

Turkey

Land of the New Testament

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While Israel is the land of the Old Testament, Turkey could definitely be called the land of the New Testament. Here are just a few facts:

- The Apostle Paul was born in Turkey.
- The Apostle Paul ministered throughout Turkey, teaching and planting Churches.
Three of Paul's missionary journeys were mainly in Turkey.
- The Apostle John lived and ministered throughout Turkey.
- Many cities and villages mentioned in Acts are in Turkey.
- The 1st Century Church took root and spread throughout Turkey.
- 13 Letters of the New Testament were written to people who lived in Turkey.
- The Gospel of John and The Revelation were first addressed to the people of Turkey.
- Many of the early Church councils were held in Turkey.

To say the least, Turkey has played a very important role in the history of The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Turkey also was a very important part of the Roman Empire of the ancient world. Because of its location and rich resources, the Roman Empire pumped a lot of money and effort into Turkey. They built roads, theaters, temples, stadiums and cities throughout this land. The ruins of this great Empire are impressive in Turkey and many of them can still be seen today. In fact, Turkey gives one of the best pictures of the Greco-Roman Empire of any place in the world.

As you visit these ancient places, you get a feel of the power and wealth of Rome. You see and feel the challenges and struggles of the first century believers. Visiting these sites will help you understand the Text of the New Testament in a new way. You will gain insights from ancient culture and the truth of the Bible will leap off the page. The Bible will literally come alive right before your eyes as you see, touch and walk these ancient sites. Come and walk in the footsteps of the early disciples of Jesus Christ. As you peer into the world of the Bible, you will see the world in which you live in a whole new light.

Come, experience Turkey, the land of the New Testament.

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