



Dead Sea Fact Sheet

Location: In Jordan Rift Valley, running 15 mi east of Jerusalem for 42 mi south into the Negev desert. It is 11 mi wide at its widest point. It shares its border with Jordan and is fed by the Jordan River from the north.



Meaning of Name: “the salt sea”; “sea of the plain”; “former sea”; “east sea”

**Dead Sea is not a biblical name*

Bible References: 14x

- *Gen 14:3-12* – Lot taken at battle of kings
- *Num 34:3, 12* – borders of Israel
- *Deut 3:17* – borders of Reuben and Gad
- *2 Chr 20:2* – Moab & Ammon cross Dead Sea to fight against Jehoshaphat and Judah
- *Joel 2:20* – world’s army driven towards Dead Sea during Battle of Armageddon
- *Zech 14:8* – waters flowing from temple in Jerusalem go towards Dead Sea
- *Ezek 47:7-10* – waters of Dead Sea healed by waters flowing from temple in Millennium



History: The testimony of the Dead Sea and its surrounding area is one of hiding, loss, battles, and ultimately, death. It's first mention is the abduction of Lot during the battle of several regional kings against each other. After Lot is recovered and settled in the area, the wickedness of the people was so great that God overthrew the entire area with fire and brimstone. There is some evidence of this event, particularly on the southern end of the sea, where brimstone deposits and areas of significant charring have been found. David hid from Saul in the rocky yet lush springs of Ein Gedi, and the harrowing last stand of a Jewish remnant took place at Masada, both near the western shores of the Dead Sea.



While the Dead Sea serves as a tourist hotspot and rich source of minerals, the future of the Dead Sea includes a small part in the battle of Armageddon, and most notably a major transformation by waters that God will cause to flow from the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem that will heal the sea during the Millennium.

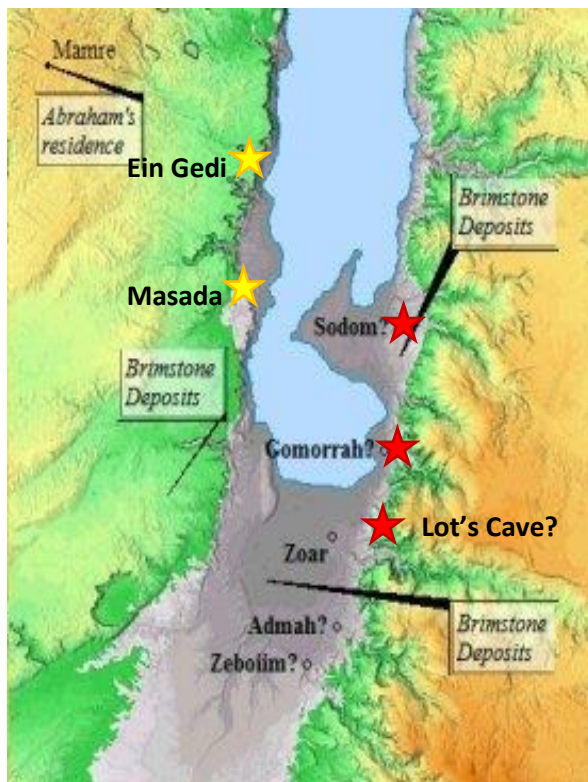
Geographical Significance: The Jordan Rift Valley which contains the Dead Sea is actually a section of



the longest geographic phenomenon in the world: The Great Rift Valley. This valley stretches over 4,000 mi from Syria to Mozambique, crossing through 20 countries. The shores of the Dead Sea are 1,388 ft below sea level, making them Earth's lowest point on land. It is also the deepest hypersaline lake in the world, with a depth of 1,237 ft. Only a tiny portion of the Jordan River flows into the



Dead Sea today, as much of it has been diverted for irrigation or drinking water; this combined with the low elevation of the sea and the high temperatures has equated to a loss of approximately 7 million tons of water per day. The salinity of the Dead Sea increases as the water continues to evaporate, with a current level of around 35%.



Notable locations around the Dead Sea

Consider This:

- The Dead Sea does have microbial life near the bottom of the lake.
- A sea that was born dead (Eph 2:1) and can only be revived by water from the Lord (John 4:14) is a striking type of the new birth.
- Because of the extreme conditions (2 Tim 2:3) that caused it, the Dead Sea (1 Cor 15:31) produces many valuable and healing substances, especially as it continues to be exposed to the sun (Mal 4:2).