

was given up to Turkish rule by European intervention, and thus remains, with the rest of these fair lands, cursed with the most wretched travesty of government that ever arrogated to itself the name of civilization.

Twenty-seven times has this famous city been besieged, and at least eight times has it been rebuilt. It is now, consequently, in a very literal sense, heaps upon heaps, one city built upon the remains of another, until you have to go down from sixty to one



JEW AT WORSHIP—WEARING THE PHYLACTERY AND SHAWL.

hundred and thirty feet through the accumulated *debris*, to find the early city of which the Old Testament records speak.

Modern Jerusalem occupies a comparatively small space, its area being about two hundred acres, and the circumference of its walls some two and a quarter miles. It is, indeed, disappointingly small, until one remembers that the ancient city covered a vastly larger area, and stretched away beyond the present walls into what is now the open field to the west. The walls are some thirty-five feet high, battlemented on the top, and far more massive in appearance than in reality. They have thirty-four towers and are