

JEZREEL VALLEY (MEGIDDO)



The **Jezreel Valley** ([Arabic](#): *Sahel Zir'in*, or *مراعٍ نرب حرم*, *Mari Ibn Amer* - meadow of the son of Amr; [Hebrew](#): *לְאֶמְרִי קִמֶּעַ*, *Emek Yizrael*, also known as the **Plain of Esdraelon**) is a large plain and inland valley in the north of [Israel](#). It takes its name from the city of [Jezreel](#), Arabic *Zir'in* (زيرين) located on a low hill on the southern edge and overlooking the valley. The Jezreel Valley is south of the [Lower Galilee](#) in the [North District of Israel](#). The Jezreel Valley is the location of a number of important settlements both ancient and modern. The ancient city of [Megiddo](#) is located in the south and west of the valley. The largest modern settlement in the Jezreel Valley is the city of [Afula](#) ([Hebrew](#): *הַלּוּפָּה*, *Halufah*; [Arabic](#): *الوطفة*, also known as the "Capital of the Valley". Afula may have been the ancient [Bronze Age](#) city of Ophrah according to the [Old Testament](#). The Hebrew judge Gideon resided in Ophrah. The Jezreel Valley was the site of many important historical battles including the first recorded battle in history. It is significant to Christian believers as the site of the future Battle of [Armageddon](#) marking the [End of Days](#) and the [Second Coming](#).

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