

Caesarea

Located south of modern-day Haifa, Caesarea was an important biblical seaport. Named in honour of Caesar Augustus, it was built by Herod the Great between 25 and 13 B.C. and equipped with a man-made breakwater, still visible in part today.



Pilate had his residence here while he was governor, or prefect, of Judea. Philip preached here

[Acts 8:26-40](#)

; Peter came to Caesarea to the household of Cornelius

[Acts 10](#)

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[Acts 11:1-18](#)

; Herod Agrippa 1 came to an untimely end here

[Acts 12:18-25](#)

; after his conversion, Paul escaped from here to his hometown of Tarsus

[Acts 9: 26-30](#)

; Paul returned here twice from his missionary journeys

[Acts 18:18-22](#)

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[Acts 21: 1-15](#)

. Paul returned here for trial

[Acts 23: 11-35](#)

, spending two years in prison before making his famous defence here before Festus and Agrippa

[Acts 25: 22 - 26: 32](#)

. Finally, he left from Caesarea in chains to appeal his case to the Emperor in Rome.

