In Hebrew: Yam ha-Melach (sea of salt) – listed in Genesis.

Called the Dead Sea because of the amount of salt makes it impossible for anything to live in the water.

The Dead Sea is the lowest point on earth in any land mass.

The concentration of salt gives it great healing properties for people who suffer from ailments.

In the times of the Bible, it was a place of refuge for King David.

The Dead Sea was one of the world’s first health resources in the time of Herod the Great.

Nearby is the famous Masada fortress, as well as Qumran cave site where ancient scrolls were found, including the Dead Sea scrolls.