

## AROUND THE WORLD

Scenes Surrounding the Holy Places in Jerusalem—  
Dome of the Rock—Garden of Gethsemane.

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The interior of the Dome of the Rock is gloomy and sometimes so dark that one should wait until the eye grows accustomed to it. It has two cloisters, separated by an octagonal course of piers and twelve Corinthian columns, which support the great dome. The thirty-six stained glass windows, which are of a great brilliancy and beauty, date from the fifteenth century. The arches are covered with glass mosaics, over which are inscribed portions of the Koran, as on the outer walls of the building, and these are dated 692 A. D. The dome is 98 feet high and 75 in diameter, and is composed of wood. It was restored by Saladin in 1189 A. D.

The sacred rock is immediately beneath the dome; it is a bare, rugged, uphewn piece of rock about 60 feet long and 45 wide. The rock stands 4 feet 6 1/2 inches above the marble pavement at its highest point, and 1 foot its lowest.

Many legends hang about the rock. Here, according to the Jews, Melchizedek offered sacrifice, Abraham brought his son Isaac as an offering, and the Ark of the Covenant stood. Descending by eleven steps we enter the cave below the rock, which has an average height of 6 feet.

I have seen finer buildings, but none have so many sacred associations as this, which is second only to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. If all else associated with this mosque were removed, that historic rock would afford sufficient interest to call hither earth's pilgrims.

Having devoted considerable space to the great mosque, I shall omit a description of the lesser mosque known as Mosque-el-Aksa; a visit to it should by no means be omitted by the visitor. At this mosque as well as in almost every place hallowed with sacred memories, places are pointed out by the dragoman that are as absurd as impossible, such as the footprints of certain historic characters made in the rock. Irresponsible as well as ignorant dragomans do much harm by perpetuating such child-like vagaries. Guide books are primarily to be blamed for guides, finding such references in guide books, delight to keep such stories afloat, thinking they will please tourists.

Leaving the mosque, I descended by 32 steps to the vaulted chamber where Simon dwelt, and on farther to Solomon's stables, a vast cavern of vaulted and pillared avenues. "Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots," 1 Kings, 4: 26. The Knights Templars used these vaults as stables. The rings to which their horses were tied are still shown. Not a piece of wood can be observed in what is called Solomon's stables, being built and arched over with rock.

Outside the wall of Jerusalem is the valley of Jehosaphat or Kidron, where the Jews and Muslims bury their dead, for they want to be near at hand when the world is judged. "Let the heathen be wakened and come up to the valley of Jehosaphat, for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about," Joel 3: 12. "I will gather all nations and bring them down into the valley of Jehosaphat." A later name for this valley is Kidron. The Mohammedans have borrowed this valley and also regard it as the scene of the last judgment.

Near the garden of Gethsemane a road branches into the valley and passes the tomb of Absalom. This tomb is 19 feet square and 21 high. On account of Absalom's disobedience the Jews, on passing this point, seldom fail to hurl stones at the tomb. The second time I encircled the city, I rode a donkey. A donkey driver always accompanies each person to keep the donkey in the notion of making more than snail time by the copious use of a raw persuader. On reaching Absalom's tomb a stone was hurled into the tomb. I dismounted, (which brought my cap only slightly nearer terra firma) and clambered about the tomb and found the interior nearly full of stones and pebbles thrown thither by irate Jews. The front of the tomb is much worn by centuries of rock hurling.

Behind the tomb of Absalom is the tomb of Jehosaphat. A few yards further down the valley is the grotto of St. James, a grotto containing shaft tombs which I cannot take time to describe. Close by is the pyramid of Zacharias which, like the tomb of Absalom, is hewn in the solid rock. It is 16 feet square and 29 feet high. Here are many rock tombs, beyond which is

the village of Siloah. A monolith at the village entrance bears the inscription, "Tomb of Pharaoh's Daughter."

Between the village and the city wall is St. Mary's well, sometimes called the fountain of the Virgin. Two flights of steps lead down to it, 29 steps in all. In size it is 10x11 feet. Being outside the wall it was concealed to prevent Jerusalem's many enemies from finding it and poisoning the water supply of the city. Hezekiah (2 Kings 20: 20) (2 Chron. 32: 30) cut a subterranean channel from it to the city and was thereby enabled to outwit his assailants who, had they known of this opportunity, might have taken the city. The channel cut by Hezekiah is 1,758 feet in length through solid rock many rods under the surface, reaching the pool of Siloam. This sacred pool is 53x18 feet and 19 feet deep. "He appointed the eyes of the blind man with clay, and said unto him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam; he went his way and washed, and came out seeing.'" John 4: 6-7. The King's Garden was here mentioned by Nehemiah (3: 15) as being "near the pool of Siloah." My donkey was glad to stand tied loose here while I descended into the aqueduct cut by Hezekiah 700 B. C.

The valley of Hinnom lies between Zion and the Hill of Evil Counsel. It was here that children were once sacrificed to Moloch. (Jer. 12: 31.) (2 Kings 23: 10.)

Leaving Jerusalem by the Damascus gate we reach the Tombs of the Kings a short distance to the north. These catacombs hewn from the solid rock have some well preserved circular, such as must have been used at the tomb of Christ, and should be visited if for no other purpose than to observe this one point. Josephus has much to say about these catacombs to whom and to other works on the subject I refer my readers for particulars should they delight in preparing to dream about rock-hewn cities of the dead.

Near the St. Stephen's Gate is the church of St. Anne, founded in the sixth century, rebuilt in the twelfth, turned into a school by Saladin, and presented in 1856 by the sultan to the French emperor, Napoleon III. It is supposed to mark the dwelling place of St. Anne, the mother of the Virgin; and is regarded as the birthplace of the Holy Mother and the burial place of her father, Joachim. Near this place is the pool of Bethesda, called the "Inner Pool." Here it was that the impotent man having "no man, when the water was troubled, to put him into the pool, received those never-to-be-forgotten words from Christ, 'Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.'" John 5: 1-9. Oriental travel will make plain to one the statement, take up thy bed. I am reasonably sure that I can walk up Pike's Peak with all the beds required for the accommodation of half a dozen Orientals.

Near the Damascus gate is the Grotto of Jeremiah, where, tradition claims, he wrote the Book of Lamentations and where he was buried. Just opposite the Grotto of Jeremiah are Solomon's quarries, where the stone used in building the temple was secured. "The house, when it was building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither, so that neither hammer nor axe, nor any tool of iron was heard in the house while it was building." 1 Kings 6: 7.

Shall we visit the Mount of Olives, that elevation sacred to every one who cares for the word of Jesus? Yes, a hundred times yes! Here it is I love to linger. Visiting it day after day, its charm increases its grasp upon me. Mount of Olives, I love you. Here Christ was wont to linger. Here he crossed time and again enroute from Bethany to Jerusalem. In this garden at my feet He shed tears and sweat drops of blood, but the people would not do and he what he yearned to have them do and be. Here was sung that first Christian hymn of devotion, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, peace, glory in the highest!" And as He passed down toward Jerusalem, it is easy to determine to one's satisfaction where He, "when He beheld the city, wept over it." Describing this point Stanley wrote: "Immediately below was the valley of the Kidron, here seen in its greatest depth as it joins the valley of Hinnom, and thus giving full effect to the great peculiarity of Jerusalem seen only on its eastern side, its situation as of a city rising out of a deep abyss."

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