



VIEW SOUTHEAST: THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN IN THE MORNING ACROSS THE RAVINE (NAHAL KORAZIM; CENTER LEFT) BELOW CHORAZIN THAT CARRIES THE TRAIL TO THE SEA OF GALILEE (TOP RIGHT).

BELOW (VIEW WEST): THE BASALT CHORAZIN SYNAGOGUE (FOURTH TO SIXTH CENTURIES AD) IS COVERED BELOW WITH A BLACK TARP TO PROTECT IT FROM THE WEATHER (SEE THE PHOTOS ON PAGE 254).





VIEW SOUTH: THE ANCIENT SITE OF CHORAZIN WITH THE SEA OF GALILEE VISIBLE IN THE BACKGROUND (TOP LEFT). THE BIBLICAL SITE OF CHORAZIN WAS FARTHER UP THE RAVINE, A LITTLE NORTH OF THIS LOCATION.

CHORAZIN

(SEE MAP ON PAGE 204)

The city of Chorazin is remembered for having been cursed by Jesus for unbelief. The ancient site is located about 2.5 miles (4 kilometers) north of Capernaum, overlooking the Sea of Galilee. The Talmud mentions that Chorazin was famous for its wheat. Olive millstones found in the excavations of the site suggest that olive oil extraction was another important industry for the city's inhabitants.

Chorazin, a prosperous city in Jesus's day, was no longer inhabited by the second half of the third century AD. The ruins visible today are from the fourth to sixth centuries AD.

Then began [Jesus] to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, *because they repented not*:

Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. (Matt. 11:20–22, emphasis added)

The message of Chorazin is about the choice we must make to repent when we fall short of our divine potential. Repentance is a heavenly gift that enables us to progress and become more like Christ through obedience and the power of His Atonement, thereby overcoming the natural man (see Mosiah 3:19).



VIEW NORTH: THE TRAIL THAT LEADS FROM CHORAZIN TO THE SEA OF GALILEE. IT FOLLOWS THE RAVINE RUNNING WEST AND SOUTH OF CHORAZIN (SEE THE PHOTO ON PAGE 251).

BELOW (VIEW SOUTHEAST): THIS PHOTO CONTINUES THE TRAIL (ABOVE) IN THE OTHER DIRECTION, LOOKING TOWARD THE SEA OF GALILEE AND GOLAN HEIGHTS (TOP CENTER).





VIEW SOUTH: NAHAL KORAZIM. THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN IN THE MORNING WEST OF CHORAZIN. THIS AND THE PHOTOS ON PAGE 252 SHOW THE LAND AND WAY JESUS MAY HAVE WALKED BETWEEN CAPERNAUM AND CHORAZIN.

BELOW (VIEW NORTH): THE LOWER REACHES OF NAHAL KORAZIM THAT LEAD FROM THE CITY TO THE SEA OF GALILEE. CHORAZIN LIES A SHORT DISTANCE BEYOND THE HILL AT THE TOP OF THE PHOTO (RIGHT SIDE).





VIEW NORTH: INSIDE THE SYNAGOGUE OF CHORAZIN. IT WAS BUILT OF BASALT STONES, WHOSE HARDNESS MAKES THEM DIFFICULT TO CARVE AND ENGRAVE. THE PRAYER HALL HAD COLUMNS ON THREE SIDES AND BENCHES ALONG THE WALLS.

BELOW (VIEW SOUTHWEST): PART OF THE SYNAGOGUE'S DECORATED FACADE. THIS IS A REPLICA. THE ORIGINAL IS IN THE ISRAEL MUSEUM (SEE THE BOTTOM PHOTO ON PAGE 255).





ISRAEL MUSEUM—JERUSALEM: "THIS SEAT, CARVED FROM A SINGLE BLOCK OF BASALT, WAS PROBABLY USED BY A DIGNITARY SUCH AS AN ELDER OR SYNAGOGUE OFFICIAL" (QUOTES HERE AND BELOW TAKEN FROM THE SIGN).

BELOW (ISRAEL MUSEUM): "THE DECORATED FACADE OF THE SYNAGOGUE FACED SOUTH, IN THE DIRECTION OF JERUSALEM" (SEE THE BOTTOM PHOTO ON PAGE 254). THE CHAIR (ABOVE) IS PICTURED BEHIND THE FACADE.

