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FOREWORD

IN 1093 Peter the Hermit returned from a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and gave such a pitiful account of the unhappy situation of the Christians in the East that he aroused all Christendom to such a degree that armies were raised and in 1096 started toward the Holy Land.

The wars carried on by the Christian nations of the West from the eleventh to the latter half of the thirteenth century for the conquest of Palestine were called Crusades, from the Portuguese word *cruzado*, that is, "marked with the cross," because the warriors who followed the holy banner wore the sign of the cross.

In 1901 I started for the Holy Land with my ever-faithful camera on my back, my only weapon, simply to journey through the land with a desire to see for myself places mentioned in the Bible, to study ancient customs which still remain, and if possible to understand the significance of many sentences in the Scriptures which were very obscure to me and to those who tried to teach me; in fact, my faith was wavering, I was in doubt, yet one verse in Matthew compelled me to go: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

I went, I asked, I knocked: I doubt no longer, now I know. The journey on horseback through the Holy Land was a revelation to me; may my description of it be a help to many.

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