History. Founded 753 B.C. Defeated by Gauls 390 B.C.

Monarchy from 27 B.C. to 476 A.D. Nero burned

Rome in 64 A.D. Paul beheaded there in 67. In 312

Constantine made Christianity official religion. E. and W.

divided in 364. Under sovereignty of Pope in 728. In 1929

Lateran treaty gave Vatican sovereignty. 24 million.

Eiblical References. Acts 2:10; 18:2 (49); 19:21; 23:11; 28:14-16; Rom.1:7, 15; 2 Tim. 1:17; 1 Pet. 5:13; Rev. 17:9; cf. Dan. 2, 7, 9:24-27.

Catacombs. Means "tomb" and there are 5 in Rome. Dug so Christians could bury their dead unmolested. Then used as places of worship. 350-600 miles in length, and 1,175,000 to 4,000,000 buried in them. Most characteristic symbols and pictures in them are Good Shepherd, Fish, Vine. No cross as symbol until 451; no crucifix until 6th century; no picture of crucifixion until 8th c.

Mamertine Prison. Rebuilt in lat c. B.C. as prison for state. Lower chamber is 19x10x6½ high. Cf. 2 Tim. 4:13. 2 Tim. written from here.

Colosseum. Finished 80 A.D. Held 50-60,000. Christians martyred here and in Circus Maximus. Under platform were places for the animals and storerooms.

Arch of Constantine. To honor him after battle of Saxa Rubra which assured the triumph of Christianity in 312 A.D.

Arch of Titus. In honor of victory over Jerusalem in 70.

Matt. 24:2. Note carvings showing vessels
from temple in Jerusalem.

Pantheon. Built in 267 B.C. by Agrippa. Dome as high as diameter of floor. Niches for gods.

St. Peter's. Square holds 350,000. Largest church in world-holds 17,000. 608' long. Nave is 145' high. Note Matt. 16:18 in Latin. This is on the site of a church Constantine built in 324 above the tomb of Peter. 148 popes buried here.

Scala Sancta. 28 steps covered with wood. Helena moved these from Pilate's house in Jerusalem to Rome in 326. It is reportedly here that Luther understood that the just shall live by faith.

Population. Egypt, 27 mill. Calro, 34mill.

Scripture References. Abraham, Gen. 12:10. Jacob and sons, Gen. 46. Moses, Ex. 2:3;

7:20. Papyrus, Isa. 19:7. Solomon, 1 Kg. 11:1; 4:21.

Shishak, 2 Chron 12:2. Necho, 2 Chron 35:20. Jer.43:8.

Joseph and Mary, Matt. 2:13.

Pyramids. Erected 3733 B.C. 2,3000,000 stone blocks averaging 2½ tons each. If sawed into 1 ft. blocks could build a wall 2/3 around the earth. Originally 481° high; now 451°. Took 20 yrs. to build. 100,000 men worked in 3 month relays.

Sphinx. c. 2400 B.C. 240° high and paws stretch out 50°.

Coptic Church. About 1 mill. In early times espoused monophysitism (Christ had one nature). Claims to have been founded by Mark who supposedly came to Alexandria in 44.

Tell el-Amarna Letters. Found in Upper Egypt in 1887.
400 inscribed clay tablets now
in various museums of world. Written by kings of
Palestine and Syrian cities to rulers of Egypt, 14121375 B.C. Show conditions in Palestine during conquest
of Canaan and confirm Biblical picture. Tell of conquest
by Habiri-Hebrews.

LEBANON

The Country. 1.6 mill. 4015 sq mi. Beirut-600,000. Lebanon means white (from snow on mts).

Scripture References. Deut. 1:7. As boundary for Israel, Deut 11:24. Josh. 11:2-18. Supplied timber for Solomon, 1 Kg. 5:9-11. Isa. 14:8; 37:24; Ezek. 31:16.

Sidon. 30 mi S. Beirut, 22 N. Tyre. Means hunting or fishing, Gen. 10:15, 19. See also Josh. 19:28; Jud. 1:31; 10:1ff. Ezek. 28:21f. People went from here to hear Jesus, Nk 3:8; Lk 6:17. See also Natt. 11:21; Mk 7:24; Acts 27:3. Sidonians were expert timber cutters, 1 Kg. 5:6.

Zarephath. Between Tyre and Sidon. 1 Kg 17:9; Lk.4:26.

Tyre. Means rock. 23 ml N. Acre. Josh 19:29; 2 Sam 24:7; 5:11; 1 Kg. 5:1; 1 Chron 14:1; 1 Kg 9:10-14; 2 Chron 2:3-16. Tyrians sold Israelites as slaves, Jeol 3:4-8; Amos 1:9-10; Ezek 26:1-28:19; 29:18-20. Nebuchandneszar captured and Alexander the Great, 322 B.C.

Dog River. 33 centuries of inscriptions from Ramses II (Pharach of Oppression) to World War I.

Byblos. Ezek. 27:9 (Gebal). Excavations of Egyptian,
Phoenician and Roman temples. Here papyrus
manufactured from reeds imported from Egypt. Biblion
means papyrus scholl.

Baalath, I Kg 9:18 and Gaalgad, Josh 11:17.

Alex. Gt. conquered and named Heliopolis, City of Sun.
Caesar conquered in 60 B.C. Temples honoring Jupiter,
Venus, Bacchus built then. One stone is 68x17x14 high.
Stones had to be moved a mile, lifted on structure 23'
above ground, joined so well that you cannot drive a
razor blade between. Temple to Jupiter—originally
54 columns, now 6. 66' high in 3 sections, 7½' diameter
and held together with copper. Niches contained
statues of Roman delties. Temple of Bacchus—columns
52' high. Ornamented ceiling with busts of gods.

DAMASCUS

The Country. 42 mill. 71,228 sq.mi. Damascus is the oldest continually inhabited city in world. 666,000. Arabs conquered in 634 A.D. Before this city was Christian. Now 350 mosques, 13 churches.

Damask=Damascus silk.

Beads which Moslems use are a rosary. There are 33 boads. Each one is used 3 times in mentioning the 99 attributes of God.

Biblical References. Abraham, Gen. 14:15; 15:2 (100 miles from Ur). David, 2 Sem. 8:5-6 (c. 1042 B.C.). Naaman, 2 Kg. 5 (esp. v. 12 where he boasted of the Barada River near the city). Elisha, 2 Kg. 8:7-15 (c. 892 B.C.). Paul, Acts 9.

Paul's Sites. House of Judas to which Paul went was on Straight St, Acts 9:11.

House of Ananias is about a block from Straight St. Acts 9:10.

Three years after conversion Paul returned to Damascus (note break at Acts 9:23) and escaped by being let down over the wall (v. 25). Supposed place has been reconstructed.

Grand Mosque (Omayad Mosque). Supposedly over house of Rimmon where Naaman worshipped before healed of leprosy. Roman temple to Jupiter was here; then Christian church in 4th century (to John the Baptist); then nosque. This is the 4th most holy site for Moslems. Head of John Baptist supposedly here.

General. 2550 ft. Means City of Peace (but now in pieces).

Tempo-25-100; mean 63. Average rainfall, 26".

Former rain, mid-Nov-mid-Jan, Jer 5:24; latter, mid-March, Joel 2:23. First mention, Gen. 14:18. David captured from Jebusites, 2 Sam 5:7 & brot ark to, 2 Sam 6:2f. Greatest glory under Solomon. Ruined by Nebuchadnezzar, 2 Chron 36: 17-21. Rewilt, Neh. 4:7-22. Greatest humiliation under Antiochus, 175-63 B.C. Romans restored glory. Herod rebuilt temple and gave city a water supply. Destroyed by Titus, 70 A.D.

Gates. 4 closed now-Zion, Jaffa, New, Golden (where Jesus entered on Palm Sun, but walled up by Turks in 1530). 4 open-Damascus, Herod's Dung, Stephen's (probably Sheep Gate of Jn 5:2 the built by Turks in 1538).

Pool of Bethesda. Just inside Stephen's Gate. Discovered 1888. John 5.

Via Doloroso. Starts Antonio's Palace=Pavement of John 19:13. Pilate's judgment hall.
Last 4 stations inside Church of Holy Sepulchre.

Church of Holy Sepluchre. "The suffocating trappings of plety." Temple to Venus built on site of Golgotha in 136 A.D. by Hadrian in attempt to stamp out Christianity. Actually it preserved the site, and Constantine built a church there in 336. Burned twice before Crusaders built in 1149. Earthquake in 1927. Note Jn 19:20 and location of walls.

Gordon's Calvary. Golgathaskull. Jewish tradition says this was a place of stoning (including Stephen). Garden is near, Jn 19:41. Is Golgatha a name or a shape of the place? Garden Tomb discovered in 1867 but popularized by Gordon from 1882 on.

Church of St. James. Supposedly where James beheaded, Acts 12:2.

Kidron Valley. =Jehosophat, Joel 3:2.

Absalom's Pillar, 2 Sam 18:17 f.

Tomb of Zechariah. Matt. 23:35=2 Chron. 24:20.

Grotto of St. James. Where James (bro) hid when Jesus arrested.

Church of St. Anne. Where Mary supposedly born. St. Mark's Church. Mother of Mark's house.

JERUSALEM (#2)

Gethsemene. Lower slope of Olivet. Old olive trees could date back to Jesus' time. Church (Franciscan) is over large rock where Peter, James, John supposedly slept, Matt 25:40. Betrayal here, Matt.26:48. At top of hill is Russian church of Ascension. This probably occurred not from top but from backside of Olivet on side over against Bethany, Lk 24:50, literally. Church of Pater Noster on Olivet but Lord's Prayer first given in Galilee, Matt 6:9, then in Perea (east of Judea), Lk 11:1.

Pool of Siloam. John 9:1. Water brot here from Gihon which was outside wall in Hezekiah's time (701 B.C.). Gihon-Vimings Fountain (on presumption Mary washed clothes there!). 2 Chron 32:2-3. Tunnel is 1750' long. Solomon crowned king at Siloam, 1 Kg 1:38-9.

Temple Area. Sdomon's, 2 Chron 3:1; Zerubbabel's, Erra 5:2;6%:15; Herods, 20 B.C. 35 acres. This is Mt. Moriah, Gen. 22. Also threshing floor David bought, 2 Sam 24:21. Hadrian built temple to Jupiter here in 135 A.D. Arabs say Mohammed ascended to heaven from here. Built mosque in 691 A.D. Center of Masonic Order. Solomon's temple 3 times larger than present mosque. Rock inside has grooves in it in which blood of sacrificial animals channelled below alter to cave. Sddmon's palace supposedly 30 ° below Mosque el Aksa at south end of area. This is where he kept his 700 wives and 300 concubines, 1 Kg 11:1-8. Solomon's stables probably not used by Solomon but were used by Crusaders. Area could hold 200,000 people (cf. Pentecost). Paul seized here, Acts 21:27. Christ in temple, Lk 2:22; 2:41; In 2:13: 7:10 but never in Holy Place.

Walling Wall. Part of west wall of temple. Jews walled there since time of Constantine until war in 47-48. 2 lowest rows of stones from O.T. times; next 4 from Herod's; next 1 from Hadrian; top 2 from Turks. 60 ft high. General. Population-1,600,000. Capital-Amman (300,000).
Area-37,301 sq mi.

Dead Sea. 1292° below sea level. 53 ml. long. Sounding have been made to depth of 1300° tho at S. end only 8-14° deep. Ocean water contains 4-6% solids in solution; Dead Sea contains 24-26%. Called Salt Sea (Gen. 14:3), Sea of Plain or Arabah (Deut. 3:17), East Sea (Ezek 47:18). Mt. Nebo is 9 mi. E. of upper end, Numb 21:20;23:14; Deut. 3:27; 34:1. Sodom and Gomorrah now considered to be at S. end and coveredby Sea, Gen. 19:23-28; Matt 10:15; Rom 9:29; 2 Pet 2:6; Rev 11:18. W. of Sea is wilderness of Judea where John Baptist preached, Matt. 3:1.

Bethiehem. Church of Nativity built 330 A.D.. lat c. grotto marked site of birth. Hadrian built sanctuary for Adonis. Helena erected church. Present church built by Justinian in 6th c. Door is about 6 ft. high (to keep animals out). Chapel of Netivity 14 yds long and 4 yds wide. Original manger (%) in Rome.

Dead Sea Scrolls. First found in 1947 by shepherd boy searching for lost goat in caves 7 mi. S. Jericho. Hebrew U. has all of this original find. Many more found and most in Jordan's Palestine Museum. Essene community at Qumran started about 100 B.C., destroyed in 31 B.C., rebuilt 4 B.C., finally destroyed by Somans in 68 A.D. All books of O.T. represented except Esther. Date from last few centuries B.C. to early part of ist c. A.D. Important to authorship of Isa. and date of Daniel.

Zionism. 1882-24,000 Jews in Palestine. 1900-50,000. 1922-84,000. 1927-150,000. 1936-404,000.

1947-650,000. Today 2½ million.

First dispersion into Egypt and return under Moses. Second dispersion into Assyria and Babylon and partial return under Cyrus and Zerubabbel. Third into all the world and final return in Matt. 24:31.

Mandelbaum Gate. Named for a merchant who lived nearby.

8048 sq. mi. =N.J. Width of country

10-41 miles. 260 mi long. Since independence have planted
60,000,000 trees.

Mount Zion. Traditional tomb of David, 1 Kg 2:10.

Site of Upper Room. Armenian convent is on site of palace of Caiaphas and Annas where trial of Christ occurred, Jn. 18:13, and Peter's denial, Jn. 18:18.

Ein Karem. 4 ml. from Jerusalem. Birthplace of John Baptist and place to which Mary came, Lk 1:39ff.

Sea of Galilee. 680 ft. below sea level. Fresh water.

Great center in time of Christ. 9 cities bordered it, 24 each with population of no less than 15,000. 13 mi long; 7½ wide; 750° deep. On east Israel controls 33° strip of border.

Tiberias. John 5:23 (cf. 6:1; 21:1). Christ did not visit here. Known for hot springs and moral laxness.

Nazareth. Home of Joseph and Mary, Lk 2:39. Anunciation there, Lk 1:26f. Family returned there after Egypt, Matt. 2:19-22. Jesus reared there, Lk 4:16; taught in synagogue, Lk 4:16, Matt 13:54. City held in distrepase, Jn 1:47.

Cana. Kafr Kanna today. Between Nazareth and Tiberias. Both Latin and Greek churches claim site of Jn 2.

Mount Tabor. 6 mi E Nazareth. 1929*. Judges 4:6-15; 8: 18-19. Some say Transfiguration here the probably on Mt. Hermon.

Safed. N. Tiberias. Matt. 5:14-city set on hill.

Bethsaida. NE corner of Lake of Gaillee. Site of feeding of 5000, Jn 6, tho there is a church also at Tabgha (NW).

Capernaum. Customs station, Matt. 9:9. Synagogue built by canturion, Lk. 7:1. Peter and Andrew from here, Mk 1:29. Miracle on centurion's servant, Mt. 8:5. Simon's wife's mother, Mt. 8:14; paralytic, Mt. 9:1; dmon possessed man, Mk 1:32; took child, Mk 9:33; preached, Jn 6:59; pronounced doom, Mt. 11:23. Other miracles Mk 3:1; 5:21; Matt. 9:27; 17:24. Jn 21 in area.

Esdraelon. 20 mi long, 14 mi wide. Famous battleground.
First city here 3500 B.C. Solomen occupied it,
1 Kg 4:12; 9:15; 10:26 and made it a chariot town and center
of one of his administrative districts. Kept 1400 chariots
and 12,000 horsemen there. Extensive stables have been
excavated. Napoleon crossed this valley in 1799. Last
battle will be fought here, Rev. 16:14-16.

Haifa and Mount Carmel. Harbor built by British in 1932.

Vorld center for Bahaiism here.

River is Kishon, Jud 5:21. Carmel is 1791. Elijah slew prophets of Baal, 1 Kg 18:19. Shunammite woman met Elisha 2 Kg 4:25. Illustration of plenty, Mic 7:14.

Acra. -a yoke. -Ptolemais. 10 mi N. Haifa. Paul there one day, Acts 21:7.

Caesarea. 47 ml. from Jerusalem. Became home of Philip the evangelist, Acts 8:40; 21:8. Paul taken here to go to Tarsus, Acts 9:30. Cornelius lived, 10:1; 11:11. Herod smitten of worms, 12:20-23. Paul here at end of 2nd journey, 18:22; toward end of thred, 21:8,16; sent to Felix there, 23:23,33 and stayed 2 years, 24:27, and from here went to Rome on appeal to Caesar, 25:12.

Joppa. Means beauty. Mentioned in Amarna letters, 14 c. B.C.

Port for Jerusalem-trees from Lebanon floated

down to Summ Joppa, 2 Chron 2:16; Ezra 3:7. Jonah left

from here, 1:3. Dorcas raised from dead, Acts 9:36.

Peter received vision in Simen the Tanner's house, 10:5,16.

GREECE

General. Founded B.C. and named after goddess Athene.
Captured by Rome in 96 B.C. Populations
8,357,000. Athens 2,000,000.

Biblical References. Acts 17:15,16,22;18:1; 1 Thess.

3:1. Paul first visited on 2nd missionary Bourney after Macedonian call. Probably August 51 and Paul about 50 yrs old.

Stadium. Built in 1896 for Olympic games on site of ancient stadium that antedates Paul's time. Holds 70,000.

Temple of Zeus. Begun in 514 B.C. and completed in 135 A.D. Cuter structure and marble roof complete in Paul's day.

Temple of Theseus. 5th c. B.C. 34 Doric columns.

Agora. Acts 17:17. Market-place (cf. redemption)

Mars' Hill. Hill of Ares, Greek god of war = Roman Mars.

Refers either to the hill (377' high) or
to the court which met there. Sometimes met in Royal
Stoa which is in NW corner of Agora.

Propylaga. Gateway to Acropolis. Built in 5 yrs (437 BC)

Erecthous. Burned in 480 B.C. by Persians and replaced in 420 by present temple. On south side is porch of Maidens of Caryatids.

Parthonon. Completed in 9 years in 438 B.C. Lines curved slightly, columns tapered, flutes diminished in width to eliminate optical illusion. On platform 228x100, 46 Doric columns. In nave once stood gold and ivory statue of Athena. In 5th c. A.D. converted into a Christian church and later into a mosque. Turks stored explosives in it which were ignited and caused present ruin.

Evangelical Church. There is an excellent evangelical church group throughout Greece.

Newspaper evangelism has been very successful here.

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