

“JOURNEY THROUGH THE HOLY LAND” - Part 1

BEIT SHE’AN

* King Saul and his sons’ bodies were fastened to this city wall after having been killed at nearby Mt. Gilboa (1 Samuel 31:8-13; 2 Samuel 21:12-14)

CAESAREA

- * The home of Philip the evangelist (Acts 8:40; 21:8)
- * Paul sailed from here to Tarsus (Acts 9:30)
- * Home of Cornelius (Acts 10:1)
- * Here Gentiles first became Christians (Acts 10:1-48)
- * Herod Agrippa died a wretched death here (Acts 12:19-23)
- * Paul landed here after completing his second and third missionary tours (Acts 18:22; 21:8)
- * It was here that Agabus prophesied about Paul’s imprisonment (Acts 21:10-15)
- * Paul was brought here for safekeeping or protection after a plot on his life was discovered (Acts 23:23-33)
- * Paul was imprisoned here for two years and preached to three kings:
 - 1) Felix - Acts 24:1-22
 - 2) Festus - Acts 25:1-12
 - 3) Agrippa - Acts 26

CAESAREA PHILIPPI

* Site of Jesus’ statements in Matthew 16:13-20 and Mark 8:27-30

CAPERNAUM

- * Jesus made this His headquarters after leaving Nazareth and during His ministry in Galilee (Matthew 4:13-16; Mark 2:1)
- * Referred to as "His own city" (Matthew 9:1)
- * Near here, Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James and John to be apostles (Mark 1:16-21)
- * This was Peter’s home, and he had a house here (Matthew 8:14)
- * Here Jesus paid the tribute with money He directed Peter to take from the mouth of the fish (Matthew 17:24-27)
- * Jesus performed more miracles here than in any other city, including:
 - 1) Healed the Centurion’s servant (Matthew 8:5-13)
 - 2) Palsied man carried by four men (Mark 2:1-12)
 - 3) Nobleman’s son (John 4:46-54)
 - 4) Peter’s mother-in-law (Mark 1:29-31)
 - 5) Woman who had an issue of blood (Luke 8:43-48)
 - 6) Man with an evil spirit (Luke 4:31-41)
 - 7) A deaf demoniac (Matthew 9:27-33)
 - 8) Man with a withered hand (Luke 6:6-10)
 - 9) Great multitudes were brought to Jesus and healed (Matthew 8:16-17; 9:35-38)
 - 10) Raising of daughter of Jairus (Matthew 9:18-26)
 - 11) Two blind men healed (Matthew 9:27-30)
- * Here Jesus used a little child to teach a lesson on humility (Matthew 18:1-3)
- * It was near here that the Sermon on the Mount was delivered (Matthew 5-7)
- * Jesus predicted the complete ruin of this city because the people did not repent (Matthew 11:23,24; Luke 10:15)

MOUNT CARMEL

- * It was on Mt. Carmel that Elijah had his confrontation with the false prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:19-39)
- * From Mt. Carmel, Elijah interceded with God to end the 3 1/2 year drought (1 Kings 18:42-46)

DAN

- * Abraham pursued Chedorlaomer (spelled Kedorlaomer in versions other than the King James) and his army to this city to rescue Lot (Genesis 14:13-16)
- * Jeroboam set up a golden calf idol here (1 Kings 12:26-33; 2 Kings 10:29)
- * This city marked the northern boundary of Israel as in the common phrase “from Dan to Beersheba” (Judges 20:1; 1 Samuel 3:20)

SEA OF GALILEE

- * Also-called "the Sea of Tiberias" (John 6:1; 21:1), "the lake of Gennesaret" (Luke 5:1;) "the sea" (John 6:16-25, KJV) and "the lake" (Luke 8:22,33; John 6:16-25 NIV)
 - * Peter, Andrew, James and John were fisherman on this sea (Mark 1:20)
 - * Jesus spoke from Peter's boat to a multitude on shore (Luke 5:1-3)
 - * Peter obtained tax money from the mouth of a fish taken from here (Matthew 17:24-27)
 - * Jesus had breakfast on these shores with the apostles after His resurrection and at that time asked Peter some painful, penetrating questions (John 21:1-18)
 - * It was on the slopes of one of the mountains overlooking this sea that Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)
 - * Several parables were presented around the seashore (Matthew 13)
- * Miraculous events associated with the Sea of Galilee:

- 1) Miraculous catch of fish (Luke 5:4-11; John 21:6-8)
- 2) The stilling of the storm (Matthew 8:23-27)
- 3) Hogs rushed into it and were drowned (Matthew 8:28-34)
- 4) Jesus walked on it (Matthew 14:22-34; Mark 6:45-53; John 6:16-21)
- 5) On its shore Jesus fed the 5,000 (Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-46; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15)
- 6) The miracle of the feeding of the 4,000 (Matthew 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-9)

MOUNT GILBOA

- * Mentioned in Scripture in connection with Saul's last conflict with the Philistines where he was defeated and killed (1 Samuel 28:4; 31:1, 8; 2 Samuel 1:6, 21; 21:12; 1 Chronicles 10:1-8)
- * Near the spring where Gideon chose 300 warriors to fight the Midianites by how they drank water from the spring. (Judges 7:1-6)

JORDAN RIVER

- * The valley of the Jordan river was chosen by Lot when he and Abraham separated (Genesis 13:1-13)
- * The Jordan river has twice been miraculously divided:
 - 1) The Israelites crossed with Joshua when they first entered Canaan (Joshua 3:13-17)
 - 2) Elijah smote the water so he and Elisha might pass over (2 Kings 2:6-8)
- * Naaman was healed of leprosy by dipping in it (2 Kings 5:10-14)
- * Elisha caused an ax head to float on it (2 Kings 6:4-7)
- * John the Baptist baptized people in it (John 3:23)
- * The most sacred event to occur in it was the baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17; John 1:29-34)

MEGIDDO

- * Sisera and his army were defeated here (Joshua 12:21)
- * An important defense post during Solomon's reign (1 Kings 9:15)
- * King Ahaziah was slain here by Jehu (2 Kings 9:27)
- * Josiah was killed here (2 Kings 23:29)

The hill of Megiddo and the valley which it protects were a very strategic site in many Old Testament battles. Megiddo was the fortress protecting this valley and the road which ran through it. This road was one of the most important highways of the ancient Near East - the road between Egypt and Asia. And in this valley and around this fortress were fought more battles than in any other site in Israel.

NAZARETH

- * The home of Jesus and His parents for about 30 years (Matthew 2:23; Mark 1:9; Luke 2:1-7)
- * An angel appeared to Mary to announce to her the impending birth of Jesus (Luke 1:26)
- * Jesus preached His first known sermon here (Luke 4:16-22)