

# GLOSSARY: PLACES

**Abila.** Northernmost of the **Decapolis** archaeological sites in **Jordan**.

**Acco.** City in **Israel**, north of **Haifa**. Ancient Mediterranean port called Ptolemais during the period when the **Ptolemy**s occupied **Palestine**. Called **Acre** by **Crusaders**. An archaeological site as well as a modern town. Pop. 46,000.

**Acre.** See **Acco**.

**Aden.** Arabian Sea port in **Yemen**, Pop. 510,00.

**Aelia Capitolina.** Roman name for **Jerusalem** after 135 **BCE**.

**Afghanistan.** Islamic country bordered on the east by **Pakistan**, on the west by **Iran**, and on the north by Uzbekistan. Its recent former rulers, the **Taliban** (ousted by Coalition troops in 2002), gave shelter to **Osama Bin Laden** (See **Bin Laden, Osama**) and his **Al Qaeda** training camps. Afghanistan is now attempting to establish a democratic government in its capital of Kabul, representative of its many different ethnic groups. Pop. 28.7 mil.

**Al-Aqsa Mosque.** See **Terms: Al-Aqsa Mosque**.

**Alexandria.** City in western part of **Egypt**'s Nile delta, founded by **Alexander the Great**. Pop. 4.3 million.

**Al-Haram al-Sharif.** See **Haram al-Sharif**.

**Amman.** Capital of **Jordan**, located in the central west portion of the country. Called **Philadelphia** in Graeco-Roman times. Pop. 4.3 million. **Ammon.** Ancient kingdom east of the **Jordan River** within the plateau area known as **Moab**. Known in the **Old Testament** as **Rabboth Ammon**. Site of present-day **Amman**.

**Anatolia.** Name for the area included within the **Anatolian Peninsula**.

**Anatolian Peninsula.** Westernmost peninsula of **Asia**, bordered by the Black, Ionian, and Mediterranean Seas. Also known as **Asia Minor**. Occupied by the modern country of **Turkey**.

**Antioch (Antakya).** City in southeastern **Turkey** on Syrian border. Roman administrative city and early Christian center. Pop. 156,000.

**Aqaba.** **Jordan** port city located on the **Gulf of Aqaba**. Pop. 96,000.