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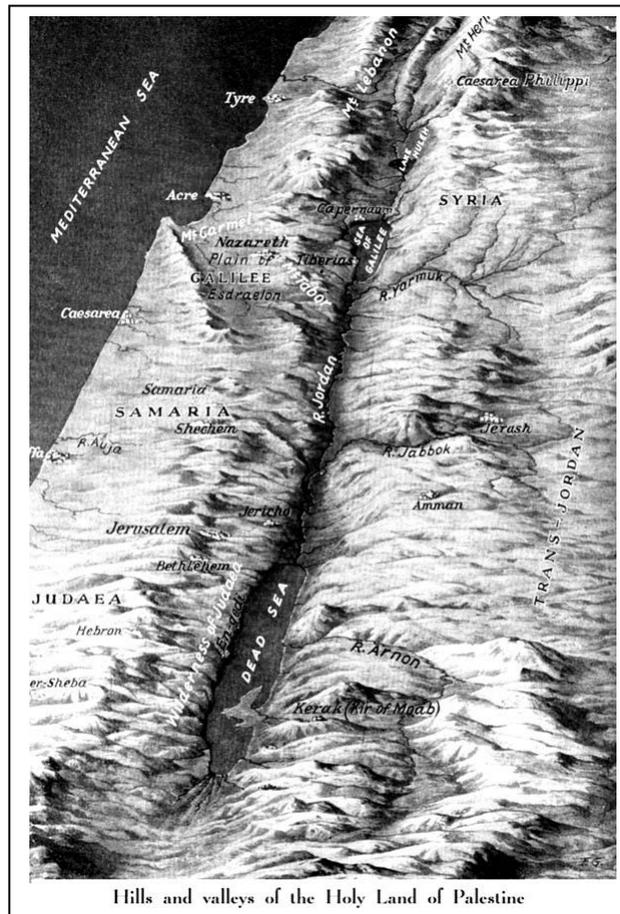
Natural Resources: During the time of Jesus Christ Palestine had access to very few natural resources. This was before the discovery of oil. Though it bordered the Mediterranean Sea Palestine had no ports or harbors. Man-made harbors were eventually constructed.

Description: Palestine is a relative small piece of land. During the 1st century its borders varied. It was not well defined at all. It was approximately 140 miles in length. In the South it was approximately 75 miles wide and in the North approximately 40 miles wide. The total size in area could easily fit into the State of Rhode Island.

Value: Its value was its strategic location. It connected two continents. Therefore, whoever controlled this small area of land possessed a considerable amount of economic power.

Geographical Areas: Palestine is divided into four geographical areas (Trade routes and regions):

- 1) Coastal Plain
- 2) Central Highlands/Mountains
- 3) Jordan Valley
- 4) Trans-Jordan



Hills and valleys of the Holy Land of Palestine