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[For additional information in regard to certain of the places, see Geography Lessons.]

Al-phæ'-us. 1. Father of James the Less, Mark 15:40. 2. Father of Matthew. Some identify these two, thus making James and Matthew brothers.

An'-drew. One of the Apostles, brother of Peter.

Bar-thol'-o-mew. One of the twelve apostles. Probably the surname of Nathanael, John 1:45, 46.

Be-el'-ze-bub. Lord of the Fly. More correctly, Beelzebub, Prince or Lord of Filth; a name of contempt given to Satan, Prince of Demons and False Gods.

Beth-sa'-i-da. "House of fishing." On the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, birthplace of Peter, Andrew and Philip; condemned for unbelief, Matt. 11:21.

Ca-per'-na-um. Town on the northwestern shore of the Lake of Galilee; Jesus' second home after Nazareth, called in Matt. 9:1, "His own city."

Cho-ra'-zin. A town about two miles north of Capernaum on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee.

De-cap'-o-lis. Meaning, "ten cities", a district east of the Jordan in which were ten associated Greek cities.

E-li'-as. The Greek form of Elijah; one of the earliest and greatest of the prophets. Appeared with Moses on the Mount of Transfiguration to do honor to Jesus, Matt. 17:3.

E-li-se'-us. The Greek form of Elijah, the prophet of King Ahab's time.

E-sai'-as. The Greek form of Isaiah, one of the great Old Testament prophets.

Gad'-a-renes. Inhabitants of the district east of the Lake of Galilee of which Gadara, six or eight miles from the lake was the chief city. Called Gergesenes (Matt. 8:28); Gerasenes (Mark 5:1, Rev. Ver.), from Gergesa or Gerasa (now called Kersa) a town on the east shore of the lake.

Gal'-i-lee. The most northerly of the three provinces into which the Romans divided Palestine. Also, the fresh-water sea, so famous in our Lord's ministry.

Gen'-tiles. All nations of the world other than the Jews. The Jews despised all Gentiles.

Go-mor'-rha. Meaning "submersion." One of the cities of the Plain destroyed by fire from heaven, Gen. 10:19.

Her'-od An'-ti-pas. Son of Herod the Great, who reigned at the time of our Lord's birth. Antipas ruled over Galilee and Perea with the title of tetrarch.

He-ro'-di-as. The wife of Herod Philip, brother of Herod Antipas. She forsook her husband and married Antipas.

Is'-ra-el. The name given to Isaac's son Jacob, and to his descendants.

Ja-i'-rus. The ruler of the Capernaum

synagogue, whose daughter Jesus raised from the dead.

James and John. Brothers, sons of Zebedee; among the very earliest followers of Jesus, and became apostles.

James the Son of Al-phæ'-us. Also one of the apostles. He was called James the Less.

Je-ru'-sa-lem. "City of Salem", or "City of Peace." The religious capital of Palestine.

Je'-sus. The Greek form of Joshua, meaning, "Jehovah is salvation." (Compare Matt. 1:21.)

John the Bap'-tist. Son of Zacharias and Elizabeth. The forerunner of Jesus; put to death by Herod Antipas at the instigation of the wicked Herodias.

Jo'-seph. The husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Ju'-das Is-car-i'-ot. The one of the Twelve who betrayed his Lord. Always the last mentioned in the lists of the apostles.

Leb-bæ'-us. See Thaddæus.

Matth'-ew. Also called Levi; one of the Twelve, and the writer of the first Gospel.

Na'-a-man the Syr'-i-an. He was healed of leprosy by Elisha (2 Kgs. 5:14); referred to by Christ, Luke 4:27.

Naz'-a-reth. The town in Galilee where Joseph and Mary lived, and the home of Jesus during his childhood and until He was about thirty years of age.

Pe'-ter. Full name, Simon Peter, Greek for Cephas, meaning "a rock", the name bestowed by Jesus on Simon at His first calling, John 1:42.

Phil'-ip. 1. One of the Twelve. 2. Herod Philip, half-brother of Herod Antipas. 3. Half-brother of Herod Antipas, above mentioned, husband of Herodias, Mark 14:3.

Sa-mar'-i-tans. Inhabitants of Samaria, a mixed and semi-heathen race originating from the admixture from the Assyrian colonists there after the Israelites were captured (2 Kgs. 17:24); held in contempt of the Jews.

Sa-rep'-ta. Or Zarephath, a town on the seashore about eight miles south of Sidon.

Sa'-tan. Meaning "Adversary"; the devil.

Si'-don. An ancient city of the Canaanites on the sea coast about twenty-two miles north of Tyre.

Si'-mon. 1. PETER. 2. THE PHARISEE, in whose house the woman of the street anointed the feet of our Lord. 3. THE CANAANITE, one of the apostles.

Sod'-om. One of the cities of the Plain destroyed by fire from heaven, Gen. 10:19.

Thad-dæ'-us. A surname of the apostle Jude, who was also called LEB-BÆ'-US.

Thom'-as. Called also in Greek, "Didymus" (John 20:24), "a twin"; one of the twelve apostles.

Tyre. An important commercial seaport of Phœnicia of great antiquity, and at one time of immense wealth.