



Dear Friends,

It has been my observation that people often do not hear announcements the first, the second, or even the third time! Time and time again while we were on our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary cruise in June, fellow travelers, who were just told the time and place to meet our group, would ask others, “What did she say? Where did our guide say to meet her and when?”

So at the risk of being repetitive, I have planned 2 ½ years in advance to take a custom pilgrimage to the Holy Land with the guide we loved when we went four years ago. I have announced regularly that, if you want to go to the Holy Land with me, this is the time! I chose a time when even teachers could be free to travel; it is also a time when many fewer busses are at the special sites than in the fall, winter, or spring. And if you sign up by August 9<sup>th</sup>, you’ll get the biggest discount (which is available if you pay by checks, and not with a credit card.) Credit card companies charge businesses when they are used; Educational Opportunities will give you the 4% discount if you pay by check. You can still pay by card but not get the 4% discount. We are now a year away from a trip that could change your spiritual life. It will definitely make you read your Bibles with more insights. Put down a deposit this month to hold your spot. Brochures are available to be picked up at church or mailed. You can also get one online by going to this website: [EO.travel/mytrip](http://EO.travel/mytrip)  
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The church believes in these trips so much that those who are in the area may park at our church and have complimentary bus transportation to and from the Orlando airport. If you choose to add an extension we may (or may not) be able to offer that advantage too. But we will travel together, be on a bus together, sing hymns, read scriptures, and visit the sites such as Nazareth, the Jordan River, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, and more. Yes, you should be able to walk on uneven pavement for this journey; many stones and steps are centuries old. The price includes roundtrip airfare, entrance fees, deluxe motorcoaches, daily breakfasts and dinners, and first class hotels. If you are physically able, why not consider joining us on a trip of a lifetime? Friends and family are welcome to join us! July 9-19, 2019!

In His Service,

*Jeff Sumner*