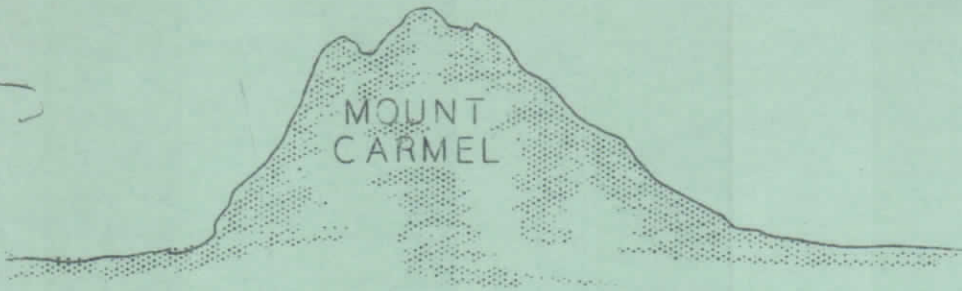


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Mount Carmel sits at the end of the row of hills that goes across the Coastal Plains on its way to the sea. Mount Carmel is not a very high mountain. But it seems to come up suddenly from the sea. There is only a narrow beach left along the shore. The whole ridge of hills is not very high. But the slopes are steep. It is difficult to travel across these mountains.

The slopes of Mount Carmel get quite a bit of rain because the sea is so close. In the early Bible times there was a thick forest of trees that grew on these mountains. These trees were cut down and now there are only scrubby trees. On the north side the dwarf oak and carob trees and brush are higher than a man's head. In the spring the flowers on the hill may be waist high. The south side of Mount Carmel does not have as many trees or flowers.

Travelers going to Egypt usually came from the Sea of Galilee across the valley to Mount Carmel. They went around Mount Carmel on the land side. Then they went down to Egypt along the water's edge. Read more about Mount Carmel on the Research Card -

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