Come experience Israel in the Holy Land with Del Clark & his wife, Cherrie. The Clarks have spent many years teaching LDS Doctrine in the CES program. They have traveled extensively through the Middle East and love to show people the places they are so passionate about.

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MAKING SACRED PLACES SACRED
with Del and Cherrie Clark

12 days $2,940 pp/dbl
from April 26-May 8, 2018
LAND ONLY - ASK ABOUT JORDAN PRE-TOUR OPTION

Days 1/2: April 26/27  U.S.A. - Transatlantic Flight to Tel Aviv
We will depart for our overnight flight to Tel Aviv, Israel, and arrive the next afternoon. We will drive into Tel Aviv, and check in to the Metropolitan Hotel for the night in time for a walk along the beaches of the Mediterranean. Meals: Dinner

Day 3: April 28  Jaffa - Caesarea - Mount Carmel - Megiddo - Nazareth
We begin our tour in the port of Old Jaffa to read of Jonah’s ministry (Jonah 1-2) and Peter’s vision in Simon the tanner’s home (Acts 10) to take the gospel to the ends of the earth. Traveling north along the Mediterranean coast, we arrive at Caesarea, the Roman capital at the time of Jesus, and home of the first Gentile convert, Cornelius (Acts 10). Paul also delivered his famous speeches in the royal court (Acts 23-26) here. Next, we drive to Muhraka atop Mount Carmel, site of Elijah’s confrontation with the prophets of Baal. Below, we stop at Tel Megiddo and its 25 layers of history. This is also the battlefield for Armageddon (Revelation 16-18). Arriving in the city of Nazareth, Jesus’ boyhood home, we will experience first-century life in Nazareth Village. Stops at Mary’s well and the Church of the Annunciation to read the angel Gabriel’s visits to Joseph and Mary will conclude our day. We will check in to the Golden Crown Hotel. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4: April 29  Mount Precipice • Tel Dan • Caesarea Philippi • Chorazin
This morning we will drive to the top of Mount Precipice to overlook the Jezreel Valley. Here we remember Jesus’ rejection in Nazareth (Luke 4) and visualize Deborah and Barak fighting the 900 Canaanite chariots (Judges 4). Mount Tabor is also a traditional site of the transfiguration of Christ (Luke 9). Just south we will read the New Testament miracle in Nain (Luke 7) and the Old Testament story in Endor (1 Samuel 28). We travel to the northern border of Tel Dan and read of Abraham coming to rescue Lot (Genesis 14) and the misfortune of Israel’s king introducing golden calves (1 Kings 12). This afternoon we will make stop at Banias Falls and Caesarea Philippi, where Jesus asked His apostles, “Whom do men say that I . . . am?” On the Golan Heights is Mount Bental, where we will stop for a quick view of nearby Syria and Mount Hermon. Traveling south through the fertile plains of the Hula Valley, we pass the Canaanite city Hazor (Joshua 11) and stop to see the ruins in Chorazin (Luke 10) before turning east past the fishing village of Bethsaida (John 1), home to Peter and Andrew. We will then travel to our lodgings at Royal Plaza Hotel south of Tiberias for two nights. Meals: B,D

Day 5: April 30  Capernaum • St. Peter’s Primacy • Mount of Beatitudes • Magdala • Mount Arbel • Sea of Galilee Boat Ride
We begin in Capernaum, center of Jesus’ Galilean ministry where He performed miracles, taught parables, and delivered His “Bread of Life” sermon (John 6). We will visit St. Peter’s Primacy where Jesus appeared to His apostles after His resurrection (John 21), and the Mount of Beatitudes to read that great sermon. We continue to Magdala with its shrine dedicated to the women in Jesus’ life. At Mount
Day 6: May 1  Beth Shean - Shechem - Shiloh - Jordan River - Jericho
We will travel to the impressive Roman ruins at Beth Shean and read the tragic bible story of Saul and his sons (1 Samuel 31). We will enter the West Bank to drink from Jacob’s Well in Shechem where Abraham built an altar (Genesis 12) and Jesus taught the Samaritan woman (John 4). We next travel to Shiloh, center for religious worship when the children of Israel entered the Promised Land and where the tabernacle stood for 369 years. Traveling to the Qasr el Yehud on the Jordan River, we will discuss Joshua leading the Israelites to the Promised Land (Joshua 3), Elijah dividing the waters and ascending in a chariot of fire (2 Kings 2), Naaman dipping himself seven times to be healed (2 Kings 5), and John baptizing the Son of God (Matthew 3). We later enter Jericho, the “City of Palms” and oldest city on earth, to discuss Joshua and his famous battle, Elisha healing the waters (2 Kings 2), Jesus’ temptations in the wilderness (Matthew 4), Zaechaeus in the sycamore tree (Luke 19), and Jesus healing blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10). Meals : B,D

Day 7: May 2  Masada - Ein Gehi - Dead Sea - Qumran - Jerusalem
Driving south, we will take a cable car to the ruins of Masada, Herod’s fortress, to recall the story of the Zealots’ last stand against the Romans. Next are stops at Ein Gedi (1 Samuel 23), where David hid from Saul, and the Qumran Caves, home of the Dead Sea Scrolls. We’ll float in the Dead Sea then travel to Jerusalem and remember the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10). Our last stop today is Bethany, home of Mary and Martha, and the tomb of Lazarus (John 11). Tonight we will check in to the Olive Tree Hotel in Jerusalem for the remainder of our nights in Israel. Meals: B,D

Day 8: May 3  Jerusalem - Bethlehem - Old City - Holy Mount - Hezekiah Tunnel
This morning we enter the Old City through Dung Gate to experience the Holy Mount and Dome of the Rock, where Solomon’s and Herod’s temples once stood. We will travel to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. We will read the Christmas story in Matthew and Luke as we ponder the birth of Jesus. This afternoon we will experience Judaism’s holiest place, the Western Wall. We will have time for lunch and shopping before we explore the ruins south of the Temple Mount and climb the ancient stairs from Jesus’ time. After a tour of the City of David, we will walk through Hezekiah’s Tunnel and marvel at the engineering masterpiece that saved Jerusalem from total destruction (2 Chronicles 32). Outside the tunnel, we will discuss the healing miracle at the Pool of Siloam (John 9) before returning to our hotel for the night.

Day 9: May 4  Mount of Olives - Gethsemane - Golgotha - Garden Tomb
Today we retrace the footsteps of the Savior’s last hours on earth. We begin at the top of the Mount of Olives to review the Triumphal Entry then walk down to Gethsemane to ponder the atonement of Christ and read the dedicatory prayers at the Orson Hyde Memorial Garden. Traveling to Mount Zion, we will stand where the Last Supper was shared. Down the hill we enter the palace of Caiphas where Jesus was tried. Entering the walled city, we will stop at the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus commanded the impotent man to take up his bed and walk (John 5). We next stop at Antonia Fortress, where Pilate may have tried Jesus, and walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We conclude our day at Golgotha, the place of the crucifixion, and the Garden Tomb, to ponder the resurrection and final triumph of Christ. In the evening we will have dinner together tonight. Meals : B,D

Day 10: May 5  Mount Nebo, Jordan - Madaba - Machaerus - Dead Sea
This morning we travel east and cross into the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Our first stop is Mount Nebo, where Moses looked out to the Promised Land. We will tour the new Memorial Church of Moses and admire the beautiful mosaics. Stopping next in Madaba we will discuss a sixth-century mosaic map preserved on the floor of the Greek Orthodox Basilica of St. George. In the afternoon, we will visit Machaerus, the traditional site where John the Baptist was imprisoned and beheaded. Meals: B,D

Day 11: May 6  Petra, Jordan
Today we drive the Old Testament King’s Highway through Moab and Edom to experience Petra. In biblical times, Petra was the city of the Edomites, whose ancestor was Esau (2 Kings 14:7), twin of Jacob. The Edomites were displaced by the Nabataeans, who turned their sandstone capital into a red-rock oasis, controlling the trade routes from Arabia to Mesopotamia and Syria. We will walk down the narrow canyon to the breathtaking view of the Treasury. You will have time for a camel or chariot ride as we explore the canyons, theatre, and temple. Meals: B,D

Day 12: May 7  Jerash - Amman
Our travel takes us north to Jerash, one of largest cities of the Decapolis and most complete ruins of any Greek-Roman city in the world. We will stop to see the Jabjak Brook which Abraham may have followed as he entered into Israel. This is also the site where Jacob wrestled with the angel. Time permitting, we will drive to Amman for additional ancient sites and dinner before catching our flight home. Meals: B,D

Day 13: May 8  International flight - U.S.A.
We will board our plane around midnight for our flight to the U.S.A., arriving in the morning—taking with us never-to-be-forgotten memories and friendships.