

Dear Friends,

Just a quick update on our Israel trip. As many of you know, Israel's Minister of Tourism, Orit Farkash HaCohen, and Minister of Health, Yuli Edelstein, have officially announced that on May 23rd, 2021, **Israel will begin welcoming vaccinated visitors who are traveling in groups**. With that good news which we have been expecting, all of us will need to show proof of vaccination before boarding our international flight. As we get closer, I will give more details for the different ways in which this may be validated. In addition, upon arrival & when exiting, airport medical personnel will do the **"simple nose swap test"** for Covid 19. This test is not the one that was done in the early days of Covid 19 (Praise the Lord!) but is "the simple test" in that the swap barely enters your nostril. The results are near immediate within ten minutes.

In addition, **there is good news concerning masks**. Israel has dropped the mask mandate, so when outside, the government is no longer enforcing mask wearing and you will not need to wear them on the bus unless you just chose to. However, as most of you are already aware of, the airlines will require wearing a mask while on board.

Two other critical items I am will be through. First, because of the desire to travel to Israel, the Holy Land has experienced unprecedented demand for tour groups booking trips. Right now, the desire of God's people to see Israel is so high that new tour groups cannot even be considered for scheduling until May/June of 2022. As you know, Search The Scriptures had two different back to back weeks available. For whatever reason, the first week (**September 28th – October 8th**) has been more popular in terms of registrations, and because demand is so high we will not be able to tie up until June 28th so many hotel rooms & airlines seats. So, at this point **we will need to combine our two groups into one**. What this means is that **for those ten individuals registered for the second week** (October 7-17th), **they will need to move to the first week**. This will not change the size of group planned for the first week.

I promised to keep it small and so the maximum number of reservations is still just 58 individuals where we will all travel together on just one tour bus. Those ten individuals registered for the second week will need to provide written confirmation through email to Jennifer (jennifer@ittworld.com) with the words, "I am now moving my dates for the STS Israel Tour to September 28th through October 8th" and then simply type your name(s). **I am sorry for this disruption and certainly hope it will not be a hardship on anyone**. If have any questions or need any help, just call **Pastor Josh Stone** and he will be ready to serve you (843-525-0089, ext. 241) or you can email him with any questions (jstone@communitybiblechurch.us) A simple email is all that is necessary to be

sent to Jennifer at Imagine Tours and they will hand all the logistics for us.

Now finally, if you have watched the news there is currently conflicts going on in Jerusalem. Rest assured, we will not go to Israel, our tour agency will not allow us to go to Israel, and the Israeli government will not allow us to travel there, if there is any danger for its visitors. I led a trip back in 2014 where there were similar skirmishes but a little more intense. But six weeks before departure everything changed, and we were given the green light and we had a delightful time together. **My good friend Rabbi Hanoch Teller reminds me that he feels safer in Israel than when he travels to America.** Just think of the mass shootings we have known in this calendar year alone. As of March 31, 2021 in America there have been 126 mass shootings that fit the “Mass Shooting Tracker” project criterion, leaving 148 people dead and 481 injured, for a total of 629 total victims, some including the shooter(s). **What I am trying to say is that you will feel very safe in Israel.** The security is unprecedented!

In case you are wondering, once registration closes for the trip (June 28, 2021) **you will be hearing from me about every two weeks with ways in which to prepare yourself for the trip of a lifetime.** We will also have about one month before departure, a travel preparation meeting that can be live-streamed or viewed after the fact to help with packing, travel, etc.

Looking forward to our time in Israel.

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