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Mount of Beatitudes is not an exact known site, but most scholars place it on Mount Ermos at the NE corner of the Sea of Galilee. The Mount of Beatitudes is the traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount which contains a passage known as the Beatitudes.

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Scripture Reference: Matthew 5: 1-12



Galilee is an area named for the life-giving lake, the Sea of Galilee. The Sea of Galilee, or Lake Tiberias, is the largest freshwater lake in Israel, and it is approx. 33 miles in circumference. The Sea of Galilee is the lowest freshwater lake in the world, and the second lowest lake overall (After the Dead Sea, a saltwater lake.)

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Scripture Reference: Matthew 4:18; John 21



Capernaum is situated on the northern shoreline of the Sea of Galilee. It was an important Roman town and one of the focal points of Jesus' teachings in the Galilee. It was also home to a number of his Disciples, including Simon and Peter.

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Scripture Reference: Matthew 4:13



Tabgha is the site dedicated to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This is recounted in all four gospels as the feeding of the five thousand. Tabgha is a beautiful area with many interesting things to see and is a major stop for modern pilgrimages to the Christian sites near the Sea of Galilee.

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Scripture Reference: Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17



According to all four Gospels, the Jordan River is the place of the baptism of Jesus by his cousin, John the Baptist. The event took place in the Jordan and for generations, baptism in its waters has been a central part of the pilgrim's journey to the Holy Land.

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Scripture Reference: 2 Kings 5:14; Matthew 3:13; Mark 1:9





Caesarea is an ancient city, now an archaeological park, located on the Mediterranean Sea 60 miles northwest of Jerusalem. Constructed by Herod the Great between 22 and 10 B.C. and named for Caesar Augustus. Half a century later, Peter and Paul visited the city (as recorded in the New Testament book of Acts.)



Megiddo, also known as Armageddon, is where the New Testament says the final battle between good and evil will take place at the end of the world. It has a history that spans more than 3,500 years. Destroyed and rebuilt more than 20 times on the same spot, this ruin creates a flat plateau some 60 feet above the level of the surrounding plain.

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Scripture Reference: Revelations 16:16



Mt. Carmel is where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal.

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Scripture Reference: 1 Kings 18:16-45



Narazeth, described by St. Jerome in the 4th century as “The flower of the Galilee,” was only a small village in the years of Jesus’ childhood. The early followers of Jesus were called Nazarenes. Jesus was often referred to as Jesus of Nazareth.

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Scripture Reference: Matthew 2:23



Cana is a modern village in Israel. Most likely, the site of the biblical Cana is either Kefr Kana, four miles NE of Narareth, or Khirbet Kana, a village nine miles north of Nazareth. Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding in Cana, where his mother, Mary, informed him there was no more wine.

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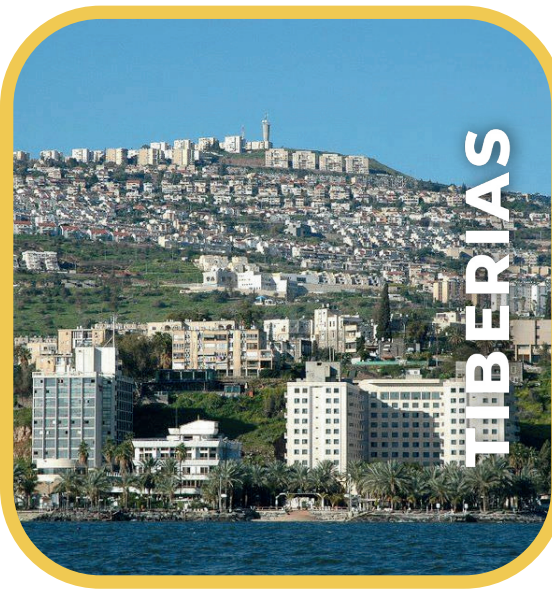
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Scripture Reference: John 2:1-11; John 4:46-54



Tiberias was built by the son of Herod the Great, Herod Antipas, who ruled from 4 B.C. to 39 A.D. Tiberias was named after Roman Caesar, Tiberias. Tiberias has historically been known for its hot springs, believed to cure skin and other ailments, for thousands of years.

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Scripture Reference: John 6:1



# BEIT SHEAN

The fertility of the land and the abundance of water led the Jewish Sages to say, "If the Garden of Eden is in the land of Israel, its gate is Beit Shean." It is no surprise then that the site has been almost continuously settled from the Chalcolithic period to the present.

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Scripture Reference: 1 Samuel 31:8-13



Jericho, the world's oldest city, lies just a few miles north of the Dead Sea. According to the Bible, Jericho was the first town captured by the Israelites under the leadership of Joshua.

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Scripture Reference: Joshua 6:1-27; Luke 19:1-10





The Mount of Olives is venerated by Jews and Christians. For the Jews, the prophets Haggai, Zachariah, and Malachi are buried here. For the Christians, it is associated with important events in the life of Jesus. Here Christ ascended to Heaven, foretold the destruction of Jerusalem, and taught his disciples the Lord's Prayer.

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Scripture Reference: Luke 22:39-44



Jerusalem today stands as a quartered city with a Jewish quarter, Muslim quarter, Christian quarter, and Armenian quarter. Thousands of people live within the 200 acres of this old city surrounded by a stone wall built 500 years ago by the Turks. Jerusalem has been besieged more than 50 times, conquered 36 times, and destroyed 10 times.

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Scripture Reference: 1 Kings 11:32; 1 Chronicles 15:1-3



The Garden of Gethsemane, only 1 mile from Bethany and Bethpage (Mary and Martha's house), is one of the most impressive sites in the Holy Land. This is the place where Jesus prayed before Judas came with the servants of the high priest and betrayed Jesus.

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Scripture Reference: Matthew 26:36-46



St. Peter in Gallicantu is built over the traditional site of the house of the high priest Caiaphas. Jesus, betrayed and arrested, was brought to this site. Here Jesus spent the entire night and this was the scene of his first trial. Here St. Peter wept at the crowing of the rooster in fulfillment of Christ's words. Peter denied Jesus three times before the rooster crowed.

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Scripture Reference: Matthew 26:34; Mark 14:66-72



Mount Zion, once within the walls of ancient Jerusalem, is sacred to Christians, Jews, and Muslims. For Christians, it is the site of the Last Supper and the place where the Virgin Mary died. For the Jews and Muslims, it contains the tomb of King David, who is venerated by both.

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Scripture Reference: Psalm 132:13-14; Isaiah 52:1-2



The Upper Room is the place where Jesus ate the Last Supper with his disciples. In the days of Jesus, this room would have served as an upstairs guest dining room, providing quiet and privacy to Jesus and the disciples during the observance of Passover in Jerusalem.

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Scripture Reference: Luke 22:7-13



Its name means “House of Bread” in Hebrew, and below the towns are fields where the Old Testament book of Ruth recounts the unfolding story of her love with Boaz. According to the New Testament, Jesus was born there and Christian tradition linked locations around the city to Jesus as early as the 2nd century C.E.

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Scripture Reference: Luke 2:4-6



The Church of the Nativity is the oldest church in the Holy Land still in use. The construction began in 326 A.D. Matthew’s gospel says that the birth took place here to fulfill the Old Testament prophecy.

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Scripture Reference: Matthew 2:5-23





The Church of St. Anne is one of the finest examples of the construction by the crusaders. It was built in 1100 A.D. It is built over a crypt venerated as the birthplace of Mary and the home of her parents, Joachim and Anne.



In the year 35 B.C. Herod rebuilt this fortress to protect the Temple Mount. It was 115 feet high and surrounded by a ravine 165 feet wide. This is where the Via Dolorosa begins. This is also where Paul gave an address to the people.



The Via Dolorosa, also known as The Way of the Sorrow, winds through the streets of Old Jerusalem. This path is regarded as the probable route that Jesus followed from his sentencing at Pilate's Hall in the Fortress of Antonia to his crucifixion at Golgotha.

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Scripture Reference: Matthew 27:1-61, Mark 15, Luke 23



The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was erected in memory of the final events of Christ's Passion where Jesus was crucified, buried, and rose again. Through the years the Church has suffered fire, earthquakes, wars, and natural deterioration.

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Scripture Reference: John 19

A photograph of the Western Wall in Jerusalem, showing the ancient stone wall and a modern building to the left. An Israeli flag is visible on a pole in the foreground. The text 'WESTERN WALL' is written vertically in white capital letters over the image.

# WESTERN WALL

The Western Wall, also known as the “The Wailing Wall,” is the holiest shrine in the Jewish world. It is revered as the last relic of the last Temple. The Western Wall is a portion of the retaining wall that Herod built around the second Temple in 20 B.C.

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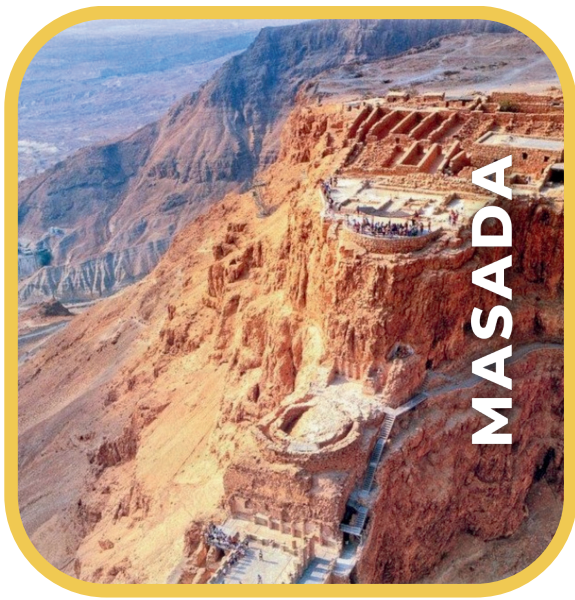
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Scripture Reference: 1 Kings 6:8



Masada was the fortress/palace of King Herod built on an isolated plateau overlooking the Dead Sea. In addition to safety, Herod required comfort, so Masada included a luxurious palace complete with a Roman bathhouse.

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Scripture Reference: 1 Samuel 22:4-5; 23:4



Qumran is where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. From 150 B.C. to 68 A.D. this remote site was the home of a radically ascetic and reclusive community, often identified with the Essenes. The Essenes vanished from history until 1947 when a Bedouin shepherd looking for a lost goat happened upon a cave full of jars.



# DEAD SEA

The Dead Sea lies between Israel to the west and Jordan to the east, just south of Jericho. The Bible, which refers to the body of water as the Salt Sea, records several events. This unique body of water is 1,378 feet below sea level, which makes it the lowest point on Earth.

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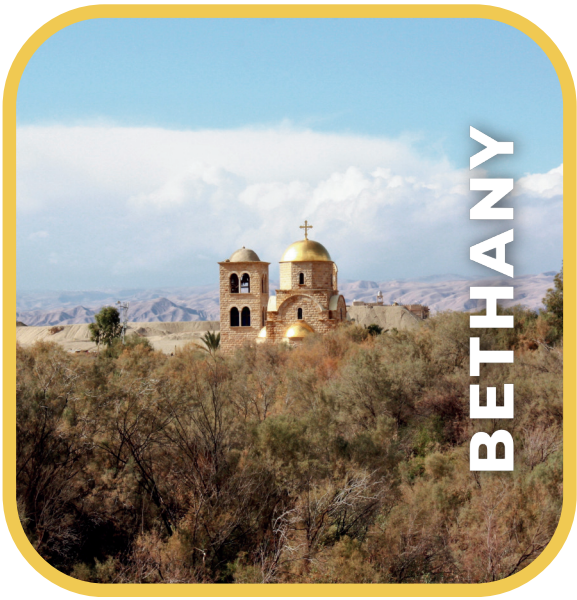
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Scripture Reference: 2 Chronicles 20





Bethany lies east of Jerusalem on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives and on the road to Jericho. This village was the home of Lazarus and his two sisters, Mary and Martha whom Jesus loved.

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Scripture Reference: John 11:1



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