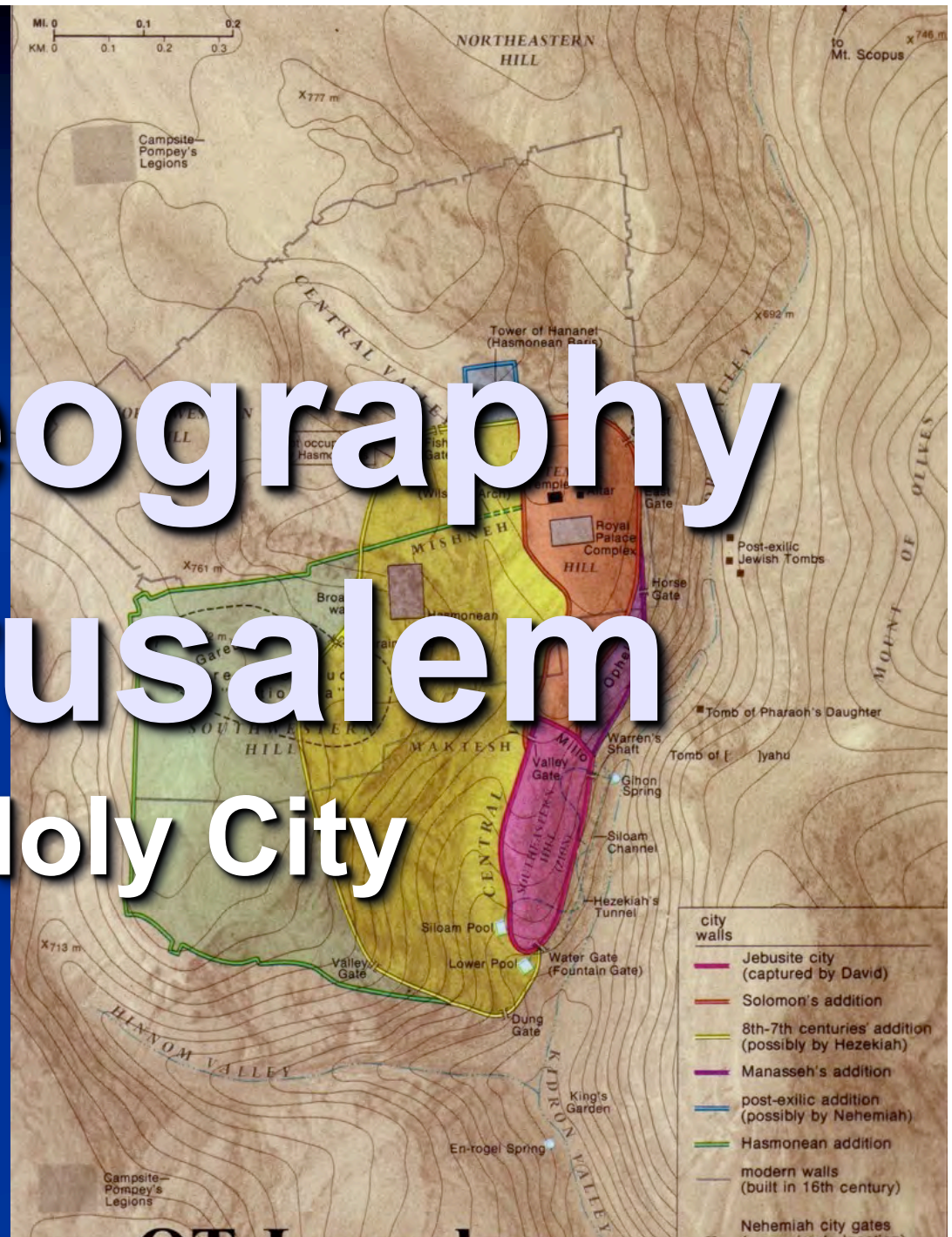


The Geography of Jerusalem

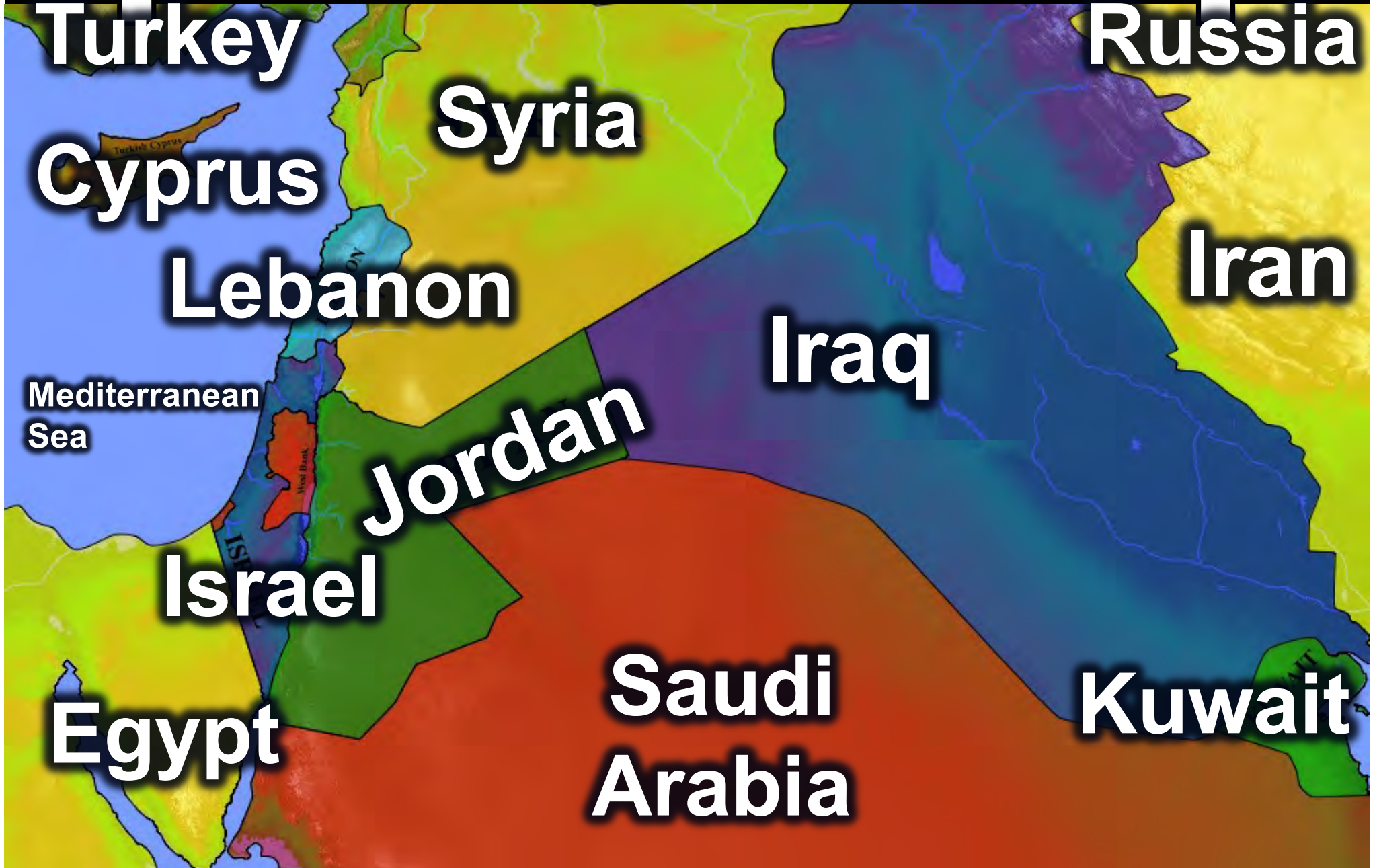
The Holy City



Modern Middle East Nations

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Terry Hall, *Bible Panorama*, 49



Turkey

Russia

Cyprus

Syria

Iran

Lebanon

Iraq

Mediterranean
Sea

Jordan

Israel

Egypt

Saudi
Arabia

Kuwait

The Ancient Near East



Old Testament Trade Routes & Bodies of Water 28



In your small group...

1. Name each of the 9 bodies of water
2. Tell how each got its name

Mesopotamia

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Small Group:
Name the 7 cities

The Ancient Near East

15



Jerusalem is called the “holy city” 11 times in the Bible

OT

Neh. 11:1

Neh. 11:18

Isa. 48:2

Isa. 52:1

Dan. 9:24

NT

Matt. 4:5

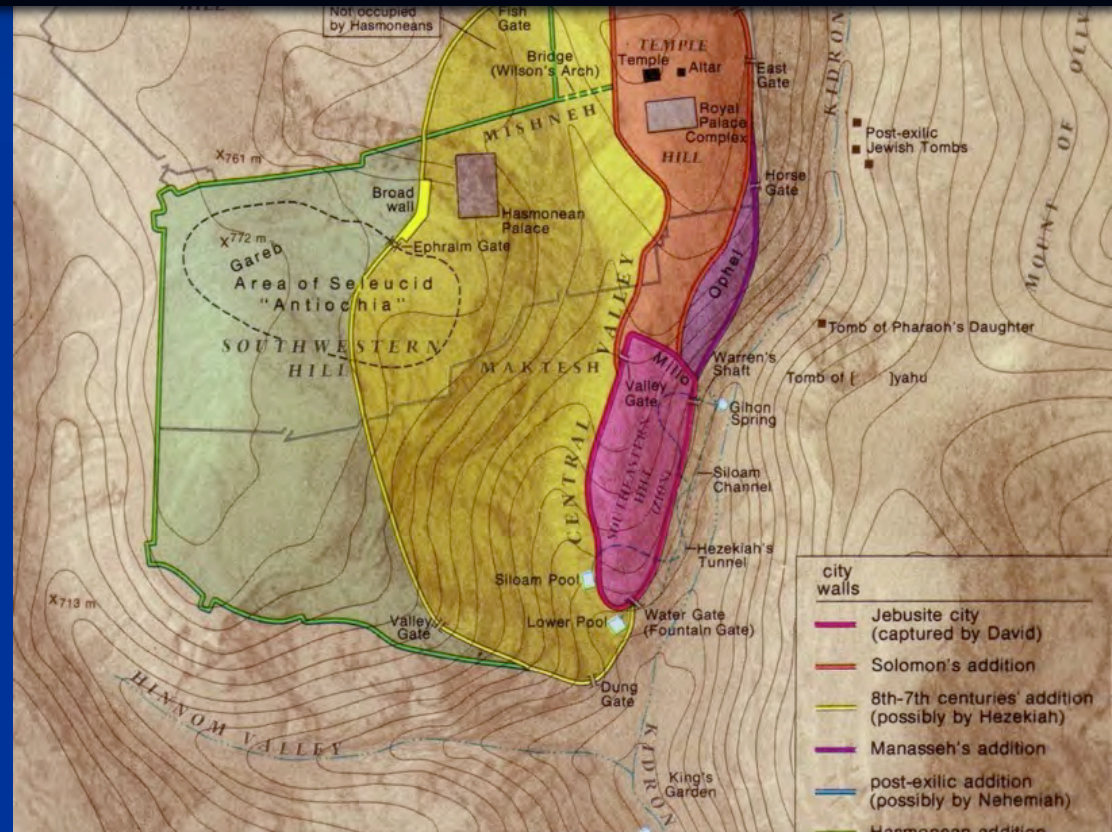
Matt. 27:53

Rev. 11:2

Rev. 21:2*

Rev. 21:10*

Rev. 22:19*



* Refers to the New Jerusalem after the present is destroyed

A Question to Consider...

- Are there “holy things” today?

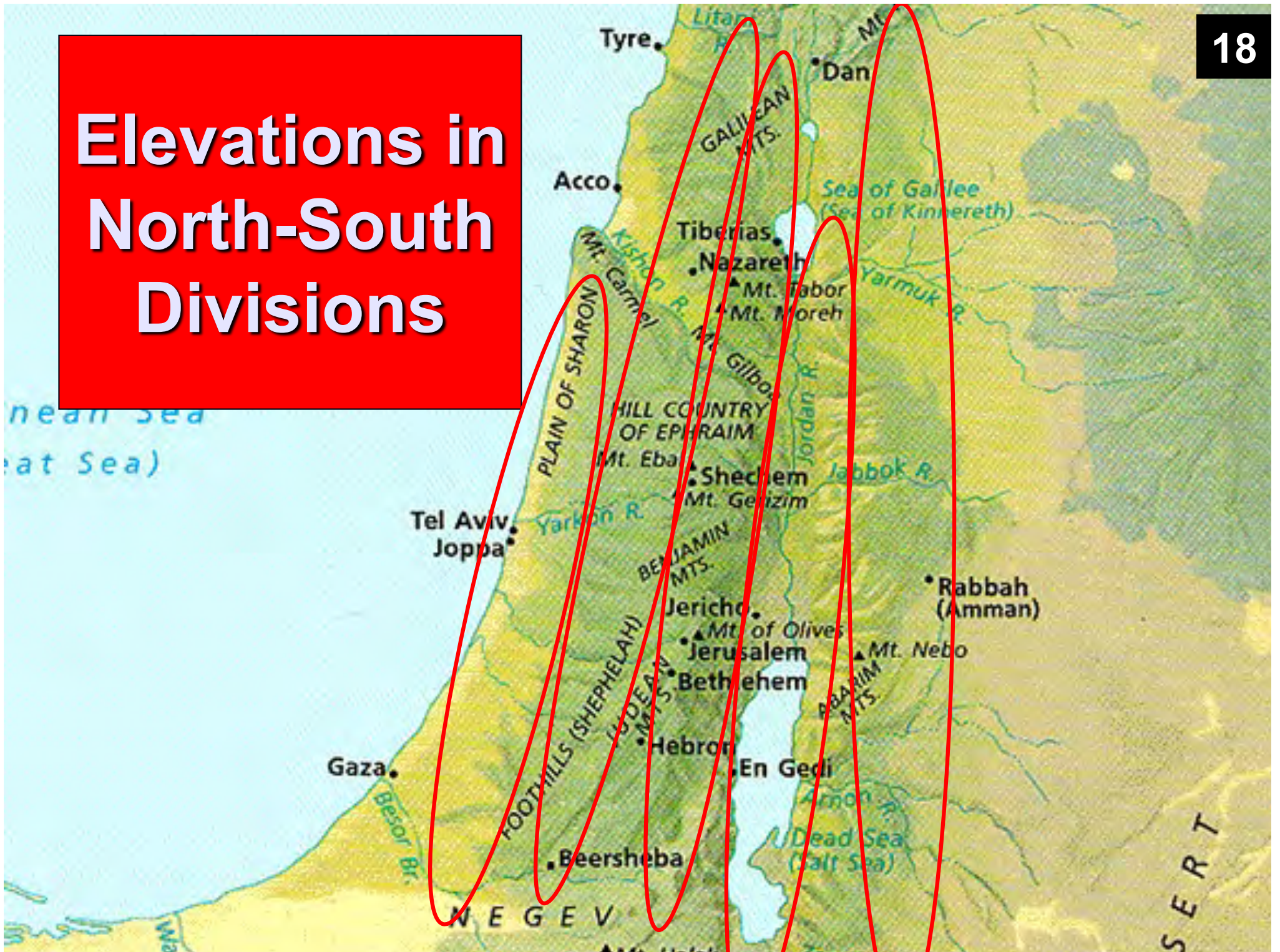
Said differently...

- Is any object actually holy to Christians and to God?
- Is it proper to refer to something as a “sacred” object?
- If so, *which* object is sacred?

The World Today

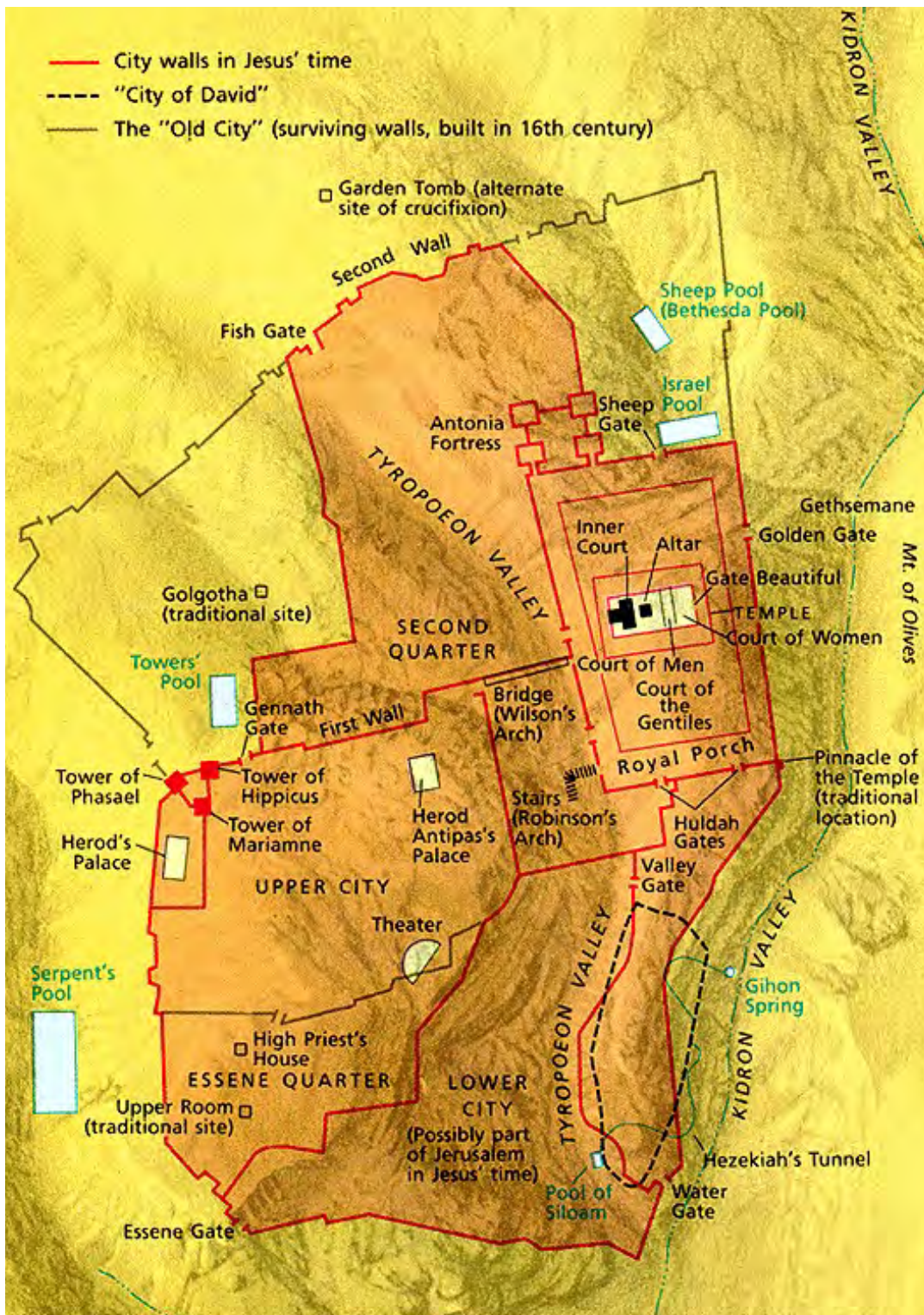


Elevations in North-South Divisions



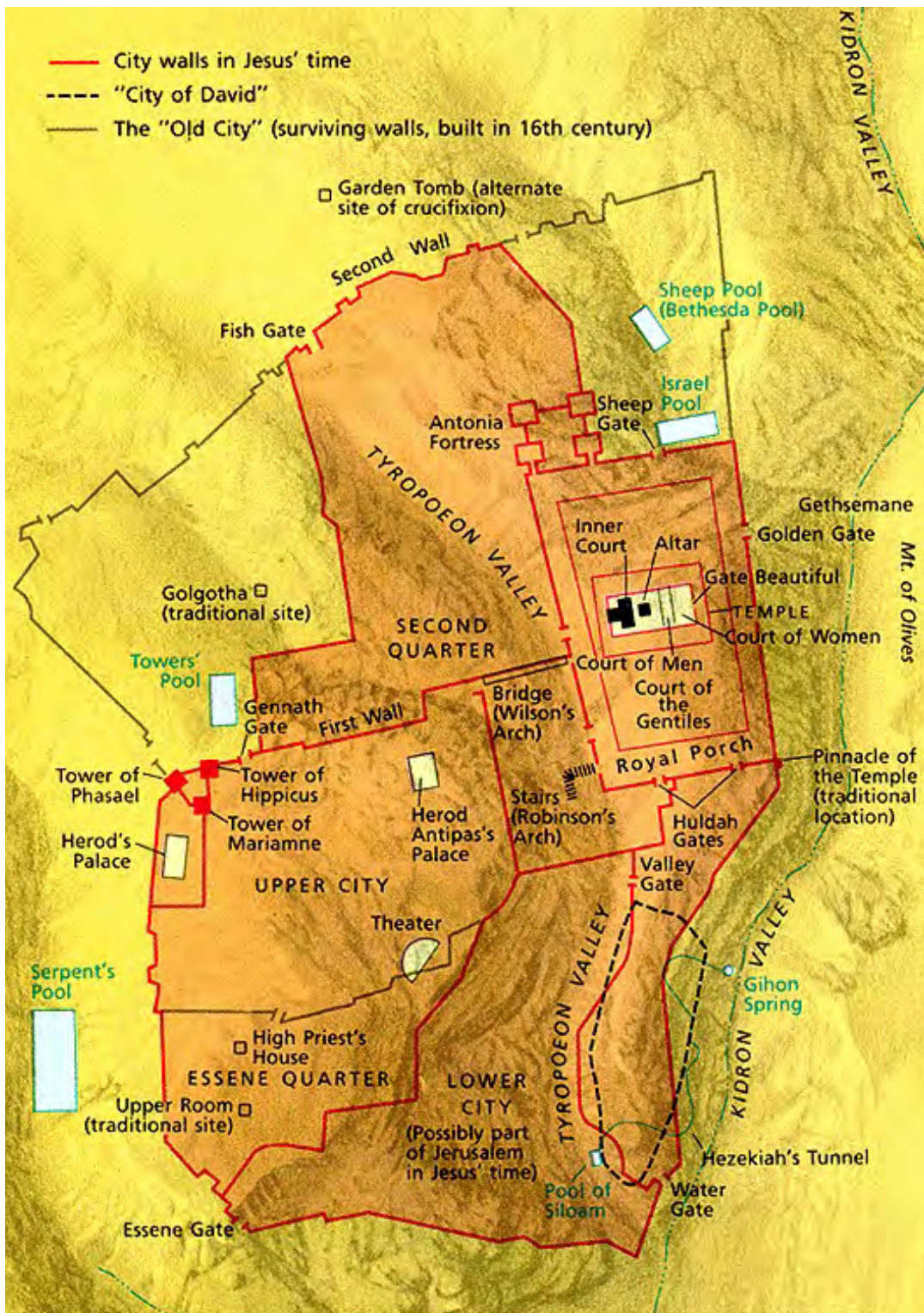
Jerusalem

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- Disadvantages
- Advantages
- Stages
- Significance

•Disadvantages



Left Stage

Travel in
Ancient Israel

Right Stage



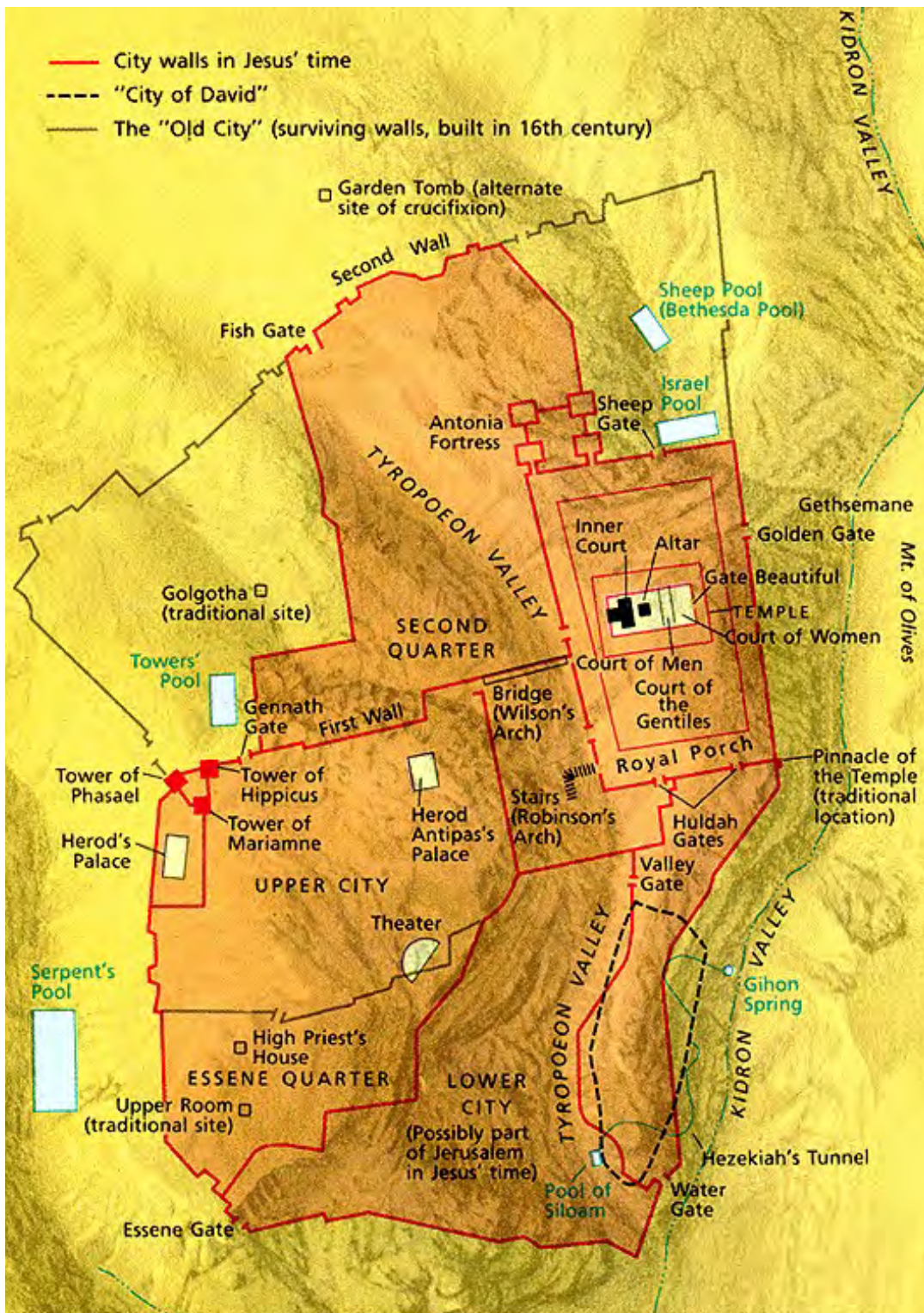
Jerusalem was off the main highways

Great Trunk Road

Central Ridge Road

Kings Highway





- Disadvantages
- Advantages

Israel's Strategic Location

Thought Question:

How has God placed *you* in a strategic place for His purposes?

“Thus says the Lord GOD: This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the center of the nations, with countries round about her”

Ezekiel 5:5

0 100 200 300 mi.
0 100 200 300 400 km.

Division of Canaan

Jerusalem was between Judah and Benjamin but close to the northern tribes



Central Location

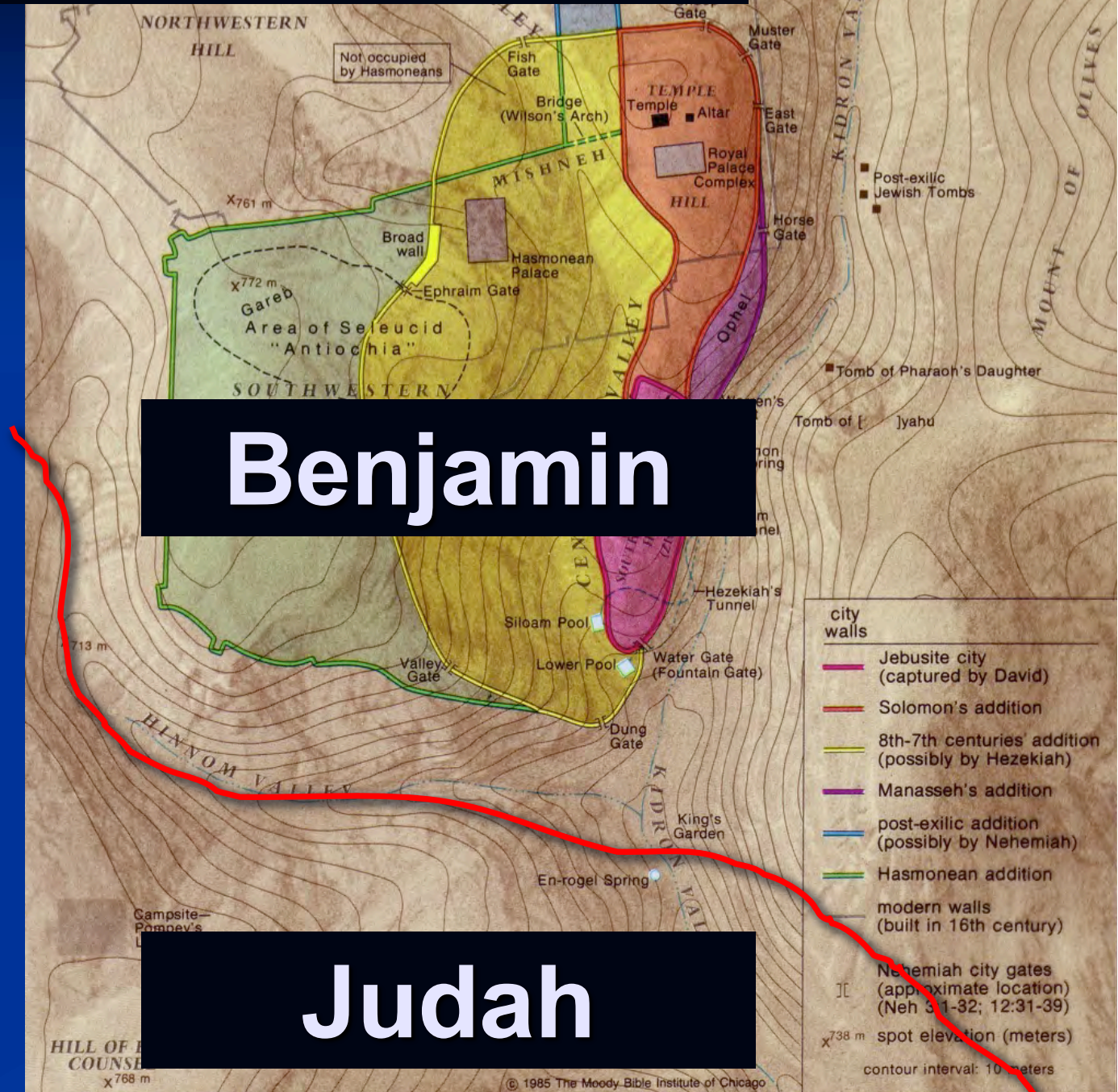
OT Jerusalem was in Benjamin **north** of Judah but close to the northern tribes

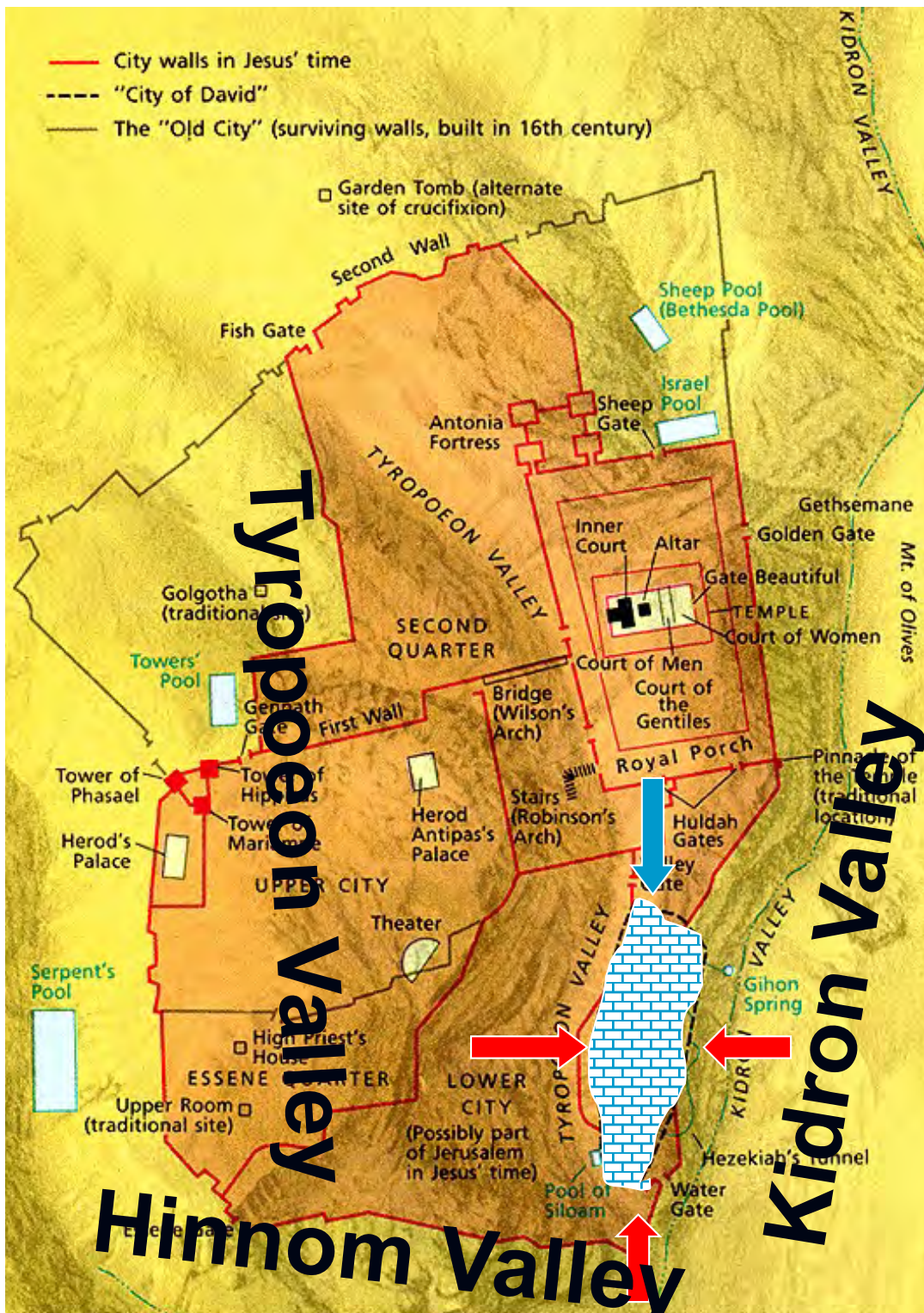


Jerusalem was a Border City

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The OT border between Benjamin and Judah ran just south of the city





- Disadvantages

- Advantages

 - Protective valleys

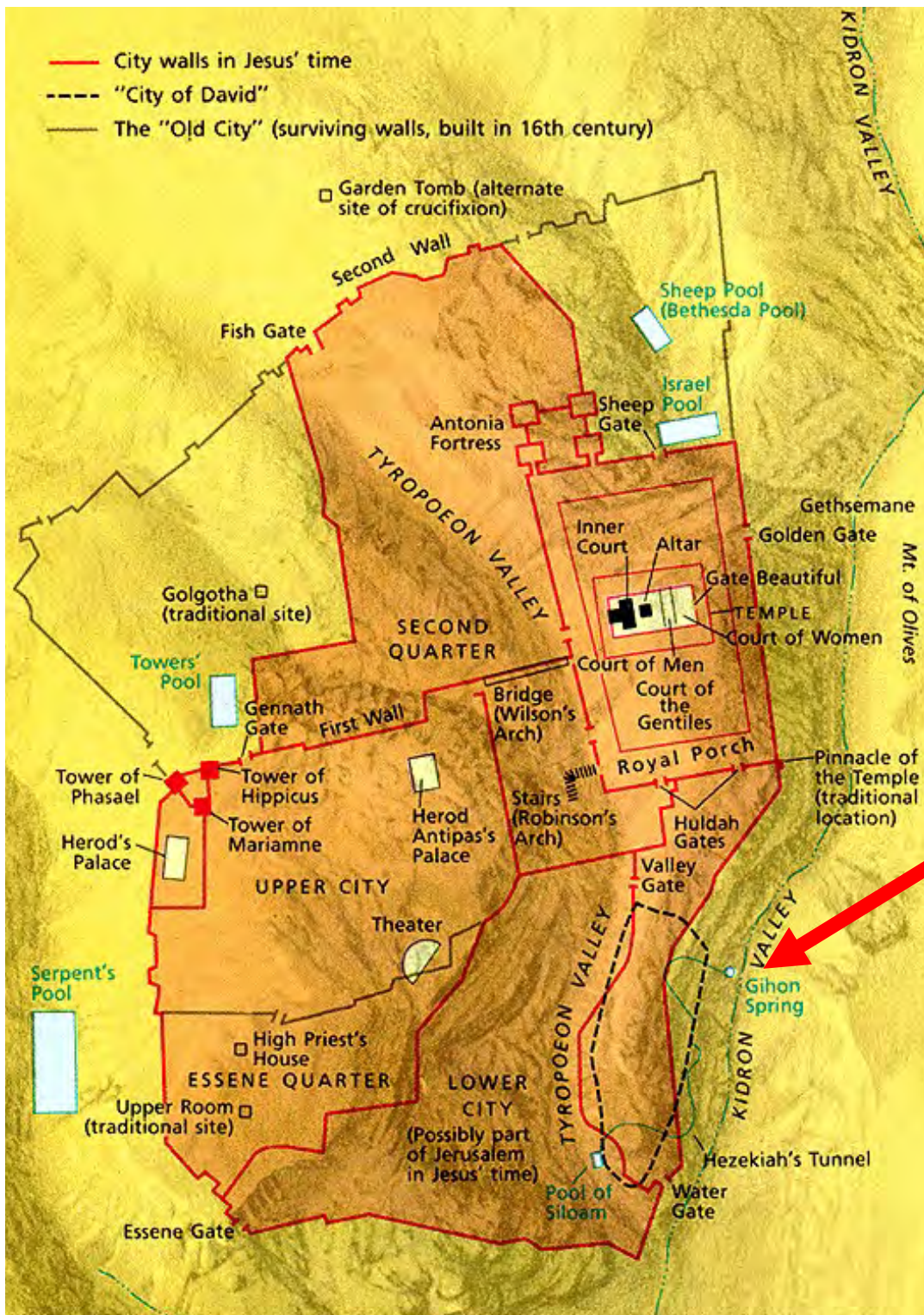
1. Tyropoeon

2. Hinnom

3. Kidron

Jerusalem

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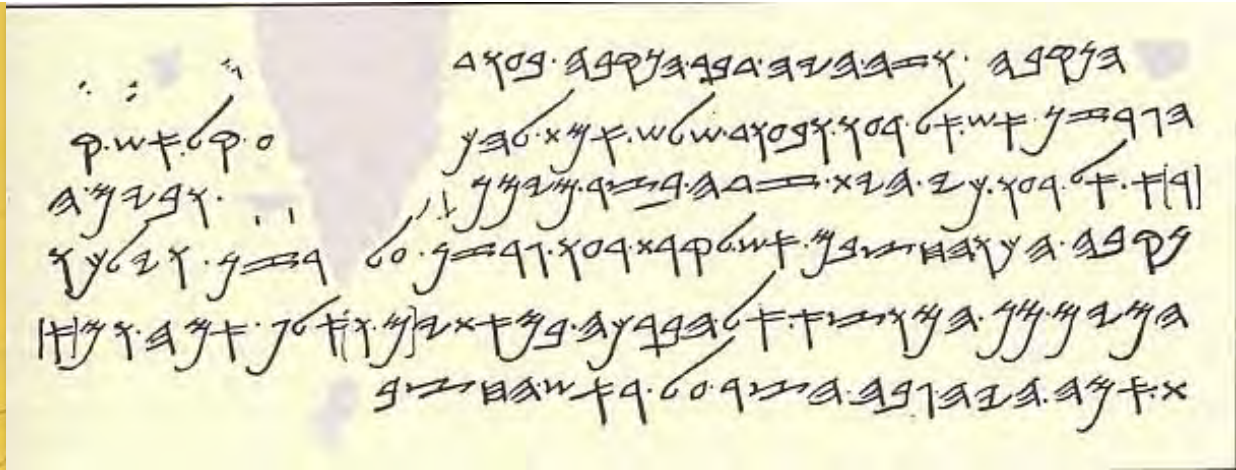
- Disadvantages

- Advantages

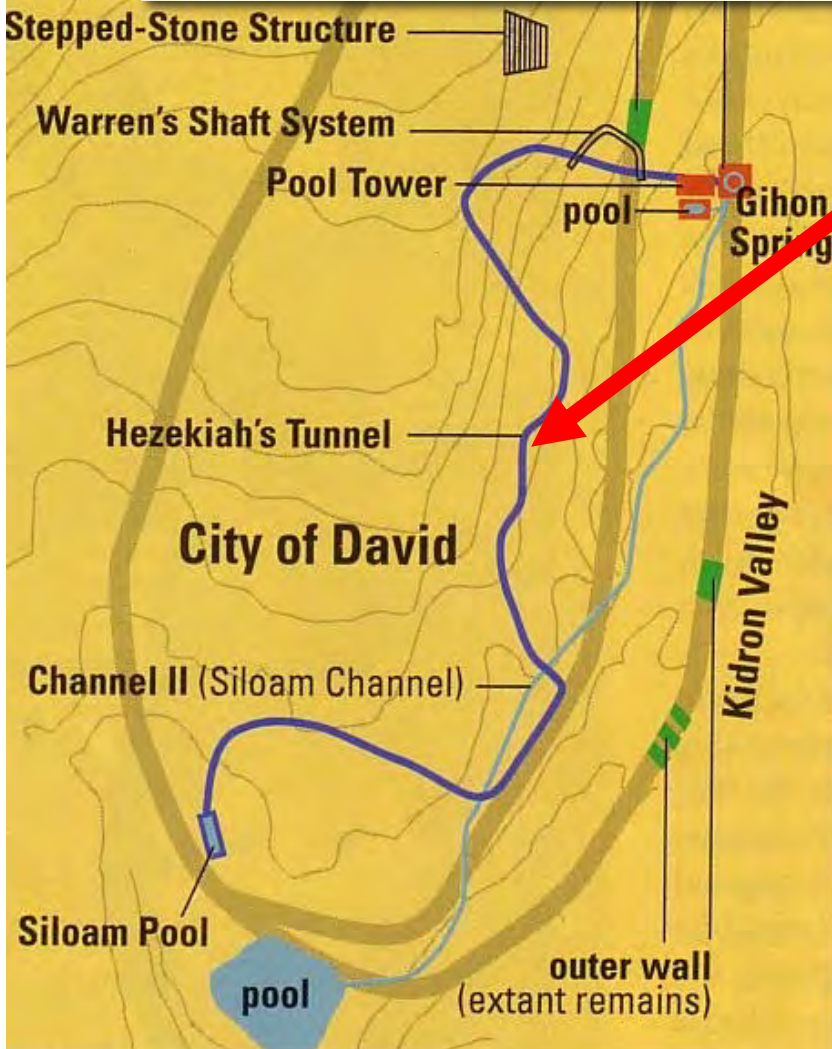
- Protective hills

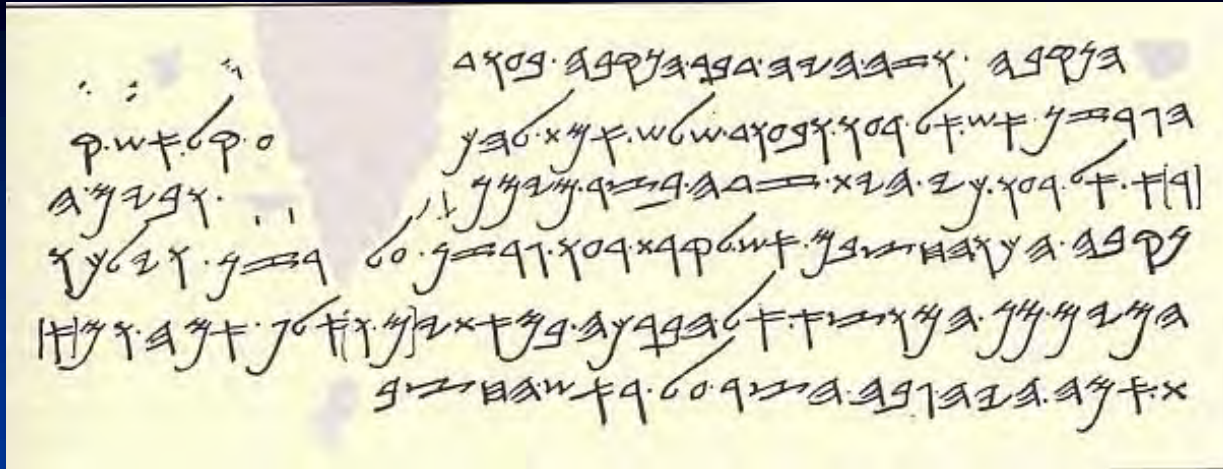
- Water source

Hezekiah's Tunnel



Siloam Inscription



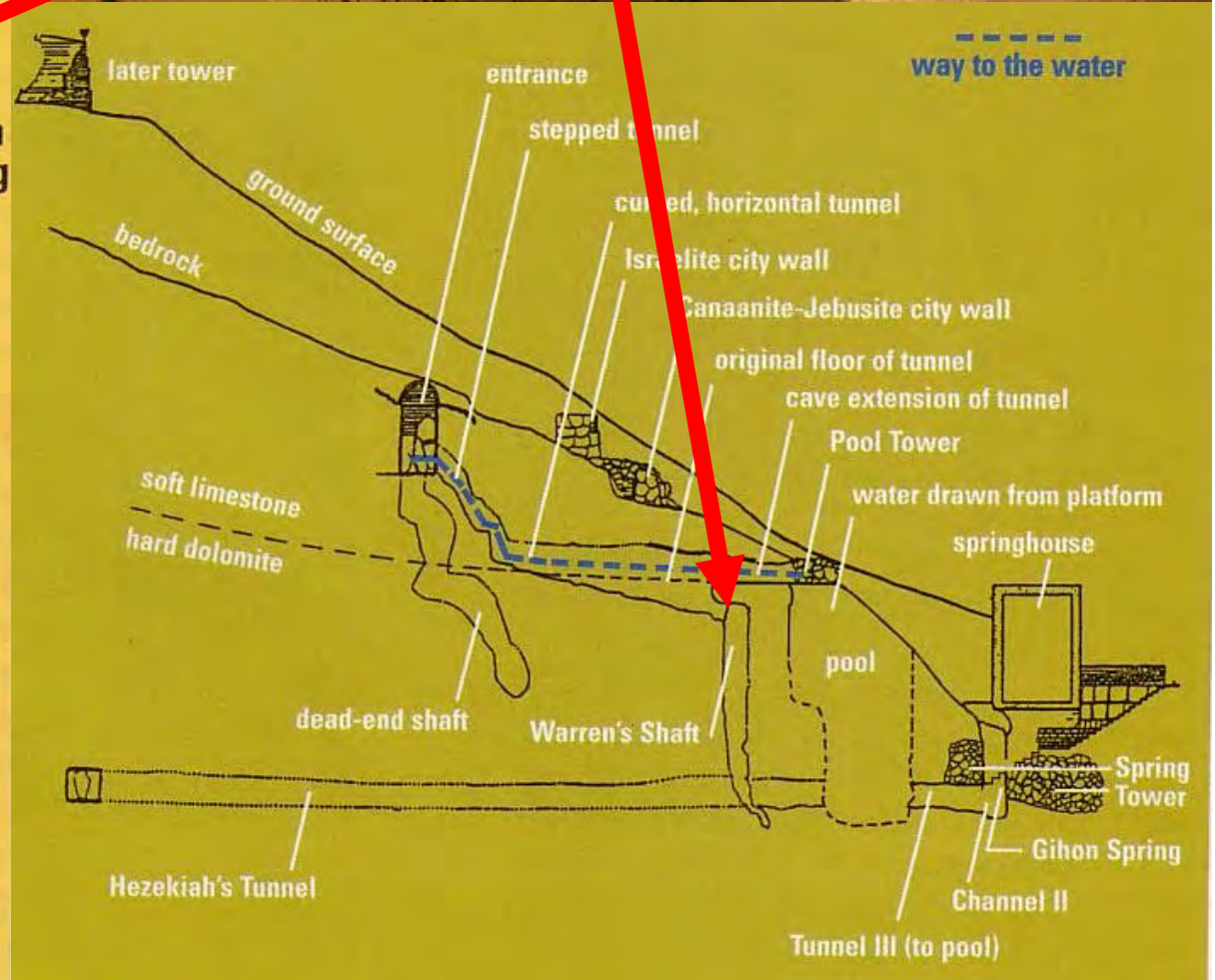
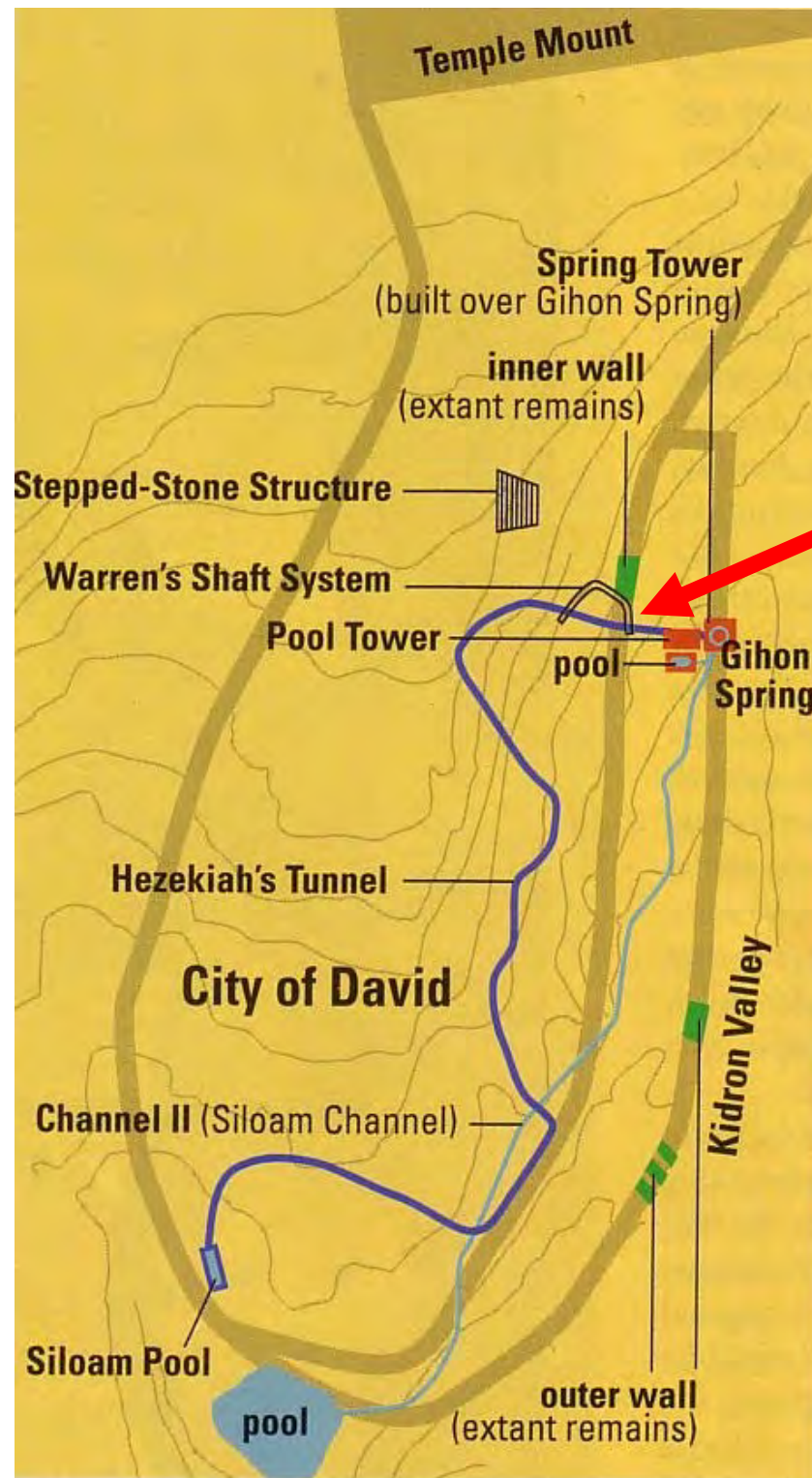


Siloam Inscription

“[...when] (the tunnel) was driven through. And this was the way in which it was cut through: While [...] (were) still [...] axe(s), each man toward his fellow, and while there were still three cubits to be cut through, [there was heard] the voice of a man calling to his fellow, for there was an overlap in the rock on the right [and on the left]. And when the tunnel was driven through, the quarrymen hewed (the rock), each man toward his fellow, axe against axe; and the water flowed from the spring toward the reservoir for 1,200 cubits, and the height of the rock above the head(s) of the quarrymen was 100 cubits.”

31, 34

Warren's Shaft

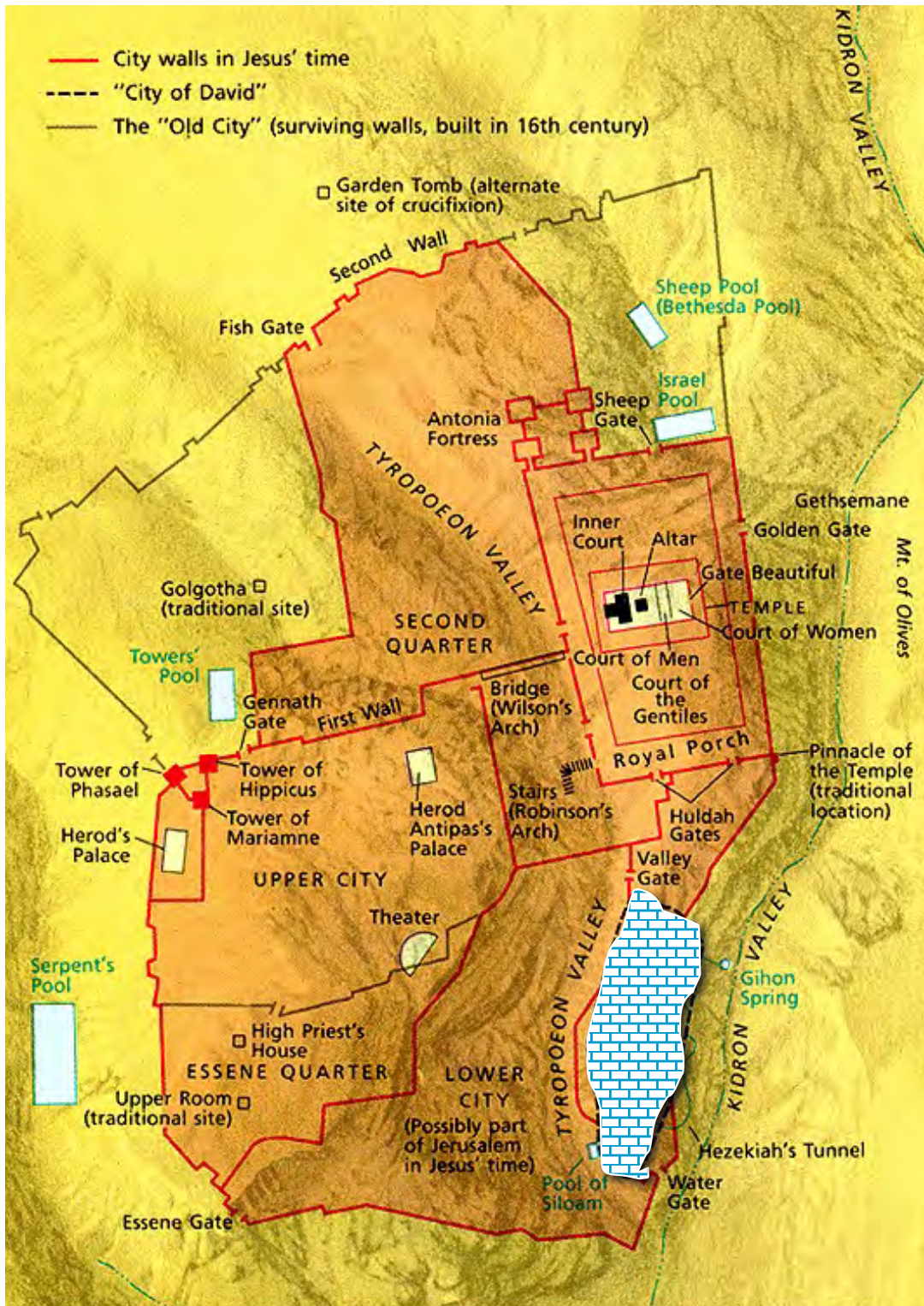


Jerusalem

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- Disadvantages
- Advantages
- Stages

Jebusite (1500 BC)



Model of the City of David (AD 66) (Rebuilt Old Jebusite City)

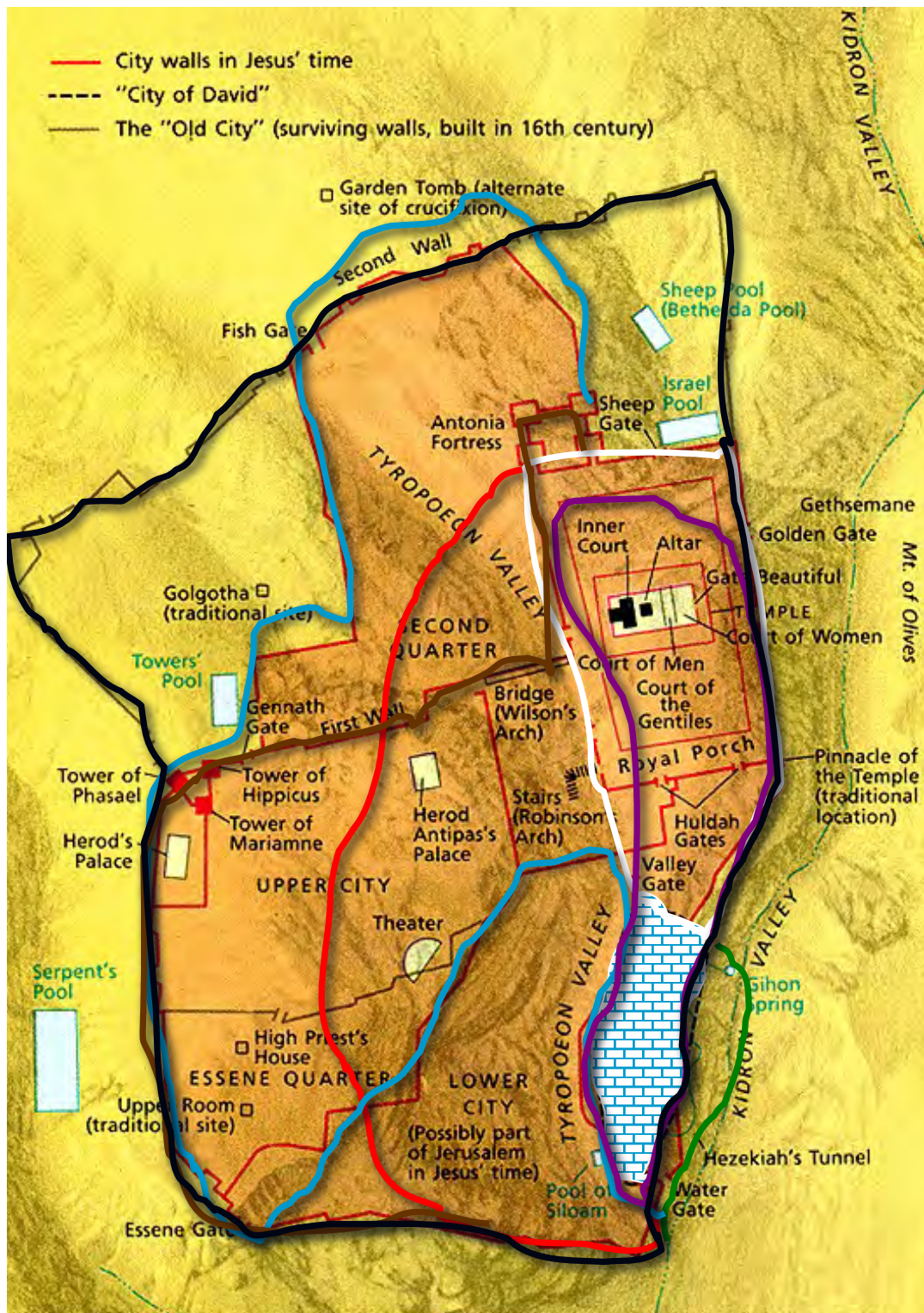


Jerusalem 23

- Disadvantages

- Advantages

- Stages



Jebusite (1500 BC)



Solomon (971 BC)



Hezekiah (700 BC)



Hezekiah (700 BC)

586 BC



Nehemiah (444 BC)



Hasmonean (100 BC)

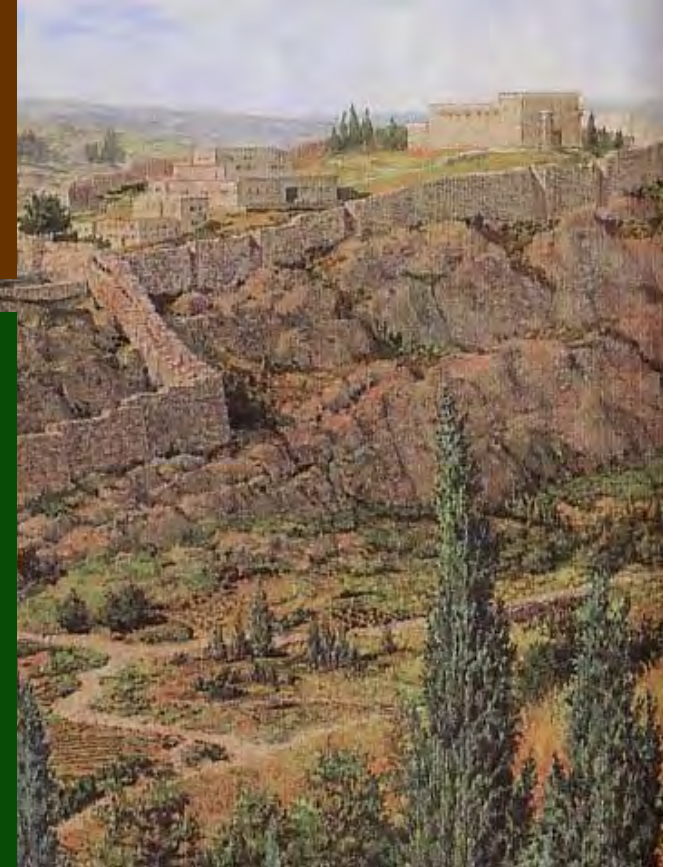


Herod the Great (20 BC)



Modern Walls

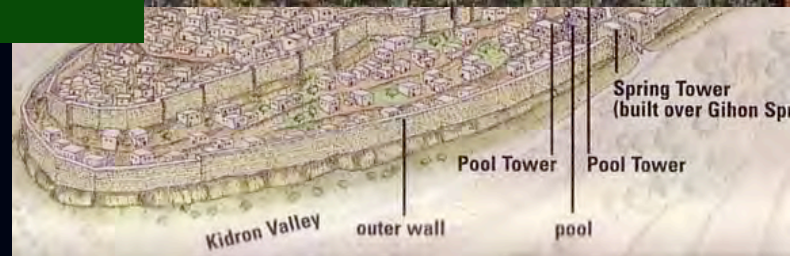
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“Then [Hezekiah] worked hard repairing all the broken sections of the wall and building towers on it. He built **another wall outside** that one and reinforced the supporting terraces of the City of David.
(2 Chron. 32:5)

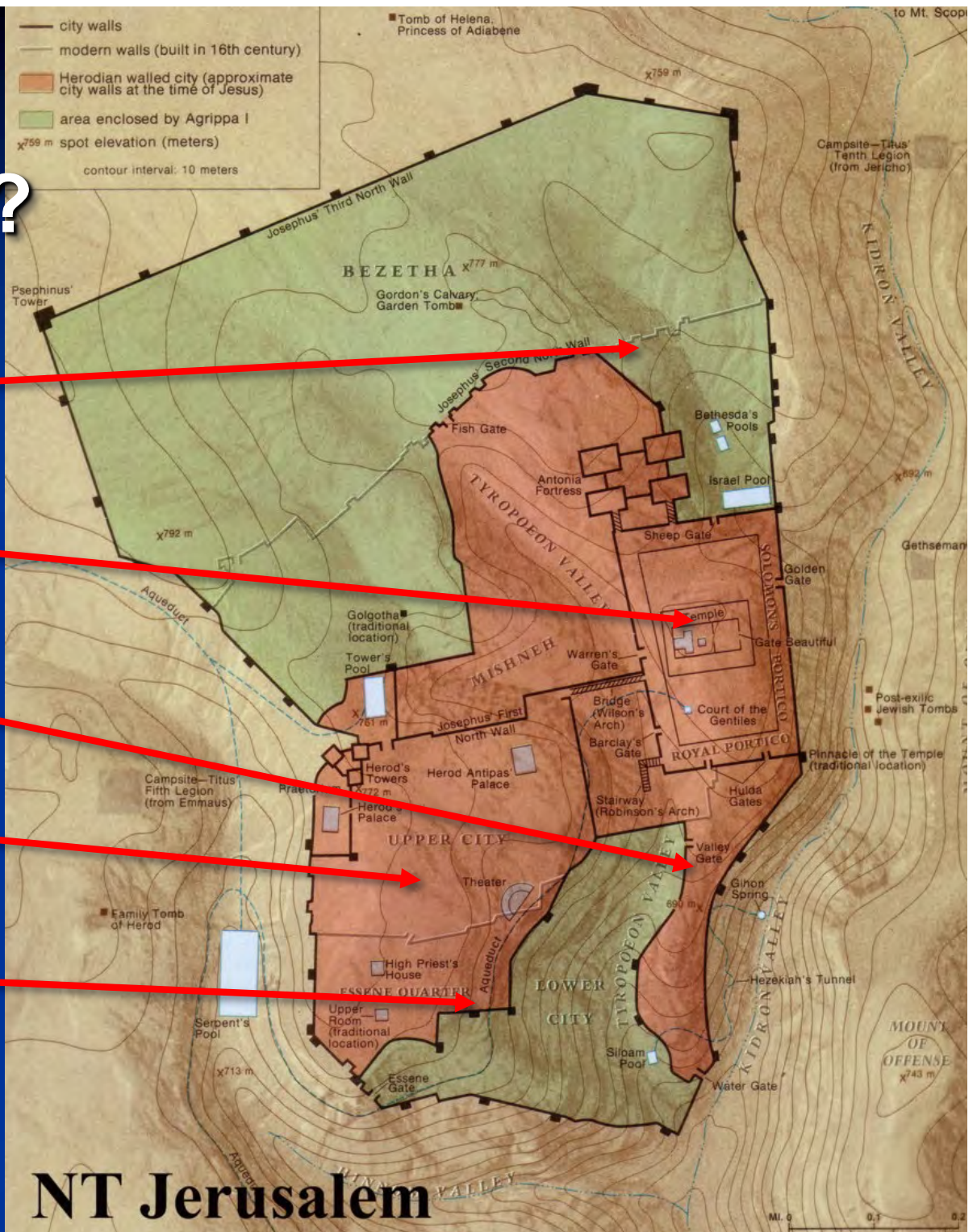
“Afterward [Manasseh] rebuilt the **outer wall** of the City of David, west of the Gihon spring in the valley, as far as the entrance to the Fish Gate and encircling the Ophel; he also made it much higher...
(2 Chron. 33:14)

Eastern City of David

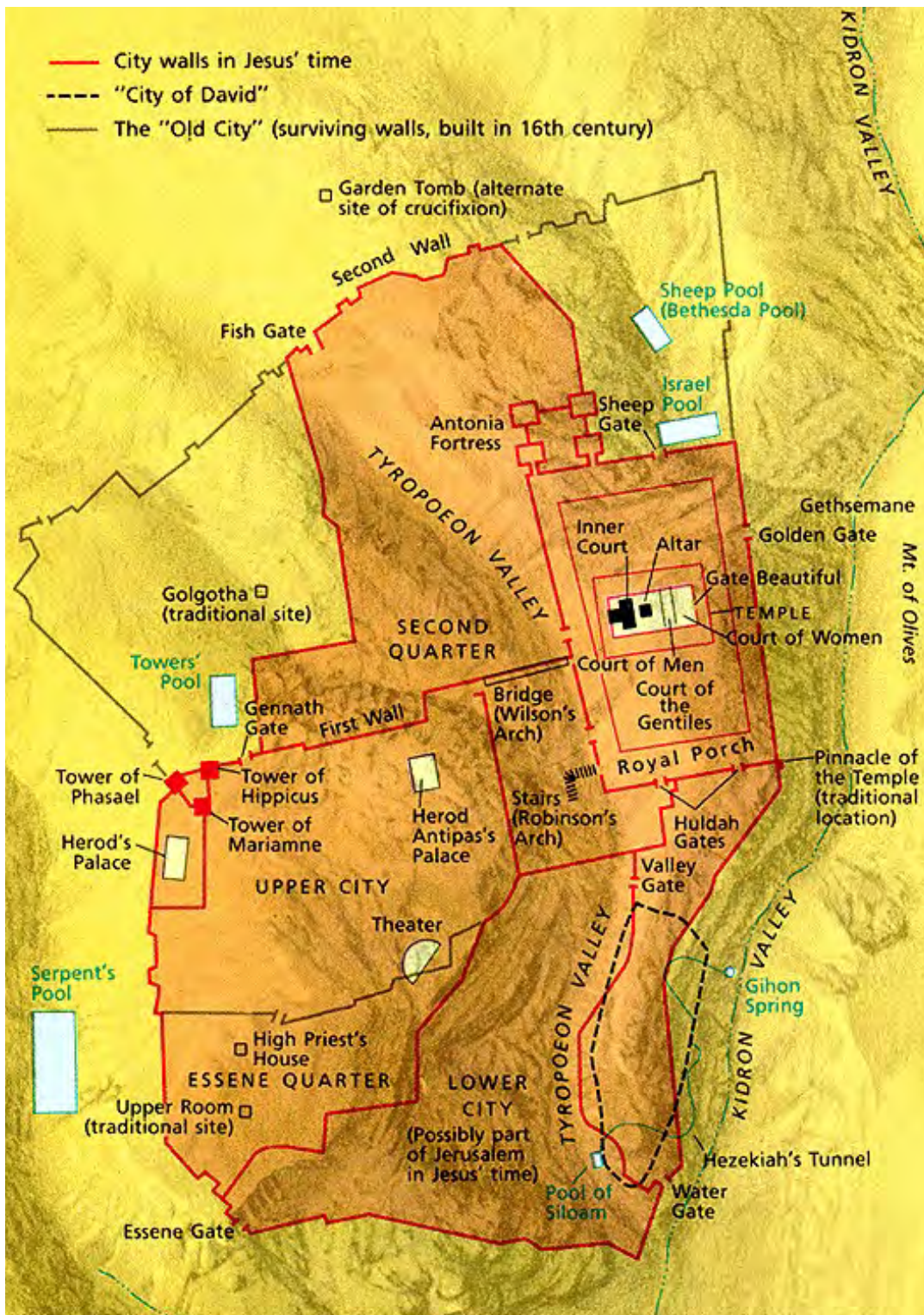


How many hills?

- Northeast
- Temple
- Ophal
- Upper City
- Lower City



Jerusalem 23-24



- Disadvantages

- Advantages

- Stages

- Significance

- Jewish

- Christian

- Muslim

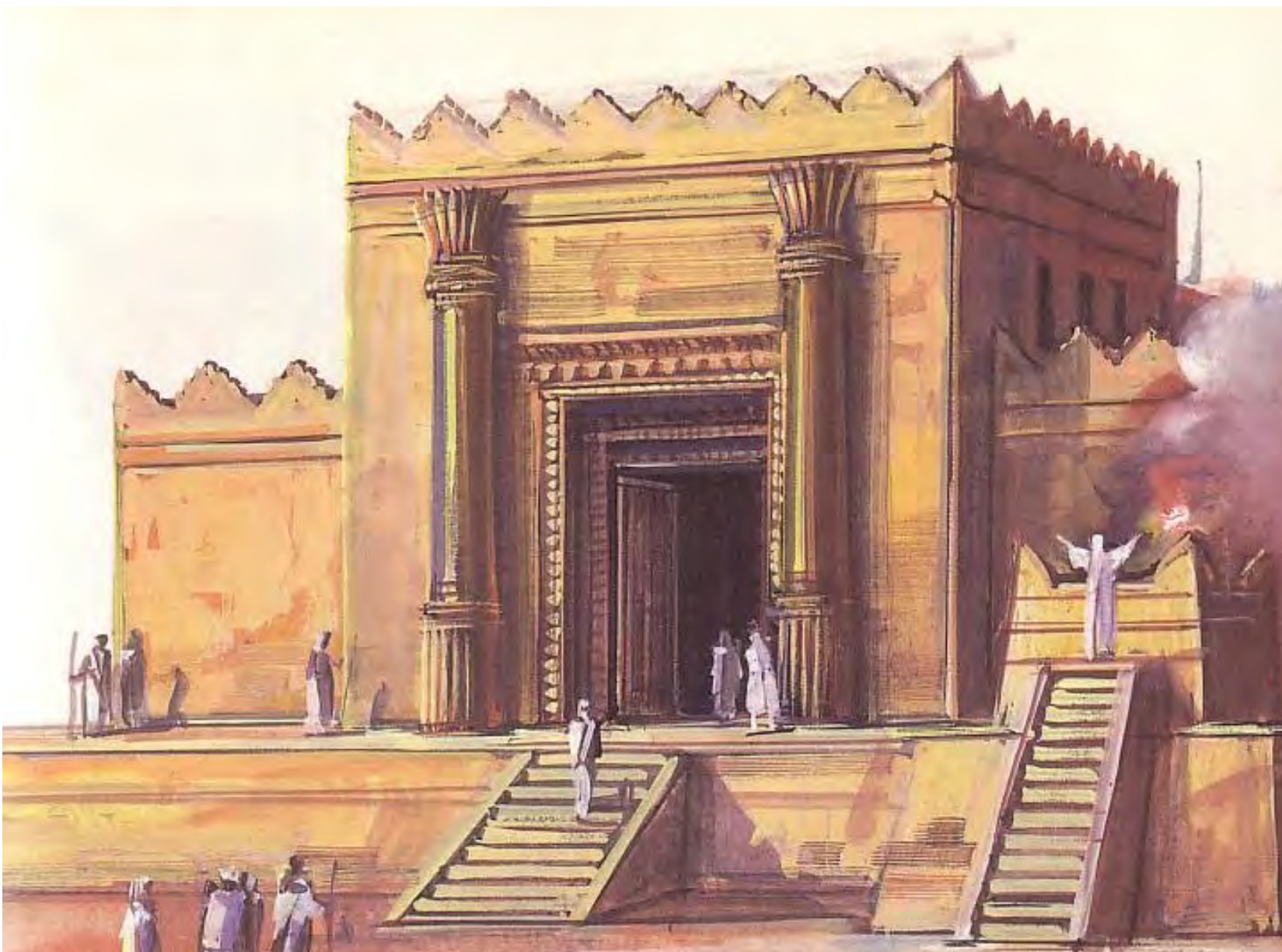
- All Nations



Genesis 22

Whole Burnt Offerings Were First at the Mobile Tabernacle





Jewish life then revolved around Solomon's temple
for 400 years (959-586 BC)

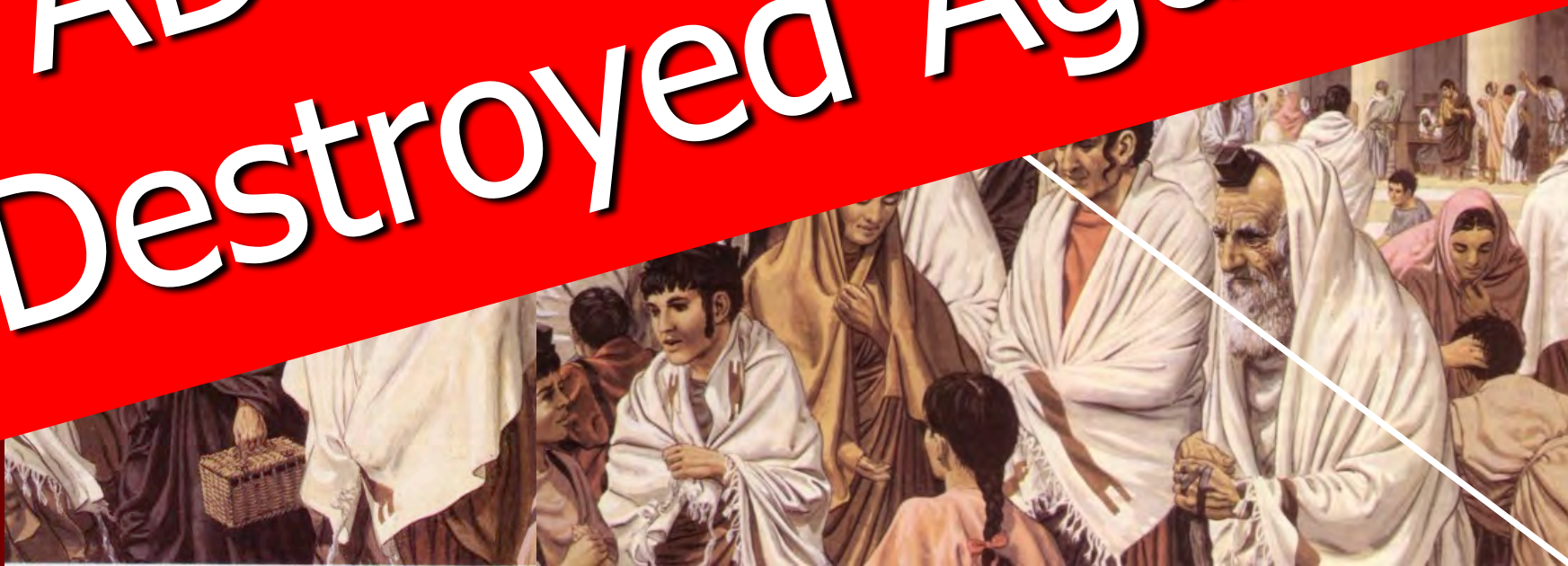
The background is a painting of the Temple of Solomon. It shows a large, ornate doorway with two golden columns topped with pinnacles. The scene is set in a courtyard with a stone wall and a large stone basin in the foreground. Two figures in long, light-colored robes are standing near the basin. A large red banner is overlaid diagonally across the center of the image, containing white text. The text reads: "586 BC: Temple Destroyed!".

Jews Maintained
Holiness at the Basin

586 BC: Temple
Destroyed!

After temple
rebuilding, in
NT Passovers
100,000 Jews
visited the
Temple

**AD 70: Temple
Destroyed Again!**



Jerusalem Today



THEN

- 1 Golgotha** Reputed site of Jesus' crucifixion and tomb
- 2 Wealthy residential area** Luxurious two-story houses
- 3 West side of Temple Mount** Huge platform built by Herod
- 4 Main entrance** Staircase and passageways to Temple Mount
- 5 Beautiful Gate** Where Jesus may have entered the city

NOW

- Church of the Holy Sepulcher** First built ca. A.D. 326
- Jewish Quarter** Restored after the 1967 war
- Western (Wailing) Wall** Remains are an important Jewish shrine
- Al-Aqsa Mosque** One of Islam's largest and holiest mosques
- Golden Gate** Blocked site where believers expect Messiah to enter

1 Kings 6:14-38

Jerusalem's Temple Mount Today

Site of Abraham's Near-Sacrifice of Isaac...Mt. Moriah...Mt. Zion



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Building those amazing structures!

Jerusalem's Temple Mount Today

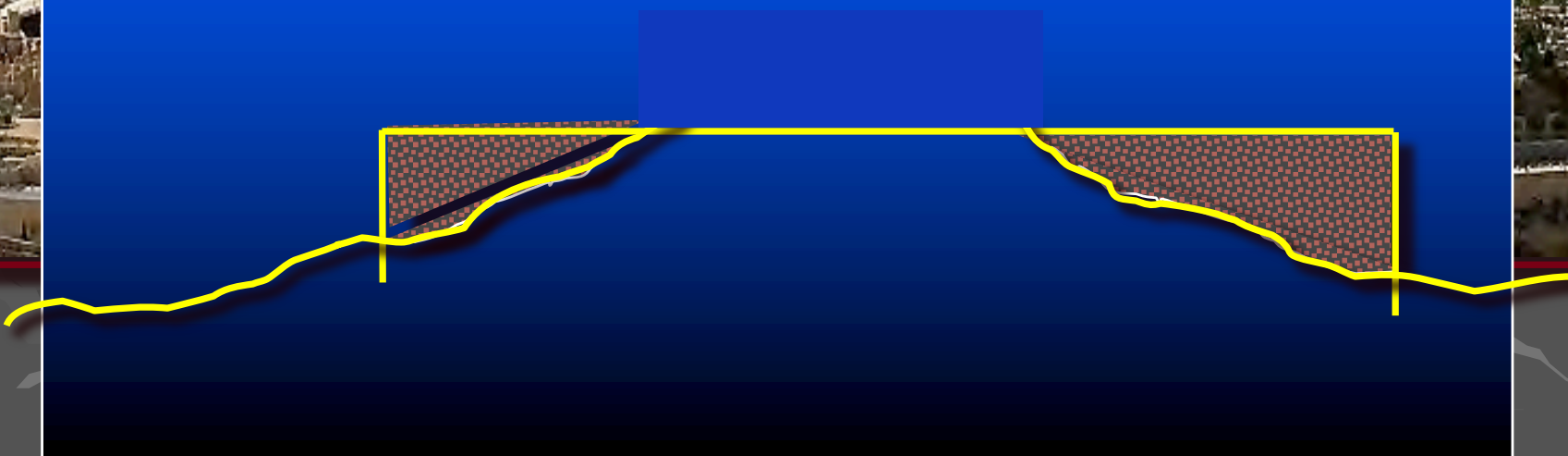
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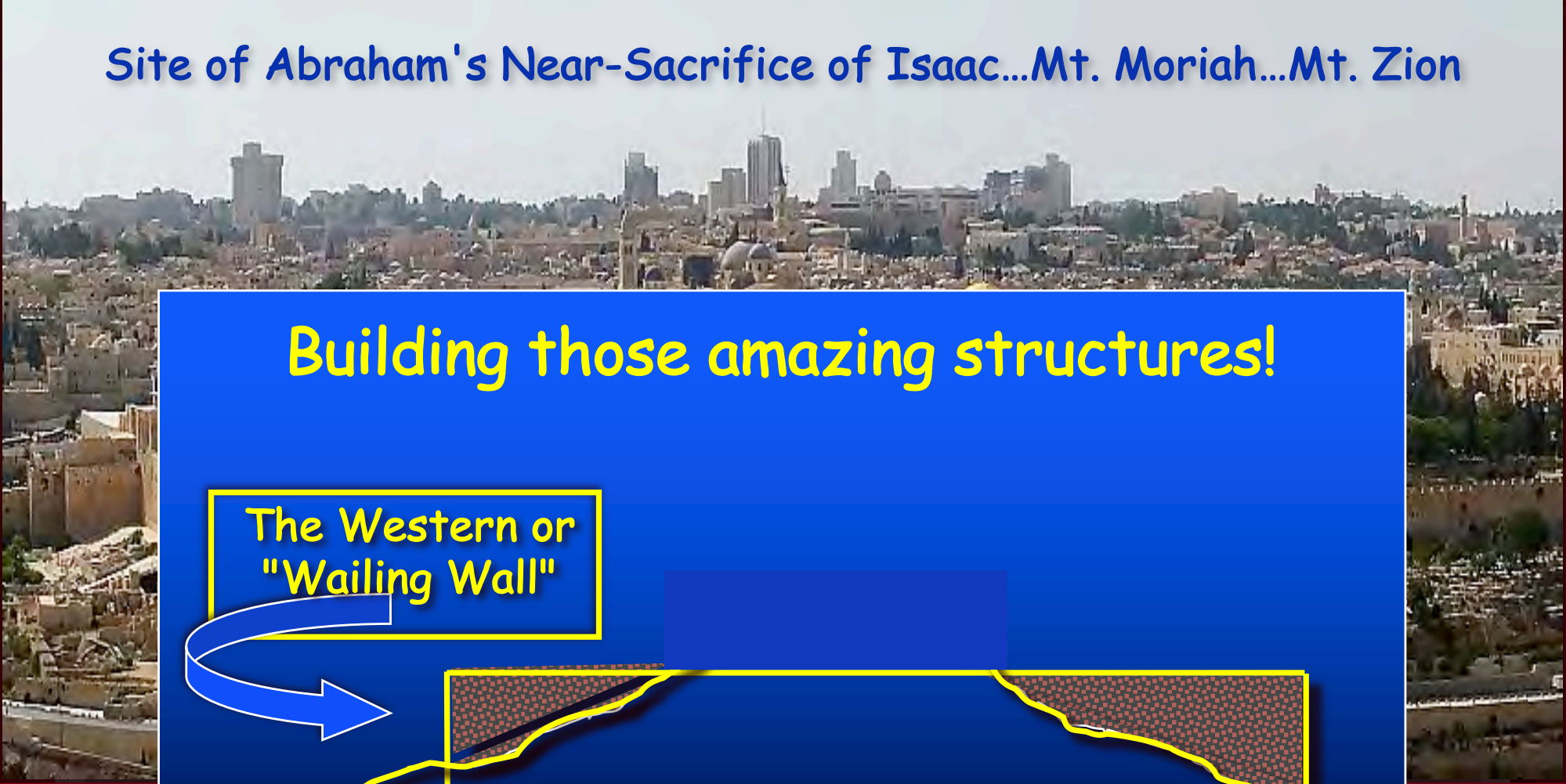
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The "First" Temple
Built by Solomon

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Herod's "Second" Temple
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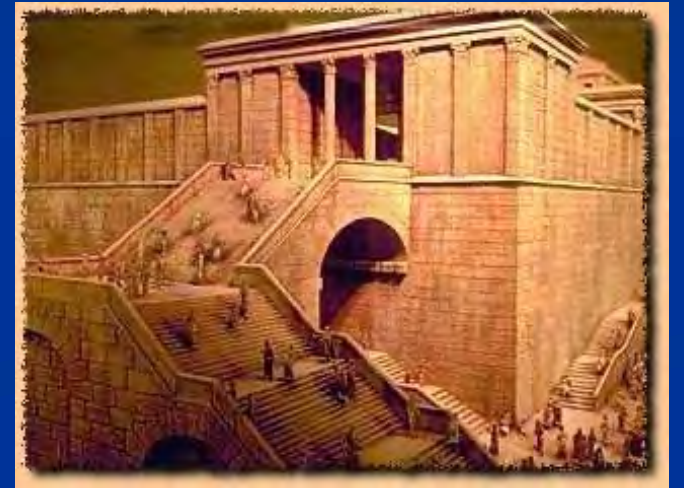
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The Western or
"Wailing Wall"

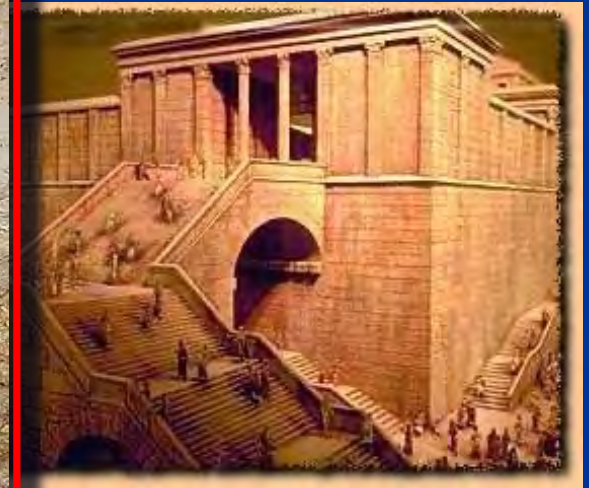


Today's Islamic Dome
of the Rock

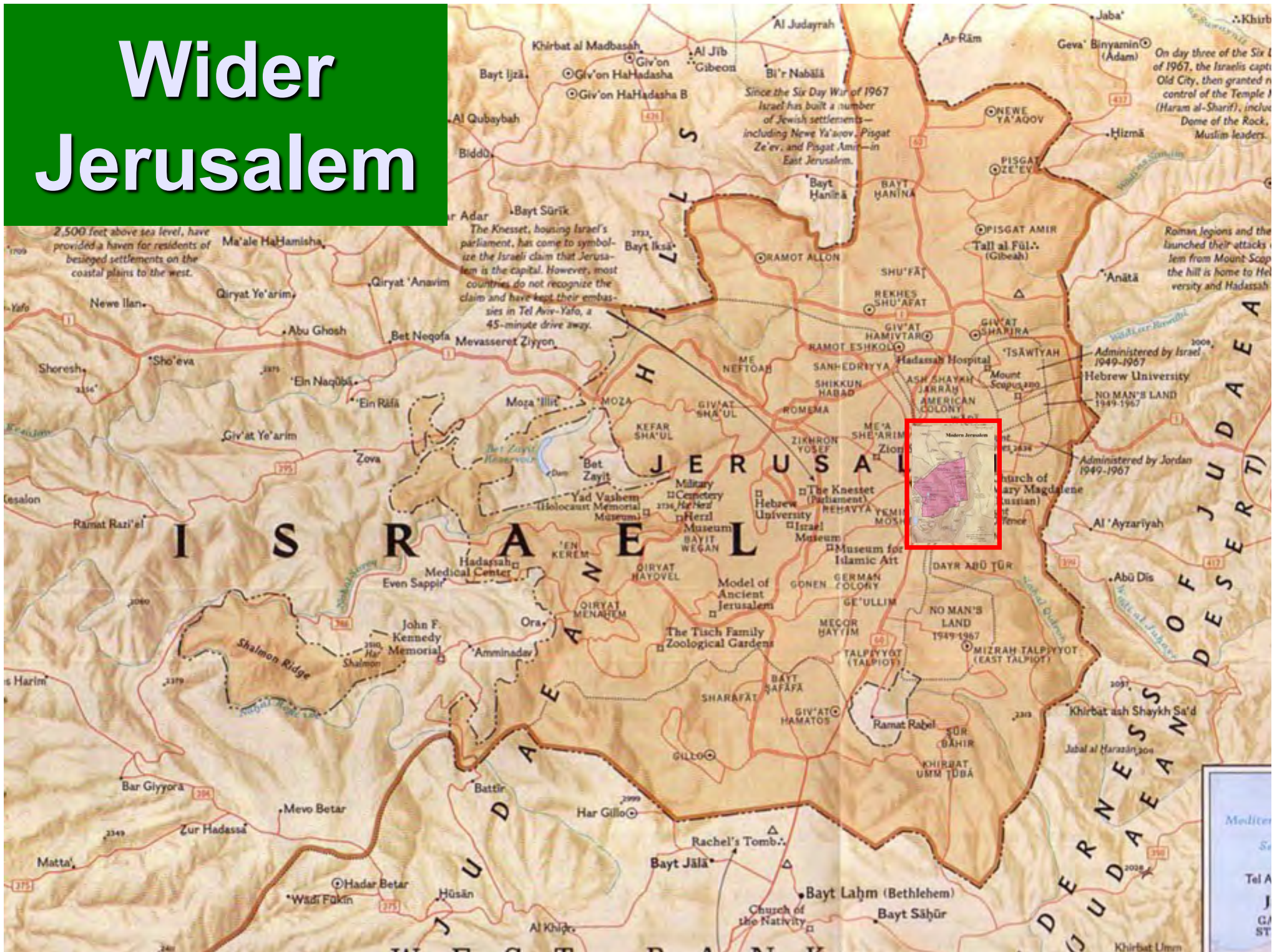
Jewish Western Wall



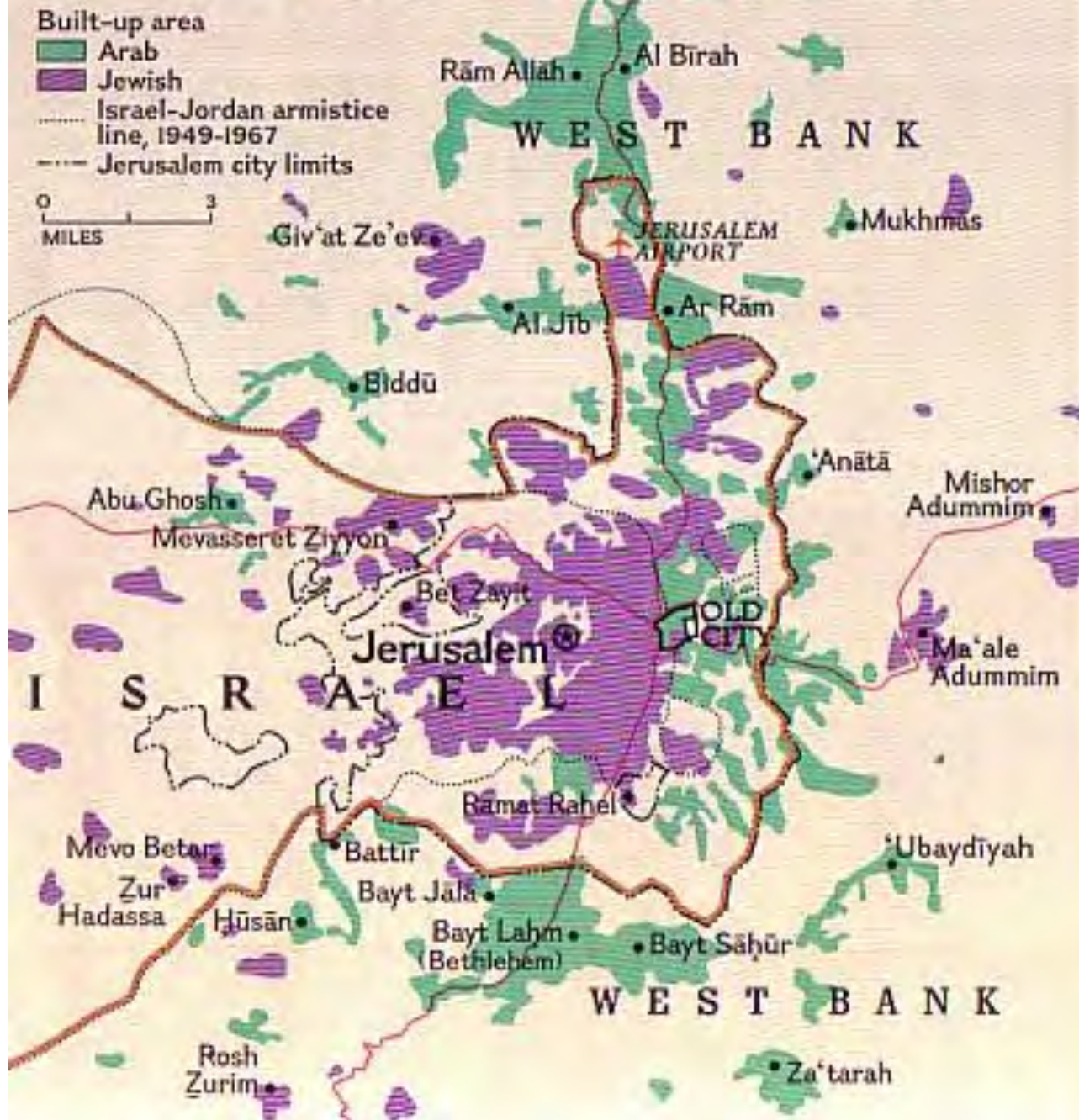
Jewish Western Wall



Wider Jerusalem



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Present Jerusalem Population

- West = Jews
- East = Arabs

Jewish Hope of Resurrection

Jews buried on the Mt. of Olives hope to be the first to enter the Eastern Gate with the Messiah when He comes



Muslims Sealed the Eastern Gate



Muslim Control

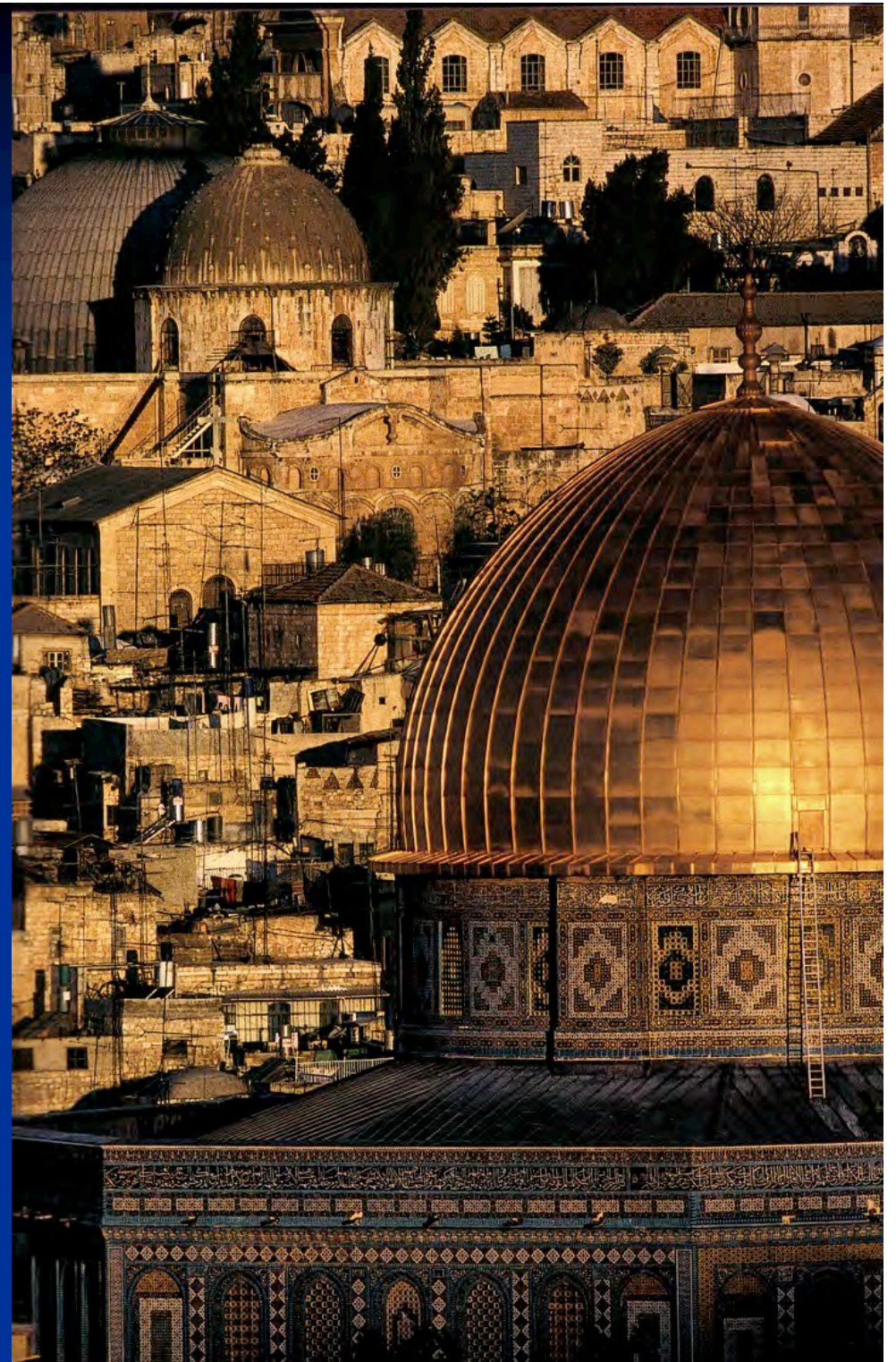


**Mosque of Omar
(Dome of the Rock)**



Al-Aksa Mosque

A Dome to Outshine the Dome

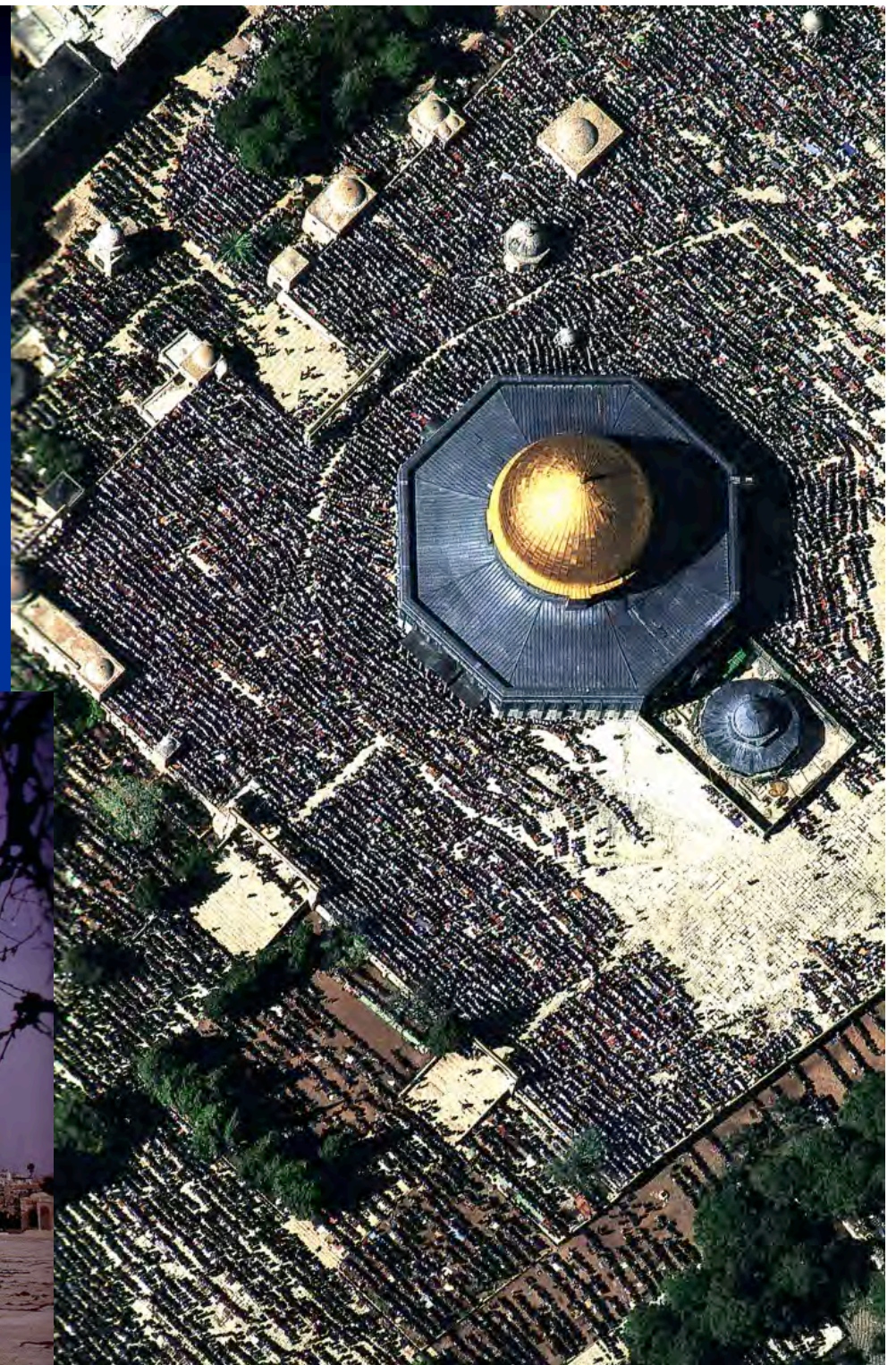


**SACRED STONE:
The Dome of the Rock
celebrates a union with God**



The Rock Inside

Muslim Prayers at the Dome



Muslim Control



**Mosque of Omar
(Dome of the Rock)**



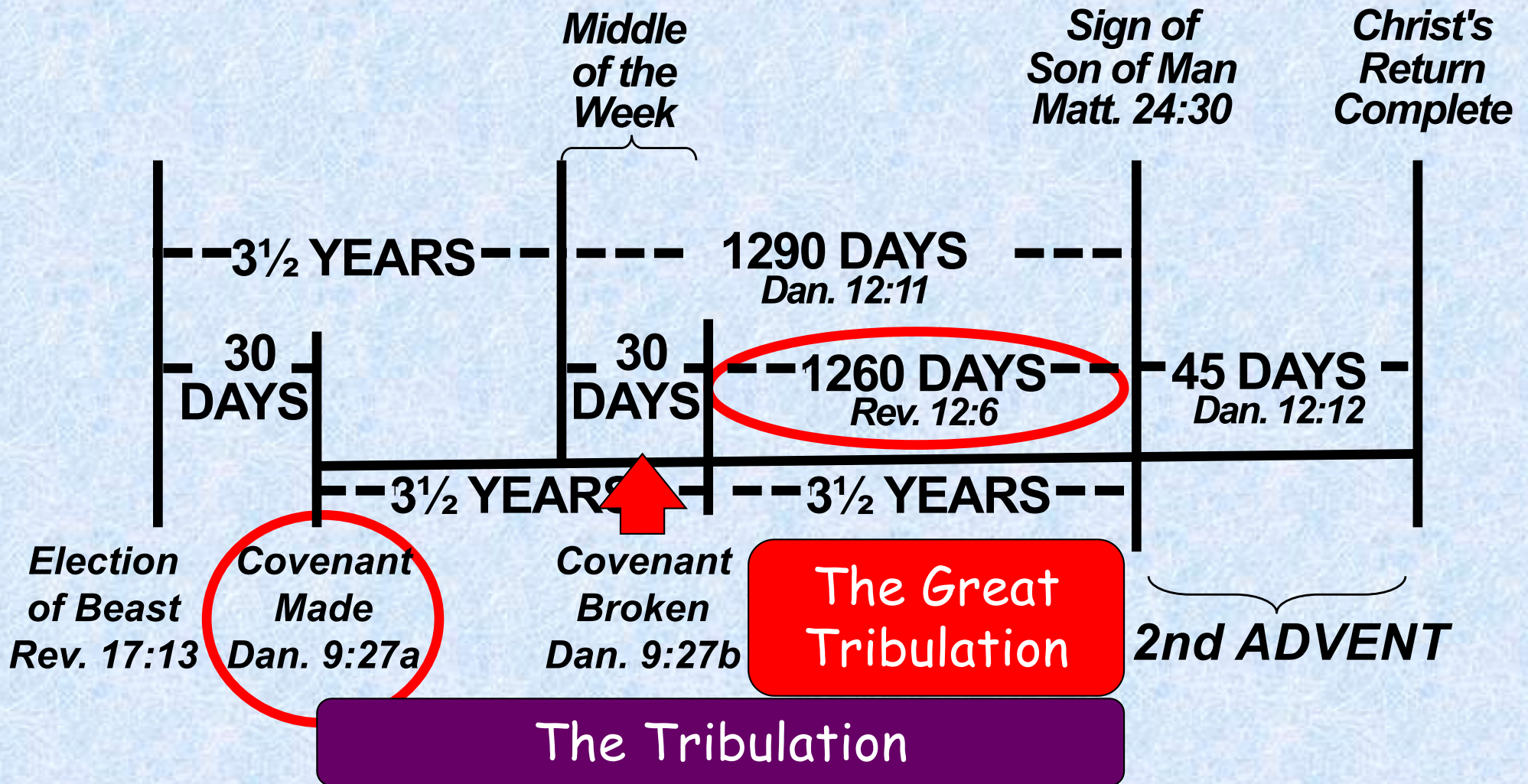
Al-Aksa Mosque

What's the Future for the Dome?



Chronology of the 70th "Week"

Adapted from J. Dwight Pentecost, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1988



"He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him" (Daniel 9:27 NIV).

**Antichrist will make a 7-year treaty
with Israel**



**This will likely enable the rebuilding of the
Jerusalem temple**

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Millennial Jerusalem



**"The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem"
—Isaiah 2:3**

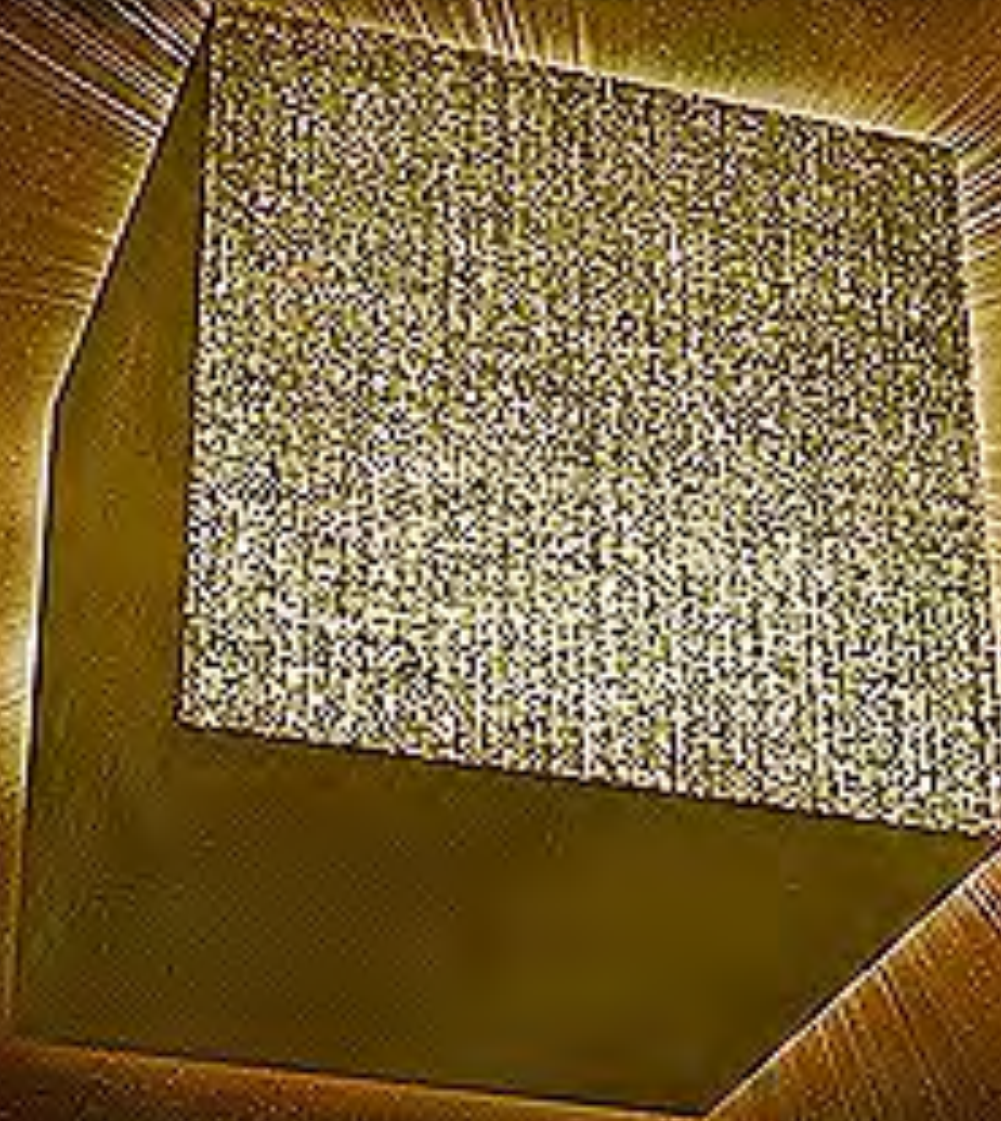
**And I saw the
holy city, the
new Jerusalem,
coming down
from God out of
heaven like a
bride beautifully
dressed for her
husband
(21:2 NLT).**



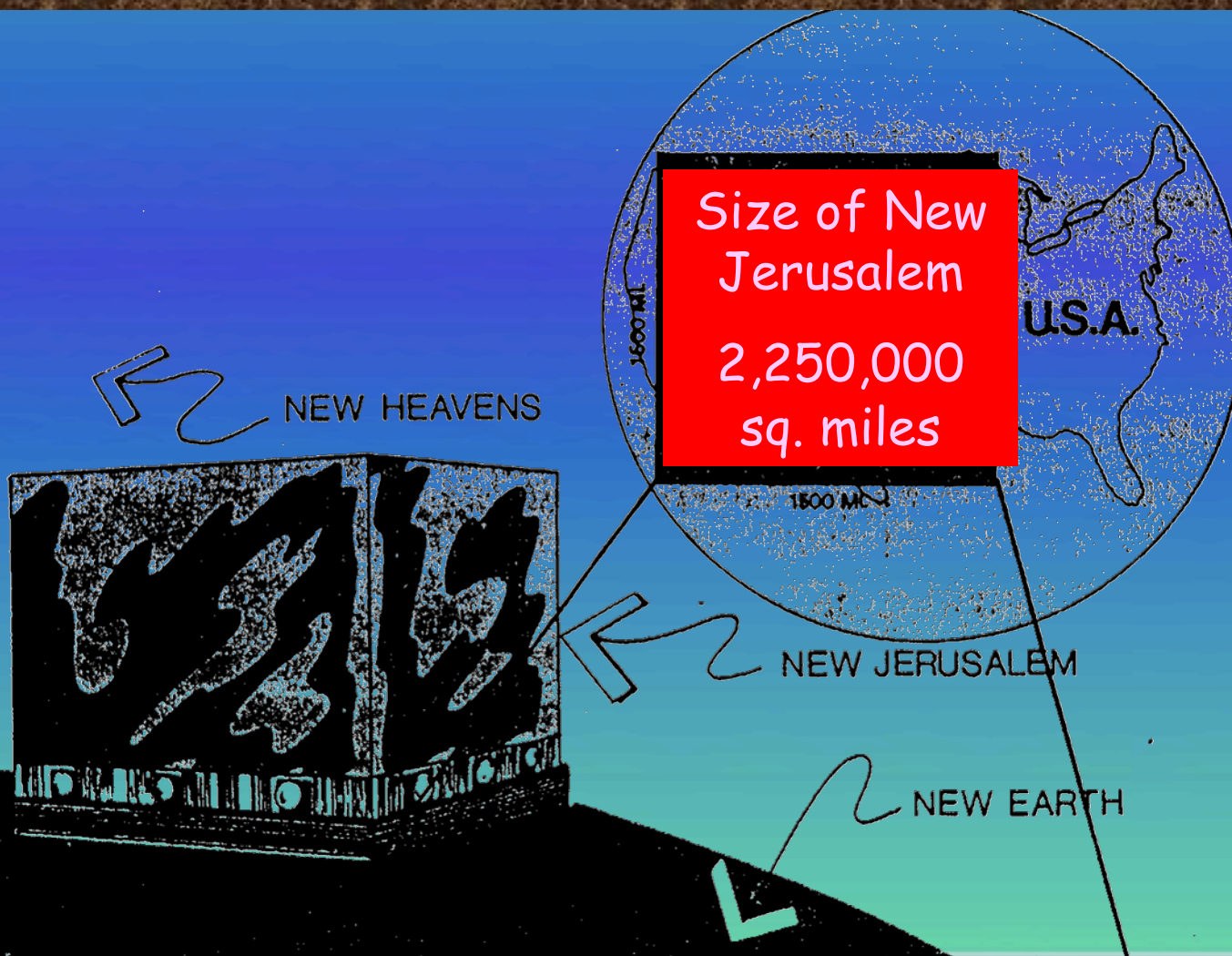


The New Jerusalem

Figurative or Literal?



The New Jerusalem



The New Jerusalem & SE Asia

2200 km

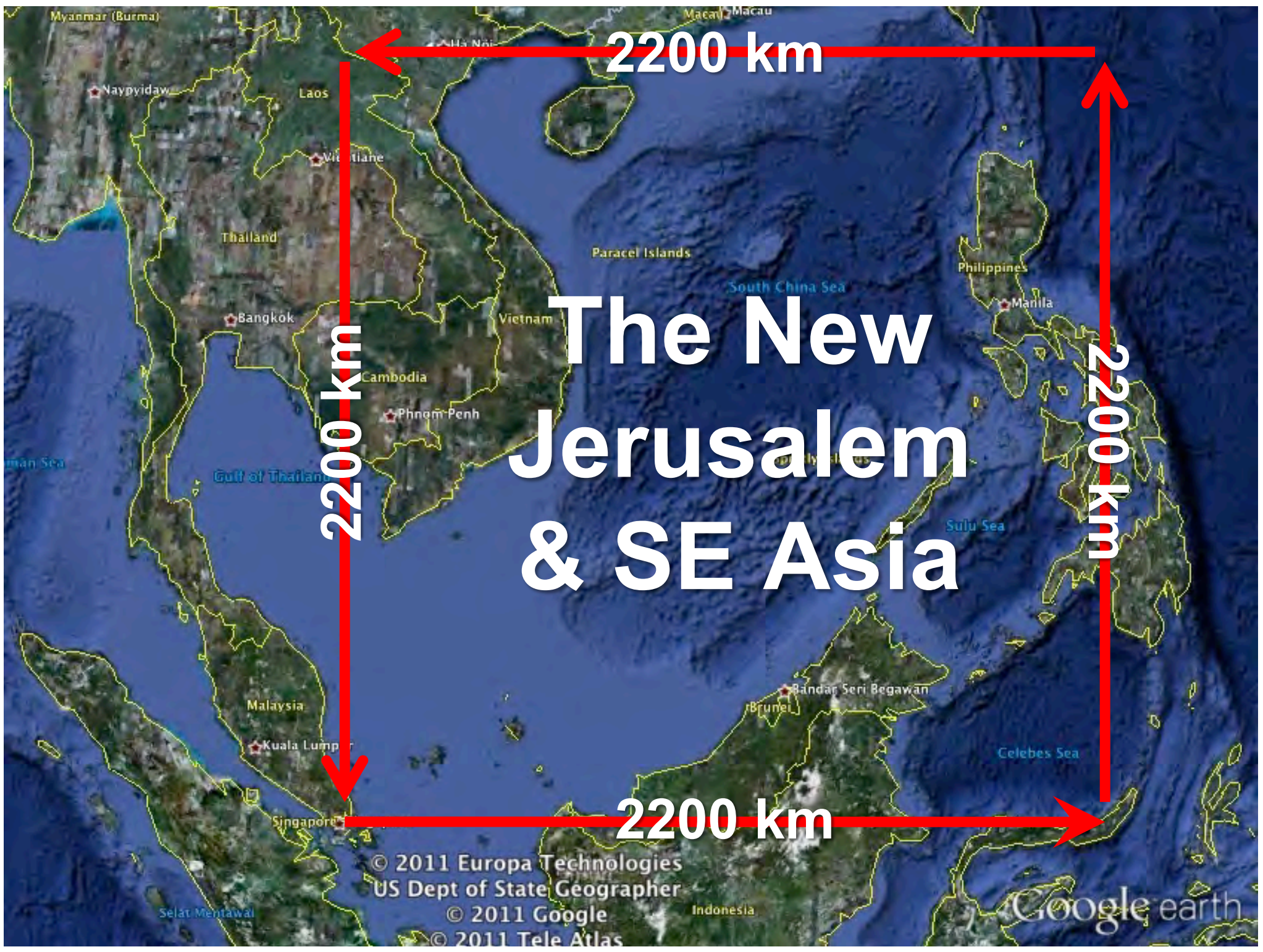
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The New Jerusalem over present Jerusalem

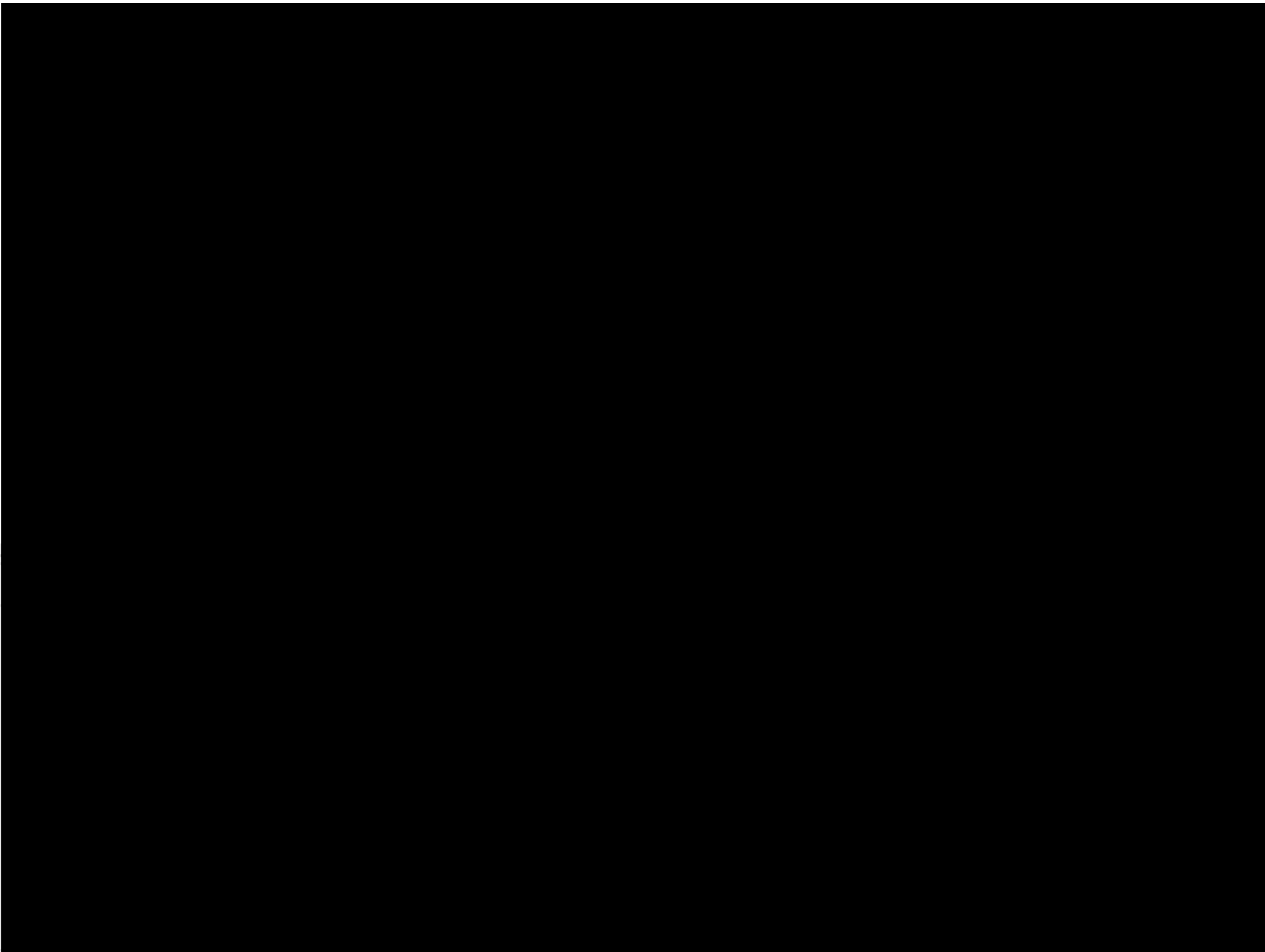
Now how would you answer the question I asked earlier?

- **Are there “holy things” today?**

God called Jerusalem the Holy City because it was where He put His name.

God's presence is no longer in a city but in the hearts of believers (1 Cor. 6:19).

How do people see you as holy?



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