

Site: Caesarea by the Sea
Named in honor of Caesar Augustus

Scripture References: Acts 23-24,10:1-18,45; Matthew 27:19; Psalm 27:14

Historical Significance:

1. King Herod the Great built a new harbor for Israel in 22 BC.
*It was built along the international highway and became an important sea port.
2. Herod's Palace (Praetorium) located here.
*Became the governors official residence. Pontius Pilate lived here.
*Paul was imprisoned here for 2 years.
*Paul gave his testimony to Felix and Festus.
3. Paul set sail for Rome from this port.
4. King Herod the Great built aqueducts that ran 10 miles from the springs below Mt. Carmel. As an example of the importance of water they added channels alongside and on top of the original aquaducts.
5. Philip the Evangelist settled here.
6. Cornelius had his vision to send for Peter in Joppa to bring a message from the Lord.
7. Herod Agrippa I was struck down by God in the theater.
8. In 1961 Italian archeologists found a stone with the inscription "Pontius Pilate Prefect of Judea" inscribed in latin. It dates to around 30 AD. Original stone is in the Israel Museum.

Things to look for:

1. Hippodrome that could hold 10,000 spectators.
2. Theater that overlooked the sea. It could hold 3,500 spectators.
3. Aqueducts
4. Remains of King Herod the Great's Palace.
5. Copy of the stone that contains the inscription about Pontius Pilot.

What does this site teach us about God?

1. We need to trust God to move things ahead in His time.
2. What is God teaching you in your waiting?
3. God directs our lives through many circumstances.