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SCALES

Natural Scale 1:714,649-478 = 11.278 miles to an Inch

Geographical & Italian Miles 60-1 degree

Roman Miles 75-1 degree

English Statute Miles 69.16-1 degree

Rate of travelling on horseback 3 English Miles per hour

Sites of Battles % Heights in English Feet

Note on the spelling of Arabic names in the Holy Land.

The Orthography followed generally is in accordance with that adopted by D'E. Smith in 'Robinson's Biblical researches' which is the best in use for the spelling of Arabic names as spoken in Syria. The vowels are always short except where marked by a circumflex (ˆ) and are pronounced as in German and Italian. The consonants are almost always pronounced as in English.

Explanation of words of frequent occurrence.

Ard	Plain	Jebel	Mountain	Kislah	Castle
Ain	Fountain	Jisr	Bridge	Mār	Saint
Bat	House	Khan	Inn	Nahr	River
Bir	Well	Kefr	Village	Rās	Cape
Deir	Convent	Kiryeh	Town	Tell	Hill
Wady	Valley or Watercourse, most of these are dry in Summer				

Under Turkish rule Palestine is comprised in the 2 great Governments of Damascus, of the Jordan & Lebanon, and Beirut or Sidon, on the W, which are again divided into Pashalics, named from the principal towns, but as the boundaries of these are very uncertain & frequently changed they cannot be put down on the Map.