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

A-bi'-a-thar. High Priest in David's time.

A'-bra-ham. Meaning "Exalted Father", the greatest ancestor of the Jewish race.

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

An'-drew. An apostle, brother of Peter.

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

Christ. "The Anointed One", the official title of our Lord, corresponding to the Hebrew, "Messiah." It is so constantly added to "Jesus", the Saviour's personal designation, as virtually to form part of His name.

Da'-vid. The youngest son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, second king of Israel and ancestor of our Saviour.

E-li'-as. Elijah ; one of the earliest and greatest of the prophets.

Gal'-i-lee. The most northerly of the three provinces into which the Romans divided Palestine. It was the chief scene of the ministry of Jesus. The lake of the same name is fed by the Jordan, and is called a sea because of its extent.

Gen'-tiles. All nations of the world other than the Jews.

He-ro'-di-ans. Adherents of the Herods who owed all the power they possessed to the Roman Government. They, therefore, hated the thought of a Jewish Messiah. "They vied with the Sadducees in scepticism and with the Greeks in licentiousness, pandered to the vice and cruelty of the Romans, and truckled to the Herods."

I-du-mæ'-a. District at the south of Judea and of the Dead Sea ; same as Edom, the country of Esau.

Ja'-cob. Younger son of Isaac and Rebekah.

James and John. Brothers, sons of Zebedee. Became apostles.

Je-ru'-sa-lem. The capital of Judea and the sacred city of the Jews.

Jes'-se. A Bethlehemite and father of King David.

Je'-sus. Meaning "Saviour", the name given to our Lord by direction of the angel to Joseph (Matt. 1 : 21) and to Mary, Luke 1 : 31.

John the Bap'-tist. Son of Zacharias and Elizabeth, cousin and immediate forerunner of Jesus.

Jor'-dan. The most important river in Palestine, flowing from the Lebanon Mountains in the north to the Dead Sea in the south.

Ju-dæ'-a. The most southerly province of Palestine under the Roman Government. Jerusalem was its capital city.

Ju'-das Is-car'-i-ot. One of the Twelve. He betrayed his Lord.

Laz'-a-rus. The beggar of the Parable, at the rich man's gate. The other Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead, was of Bethany, the brother of Mary and Martha.

Matth'-ew. Also called Levi. One of the Twelve apostles and the writer of the first Gospel. He was a publican or gatherer of the taxes imposed by the Romans. His calling was one held in great contempt by the Jews, and the Pharisees counted publicans unclean.

Mo'-ses. The great lawgiver. He led the children of Israel out of Egypt and through the desert to the borders of Canaan. His name was held in great reverence.

Pe'-ter. Full name, Simon Peter. Peter is the Greek of the Aramaic surname Cephas, meaning a "rock", which Jesus bestowed on Simon, John 1 : 42. He lived with his family at Capernaum, Matt. 8 : 14 ; Luke 4 : 38.

Phar'-i-sees. A Jewish sect who held strictly not only to the law of Moses, but also to the strange and ludicrous interpretations of it given by the scribes and rabbis. The Pharisees were most bitter enemies of Jesus.

Phil'-ip. One of the earliest disciples, and one of the twelve apostles.

Ra'-ca. A word of contempt, meaning, "empty", "worthless."

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

Si'-mon. (1) Same as Peter. (2) The PHARISEE in whose house the woman of the street anointed the feet of our Lord. (3) THE CANAANITE, one of the twelve apostles.

Thad-dæ'-us. The surname of Lebbaeus or Judas, one of the twelve apostles.

Thom'-as. One of the twelve apostles, also called Didymus, a Greek name meaning, like the Hebrew Thomas, "a twin."

Tyre. An important commercial sea-port of Phœnicia. It is a place of great antiquity, and at one time was of immense prosperity and wealth.

Zeb'-e-dec. The father of the apostles James and John.

Zi'-on. One of the hills on which the city of Jerusalem is built ; but often used as a name for the whole city.