



177. Nabi Musa caravanserai in the Judean Desert, 20 kilometers east of Jerusalem on the Jerusalem- Jericho highway. According to Muslim tradition, the building with the profusion of domes is the site of Moses' grave. A Muslim cemetery is situated next to the holy place. The Dead Sea and the mountains of Moab are visible in the distance.



178. Hisham's Palace, built in the early 8th century CE to serve as the winter residence of the Umayyad caliph Hisham and the fortress of Jericho. The palace was destroyed in an earthquake in 747 CE and was apparently never inhabited.



179. Rujm el Hiri ("Wheel of the Giants") on the Golan Heights, 20 kilometers east of the outlet of the Jordan River into the Sea of Galilee. The structure is composed of four walls forming precise concentric circles, the outermost circle 156 meters in diameter. The structure apparently dates from the 3rd century BCE. Some believe it was an ancient astronomical observatory or a devotional center.



180. A winter view of snowy Mt. Hermon, northern Israel facing south.



