

Judean Wilderness

Extends from N. of Jerusalem to S. end of Dead Sea and is 60 miles long, 10-20 miles wide between the Hill Country and the Rift Valley. In this 10-20 mile distance the land drops 3,700 feet to the lowest point on earth. Some places 4,300 4,300 ft. in 10 miles. Average rainfall is 8 in/yr, or 4 in/yr. near the Dead Sea. Made up of Senonian rock chalk, marl and flint which hardens when wet and water runs off into the Sea.



In the Bible **Jos.7:24**, Achan stoned in Valley of Achor; **Jos.10:7**, Joshua marches through Judean Wilderness at night from Gilgal to Gibeon; **Jos.15:61**, allotted to Judah; **Jud.20:47**, 600 Benjamites fled to the rock of Rimmon in wilderness; **1Sm. 23:15**, David hid in Desert of Ziph; **1Sm.24:1**, David spared Saul's life in Desert of En Gedi; **1Sm.25:1**, In Desert of Maon, Nabal refused to help David; **1Sm.26:1**, In Desert of Ziph David spared Saul; **2Sm.16:5**, Shimei cursed David; **Song of So.3:6**, daughters of Jerusalem watch Solomon coming from desert for his wedding; **2Chr.20:1**, Jehoshaphat led people into the Desert of Tekoa to face invaders; **Is.40:1**, Isaiah foretold of a time when a voice of one crying in the wilderness would announce the Messiah; **Hosea 2:14**, Hosea predicted a time when God would bring Israel into the desert for a second exodus and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope; **Jer.17:5**, those who trust men are like a bush in the wasteland; **Jer.39:4**, Zedekiah fled from Jerusalem through the Judean Wilderness to the Jordan Valley and was captured; **Ez.47:8**, Ezekiel saw a time when living water would flow here. **Mt.3:1; Mk.1:4; Lk.3:2**, John begins his ministry in the Desert of Judea; **Mt.4:1; Mk.1:12; Lk.4:1**, Jesus tempted in this wilderness; **Lk.10:25**, parable of good Samaritan set here; **Jn.11:54**, Jesus withdrew to the desert to village called Ephraim.



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