

WATER SITUATION IN THE JORDAN VALLEY

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- ✘ The Jordan Valley is the eastern strip of the West Bank which stretches along the Dead Sea in the south, to the Beisan crossing in the north, from the Jordan River in the east, 15 kilometers westward.
- ✘ This area is approximately 28.5% of the overall West Bank and includes over 58,000 Palestinians and 9,000 settlers



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Shared and scarce Water resources:

- Unequitable division

Absent of Peace Agreement



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Lack sewage system & lack irrigation water

- No sewage network, Except Jericho
- Village cesspits leach to groundwater
- Groundwater contamination
- Poor water supply – deteriorating pipes

RESTRICTIONS ON LAND AND WATER ACCESS

Baptism Site on the Palestinian site

- ✘ 95% of the Jordan Valley was declared Area C or closed natural reserves.
- ✘ Palestinian Authority only has autonomy in 5% of the Jordan Valley



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BAPTISMAL SITE – QASER EL-YAHUD

Please respect the site and obey the following rules:

- Heed the instructions of Israel Nature and Parks Authority personnel.
- You are traversing a military zone. Do not cross fences due to fear of landmines.
- Religious ceremonies are held at the site. Please respect ceremonies and worshippers.
- The river is Israel's border with the kingdom of Jordan – do not cross the river.
- Baptism in the river is permitted only in the designated area.
- The river water is not potable.
- Maintain quiet and appropriate dress.
- Driver, turn off your motor while parked.
- Keep the area clean.
- No fires allowed!
- Visitors may remain in the park only during opening hours: winter: 8:00–16:00; summer: 8:00–17:00.

Enjoy your visit!
Israel Nature and Parks Authority



FOEME ADVOCATES:

- ✘ Fair share of transboundary water
- ✘ Encourage to receive the necessary approvals from the Israeli Civil Administration and the Israeli National Parks Authority
- ✘ Rehabilitate the agricultural Canals & Springs
- ✘ Create Jordan Valley EcoCenter
- ✘ Replace the old water network to reduce water loss

Both government and community level efforts can compliment each other

