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few and far between; and even the pastures are deserted save by the flocks of a few poor nomads. Notwithstanding the grass, and the flowers, and the beauty of Sharon, it "is like a wilderness." "Its highways lie waste, the wayfaring man...