



Joppa means "pretty" or "bright" so this must have been a very pretty town. Joppa is sometimes called the seaport of Jerusalem. Many ships send materials to trade to Jerusalem. They land first at this seaport. Then they are sent to the large city of Jerusalem. In Bible times they were sent by caravan from Joppa to Jerusalem. It is 39 miles by road from Joppa to Jerusalem. Today there is a train between these cities. It is 54 miles by railroad. There are no tunnels in the mountains.

This city is called by a new name today. It is not very different from the old name. But on some maps you may find this new name - J A F F A . This is the location of the city of Joppa.

The logs of cedar that came from Lebanon to be used in building the temple were sent by the sea from Tyre to Joppa.

Jonah took a ship from Joppa to Tarshish. He was trying to run away from God. But no one can do that. God had a large fish swallow Jonah to punish him.

Simon the tanner lived in Joppa. Peter visited him and stayed in his house. While Peter was in Joppa he had a great vision.

Dorcas lived in Joppa too. She made clothes for many people.

Read about this town in your Bible -

Jonah 1:3

II Chronicles 2:16

Acts 10:5 and 11:5