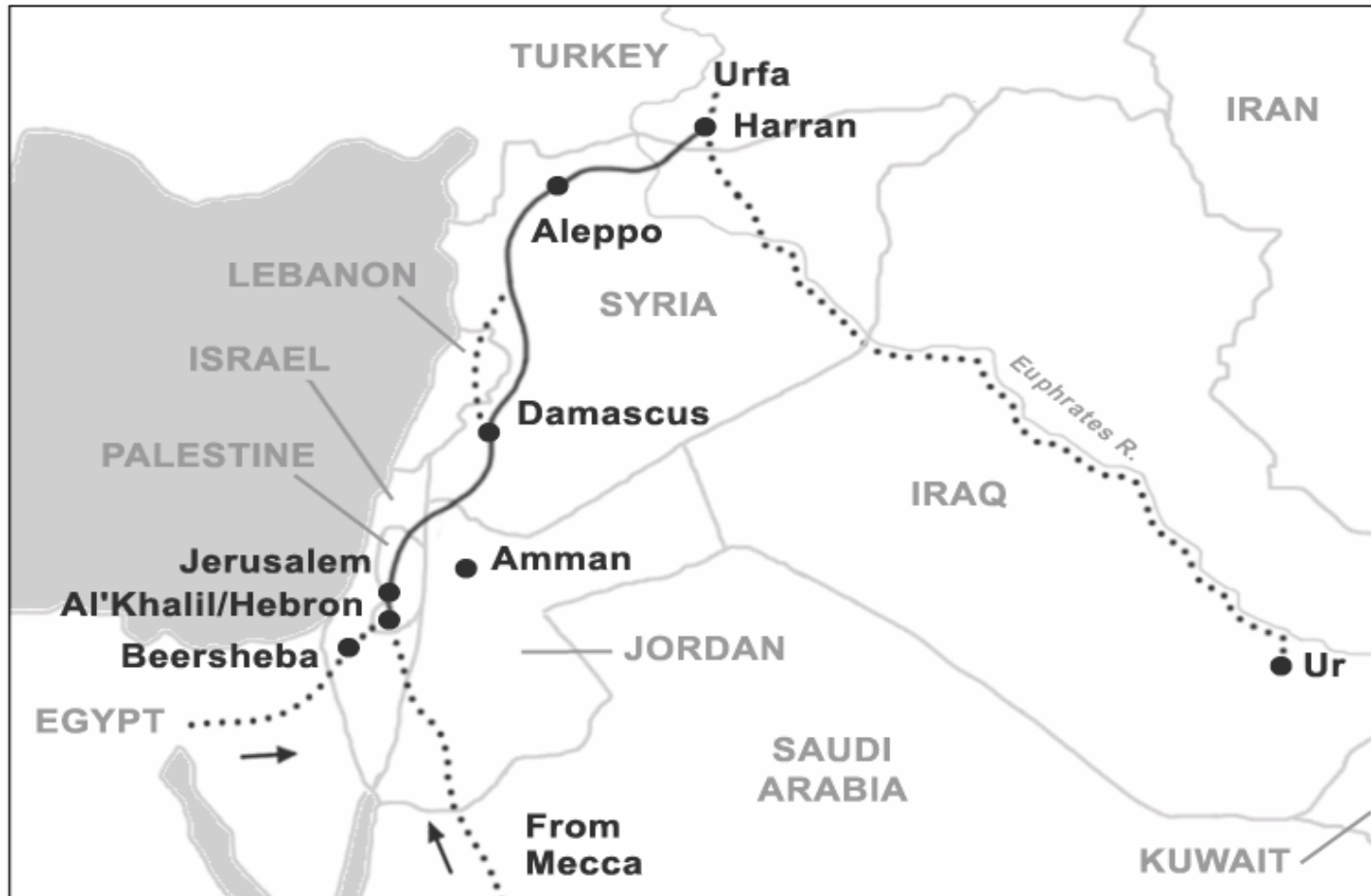


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Urfa



The Reflecting Pools and the Abraham mosque in Urfa. These pools and the carp which swim here are among the most remarkable survivals of ancient Mesopotamian religion. They have been held sacred by people of all faiths from the time of Abraham down to the present day.

Harran



The ruins of ancient Harran, where Abraham first heard the call of God to leave his father's house and "go forth." In the foreground is the 12th century Aleppo Gate, the beginning of the ancient route towards Syria and the starting point of the Abraham Path.

Activity in Harran



The people of Harran, a town which once thrived on the Silk Road, poised between East and West, between the great empires of Persia and Rome. Even today Harran is a meeting place of Turkish and Arab cultures.

Euphrates River



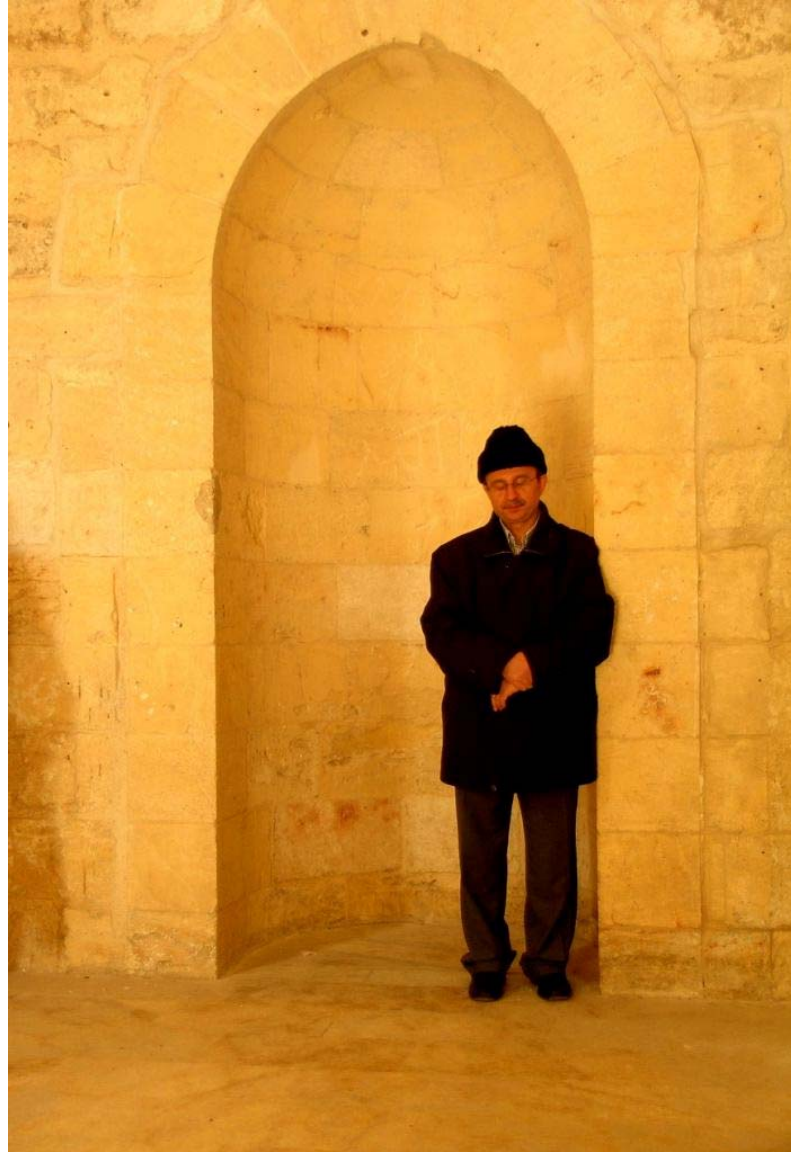
The mighty Euphrates river – the lifeblood for many people from Turkey, Syria, and Iraq – as seen near the border of Turkey and Syria

The Citadel in Aleppo



The delegation was welcomed in Syria as religious tourists. This is the view from Aleppo's ancient citadel, which contains an ancient mosque dedicated to Abraham

Prayers in Aleppo



Prayers at the ancient mosque of Abraham, within Aleppo's citadel

The Dead Cities



A view of the Dead Cities and surrounding countryside in Syria

Umayyad Mosque in Damascus



In the heart of Damascus is the famous Umayyad Mosque, one of the glories of Islamic architecture. In 708 Ummayyad Caliph Al-Walid built the Great Mosque in its present shape. For half a century Moslems and Christians shared this building as a place of worship.

Deir Mar Musa Monastery



The stunning Syrian monastery of St. Moses the Abyssinian, hidden in the mountains north of Damascus. The community here is dedicated to Abrahamic hospitality and has become a centre of interfaith dialogue in Syria.

Amman Consultative Meeting



The consultative meeting in Amman, Jordan. Similar meetings were held in cities along the route. From right to left are: Ms. Lilian Peters (a consultant to the API), Senator Akel Biltaji, Mr. Elias Amidon (A member of the API Steering Committee), Dr. William Ury (The Chairperson of the API Steering Committee), Hasan Abu Nimah, Director, Royal Institute for Interfaith Studies, and Dr. Martha Gilliland (The Director for Strategic Advancement and Partnership for the API).

Jerusalem



Looking across to the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem

Bethlehem



The delegation visits Nativity Square. The consultative meeting was held in the Bethlehem Peace Center on one side of the square.

Hebron/Al Khalil



The tomb of Abraham in the Cave of the Patriarchs or the Sanctuary of Abraham, a place holy to Jews, Christians, and Muslims. The traditions of all faiths hold this to be the burial place of Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Leah

Members of the Delegation

