

**Site:** Dead Sea (also called the Salt Sea and the Eastern Sea)

**Scripture References:** Genesis 13:10-12, 14:13, 19:25-29; Ezekiel 47:8-12; Zechariah 14:8; 2 Peter 2:7-8

**Historical Significance:**

1. Lowest place on earth at 1300 feet below sea level.
2. Location of Sodom and Gomorrah. At one time this area was lush and beautiful which is why Lot chose it for his family. It was left desolate after God rained down sulfur and fire on the inhabitants of these evil cities.
3. Scripture tells us that one day the Dead Sea will be alive again.
4. Jordan River flows into the Dead Sea but it does not flow out.

**Things to look for:**

1. Floating in the Dead Sea.

**What does this site teach us about God?**

1. Straddling the fence gives us the worst not the best of both worlds. (Lot is a perfect example.)
2. God calls us to choose between living for sin and self or for Him.
3. There is a price for having a divided heart.

**Site:** En Gedi (Spring of the Wild Goats)

**Scripture References:** Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 23:29; 1 Samuel 24; Philippians 2:5-7

**Historical Significance:**

1. Tribe of Judah was given this land. David came from the tribe of Judah.
2. One of two springs with fresh water west of the Dead Sea. It was a stopping place for armies, caravans, and travelers.

**Things to look for:**

1. Green oasis in the middle of the wilderness.
2. Flora and fauna are abundant here.

**What does this site teach us about God?**

1. Our abilities are not God's gifts to us but to the church through us. He determines the seasons and degree to which He uses our gifts. It's all about Him not us!
2. We need to release our gifts to God for His use.
3. God often delays because He wants to give us more than we ask Him for. He works through our waiting.