

DEAD SEA - ACTIVITY

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IS THERE ANY ACTIVITY AROUND THE DEAD SEA?

Long ago the only person who went to the Dead Sea was someone who wanted to live all alone like a hermit. It was very quiet, empty, and hot here in this place. You could see high, bare mountains all around.

Now men have begun to use the minerals in the water of the Dead Sea. There is one big company that has a large plant at the south end of the Dead Sea. This company speeds up evaporation by putting the water in shallow pools that cover thousands of acres of land. Then the chemicals are separated and prepared for some useful purpose. The different chemicals are sent to Jerusalem in small railway cars on a special track.

Other men have learned how to bring water to irrigate the land. They have sunk deep wells. This water is too salty to drink but it can be used for watering plants. In one place they raise beautiful large tomatoes.

Men have begun to make use of all the material for building. There is shale and gypsum, which is used in cement. There is also limestone and marble. Besides these there is asphalt for building roads.

This is the reason why men are now working around the Dead Sea.

