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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**
 - a. Birthplace of Samson (Judg. 13:2-25)
 - b. Where a number of men were slain for looking into the Ark of God (1 Sam. 6:19-21)
24. **Caesarea**
 - a. Home of Cornelius (Acts 10:1-18)
 - 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)
 - d. Where Paul witnessed to Felix (Acts 24:25)
 - 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**
- Where Joseph was sold into slavery (Gen. 37:17)
 - 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**
- Visited by Paul during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:19)
 - Where Apollos was instructed by Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:24-26)
 - Where Paul met some of John the Baptist's disciples (Acts 19:1-7)
 - 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**
- Philistine city which had its main gates along with the gateposts pulled up and carried away by Samson (Judg. 16:1-3)
 - Where Samson was imprisoned after his betrayal by Delilah (Judg. 16:21)
 - Area where Philip met the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26)
43. **Gerar**
- Where Abraham lied the second time about Sarah (Gen. 20)
 - Where Isaac lied about Rebekah (Gen. 26)
44. **Gibeah**, hometown of Saul (1 Sam. 10:26)
45. **Gibeon**
- City that tricked Joshua into sparing it (Josh. 9:1-27)
 - Where the sun stood still (Josh. 10:12, 13)
 - Where God appeared to Solomon and granted him wisdom (1 Kings 3:4-15)
46. **Gilgal**
- 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)

51. **Iconium**, a stop during Paul's first missionary journey (Acts 13:51)

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**
- Home of Esau (Gen. 36:1)
 - Home of some proud and treacherous Edomites (Book of Obadiah)
 - 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**
- Paul wrote a letter to the church in this city.
 - Paul led three to Christ here. These conversion stories are well-known:
 - (1) A Jewish woman, Lydia (Acts 16:14, 15)
 - (2) A demon-possessed Greek girl (Acts 16:16-19)
 - (3) The jailor (Acts 16:25-34)
78. **Rabbah-ammon**, where Uriah was murdered (2 Sam. 11:2-17)
79. **Ramah**
- Home of Samuel's parents (1 Sam. 1:19)
 - Where Israel gathered to demand a king (1 Sam. 8:4, 5)
 - Permanent headquarters of Samuel (1 Sam. 15:34; 16:13)
 - Where Samuel was buried (1 Sam. 25:1)
80. **Rome**
- The church in this city received the greatest theological epistle ever written, Paul's letter to the Romans.
 - Where Paul was martyred
 - 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**
- Capital city of the Northern Kingdom, built by King Omri (1 Kings 16:24; 2 Kings 3:1)
 - Where Ahab built his beautiful ivory palace (1 Kings 16:31-33)
 - Where Elijah confronted Ahab about the murder of Naboth (1 Kings 21:18)
 - Where Ahab, mortally wounded, died beside a pool (1 Kings 22:37, 38)
 - Where Elisha led some blinded Syrian soldiers (2 Kings 6:19)
 - 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)

91. Tarsus, birthplace of Paul (Acts 9:11; 21:39; 22:3)

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)

99. **Zarephath**, home of a widow with whom Elijah stayed (1 Kings 17:9-24; Luke 4:26)

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