



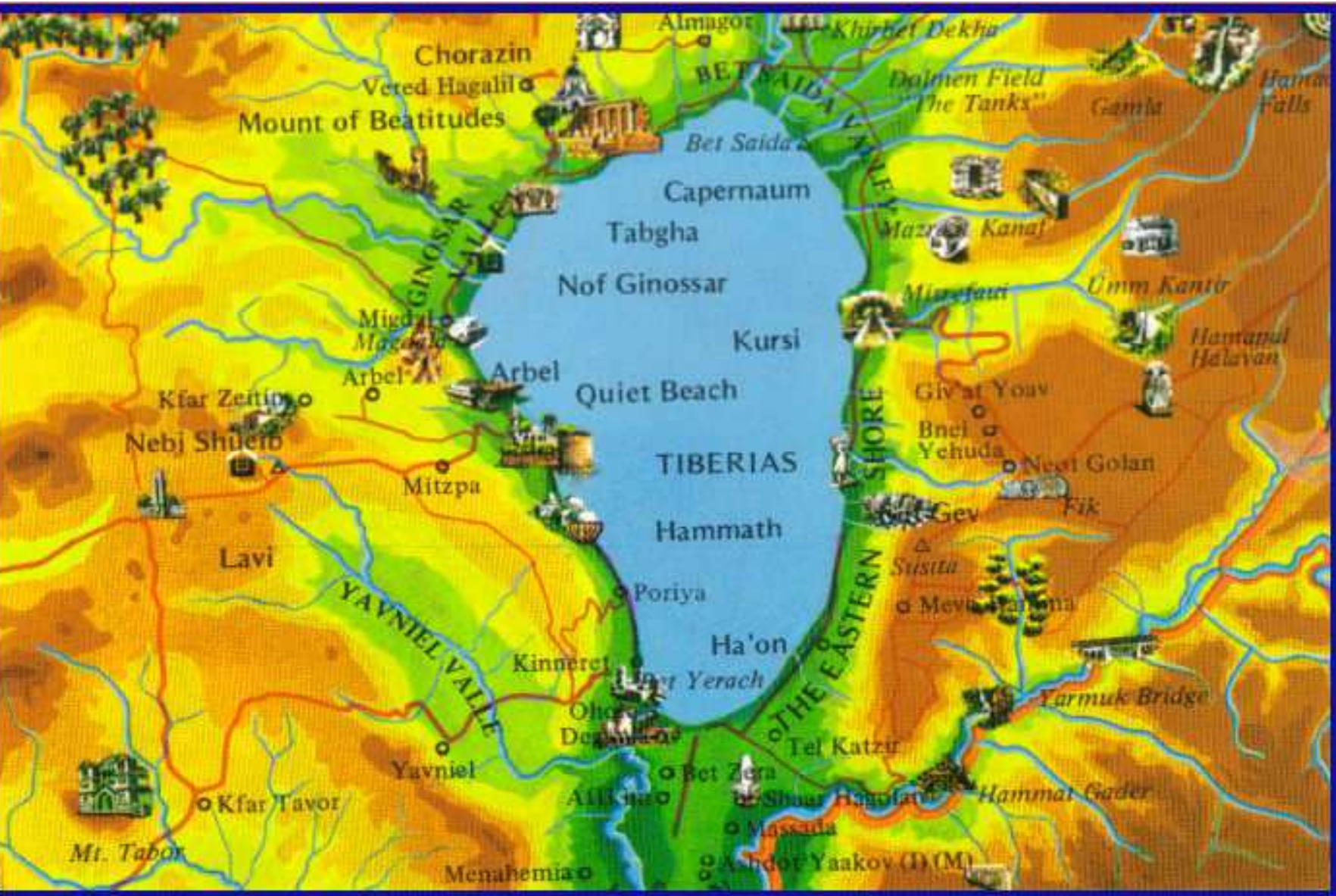
MATTHEW

The Prophecy Fulfilled

The Jesus Style



- Lepers, Romans, Mothers-in-law...
- Followers are called from comfort and grieving...
 - They never respond that we know of...
- Matthew moves on to Acts of Power..
 - Sea of Galilee – noted for sudden storms... cyclonic winds



Jesus in the boat...



- 8:23 – “...He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.” do we?
 - Is being where Jesus is important to us?
 - Can we trust Him to take us where He goes...
- “great storm”, ship is wave tossed, Jesus is asleep!
 - This is not to minimize our struggles...

When sailors fail...



- He is awakened by them ... “Save! at once”
 - They had been taken by the storm already
 - These were men who knew the sea, the storms
- Why are you timid? *deilos*, fearful ~
 - What makes us fear? Why?? Is some fear good?
 - Knowing where to go with your fear is the KEY!

Little faith...



- Jesus had commended a Roman... “great faith”...
 - “little faith”, is still faith...
 - And Jesus “arose and rebuked” ~ winds and sea
 - The child of God is never far from this power! Perfect calm!
 - “what kind of man is this...” do we know?
- In traveling together we discover WHO He is!

On another shore...



- Jesus steps onto shore and is challenged! (8:28)
 - 2 demonized men - *dáimonízomai*
 - Living in a cemetery, violent, aggressive, destructive
 - “What do we have to do with you, Son of God?”
 - Separate personalities of the demons...
 - They knew Him, feared Him, agreed with His authority

Not a good day for pigs...



- Demons look for another hiding place...
 - Pigs! A whole herd...
 - One word... GO! No battle or fight...
 - Swine immediately kill themselves... stampede
- Herdsmen report it all...
- Do we rejoice over free hearts or lost 'swine'?