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1. **Acre (Ptolemais)**
   a. Paul stopped here on his final trip to Jerusalem. (Acts 21:7)
   b. Important because of its excellent harbor and ease of access to the plain of Esdraelon
2. **Alexandria**, the home of Apollos (Acts 18:24-26)
3. **Anathoth**, the home of Jeremiah (Jer. 1:1)
4. **Antioch of Pisidia**, where Paul preached his first recorded sermon during the first missionary journey (Acts 13:14-52)
5. **Antioch of Syria**
   a. Where the disciples were first called Christians (Acts 11:19-26)
   b. Where the first missionaries were sent forth (Acts 13:1-3)
6. **Antipatris**, where the soldiers who took Paul captive from Jerusalem to Caesarea stopped for the night (Acts 23:31)
7. **Arad**, where men took some of the children of Israel prisoners; Israel vowed to destroy them for this (Compare Num. 21:1, 2 with 33:40; Josh. 12:14; Judg. 1:16)
8. **Arimathea**, home of Joseph, who, along with Nicodemus, claimed the body of our Lord (Matt. 27:57-60)
9. **Ashdod**, one of the five main Philistine cities, where the Ark of the Covenant caused the destruction of the pagan god Dagon (1 Sam. 5:1-8)
10. **Ashkelon**, another key Philistine city (1 Sam. 6:17)
   a. Birthplace of Herod the Great
   b. Where Samson slew thirty men (Judg. 14:19)
11. **Ashtaroth**, home of a number of giants (Deut. 1:4; Josh. 9:10)
12. **Athens**, capital city of Greece, where Paul preached his Mars Hill sermon (Acts 17:15-34)
13. **Babylon**
   a. Capital city of the Babylonian Empire
   b. Home of the Tower of Babel and original headquarters of all false religions (Rev. 17)
   c. Where Daniel and Ezekiel lived and wrote their Old Testament books
14. **Beer-sheba**, the southern limit of Israel (Judg. 20:1), actually a cluster of wells in the open desert; place where Abraham made a covenant with Abimelech and to which Hagar fled (Gen. 21:14, 31)
15. **Berea**, a place of Scripture-loving believers, visited by Paul during his first missionary journey (Acts 17:10-12)

16. **Bethany**
   a. Where Lazarus was raised from the dead (John 11)
   b. Where Mary anointed the feet of Jesus (John 12:1-11)
   c. Where the Lord blessed his disciples just prior to his ascension (Luke 24:50)

17. **Bethel**
   a. Where Abraham worshiped God when he came to Palestine (Gen. 12:8; 13:3, 4)
   b. Where Jacob dreamed his “ladder dream” (Gen. 28:11-19)
   c. Where Jacob was commanded to return (Gen. 35:1, 8, 15)
   d. Where Jeroboam set up golden calf images (1 Kings 12:26-29)
   e. Where Elisha was mocked by some children (2 Kings 2:1-3, 23-24)

18. **Bethlehem**
   a. Burial place of Rachel (Gen. 35:15-18)
   b. Home of Boaz and Ruth (Book of Ruth)
   c. Birthplace of David and the site of his anointing (1 Sam. 16:4-13)
   d. Birthplace of Jesus (Mic. 5:2; John 7:42; Luke 2)
   e. Birthplace of Mary and Joseph (Luke 2:1-4)

19. **Beth-peor**, site of the last sermon and burial place of Moses (Deut. 4:44-46; 34:1-6)

20. **Bethphage**, where Jesus mounted the donkey he rode into Jerusalem (Matt. 21:1)

21. **Bethsaida**
   a. Home of Philip, Andrew, and Peter (John 1:44)
   b. One of the cities upbraided by Jesus (Luke 10:11-14)
   c. Where Jesus healed a blind man (Mark 8:22-26)

22. **Beth-shan**, where the bodies of Saul and Jonathan were nailed to the wall (1 Sam. 31:8-13)

23. **Beth-shemesh**
   b. Where a number of men were slain for looking into the Ark of God (1 Sam. 6:19-21)

24. **Caesarea**
   b. Where God struck down Herod Agrippa I (Acts 12:19-23)
   c. Home of Philip the evangelist and his daughters (Acts 21:10-13)
   e. Where Paul witnessed to Agrippa (Acts 26:28)

25. **Caesarea Philippi**, where Jesus heard Peter’s great confession (Matt. 16:33)
26. Cana
   a. Home of Nathanael (John 21:2)
   b. Where Jesus performed his first miracle, that of turning water into wine (John 2:1-11)
   c. Where Jesus performed his second miracle, that of healing the nobleman’s son (John 4:46-54)

27. Capernaum
   a. Main headquarters of Jesus’ earthly ministry (Matt. 4:13; 9:1)
   b. Where Jesus chose Matthew (Matt. 9:9)
   c. Where Jesus delivered his great Bread of Life sermon (John 6:24-71)
   d. Where Jesus performed at least nine of his 36 recorded miracles
      (1) Healing of the centurion’s servant (Matt. 8:5-13)
      (2) Healing of Peter’s mother-in-law (Matt. 8:14, 15)
      (3) Healing of a demoniac (Mark 2:21-27)
      (4) Healing of a palsied man who was lowered from the roof (Mark 2:1-5)
      (5) Healing of a woman with internal bleeding (Matt. 9:22)
      (6) Healing of Jairus’s daughter (Matt. 9:25)
      (7) Healing of two blind men (Matt. 9:29)
      (8) Healing of a dumb demoniac (Matt. 9:33)
      (9) The miracle of the tribute money (Matt. 17:24-27)

28. Colosse
   a. The church in this city received a letter from Paul.
   b. Home of Philemon and Onesimus (Col. 4:9)

29. Corinth
   a. Home of Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:1, 2)
   b. Where God appeared to Paul in a vision (Acts 18:9, 10)
   c. Where Paul visited on his second journey and spent 18 months (Acts 18:11)
   d. The church in this city received two of Paul’s epistles.

30. Cyrene, home of Simon, who carried Jesus’s cross (Matt. 27:32)

31. Damascus
   a. Home of Abraham’s faithful servant (Gen. 15:2)
   b. Where Elisha visited a sick king (2 Kings 8:7)
   c. Israel’s King Ahaz built a pagan altar in Jerusalem after seeing a similar one in Damascus (2 Kings 16:10)
   d. City connected with Paul’s conversion (Acts 9:1-18)

32. Dan
   a. City marking the northern limit of Israel (1 Sam. 3:20)
   b. One of the two cities where Jeroboam set up his golden calves (1 Kings 12:29)
33. Derbe, a stopping point during Paul’s first missionary journey (Acts 16:1)

34. Dothan
   a. Where Joseph was sold into slavery (Gen. 37:17)
   b. Where the Lord struck the Syrian army with blindness at the request of Elisha (2 Kings 6:18)

35. Ekron, one of the five main Philistine cities whose leaders hurriedly rid themselves of the troublesome Ark of God (1 Sam. 10-12)

36. Emmaus, where Jesus appeared to two disciples after his resurrection (Luke 24:13-31)

37. Endor, where Saul visited the witch (1 Sam. 28:7-14)

38. En-gedi, near where David hid from Saul in a cave (1 Sam. 24:1-22)

39. Ephesus
   a. Visited by Paul during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:19)
   b. Where Apollos was instructed by Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:24-26)
   c. Where Paul met some of John the Baptist’s disciples (Acts 19:1-7)
   d. Where the gospel led to a book-burning ceremony and a confrontation with the worshipers of the pagan goddess Diana (Acts 19:18-41)

40. Ezion-geber, home of Solomon’s navy (1 Kings 9:26; 22:48)

41. Gath, Philistine city, hometown of Goliath (1 Sam. 17:4)

42. Gaza
   a. Philistine city which had its main gates along with the gateposts pulled up and carried away by Samson (Judg. 16:1-3)
   b. Where Samson was imprisoned after his betrayal by Delilah (Judg. 16:21)
   c. Area where Philip met the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26)

43. Gerar
   a. Where Abraham lied the second time about Sarah (Gen. 20)
   b. Where Isaac lied about Rebekah (Gen. 26)

44. Gibeah, hometown of Saul (1 Sam. 10:26)

45. Gibeon
   a. City that tricked Joshua into sparing it (Josh. 9:1-27)
   b. Where the sun stood still (Josh. 10:12, 13)
   c. Where God appeared to Solomon and granted him wisdom (1 Kings 3:4-15)

46. Gilgal
   a. The first stop of Israel after they crossed the River Jordan west (Josh. 4:19)
b. Where Joshua heard Caleb’s testimony (Josh. 14:6-15)

c. Where Saul was publicly proclaimed king (1 Sam. 11:14, 15)

d. Where Saul intruded into the office of the priesthood (1 Sam. 13:4-14)

e. Where Saul lied to Samuel about killing the enemy (1 Sam. 15:12-23)

f. Where Elisha cured a pot of poisonous stew (2 Kings 4:38-41)

47. **Gomorrah**, a wicked city near Sodom which was destroyed along with it (Gen. 19:24, 25)

48. **Haran**

a. City where Abraham got bogged down for a while after his call to Canaan (Gen. 11:31; 12:4)

b. Home of Rebekah, and the home of Jacob for twenty years. Here all his sons except Benjamin were born. (Gen. 24:10; 28, 29)

49. **Hazor**, headquarters of Israel’s enemy, Sisera (Judg. 4:1, 2)

50. **Hebron**

a. Where Abraham built an altar to God (Gen. 13:18)

b. Burial place of Sarah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Gen. 23:2, 19; 25:9; 35:37-39; 50:13)

c. Where David was anointed king over Judah (2 Sam. 2:1-3)

D. Where David was anointed king over all Israel (2 Sam. 5:1-5)

e. Where Joab killed Abner (2 Sam. 3:27)

f. Headquarters of Absalom during his brief rebellion (2 Sam. 15:7-10)

g. One of the six cities of refuge (Josh. 20:7)


52. **Jabesh-gilead**, a city saved from a cruel fate by King Saul (1 Sam. 11)

53. **Jericho**

a. Home of Rahab the harlot (Josh. 2)

b. City shouted down by Israel (Josh. 6)

c. Location of a school of the prophets (2 Kings 2:5, 15)

d. City from which Elijah departed into heaven (2 Kings 2:1-5)

e. Where Jesus healed a blind man named Bartimaeus (Luke 18:35)

f. Where Jesus met Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

g. City Jesus used to illustrate his Good Samaritan parable (Luke 10:30-37)

54. **Jerusalem** — The capital of God’s world. It is situated on a rocky prominence about 2,500 feet above the Mediterranean and 3,800 feet above the Dead Sea. It is thirty-three miles east of the Mediterranean Sea and fourteen miles west of the Dead Sea.

a. Jesus was dedicated here (Lk. 2:1-38).

b. He attended the Passover at age twelve (Lk. 2:41-50).

c. He cleansed the Temple (Jn. 2:13-17).

d. He spoke to Nicodemus (Jn. 3:1-16).

e. He healed a thirty-eight-year-old invalid (Jn. 5:8).
f. He preached on the Holy Spirit during the feast of the tabernacles (Jn. 7:10-39).
g. He forgave an adulterous woman (Jn. 8:1-11).
h. He preached on the devil and his children (Jn. 8:33-59).
i. He healed a man born blind (Jn. 9:7).
j. He preached a sermon on the Good Shepherd (Jn. 10:1-18).
k. He made His triumphal entry (Jn. 12:12-15).
l. He cursed the fig tree (Mt. 21:19).
m. He utterly condemned the wicked Pharisees (Mt. 23:1-36).
n. He preached the Mt. Olivet discourse (Mt. 24-25).
o. He wept over Jerusalem (Lk. 19:41; Mt. 23:37-39).
p. He conducted the service in the Upper Room (Jn. 13-14).
q. He preached on the vine and branches (Jn. 15-16).
r. He prayed His great high priestly prayer (Jn. 17).
s. He was arrested in Gethsemane (Mt. 26:47-56).
t. He restored a severed ear (Lk. 22:51).
u. He was condemned to death (Mt. 27:26).
v. He was crucified (Mt. 27:27-50).
w. He was buried (Mt. 27:57-60).
x. He rose from the dead (Mt. 28:1-10).
y. He visited the Upper Room for the first time after His resurrection (Lk. 24:36-43; Jn. 20:19-23).
z. He visited the Upper Room for the third and final time (Mk. 16:14-18; Lk. 24:44-49).
aa. He ascended into heaven (Acts 1:4-11).

55. Jezreel
   a. Home of Naboth (1 Kings 21:1-29)
   b. Place of Jezebel’s death (2 Kings 9:10, 30-37)
   c. Where Jehu killed two kings, Joram of the north, and Ahaziah of the south (2 Kings 8:29; 9:24, 27)

56. Joppa
   a. Where Jonah attempted to flee from God’s command (Jonah 1:3)
   b. Where Peter raised Dorcas from the dead (Acts 9:36-41)
   c. Where Peter received his “sheet” vision concerning the Gentiles

57. Kerioth, birthplace of Judas Iscariot

58. Kirjath-jearim, where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Sam. 6:21; 7:1, 2)

59. Laodicea, home of one of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation 3:14

60. Lydda, where Peter cured Aeneas (Acts 9:32-35)

61. Lystra
   a. Home of Timothy (Acts 16:1-4)
b. Where Paul was stoned (Acts 14:19; 2 Tim. 3:11)

62. **Magdala**, home of Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:2; Mark 16:9)

63. **Masada**
   a. Where David hid from Saul (1 Sam. 24:22; 1 Chron. 12:8)
   b. King Herod’s winter headquarters
   c. Site of the Jews’s last stand during the A.D. 66-73 revolt against the Romans. The 960 besieged Jews killed themselves rather than surrender.

64. **Michmash**, site of Israel’s great victory over the Philistines (1 Sam. 14:1-23)

65. **Miletus**, a seaport town where Paul met with some Ephesian elders (Acts 20:15-38)

66. **Mizpah**
   a. Where Jacob and Laban parted (Gen. 31:49)
   b. The hometown of Jephthah (Judg. 11:34)
   c. Where 11 tribes declared war on Benjamin (Judg. 21:1-8)
   d. Where Samuel gathered Israel for prayer and rededication (1 Sam. 7:5-7)
   e. Where Saul was introduced to Israel as their first king (1 Sam. 10:17-24)
   Note: Saul was anointed at Ramah by Samuel, introduced at Mizpah, and publicly crowned at Gilgal (1 Sam. 9:15, 16; 10:1; 11:15)

67. **Myra**, where Paul changed ships as a prisoner en route to Rome (Acts 27:5, 6)

68. **Nain**, where Jesus raised a widow’s son from the dead (Luke 7:11-18)

69. **Nazareth**
   a. Located about midway between the Sea of Galilee and the Mediterranean Sea.
   b. Where the angels announced the birth of Jesus to both Mary and Joseph (Luke 1:26; Matt. 1:19, 20)
   c. Where Jesus grew into manhood (Luke 2:39, 40)
   d. Where he preached his Isaiah 61 sermon (Luke 4:16-30)
   e. Where he was rejected by the townspeople, because “a prophet is not without honor, save in his own country” (Matt. 13:53-58; Mark 6:1-6)

70. **Nineveh**
   a. Ancient capital of Assyria, where Jonah was sent by God to preach (Jonah 1)
   b. Referred to by Jesus as an Old Testament example of repentance (Matt. 12:41)

71. **Nob**
   a. Where David took refuge during his flight from Saul (1 Sam. 21:1)
   b. Where Saul murdered 85 priests of the Lord (1 Sam. 22:18)

72. **Paphos**, a city in southwest Cyprus where Paul worked his first recorded miracle (Acts 13:6-12)
73. **Perga**, where John Mark left Paul and Barnabas to return home (Acts 13:13)

74. **Pergamos**, an Asian city with a church that was among the seven churches in Revelation (Rev. 2:12)

75. **Petra**
   a. Home of Esau (Gen. 36:1)
   b. Home of some proud and treacherous Edomites (Book of Obadiah)
   c. The possible refuge of saved Israel during the Tribulation (Rev. 12:14; Zech. 14:5; Isa. 63:1)

76. **Philadelphia**, an Asian city with a church that was among the seven churches in Revelation (Rev. 3:7-13)

77. **Philippi**
   a. Paul wrote a letter to the church in this city.
   b. Paul led three to Christ here. These conversion stories are well-known:
      1. A Jewish woman, Lydia (Acts 16:14, 15)
      3. The jailor (Acts 16:25-34)

78. **Rabbah-ammon**, where Uriah was murdered (2 Sam. 11:2-17)

79. **Ramah**
   a. Home of Samuel’s parents (1 Sam. 1:19)
   b. Where Israel gathered to demand a king (1 Sam. 8:4, 5)
   c. Permanent headquarters of Samuel (1 Sam. 15:34; 16:13)
   d. Where Samuel was buried (1 Sam. 25:1)

80. **Rome**
   a. The church in this city received the greatest theological epistle ever written, Paul’s letter to the Romans.
   b. Where Paul was martyred
   c. Where Peter was martyred

81. **Salamis**, a city in southeast Cyprus where Paul preached during his first missionary journey (Acts 13:4, 5)

82. **Samaria**
   a. Capital city of the Northern Kingdom, built by King Omri (1 Kings 16:24; 2 Kings 3:1)
   b. Where Ahab built his beautiful ivory palace (1 Kings 16:31-33)
   c. Where Elijah confronted Ahab about the murder of Naboth (1 Kings 21:18)
   d. Where Ahab, mortally wounded, died beside a pool (1 Kings 22:37, 38)
   e. Where Elisha led some blinded Syrian soldiers (2 Kings 6:19)
   f. The city saved by four lepers (2 Kings 7:1-20)
g. Where Naaman was healed of leprosy (2 Kings 5:3-14)
h. Where Jehu killed all the Baal worshipers (2 Kings 10:17-28)
i. Where Philip the evangelist led a great revival (Acts 8:5-25)

83. Shechem
   a. Where Jacob buried his household’s false gods (Gen. 35:4)
   b. Where Simeon and Levi tricked their enemies (Gen. 34)
   c. Where Joseph’s bones were buried (Josh. 24:32)
   d. One of the six cities of refuge (Josh. 20:7, 8)
   e. Where Joshua gave his farewell address (Josh. 24:1)
   f. Headquarters of Abimelech’s evil doings (Judg. 9)
   g. Where Rehoboam was crowned king (1 Kings 12:1)

84. Shiloh
   a. Home of the tabernacle after Israel conquered Palestine (Josh. 18:1)
   b. Where Joshua divided up the land among the tribes (Josh. 18:2-10; 19:51; 21:1-3)
   c. Where the remaining Benjamite warriors found wives (Judg. 21:16-23)
   d. Where Hannah prayed for a son (1 Sam. 1)
   e. Where God called to young Samuel (1 Sam. 3:21)
   f. Where Jeoboam’s wife attempted to trick Ahijah the prophet (1 Kings 14:1-18)

85. Shunem, home of the woman whose son Elisha raised (2 Kings 4:8)

86. Sidon
   a. Home of Jezebel (1 Kings 16:31-33)
   b. Home of the Canannite woman whose daughter Jesus healed (Matt. 15:21-28)

87. Smyrna, a city in Asia that had one of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation (Rev. 2:8-11)

88. Sodom
   a. Abraham refused to enter into a pact with the wicked king of this perverted city (Gen. 14:21-24)
   b. Destroyed by God with fire and brimstone (Gen. 19)

89. Succoth
   a. Jacob’s home for a while after meeting up with Esau (Gen. 33:17)
   b. City punished by Gideon because of its refusal to feed his hungry troops (Judg. 8:5-16)

90. Sychar, home of the Samaritan woman who talked with Jesus at the well (John 4:7-26)

92. **Tekoa**
   a. Home of a crafty woman who attempted to reconcile David and Absalom (2 Sam 14:2-4)
   b. Home of Amos the prophet (Amos 1:1)

93. **Thessalonica**
   a. Paul established a church here during his second missionary journey (Acts 17:1-9)
   b. He later wrote two epistles to this church (1 Thess. & 2 Thess.)

94. **Thyatira**
   a. Home of Lydia (Acts 16:14)
   b. Location of one of the seven churches in Revelation (Rev. 2:18-24)

95. **Tiberias**, the town at the mouth of the Jordan River and the Sea of Galilee (John. 6:1, 21:1)

96. **Troas**
   a. Where Paul received his Macedonian vision (Acts 16:11)
   b. Where Paul revived Eutychus (Acts 20:6-12)
   c. Where Paul left his cloak (2 Tim. 4:13)

97. **Tyre**
   a. Home of Hiram, the supplier for Solomon’s temple (1 Kin. 5:1-11; 9:11-14)
   b. City of Ezekiel’s great prophecy (Ezek. 26)
   c. Where God struck down Herod with a plague (Acts 12:20)
   d. Where Paul knelt down by the seashore and prayed (Acts 21:2-6)

98. **Ur**, birthplace of Abraham (Gen. 11:27, 28; 15:7; Neh. 9:7)


100. **Zoar**, a city near the cave where Lot and his daughters stayed after Sodom’s destruction