



Israel

The modern nation of Israel is a small strip of land in the Middle East that borders the Mediterranean Sea as well as Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. There have been long, and at times, violent disputes regarding the ownership of multiple parts of the nation. The area of the Golan Heights is disputed between Israel and Syria. The ownership of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank are also disputed. The existence of Israel as a nation dates back to Biblical times, but the modern political nation was established on May 14, 1948.

There are four main land regions in Israel. The Coastal Plain lies along the Mediterranean Sea and is home to most of the nation's population. The Judeo-Galilean Highlands are a mountainous area in northern Israel. Nazareth in the West Bank lies in the Galilee region and is the largest city with an Arab majority. Jerusalem lies in the Judean hills and is the capital of Israel. A narrow piece of eastern Israel is considered part of the Great Rift Valley, and the Negev Desert covers much of the southern part of the country. The lowest point on the surface of the Earth is the Dead Sea between Israel and Jordan at the mouth of the Jordan River. It sits about 1,411 feet (430 meters) below sea level and is nine times saltier than the ocean.

Hebrew is the nation's official language, with both Arabic and English also commonly spoken.



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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in Israel! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? Some of the people in Israel believe in Jesus as their Savior, but many more do not. They have the Scriptures and know the prophecies but don't understand. Pray that people will hear and understand what Jesus has done for everyone who trusts Him.

Will you remember to pray for the people of Israel? Here are a few things you can pray for. You can add more prayer requests to the list as you think of them!



Pray that all people will understand how much Jesus loves them.



Pray for the people living in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Ashdod, and the region of Galilee, plus every city and town to believe in Jesus.

