

# PART 2 - Holy Land 1882 - 1954

# Parcel Post & Parcel Card Usage

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## OVERVIEW: TYPES OF PARCEL CARDS

Part I described the origins of parcel post services after the creation of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). Part 2 shows examples of various parcel cards from Holy Land between

1882 and 1954. Subsequent parts of the article will discuss parcel rates and will show further examples of documents and mail relating to parcel post service.

## FORERUNNER PERIOD



### Austrian Post

1913- Austrian Levant Parcel Card Jaffa to Brooklyn New York. Franked 19 Piaster 1908 Jubilee issue: 2 x 2Pi + 5P + 10P. All tied by 2 postmarks JAFFA/OESTERREICHISCHE POST 22 7 13, additional strike at left on intact coupon. Parcel of 4.2 Kg, # 138. Insured for 514 Francs (Wertangabe Cinq cents quatorze). 2 different color Valeur Declaree- Deklarierter Wert labels affixed. TRIEST and ST. GALEN/BUCHS BAH NHOF 4 VIII 13 postmarks all on face..



### Italian Post

Parcel card from JERUSALEM to ROME with the handstamped parcel label No-620 (large figures) and imprinted Italian 1 Lire stamp (the rate for a parcel to Italy, weight from 3 to 5kg.). Lightly cancelled GERUSALEMME/UFF. POSTALE ITALIANO; 26 2 09. No arrival postmark. Parcel card without coupon.



### German Post

Parcel card postmarked twice at Jerusalem German Post office on January 28, 1910. 10 para paid to send two parcels numbered 595-596 (each weighting 4.5 kg) to Lucerne, Switzerland. No insured value declared. Counterfoil/coupon intact reflecting the name of Dr. Erlanger as the sender and the date of transmission.



### Turkish Post

May 1918 Parcel Card postmarked at Beni Saab (Tul Karem) and addressed to Damascus with coupon intact.