

under fire, at the cost of many British lives for every mile of track down. Today one travels by train in about fifteen hours from Jerusalem to Cairo, the capitol of Egypt. Egypt is much nearer Palestine than is Assyria. Before the Israelite conquest Egyptian influence was very powerful all through Palestine and Syria. The relationship of Palestine to Egypt is another of the important features of the Old Testament.

We have now glanced hastily at the outstanding features of Palestine Proper and noticed its relationship to the neighboring regions. I hope every member of the class will review carefully the work we have gone over at this point as it will be fundamental to the other parts of the course.

Before leaving the general survey of Palestine it would be well to look very briefly at the present situation there. While we are presenting Palestine in this course with a view toward giving an appreciation of the condition of the country as it was in Bible times, nevertheless it is worth while to notice briefly the condition of the country now, since this condition enters strongly into all attempts to study it or to attempt archaeological work there. As you know, Jerusalem was <sup>conquered</sup> ~~conquered~~ by the Romans in 70 A.D. and the principal parts of the city destroyed. During the succeeding years with <sup>several</sup> ~~with~~ their minor rebellions, culminating in a strong revolt from 132 to 135 A.D. When the Jews had been put down and many of them massacred, the city was made into a Roman colony called Aelia Capitolina and a temple of Jupiter was erected on the site of the former Jewish temple. All Jews were prohibited from entering the city under very severe penalties. Groups of Jews lingered on in the country in other places, especially in Galilee, for some centuries, but the conquest of the land by the Mohammedans in the seventh century <sup>marked</sup> ~~marked~~ the end of the Jewish influence. Many of the churches in Palestine were changed into mosques and Palestine continued under Mohammedan control until the end of the last war. About 1,000 A.D. began the period of the Crusades, during which Palestine was crossed and re-crossed by fighting armies, time after time. After the end of the Crusades, the country sank into a very degenerate condition. Within the last 50 years it was <sup>still</sup> ~~was~~ customary to close the gate of Jerusalem every evening and allow no one to enter or leave until morning. The little villages