

~DISTRICT OF THE JORDAN (107)

- The **roughly circular basin, or oval-shaped area, into which the Jordan River flows**. This includes the lower part of the Jordan Valley, as can be seen by the mention of the District of the Jordan in connection with Solomon's copper-casting activities between Succoth and Zarethan.
- In the **District of the Jordan** it was that the king cast them in the clay mold, between Succoth and Zarethan. (**1 Kings 7:46**)
- In the **District of the Jordan** the king cast them in the thick ground between Succoth and Zeredah. (**2 Chronicles 4:17**)
- Still he said; Let, now, happen whatever will, let me run. So he said to him; Run! And Ahimaaz began to run by the way of the **District**, and he eventually passed by the Cushite. (**2 Samuel 18:23**)
- However, the **District** also appears to extend down to the southern end of the Dead Sea where the cities of the **District** evidently were located.
- So Lot raised his eyes and saw the whole **District of the Jordan**, that all of it was a wellwatered region before Yehowah brought Sodom and Gomorrah to ruin, like the garden of Yehowah, like the land of Egypt as far as Zoar. (**Genesis 13:10**)
- Then Lot chose for himself the whole **District of the Jordan**, and Lot moved his camp to the east. So they separated the one from the other. (**Genesis 13:11**)
- Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, but Lot dwelt among the **cities of the District**. Finally he pitched tent near Sodom. (**Genesis 13:12**)
- Thus it not only took in the valley plain of Jericho but reached as far as Zoar, the city to which Lot and his daughters fled.
- And it came about that, as soon as they had brought them forth to the outskirts, he began to say; Escape for your soul! Do not look behind you and do not stand still in all the **District**! Escape

to the mountainous region for fear you may be swept away!
([Genesis 19:17](#))

- Then Lot said to them; Not that, please, Yehowah! ([Genesis 19:18](#))
- Please, now, your servant has found favor in your eyes so that you are magnifying your loving-kindness, which you have exercised with me to preserve my soul alive, but I, I am not able to escape to the mountainous region for fear calamity may keep close to me and I certainly die. ([Genesis 19:19](#))
- Please, now, this city is nearby to flee there and it is a small thing. May I, please, escape there, is it not a small thing? And my soul will live on. ([Genesis 19:20](#))
- So he said to him; Here I do show you consideration to this extent also, by my not overthrowing the city of which you have spoken. ([Genesis 19:21](#))
- Hurry! Escape there, because I am not able to do a thing until your arriving there! That is why he called the name of the city Zoar. ([Genesis 19:22](#))
- The sun had gone forth over the land when Lot arrived at Zoar. ([Genesis 19:23](#))
- Then Yehowah made it rain sulphur and fire from Yehowah, from the heavens, upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah. ([Genesis 19:24](#))
- So he went ahead overthrowing these cities, even the **entire District** and all the inhabitants of the cities and the plants of the ground. ([Genesis 19:25](#))
- And the Negeb and the **District**, the valley plain of Jericho, the city of the palm trees, as far as Zoar. ([Deuteronomy 34:3](#))
- Research conducted at the southern extremity of the Dead Sea indicates that a large portion of land below the tongue of land called the Lisan has become covered by the waters of the Sea. Many scholars believe that the cities of the **District** lie submerged in this region. It was once well-watered and like the garden of Yehowah.
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- **This was true not only of the region North of the Dead Sea, where today only the Plains of Moab and the oasis of Jericho retain considerable fertility, but also of the southern part of the **District**.**
- **Even today the plain that lies beside the Lisan is described as a prolonged oasis where barley, wheat, dates, and vines can be cultivated. The delta region of the Zered River, which flows into the southern end of the Dead Sea, is also called a rich oasis.**