

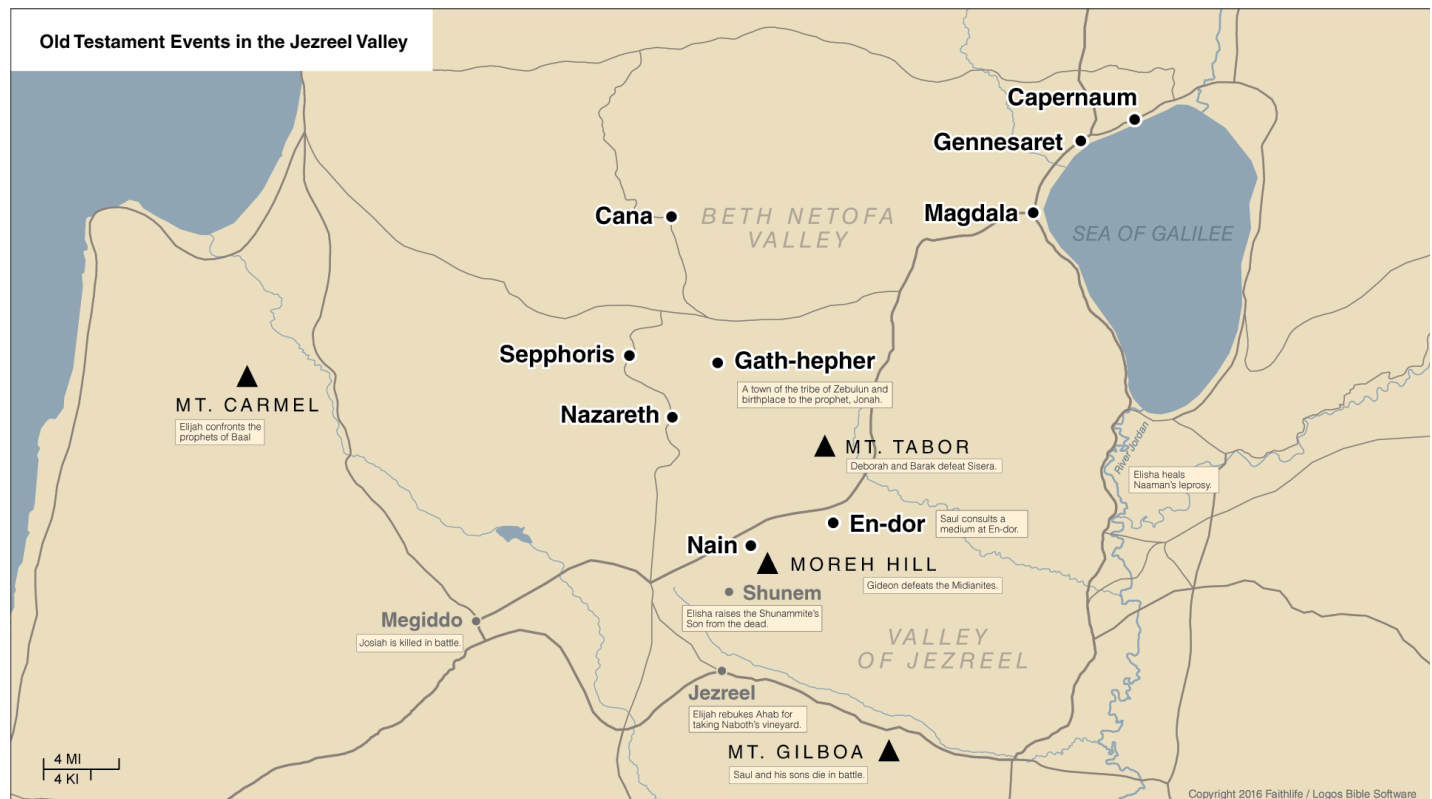
GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

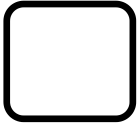
Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

The Nazareth View

The greatest surprise on my first trip to Israel was the view from the Mount of Precipice, a spot just southwest of Nazareth, the place from which the townspeople were going to throw Jesus down. As Jesus grew up in Nazareth, he could have easily walked to this spot and been reminded that the LORD is the God of the Despised, the God who rescues his people. I invite you to enjoy the view with me.



1. Find Mt. Tabor on the east. Read Judges 6. The king Jabin, the king in Hazor, twenty miles north of the Sea of Galilee, despised the Israelites. How does the LORD show himself as the God of the Despised in this account?
2. Find the Moreh Hill just south of Mt. Tabor. Read Judges 7. The Midianites despised the Israelites. How does the LORD show himself as the God of the Despised in this account?
3. Find Jezreel near the bottom of the map, almost directly across the Jezreel Valley from Nazareth. Read I Kings 21:1-26 and 2 Kings 9:30-37. Ahab and Jezebel despised the Naboth and Elijah. How does the LORD show himself as the God of the Despised in this account?
4. Find Mt. Carmel on the southwest side of the Jezreel Valley. Read I Kings 18:18-40. The prophets of Baal despised the LORD and his prophet Elijah. How does the LORD show himself as the God of the Despised in this account?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

LORD, I NEED YOU... NOT TO DESPISE ME

Luke 4:22-30

1. I am despised (looked down on, considered worthless).

- a. Others say I'm worthless.
- b. I say I'm worthless.
- c. God seems to say I'm worthless.

2. Jesus was despised.

- a. Others despised him (Isaiah 53:3).
- b. Jesus knew he was despised (Psalm 22:6).
- c. God seemed to despise him (Psalm 22:24).

3. Jesus is the God of the Despised.

- a. The widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:7-16)
- b. The Syrian leper (2 Kings 5:1-15)
- c. The Nazareth view (See GroupWork on the inside back cover.)

Look at the view... and then walk right through the crowd!

My Next Steps

- **Memorize:** "My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise" (Psalm 51:17).
- **Enjoy the view:** As a group, a family, or as an individual, work through "GroupWork" on the inside back cover to see what Jesus saw... the LORD is the God of the Despised.
- **Share the view:** Pray that God would put a person on your heart who feels worthless, despised by the world, by themselves, and even by God. Write that person's name here. _____ Then pray daily that God would give you an opportunity to share the view that the LORD is the God of the Despised.