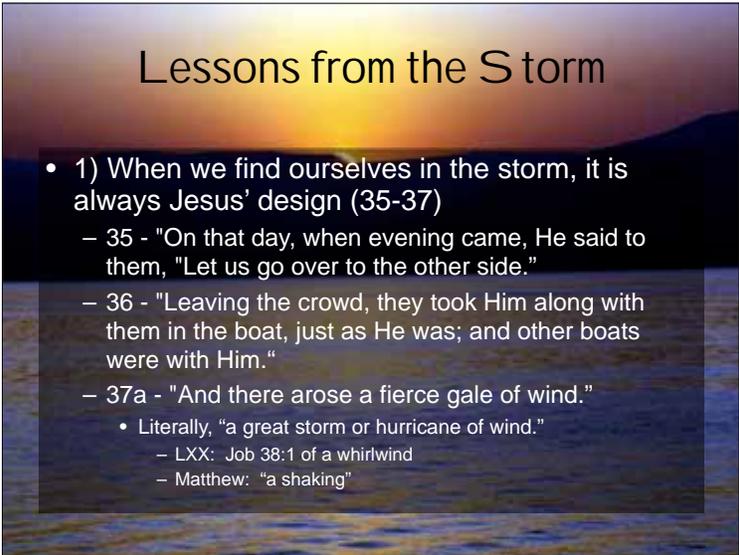
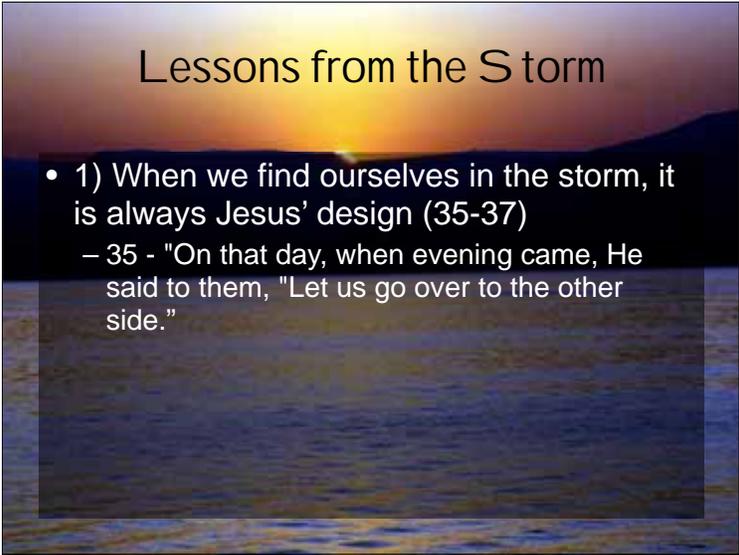


The Wind & Waves Still Obey Him



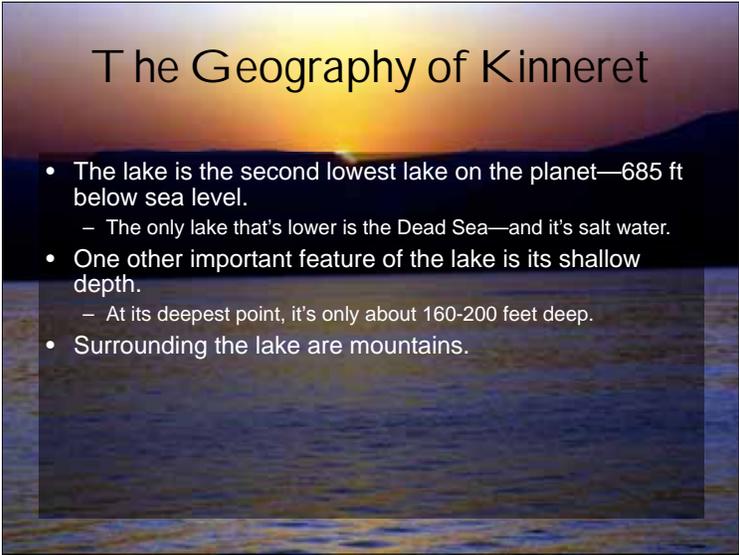
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 - 35 - "On that day, when evening came, He said to them, "Let us go over to the other side."
 - 36 - "Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him."
 - 37a - "And there arose a fierce gale of wind."
 - Literally, "a great storm or hurricane of wind."
 - LXX: Job 38:1 of a whirlwind
 - Matthew: "a shaking"



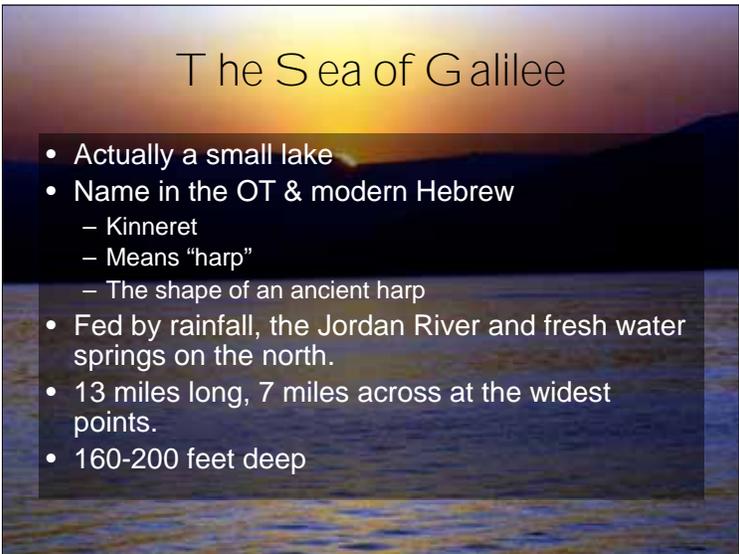
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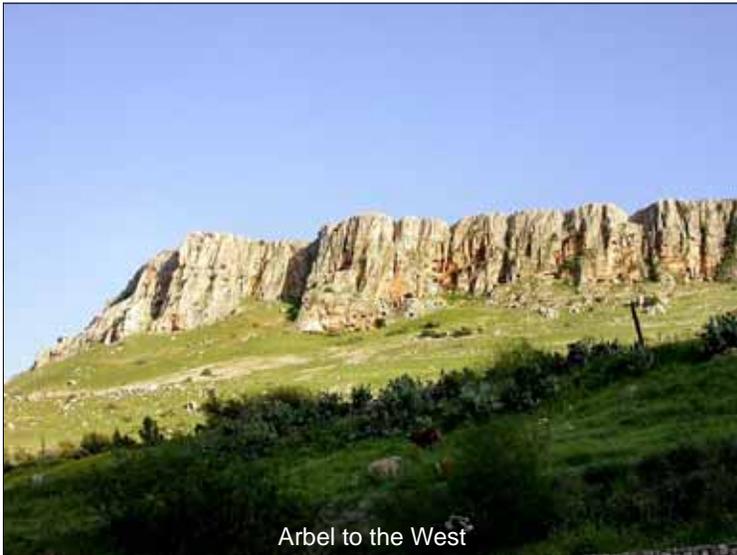
- The lake is the second lowest lake on the planet—685 ft below sea level.
 - The only lake that's lower is the Dead Sea—and it's salt water.
- One other important feature of the lake is its shallow depth.
 - At its deepest point, it's only about 160-200 feet deep.
- Surrounding the lake are mountains.



The Sea of Galilee

- Actually a small lake
- Name in the OT & modern Hebrew
 - Kinneret
 - Means "harp"
 - The shape of an ancient harp
- Fed by rainfall, the Jordan River and fresh water springs on the north.
- 13 miles long, 7 miles across at the widest points.
- 160-200 feet deep

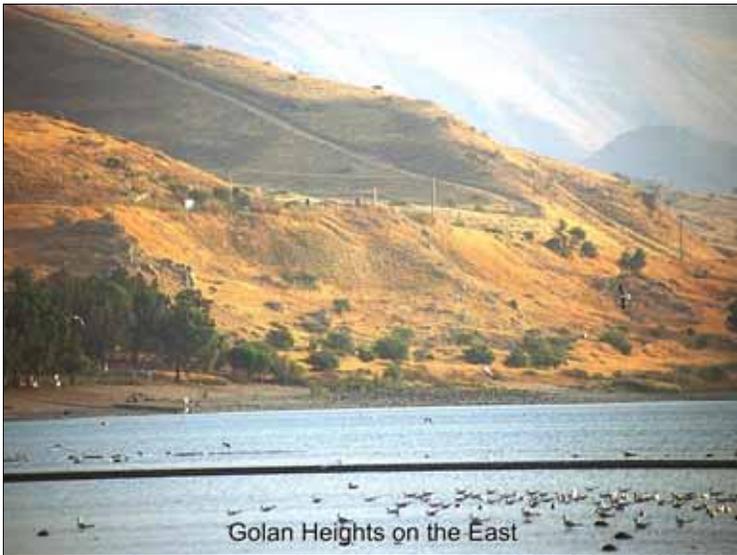




Arbel to the West

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 - 37b - "and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up."



Golan Heights on the East



First century boat model at En Gev



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 - 39a - "And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still."
 - 39b - "And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm."



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Application of Principle #3

- a) Jesus is still in control of the all creation, including its storms.
 - He made all things.
 - John 1:3 - "All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being."
 - Col. 1:16 - "For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him."
 - Heb. 1:2 - "in these last days [God] has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world."
 - He sustains and directs all things.
 - Col. 1:17 - "in Him all things hold together."
 - Heb. 1:3 - "He ... upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins."
- b) Jesus is in control of the storms of trouble He sovereignly brings into our lives.

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 - 38b - "And they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?""

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 - 40 - "And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?""

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- 5) When we are in the storm, we should fear Christ more than our circumstances (41)
 - 41 - "They became very much afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"
 - Matthew: "What kind of a man is this?"

Implications for U s

- 1) Jesus Christ is unique.
 - Humanity
 - Deity
 - In the OT, only God has power to command the wind and sea.
 - Job 38:8-11; Ps. 65:5-8; 89:8-9; 107:23-32
- 2) The wind and the waves still obey Jesus Christ.
- 3) In the storm, there are only two possible responses...
 - Faith in Jesus' power over all creation
 - Fear of our circumstances