

## 2019 EXPERIENCE ISRAEL TOUR

### Study Guide for 3b: Samaria



**Historical background:** Samaria lies in the valley between two mountains. Mount Ebal has a 3,100' elevation and Mount Gerizim a 2,900' elevation. It was

there, in the city of Shechem, where the Lord appeared to Abraham and said, "To your descendants, I will give this land." Later, Moses commanded his people to go to Mount Gerizim to recite blessings and to Mount Ebal to recite curses once they entered and possessed the Promised Land. Following Moses' death, Joshua took the Israelites into the Promised Land, and after a few adventures, the Israelites gathered at the mountains of Samaria to recite blessings and curses. Finally, during the time of Christ, it was between those two mountains, near Shechem, where Jesus spoke with a Samaritan woman at the well.

**Bible Application:** Read [John 4:5-29](#).

1. Jacob's well is in the city of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Samaritan woman recognized Jesus as a \_\_\_\_\_ (v 9), a \_\_\_\_\_ (v 19) and finally as the \_\_\_\_\_ (v 29).
3. In John 4:10 Jesus offered her \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Who is the living water in [Jeremiah 2:13](#)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. The woman asked Jesus for the living water in [John 4:15](#) and in the next few verses He exposed her sin, revealed the truth to her, and she realized that Jesus was a prophet. Then she said to Jesus, "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." (v 20)
6. Read [Deuteronomy 11:29-31](#), [27:5-13](#), and [Joshua 8:30-35](#). These passages tell about the two mountains where her fathers would have worshipped when they entered the Promised Land. The mountains are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Jesus responded to the Samaritan woman in ([John 4:21-24](#)). True worshipers will worship in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (v 23) rather than in a place. So if worship will no longer be in a place, like the mountains or a temple in Jerusalem, then where do you think it will be?

8. The woman remembered what had been taught to her by her fathers, that the Messiah was coming and would declare all truth to them. Jesus revealed who He was in [John 4:26](#). Who did he say he was \_\_\_\_\_?

**Thanksgiving and Praise:** The Samaritan woman shared the good news with others. How has God used your testimony to share the hope that is in you with others? Read [Psalm 34:8](#). Thank Him for His goodness in your life and for allowing you to take refuge in Him.

### **Digging Deeper:**

Have you heard about the West Bank in the news? Samaria? Check out Kym's blog, [Into the West Bank](#), and get a layout of the land, some truths of Samaria (not just the news perspective), as well as an introduction to the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem-[ICEJ](#) and the [IDF](#) (Israel Defense Force). We will interact with both on our tour.



We will also visit a factory in Samaria (today's West Bank), where Jews and Palestinians work peacefully side-by-side. However, are you familiar with the BDS Movement (boycott, divest, sanction)? Spearheaded by Europe, many nations around the world have signed on to the movement in attempts to financially destroy Israel. It doesn't make sense! Why?

- There are as many Arabs as Jews working in the West Bank.
- If West Bank-produced products are boycotted, factory workers...including Palestinians...lose their jobs.
- When Palestinians go back to their homes without work, terrorism increases.
- The Palestinian Authority pays significant amounts of money to anyone willing to kill a Jew. Thus, crime pays if you are a Palestinian!

Read the rest of the story, [Jews and Arabs Side-by-Side](#).

As Kym puts it, "I've saved the best for last." Prophecy is being fulfilled in the West Bank (Samaria and Judea). Read the fascinating prophecy in [Jeremiah 31:5](#) and visit here: [Prophecy Being Fulfilled in Samaria](#).

**Keep looking for blessings!**