecost**.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ was Sent from Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria