

815 Art of the Holy Land (Non-Denominational)

Dec. '20

Shamir - A city in the hill country of Judah about thirteen miles southwest of Hebron. Joshua 15:48

Jan.

Jaffa, Ancient Joppa - Joppa was the home of the Christian disciple Dorcas, who was known for her good works. When she became sick and died she was brought to life by Simon Peter. Acts 9:36-43

Feb.

Petra (Biblical Selah) - Located in Edom, it was the site where King Amaziah of Judah invaded Edom. He defeated ten thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt and captured Selah in the battle. A later conqueror carved the elaborate façades in the red limestone. II Kings 14:7

Mar.

Luxor, from the Nile - Called No or Thebes in the Bible, Luxor is the site of the great Temple of Ammon and the tombs of the Pharaohs. The Hebrew prophet Jeremiah prophesied against this pagan worship. Jeremiah 25:5-6

Apr.

Petra (Sela in Ancient Edom) - "Sing to the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth...Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice...let them shout from the top of the mountains." Isaiah 42:10-11

May

Sentinel Rock, Petra (Biblical Selah, the Land of Edom) - Edomites, descendants of Esau, settled in the mountainous area southeast of the Dead Sea. Twice they were ruled briefly by Israel, first by King David and later by King Amaziah of Judah. Genesis 36:1-19, II Chronicles 25:3-14

June

Sebaste (Samaria) Church of John the Baptist - The city was built in the 9th Century by King Omri of Israel. Herod rebuilt it in 38 B.C. Tradition says John was beheaded here and that his head is buried in a crypt under the church. I Kings 16:24; Mark 6:17-29

July

Convent of the Terra Santa, Nazareth - Tradition claims this site as the location of the synagogue where Jesus began his Galilean ministry after his temptation. He was praised at first but later rejected. Luke 4:14-30

Aug.

Mt. Tabor - When the prophetess Deborah became a judge, Israel was oppressed by King Jabin of Canaan. A major battle took place on Mount Tabor where the Lord God of Israel triumphed over the enemy. Judges 4:4-6

Sep.

Entrance to Nablous - Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well. John 4:5-6

Oct.

The Great Sphinx, Pyramids of Gizeh (Giza) - Hebrews who were refugees in lower Egypt may have seen this spectacular sight which was built about 2450 B.C. They would have been greatly offended by this enormous monument to the god Harakhte. Matthew 2:13-15

Nov.

Greek Orthodox Convent of San Saba - The Judean desert near Bethlehem in the Kidron gorge was sought out by devout hermits in the early centuries of Christianity. The present monastic community dates back from 492.

Dec.

Church of the Holy Sepulchre - This basilica, built in the 4th century, occupies the site of Calvary and the entombment and resurrection of Jesus. The church was rebuilt by the Crusaders in the 12th century. Since then it has been restored and altered several times. Mark 15:21-47