

The kingdom of Israel comprised the ten other tribes. The kingdom of Samaria had for its capital Samaria, and that of Judah, Jerusalem.

**Divisions at the time of Jesus-Christ.**—At this great epoch, the Jewish countries were divided into four great provinces; Galilee, to the north; Samaria in the middle; Judea proper, in the south; Perea, on the other side of the Jordan.

**Galilee.**—Galilee was divided into Upper and Lower. The former was also called Galilee of the Gentiles; it contained the territory of the tribes of Asher and Naphtali, the latter contained the tribes of Zebulon and Issachar.

**Cities.**—The principal cities were Akka or Ptolemais (St. John of Acre), Tiberias, Nazareth, Jezreel, Caphernaum, Bethsaida, Nain, Cana and Sunam.

**Samaria.**—Samaria contained the half-tribe of Manasseh and the tribe of Ephraim.

**Cities.**—The cities were Shechem, Samaria and Caesarea.

**Judea proper.**—Judea-proper embraced the tribe of Judah, Benjamin, Simeon, and Dan.

**Cities.**—Jerusalem, the capital; Jericho, Bethlehem, Hebron, and Joppa, or Jaffa.

**Perea.**—Perea contained the tribes of Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh. Perea proper was on the south, and Batanea on the north.

**Cities.**—Machaerus and Ramoth-Gilead, in Perea proper; Gadara, the capital of Perea, in Batanea. It is in Batanea that the greater number of the towns of the Decapolis were situated: it was a district containing ten cities, whose inhabitants were strangers to the Jews.