

Maamalakkappuram

A Journey through historic mountains

MOUNT HERMON

Mount Hermon is Israel's highest mountain at over 9,000 feet. Its three distinct peaks are visible from the Sea of Galilee some 60 miles away. Because of its height, it is also considered to be the holiest mountain in Israel. This mountain forms Israel's northeastern border with Syria and Lebanon.

In the Old Testament, Mount Hermon was home to the Sidonians, who called it Mount Sirion, and the Amorites, who called it Senir (Deuteronomy 3:9). Moses defeated the King of Bashan there before being prohibited from crossing the Jordan River further into the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 3:8–10).

Mount Hermon has long marked the northern border of the Promised Land as mentioned in Deuteronomy 4:48, Joshua 11:17, 1 Chronicles 5:23, and Psalm 42:6. This snow-capped mountain is also where the Jordan River begins. The headwaters flow from Mount Hermon down to the Sea of Galilee, bringing life and lushness to northern Israel.

The permanent white snowfield on this mountain is also compared to the lord's blessings in Psalms. "It is like the dew of Hermon Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing-- life forever". (Ps 133:3).

Exploring more about Hermon, gave me a joy filled experience, of living a moment truly, in Gods specially chosen place, where a lot of historical moments were captured throughout the old testament. As we read about the snow top mountains, somewhere in my heart I had a feeling that my lord is still there waiting for me at great heights to completely transform my inner self and make it as white as snow. let us also pray that all our lives be like, "the Dews on the Hermon", and live our entire life as destined by Jesus Christ. Amen.

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