

# Biblical Places

Below are some of the most visitable “Bible geography” destinations—places explicitly named in Scripture and still major tourist/pilgrimage stops today.

## Holy Land core (Israel / Palestinian territories)

- **Jerusalem (Old City, Mount of Olives, etc.)** — Central across much of the Bible (Kings/Chronicles, Psalms, Prophets; Gospels; Acts). The **Old City of Jerusalem and its Walls** is a UNESCO World Heritage property.
- **Bethlehem** — Associated with Jesus’ birth in the New Testament. The **Church of the Nativity and the Pilgrimage Route** is UNESCO-listed.
- **Nazareth (Lower Galilee)** — Identified in the New Testament with Jesus’ upbringing and early ministry; today a major Christian pilgrimage city.
- **Sea of Galilee region (Lake Gennesaret/Kinneret)** — Frequently referenced in the Gospels; a hub for lakeshore sites and boat routes. (The lake is also known by multiple biblical-era names.)
- **Capernaum (Kfar Nahum)** — Named in the Gospels; today visitable via the archaeological/national-park site associated with Jesus’ Galilee ministry.
- **Jericho** — Famous for Old Testament narratives; also one of the world’s earliest continuously settled towns, making it both “Bible” and “deep history” tourism.

## Jordan (very “Bible-dense” day trips from Amman)

- **Baptism Site: Bethany Beyond the Jordan (Al-Maghtas)** — Widely accepted by many Christian traditions as the location of Jesus’ baptism; UNESCO World Heritage.
- **Mount Nebo / Madaba** — Strong “Exodus–Deuteronomy” pilgrimage circuit (Mount Nebo tradition) plus major Christian-era heritage (Madaba mosaics).

## Sinai / Egypt

- **Mount Sinai area (Sinai Peninsula)** — Linked to Moses and the giving of the Law in the Exodus tradition; **St. Catherine's Monastery** is the flagship visit site at Sinai.

## Turkey (Asia Minor: Acts + letters)

- **Ephesus** — One of the major New Testament cities (Acts; Pauline tradition); the archaeological site is UNESCO World Heritage.
- **"Seven Churches" corridor (Revelation)** — Revelation addresses seven churches in Asia Minor (many locations are in western Turkey today), commonly visited as an overland route.

## Greece (Paul's "Europe" route)

- **Philippi** — Key Acts location; the archaeological site is UNESCO World Heritage.
- **Thessaloniki, Berea, Athens, Corinth** — Core stops traditionally associated with Paul's itinerary; Greece's national tourism guidance even outlines a "Paul route" concept.
- **Patmos** — Traditionally associated with the Book of Revelation; UNESCO World Heritage for the monastery/cave complex.

## Central Mediterranean / Italy

- **Rome** — Major New Testament endpoint (Acts; Pauline letters).
- **Malta** — Linked to Paul's shipwreck narrative in Acts; a popular "Bible history" add-on to Italy itineraries.