

Revisions to "The ABC's of Collecting British Mandate Palestine Stamps"
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This slide program was prepared in 1966 by an astute philatelist, Dr. Al Freidberg. It accurately described what was known and published up to that time. We have learned much more during the past 45 years and offer the following revisions:

Slide 1: Quantities printed of no.1 was 1748 sheets, totaling 209,760 stamps, not the 175 sheets and 21,000 stamps shown.

Slide 2: Quantities printed of no. 2 was 419 sheets, for a total of 50,280 stamps, not the totals shown. These lithographed stamps and the following sets were "Royal Cypher" watermarked.

Slide 4 and 5: Correct release date is July 18, 1918 and eleven colors representing eleven denominations. Add; these stamps were printed by Typography and we call them "The Typos".

Slide 7: This first set of overprints is called "Jerusalem One". The two catalogues recommended at the end of the paragraph are no longer available. We recommend the Dorfman catalog and the Bale Palestine catalog.

Slide 8: The last sentence should read as follows: This second Jerusalem overprint is called Jerusalem Two. The first denomination to appear was the 2 milliemes value on 19 Nov, 1920, not three weeks after Jerusalem One was issued. The other milliemes values were issued on December 27, 1920 and the 1, 2 and 5 three piastres values in May and June 1921.

Slide 10: This paragraph describes a method of differentiating Jerusalem. Two stamps from those in Jerusalem Three by measuring distances between the elements of the overprint. On Jerusalem Two the dashes between the Aleph and the Yod are usually

raised above the two letters. In Jerusalem Three, the tops of the dashes are level with the tops of the Aleph and the Yod.

Slide 11: Change the second sentence to read, “The main difference in this overprint is the English “Palestine” is in block letters (without serifs). The earlier overprints done in Jerusalem all had serifs on the English letters. In addition, the color of the 1 piastre value was changed from indigo to bright turquoise blue. This is the last set to use the “Royal Cypher” watermark.

Slide 13: Add to Jerusalem Three issue, “with constant $1 \frac{7}{8}$ mm. between the Hebrew groupings, and the tops of the dashes are level with the tops of the Aleph and Yod”.

Slide 21: Change to “Three values (1m, 2m and 8m) exist imperforate. These are now considered plate proofs *liberated* during Israel’s war for independence. They were printed 2 panes of 100 to a sheet, and gutter pairs of the 8 milliemes value all show a crease in the gutters.

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