

# Joppa

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- Joppa is the modern city of Tel-Aviv which is connected to the northern part of Joppa and was founded in 1909.
  - Joppa was:
    - A town on the southwest coast of Palestine.
    - Located about forty miles west of Jerusalem.
    - Located on the Plain of Sharon.
    - Located in the area assigned to the tribe of Dan.
  - Joppa is also known as: • Yafo • Japho • Jaffa
  - Joppa is the only natural harbor between Egypt and Haifa.
  - Joppa has been occupied for nearly 3,500 years.
  - Over the centuries, Joppa has been settled by:
    - Egyptians
    - Canaanites
    - Jews
    - Greeks
    - Romans
    - Muslims
    - Crusaders
    - Arabs
    - Zionists
  - The earliest mention of Joppa in the Bible comes in Joshua 19:46, a description of the borders of the inheritance of the tribe of Dan. It reads: "And Mejarkon, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho."

- In building the temple at Jerusalem, Joppa was Solomon's outlet to the sea (**2 Chronicles 2:16**) and later for Zerubbabel as well (**Ezra 3:7**)
- It was the harbor to which Hiram floated fir trees of Mount Lebanon from Tyre. From here they were carried to Jerusalem for use in building the temple.
- **2 Chronicles 2:16**
- After the captivity, trees for the rebuilding of the temple were again brought down in the same manner. **Ezra 3:7**
- Jonah embarked at Joppa when he was trying to go to Tarshish rather than to Nineveh. **Jonah 1:3**
- Dorcas (Tabitha in Aramaic) lived in Joppa. Peter raised her from the dead. As a result many people became followers of Christ. **Acts 9:36-42**
- Peter resided with Simon, the tanner. Here he saw the vision of the great sheet being let down from Heaven. **Acts 9:43**
- From here Peter was summoned to go with the servants of Cornelius to Caesarea. **Acts 10:17-23**
- Note: James T Barclay, the first missionary supported by the churches of Christ in America, arrived in Joppa in 1851 and then went on to Jerusalem to live and work for several years.

