

LOT'S WIFE.

IRENÆUS believed Lot's wife to be still visible in his own days near the Dead Sea, "still showing her feminine nature" and apparently not quite a stone. Antoninus Martyr in describing his visit to the locality is careful to controvert the idea that the statue had been diminished by being licked by animals. It must have been to some stone or rock (apparently west of the Dead Sea) that these writers refer. Sir John Maundeville still saw the statue "at the right side" of the Dead Sea. It seems possibly to the peculiar crag now called Kurnet Sahsul Hameid, "the peak whence Hameid (an Arab boy) slipped down," that they all refer. It is a crag somewhat like a human figure, jutting out of the cliffs near Kumrân, not far from the Hajr el Asbah.

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EN ROGEL.

It is pretty generally allowed, I believe, that the real site of En Rogel is the present Virgin's Fountain opposite Zohelath, and not, as the Crusaders thought, the Bîr Eyûb, which is too far south, and not a spring at all.

The usual translation of En Rogel is "Fuller's Spring," but "Spring of the Foot" has recently been suggested. I would suggest that both are equally unsatisfactory. In Arabic Rijlah means a water channel (*locus ubi aqua fluit*, Freytag), perhaps derived from *rijl* "foot," because such channels are made with the foot by the peasantry. There is an 'Ain Rujeileh or modern En Rogel near the west margin of Sheet XVIII of the Survey.

If En Rogel mean "Spring of the Channel," and if it be—as can be shown on quite independent considerations—the present Virgin's Fountain, the name is evidently derived from the famous rock-cut channel leading from the back of the cave in which the spring rises.

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AIN TABGHAH.

It seems to have escaped notice that this place is mentioned in the Talmud, which is important, as showing the name to be ancient, and thus perhaps presenting a strong argument against the idea that this spring is the one which Josephus intends in speaking of the Fountain of Capharnaum.

The site, as is well known, is between Tell Hûm and Minieh, and fine springs are here dammed up in a reservoir, while several curious round