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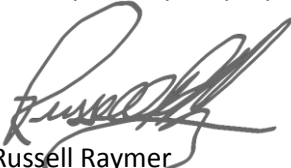
Dear Friends, Supporters and Family,

Over the past years my passion in the ministry has been to provide training for national pastors and workers in the Spanish-speaking world. Recently, we added a new ministry of recording sermons in Spanish making them available to churches who need assistance. Individuals who desire to receive more Biblical knowledge can also access the sermons.

The Christian University of the Americas and Genezareth Baptist Church here in Monterrey announced a trip to Israel departing January 6, 2015. Jonathan Latham, the coordinator of this trip, and I have been talking about the potential of recording a sermon series at the different locations. We have outlined a plan to record 25-30 sermons during the 10 day trip. These sermons would then be an additional resource that the university can use in their classes. Other institutes, churches and individuals throughout the Spanish-speaking world would be able to access them as well. I am attaching our current location/sermon plan to this letter so that you can see our plan. This trip would be a missions work trip for me.

This trip would offer a unique training series for the Spanish-speaking world. The purpose of this letter is to ask you to be in prayer for this trip and to ask you to prayerfully consider helping fund the cost of my trip. The trip cost is \$3,500, which includes airfare, hotels, entrance fees and meals for my trip. If you would be able to assist, I would greatly appreciate it. The messages would impact many people in the future. Donations can be sent to: OREMUNO Ministries, 4301 N Shary Road, Palmhurst, TX 78573 – attention: Russell Raymer Israel trip. Donations can also be made via PayPal: OREMUNDO Ministries (paypal@ucla-mexico.org). In order to take this trip, payment in full must be made by the first week of November.

Thank you for your prayers and support,



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Day One:

Travel.

Day Two:

1. Tel Aviv:

Message: “The Regathering”

Texts: Ezekiel 34:13; 36:19-24; Jeremiah 32:36-37; Isaiah 11:11; Romans 11:25

Synopsis: Survey of the Land Promise (Abraham), the Exodus and conquest, the exile, the Second Exodus, the diaspora, and the current regathering.

2. Mediterranean Coast

Message: “Our Sea”

Texts: 1 Kings 16:31; Daniel 9:25-27; 11;

Synopsis: A history of the Phoenician, Philistine, and Roman influence in the Bible story. Emphasis on the preservation of God’s people through the centuries, especially in the face of repeated hostile military invasions and the corrupting influence of the sea-faring peoples.

Day Three:

3. Caesarea

Message: “The Gospel Conquers the Roman World”

Texts: Acts 10, 12, 20-28

Synopsis: Trace the beginnings of the gospel as it enters the Gentile world at Caesarea, noting how the “Jerusalem section” of Acts concludes with Herod fleeing to Caesarea, where God takes his life. Conclude with Paul’s two years in jail in Caesarea as his departure point for Rome.

4. Mount Carmel

Message: “A Contest between Deities”

Texts: 1 Kings 18

Synopsis: Overview the spiritual decline of Israel, the northern kingdom, until the time of Ahab. Provide background on Tyre, Sidon, and the Phoenician concept of Baal.

5. Megiddo

Message: “True Strength – The Arm of Flesh will Fail You”

Texts: Joshua 12:1; 17:11; 1 Kings 9:15; 14:25; Revelation 16:16

Synopsis: Perpetually strategic for control of the entire Levant, control of Megiddo means control of all major travel in Israel. Note how the place figures in Israel’s history from initial conquest with Joshua until the second coming.

6. Nazareth

Message: “He shall be called a Nazarene”

Texts: Matthew 2, Luke 4

Synopsis: Emphasize the humble life of Christ. Note the surrounding Greek city of Sepphoris. Note the view from the winepress in Nazareth (Revelation 19).

Day Four:

7. Capernaum

Message: “His Own Received Him not”

Texts: Matthew 4:13; 8:14

Synopsis: Emphasize the timing of Matthew 8 and the opposition of the religious establishment – even preventing Jesus from helping his people on the Sabbath.

8. Caesarea Philippi

Message: “How do you say He is?”

Texts: Matthew 16

Synopsis: Note the secular context and the timing of Jesus’ two questions. Emphasize the only right response with respect to His person and work.

9. Mount of the Beatitudes

Message: “The Kingdom”

Texts: Matthew 5-7

Synopsis: Sermon on the Mount – brief exposition

10. The Jesus Boat

Message: “Jesus in Life’s storms”

Texts: Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 4:38

Synopsis: Call of Peter, James and John. Jesus walks on the water, sleeps in the storm. Miracles and lessons on the Sea of Galilee.

Day Five:

11. Jordan River

Message: “All Righteousness Fulfilled”

Texts: Matthew 4

Synopsis: The message of Jesus’ baptism and evidence of His holiness. The divine confirmation of John’s assessment.

12. Beth Shean

Message: “A Far Country”

Texts: Luke 15:11-32

Synopsis: Note how “close” the “far country” could be. Emphasis on living a holy life.

13. Dead Sea

Message: “Faithful to the End”

Texts: Numbers 20

Synopsis: Trace the chronology of the wilderness wanderings, noting how Moses and Aaron’s failure at Kadesh probably happened in the last year of the 40 year death march. Emphasize faithful obedience to the end.

Day Six:

14. Masada

Message: “Certain Punishment”

Texts: Leviticus 26, Deuteronomy 29, Jeremiah 32:17-18; 2 Peter 3; Revelation 20

Synopsis: Trace Israel’s repeated disbelief of coming judgment. Emphasize the certainty of final judgment.

15. Ein Gedi

Message: “Thirst for God”

Texts: Psalm 42

Synopsis: Meditate on the expression in light of the arid conditions which David knew so well. Not the priority of the spiritual life even over physical safety – as Saul pursued David.

16. Qumran

Message: “Holy Words”

Texts: 2 Peter 1

Synopsis: Emphasize the certainty, accuracy and authority of God’s word.

17. Abraham's Tent (supper)

Message: "Sitting down with Abraham"

Texts: Luke – the feasting texts

Synopsis: Note how Luke emphasizes feasting in God's presence, especially the eschatological reference to feasting with Abraham in the kingdom.

Day Seven:

18. Temple Mount

Message:

Texts:

Synopsis:

19. Israeli Museum – 1 Kings 8

Message: "The Eternal City"

Texts: 1 Kings 8;

Synopsis: Connect the Solomonic prayer with Daniel 9 and Revelation 21-22.

20. Holocaust Museum

Message: "His Blood be upon us"

Texts: Genesis 12; Matthew 27:25

Synopsis: Frame the perpetual opposition to Israel in the context of (1.) her great commission as God's agent and (2.) her rejection of God's agents (Acts 7).

Day Eight:

21. Southern Wall: Temple Destruction

Message: "Not One Stone upon Another"

Texts: Matthew 24

Synopsis: What was incredulous for the disciples became reality, and for 19 centuries the ruins only piles higher. Jesus also predicted a future day of desolation for a future temple on the very spot.

22. Mount of Olives

Message: "Thy Will be Done"

Texts: Matthew 26

Synopsis: Note the four Greek words for Gethsemane, and how the context aptly frames the spiritual struggle Jesus endured.

23. Temple Institute

Message: "Shadow and Substance"

Texts: Ezequiel 40-48; Romans 11:25-31; Hebrews 8:5

Synopsis: Emphasize the certainty of Ezequiel's temple being rebuilt and the promised glory (43:4). Distinguish between the heavenly reality and the earthly representations.

24. Caiaphas' house

Message: "Alone in the Pit"

Texts: Psalm 88

Synopsis: Exposition of Psalm 88.

Day Nine:

25. Via Dolorosa

Message: "Take up your Cross and Follow"

Texts: Luke 9:23

Synopsis: Apply the shame and humiliation of public crucifixion to the words Jesus gave to his disciples.

26. Tomb

Message: "He is Risen"

Texts: Luke 24, Matthew 28, Acts 1, 1 Corinthians 15; Romans 1

Synopsis: Apologetic of the physical, bodily resurrection of Christ.

27. Temple Steps – Pentecost

Message: "Spirit Power for the New Covenant Community"

Texts: Acts 2; 11:15

Synopsis: Defend the beginning of the church at Pentecost. Connect the Spirit's coming with the New Covenant for the church while Israel waits for the final outpouring.

28. Bethlehem

Message: "The Genetic and Geographic Origins of the King"

Texts: Matthew 1-2

Synopsis: Explain why Matthew begins his presentation of Jesus as King of the Jews as he does.

Day Ten:

Travel.