

The beautifully decorated exterior of the synagogue at Chorazin was eclipsed in the Galilee only by the exquisite synagogue at Capernaum. This detail shows two men on either side of an enormous bunch of grapes (center). Either they are squeezing grapes or this is an allusion to Numbers 13:21-24 and the two men are Caleb and Joshua, the scouts who carried the giant cluster of grapes to Moses and Aaron to demonstrate the fruit of the land of Canaan. Other decorations within the synagogue include rich floral designs, a lion attacking a centaur, an animal suckling a cub, a lion devouring another animal and the head of a Medusa. The Chorazin synagogue was built during the late third or early fourth century C.E.