

An aerial photograph of Jerusalem, showing the city's dense urban layout, the Temple Mount, and the surrounding hills. The city is built on a plateau, with a mix of modern buildings and traditional structures. The surrounding landscape is hilly and green, with some agricultural fields and roads visible.

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Wilson's Arch











Western Wall Tunnel









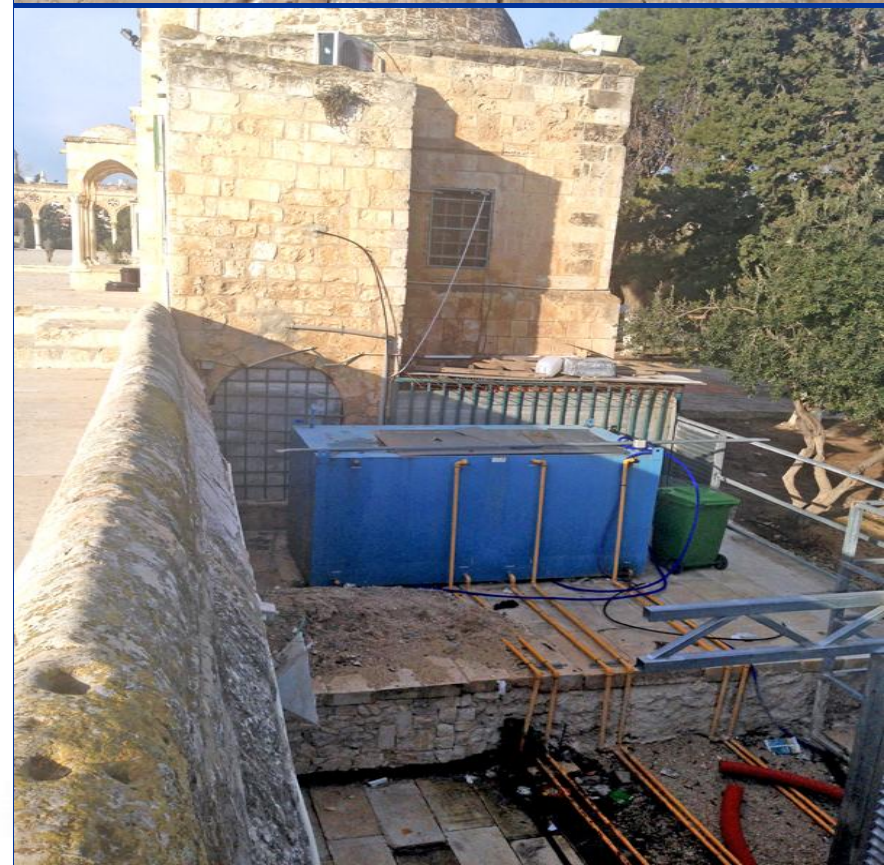
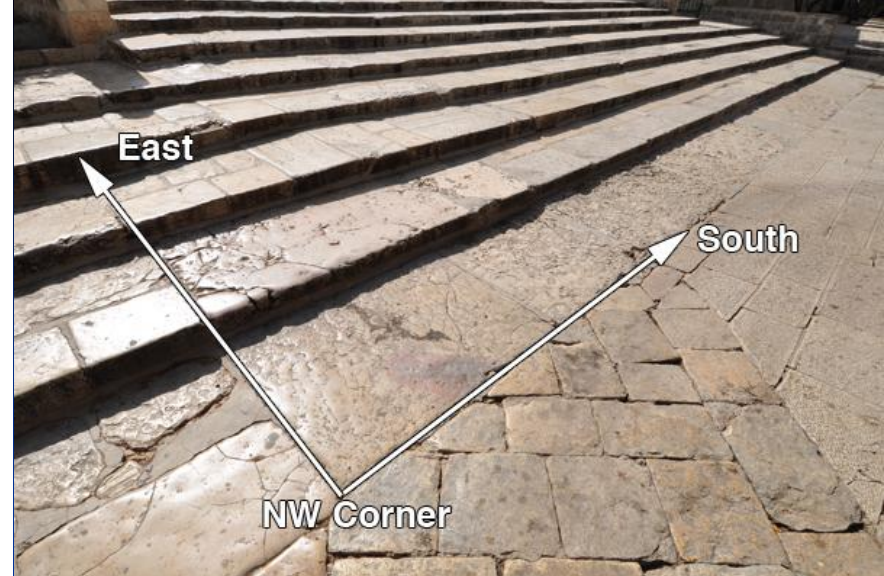
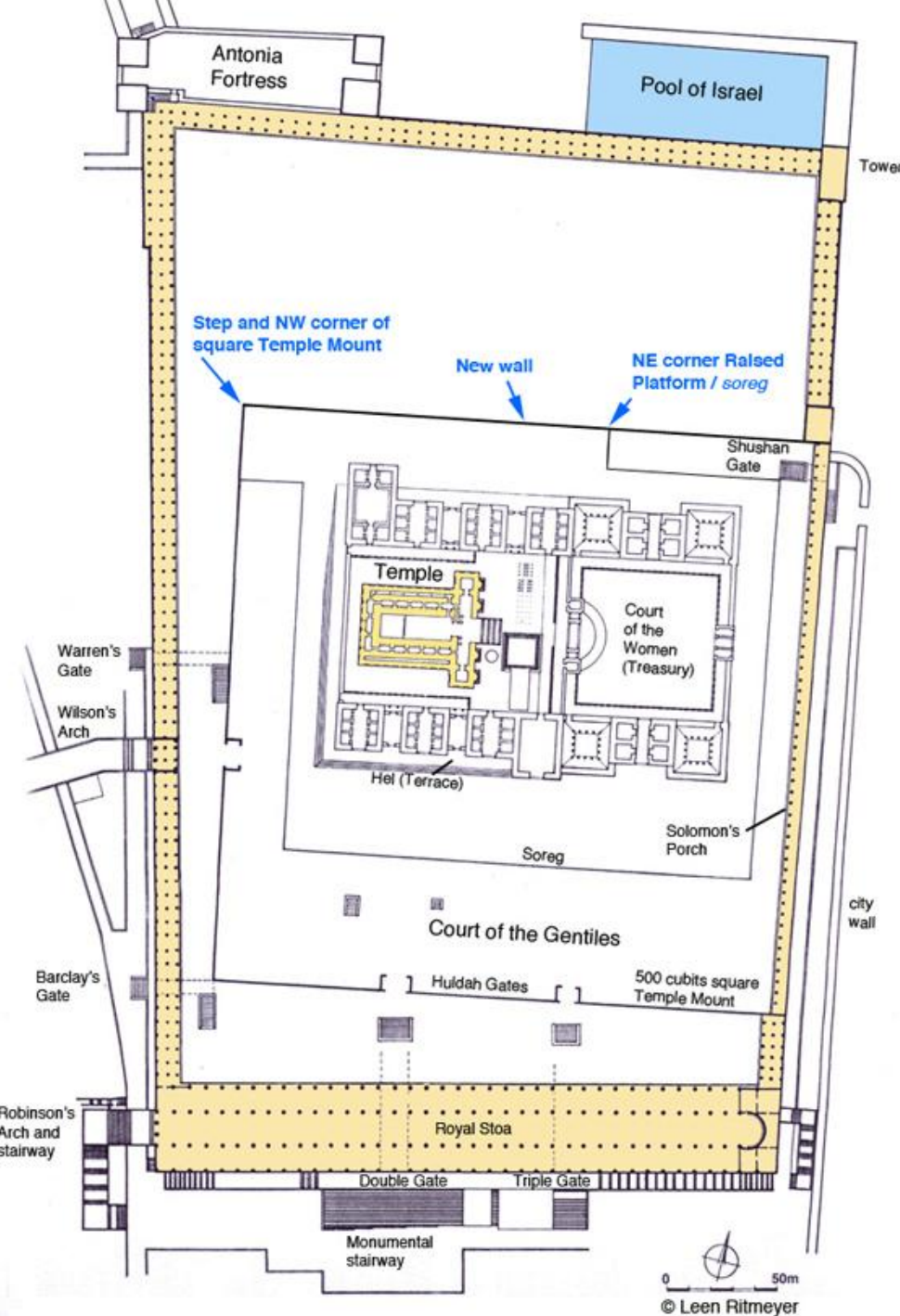


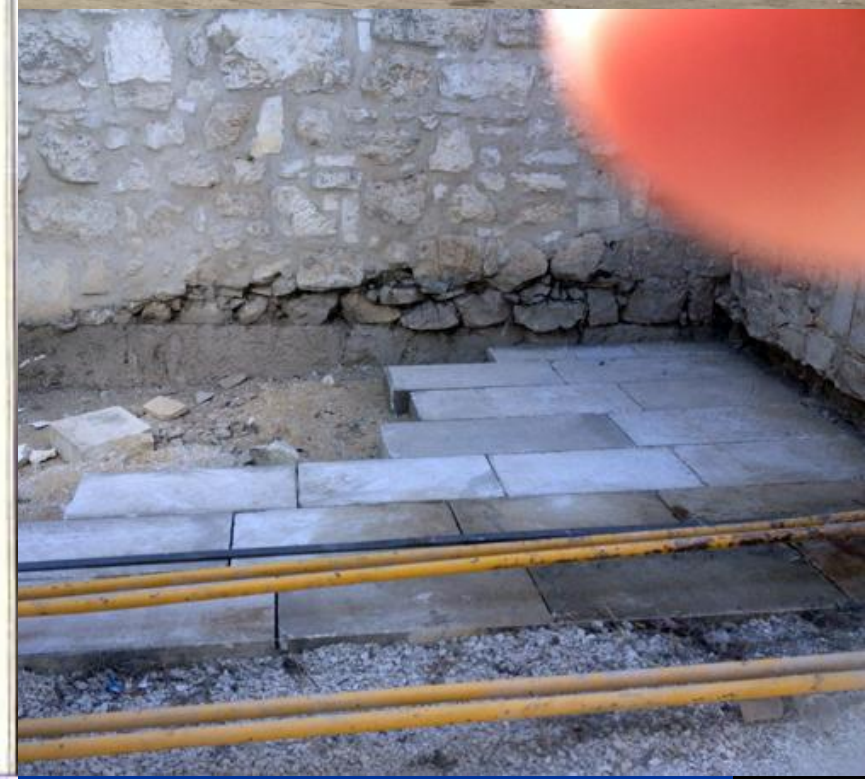
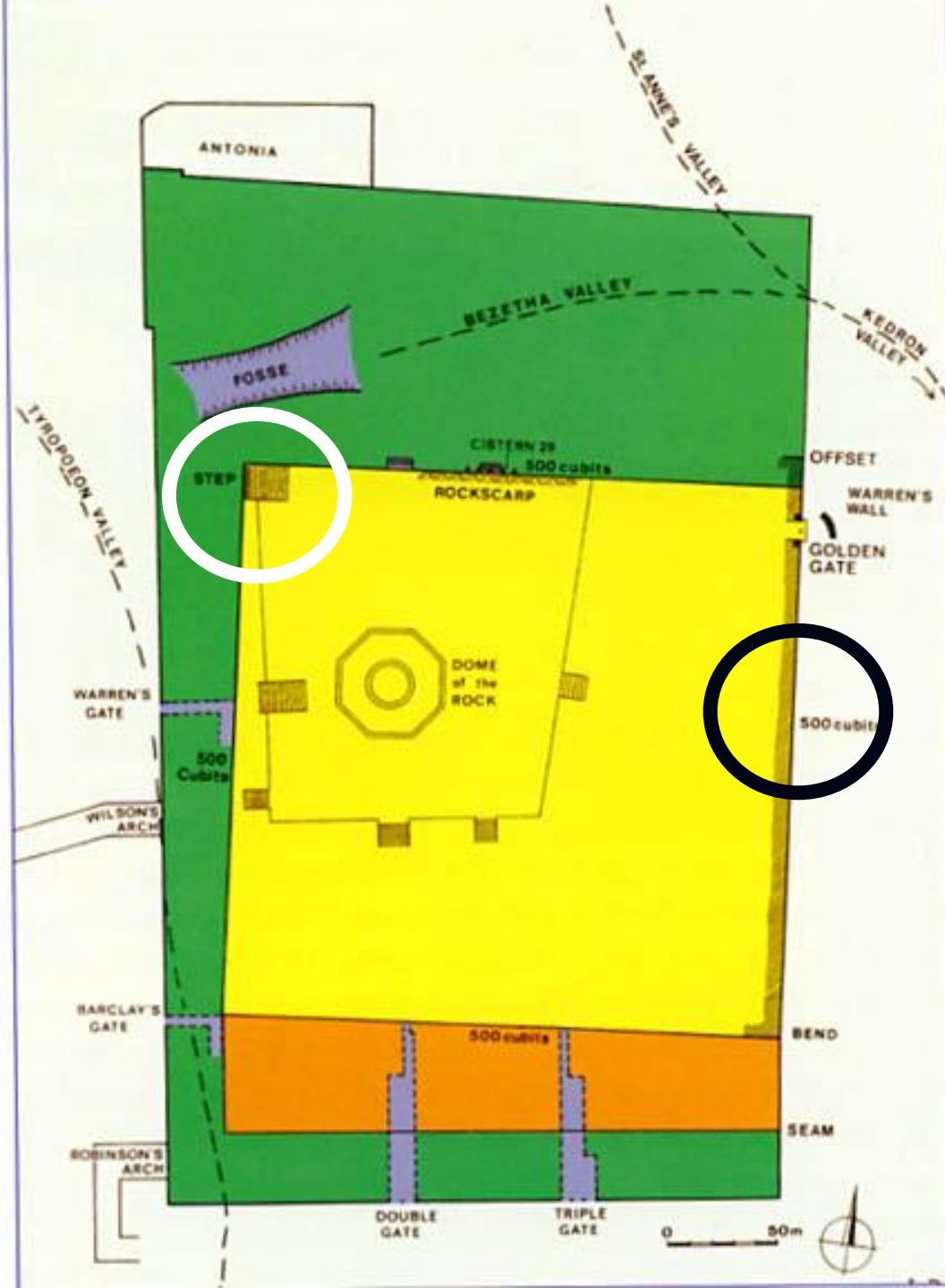


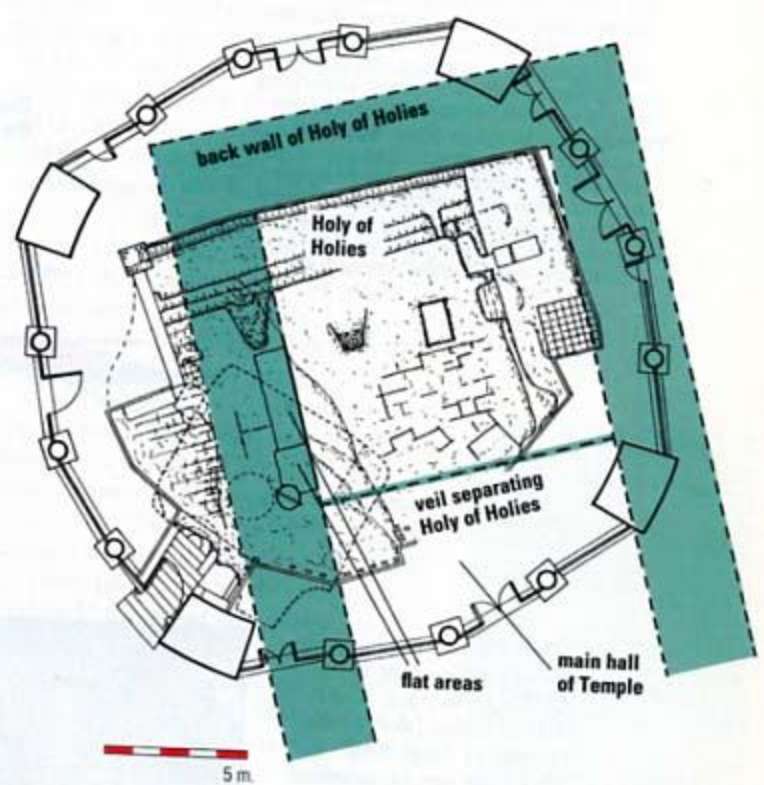
















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A photograph of Robinson's Arch in Jerusalem, showing a massive stone wall with a large opening. In the background, a minaret and a dome are visible. The foreground shows ruins and a pile of stones.

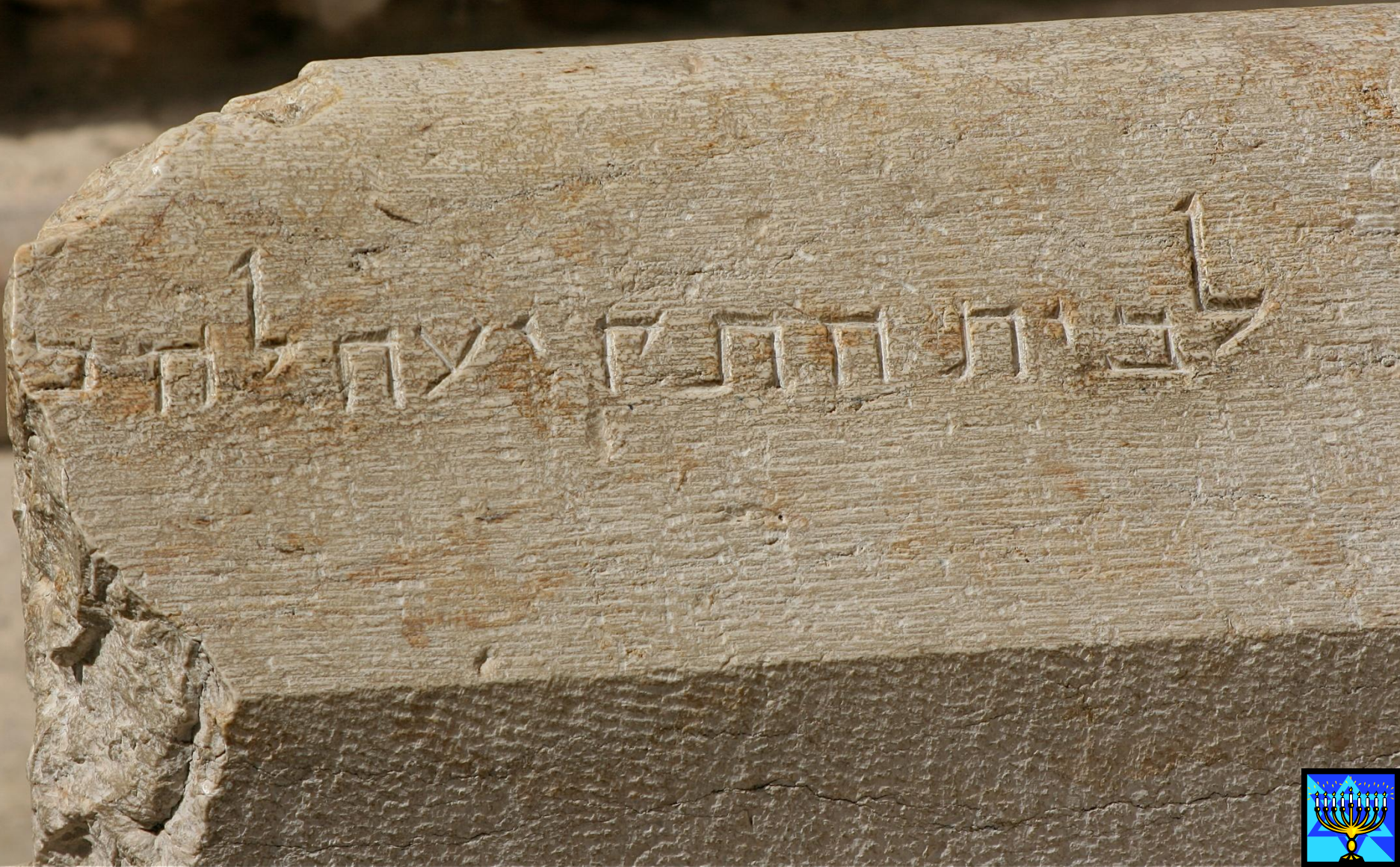
Robinson's Arch





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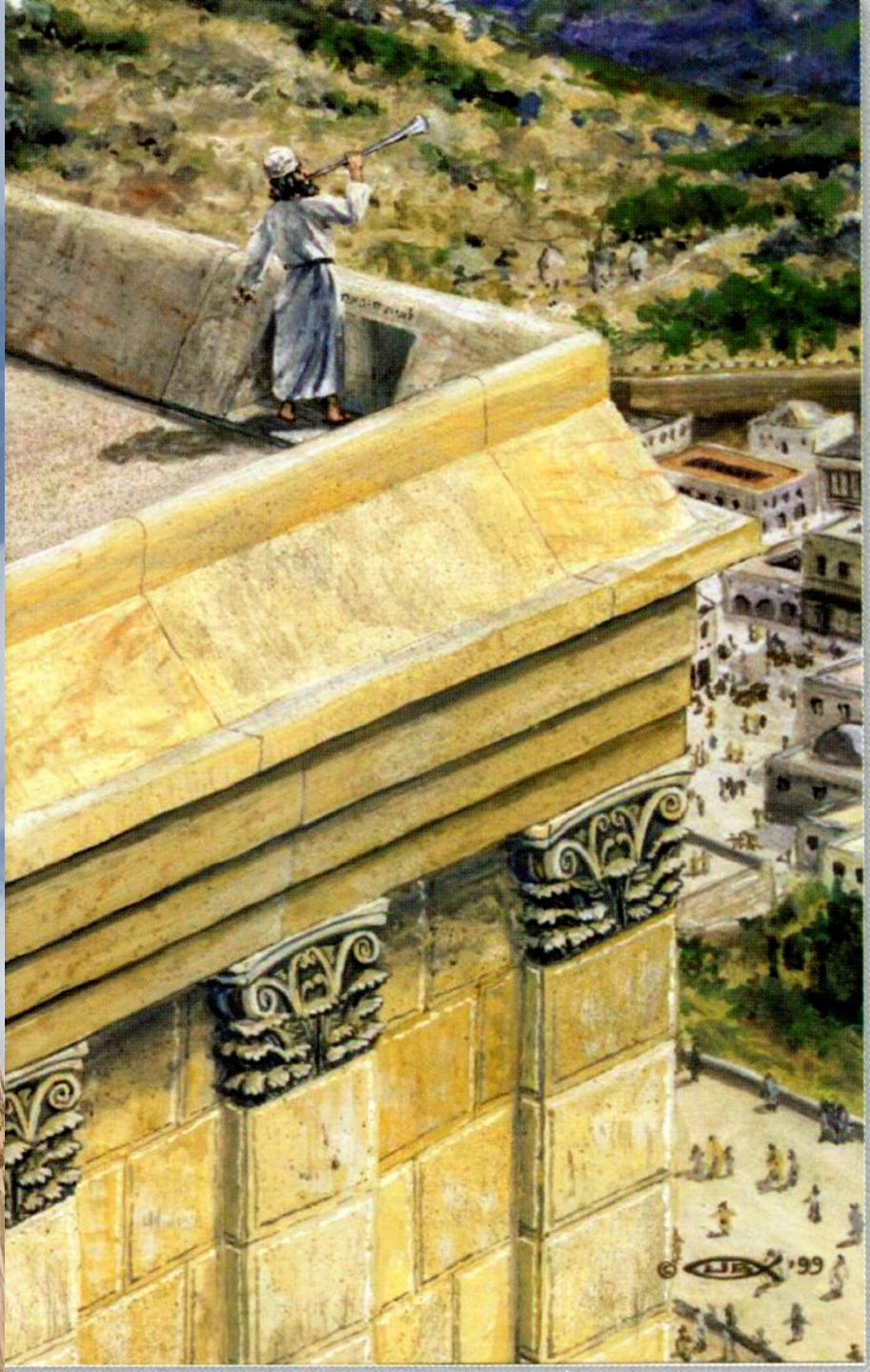




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Wet-Sifting Produces Flood of Small Finds

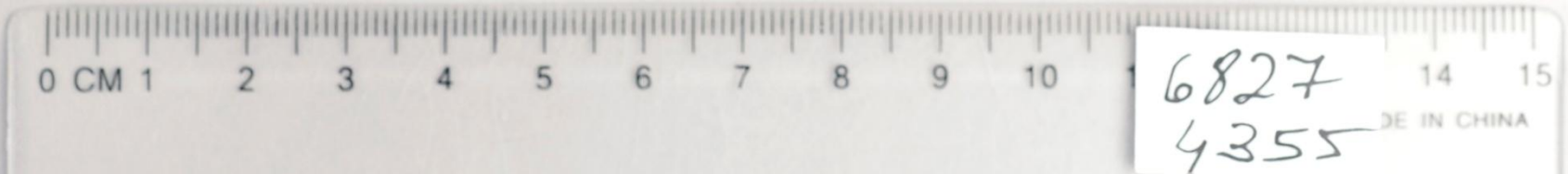
Excavation on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem is illegal, so the Waqf's removal of truckload after truckload of dirt from the holy site without archaeological supervision was a crime on one level, if not on another. The silver lining, however, is that archaeologists Gabriel Barkay and Zachi Dvira's Temple Mount Sifting Project has provided a unique opportunity to see and study the wealth of artifacts that have been buried on the Temple Mount for decades, centuries and millennia. Objects from every period, going back more than 3,000 years, have been recovered—a few of which are shown here, along with other finds from the sifting project.

1. Scarab: 1550-1200 BC
2. Bulla: 6th-7th century BC
3. Babylonian 586 BC
4. Roman 37 BC-324 AD





5. 14th Century BC: Oldest Akkadian text ever found
6. Gibeon, for the King” (time of Manasseh)
7. “Pure for Yah”: token to mark ritual offerings as acceptable.



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'Son of Joseph, Brother of Jesus'

A stone box found in or near Jerusalem bears the inscription "James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus." It is written in the ancient language Aramaic.

READ FROM RIGHT TO LEFT ←

JESUS (YESHUA) BROTHER OF JOSEPH (YOSEF) SON OF JAMES (YA'AKOV)

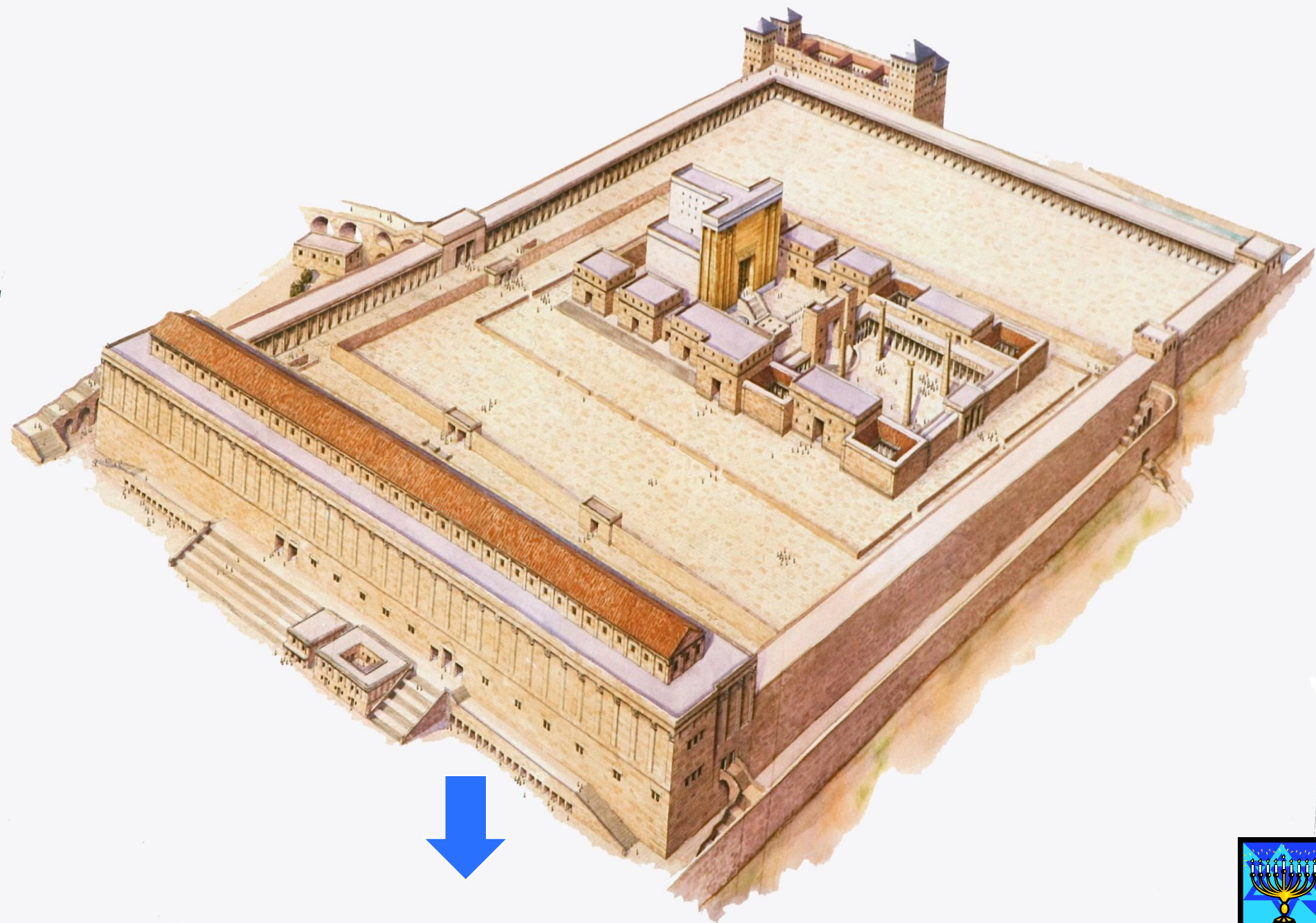
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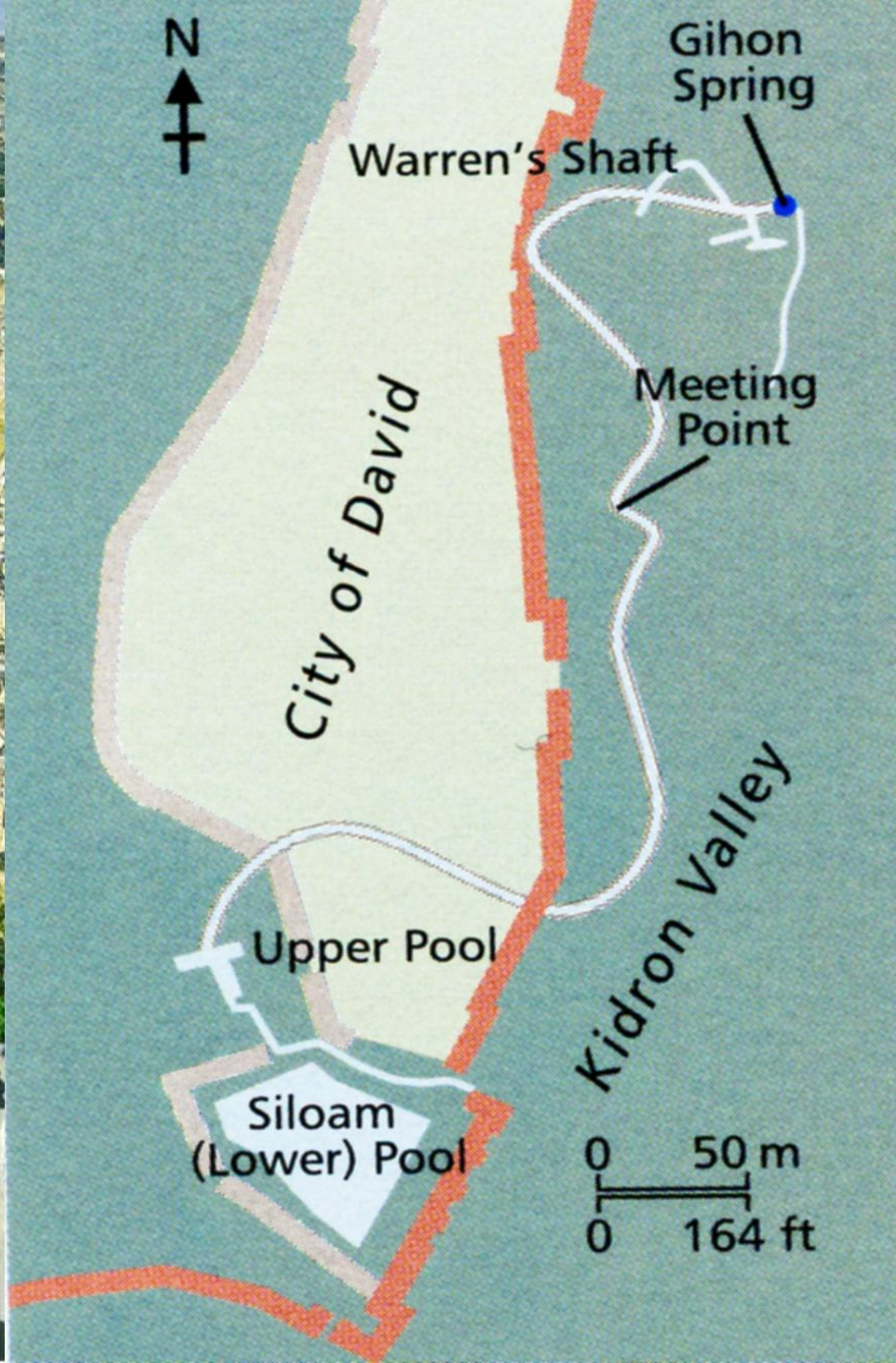












Mount
Moriah

Ophel

Palace

Central
Valley

Gihon
Springs

Kidron
Valley





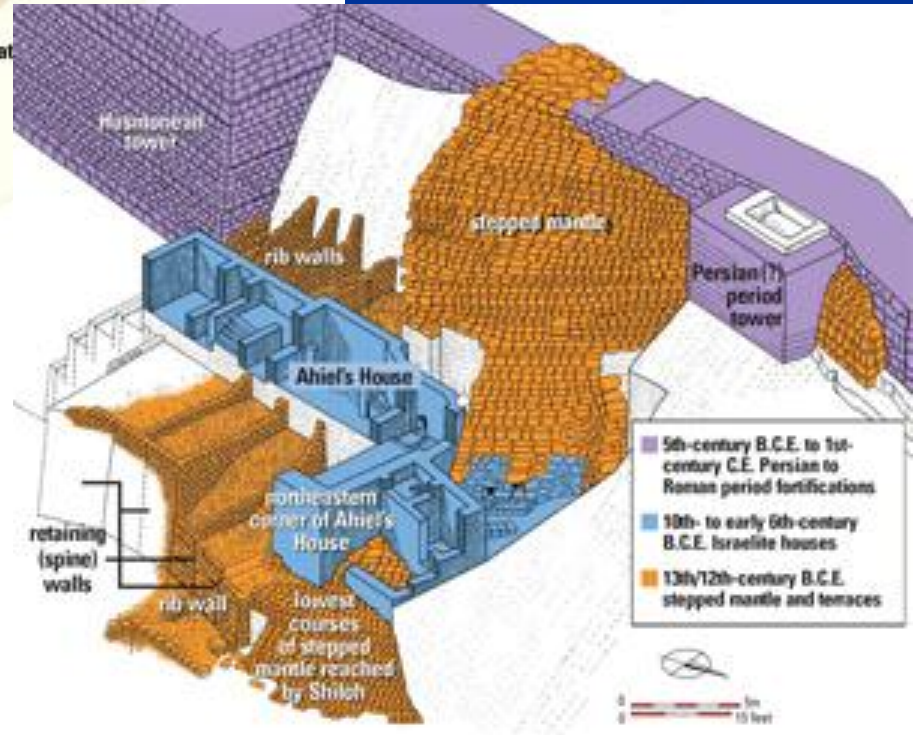
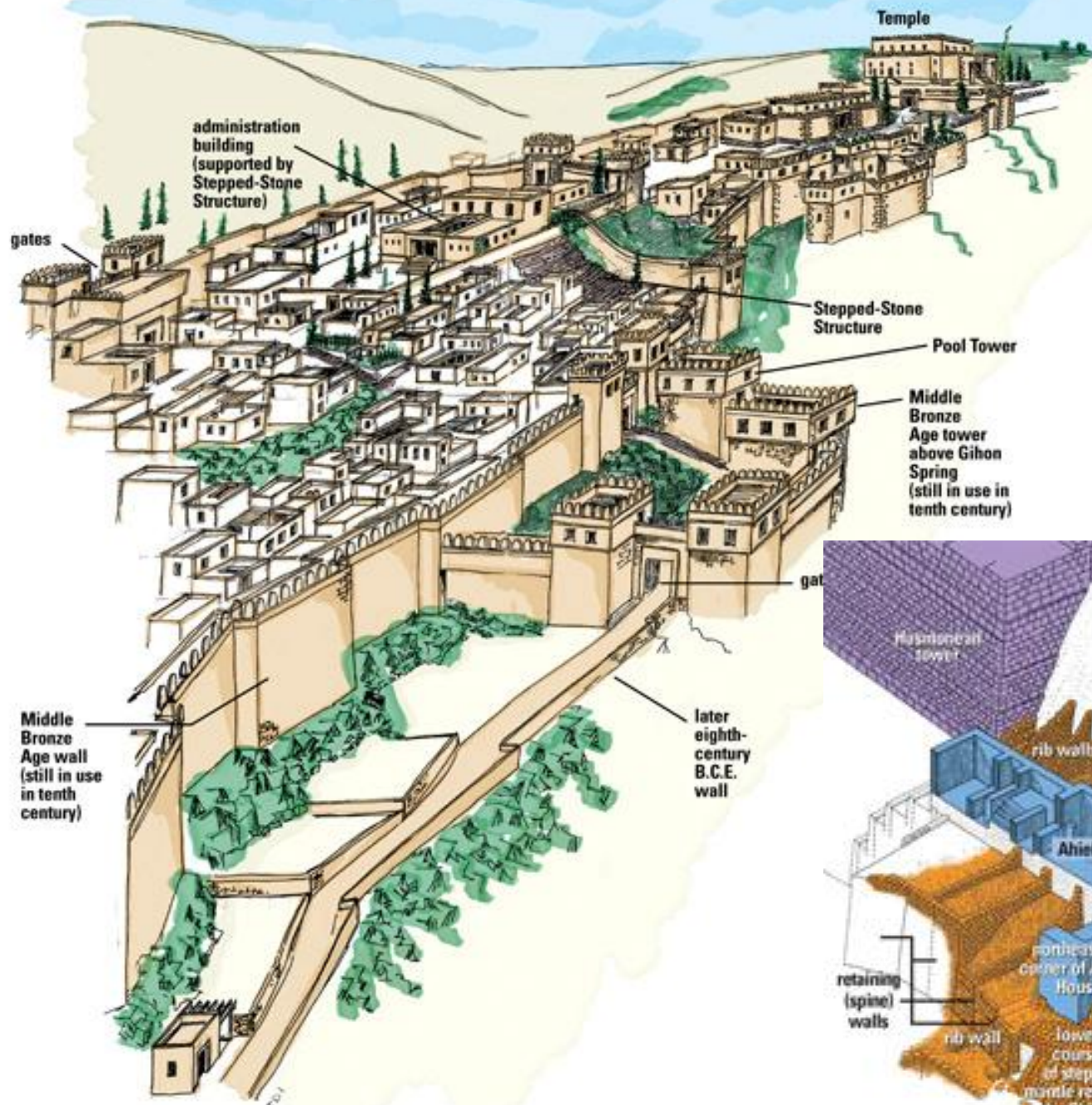












■ 5th-century B.C.E. to 1st-century C.E. Persian to Roman period fortifications
 ■ 10th- to early 6th-century B.C.E. Israelite houses
 ■ 13th/12th-century B.C.E. stepped mantle and terraces






בית אחיאל
THE HOUSE OF AHIEL

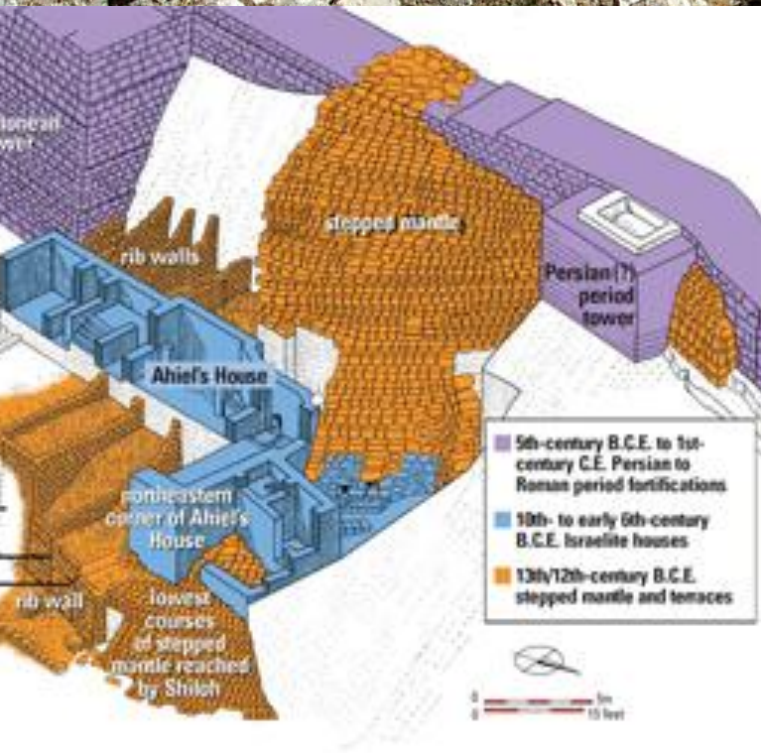
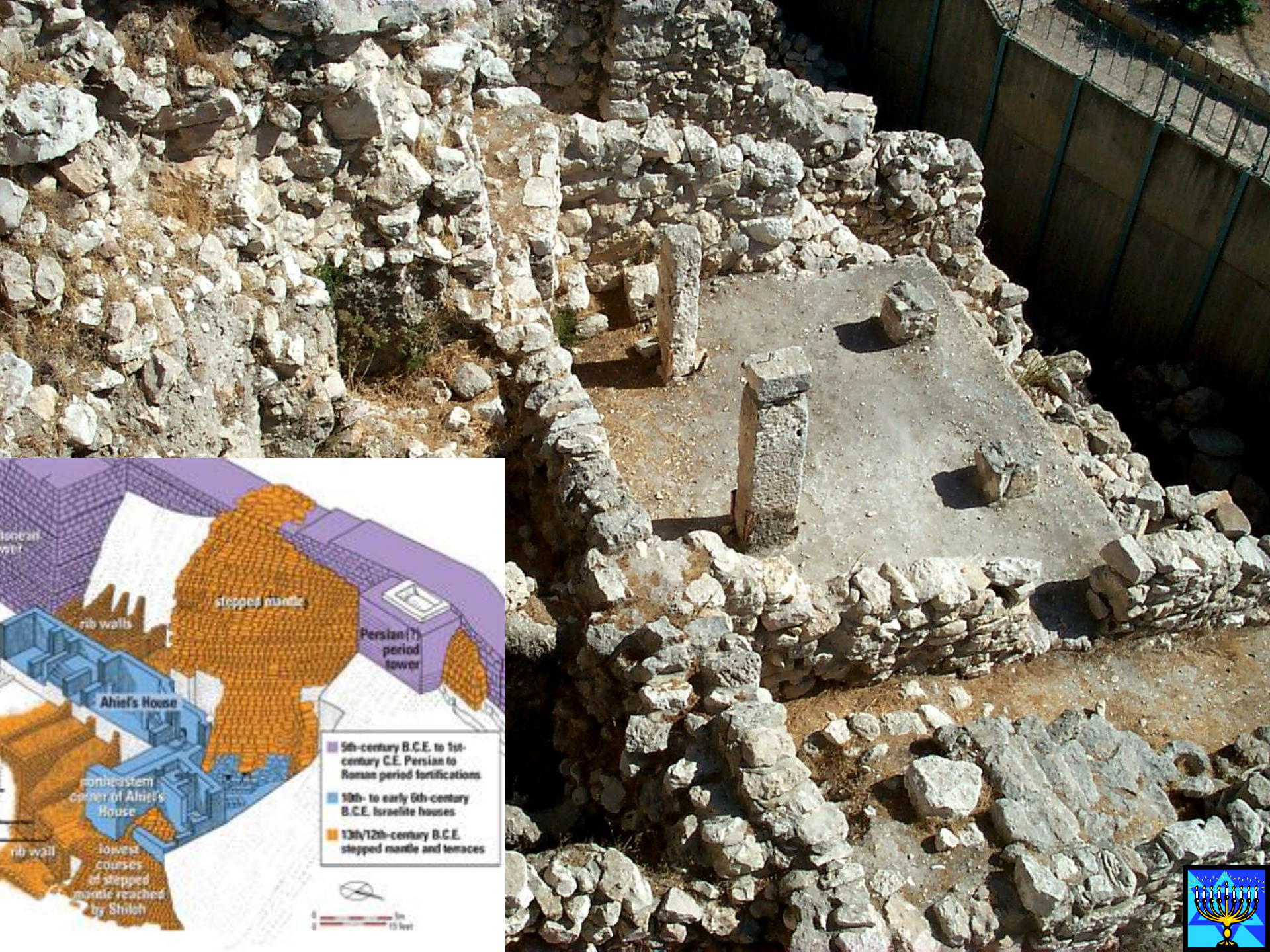


THE TEMPLE MOUNT STRUCTURE
The Temple Mount is the holiest site in Judaism, and the location of the Temple in Jerusalem. The structure shown in the drawing is a reconstruction of the Temple Mount's fortifications.













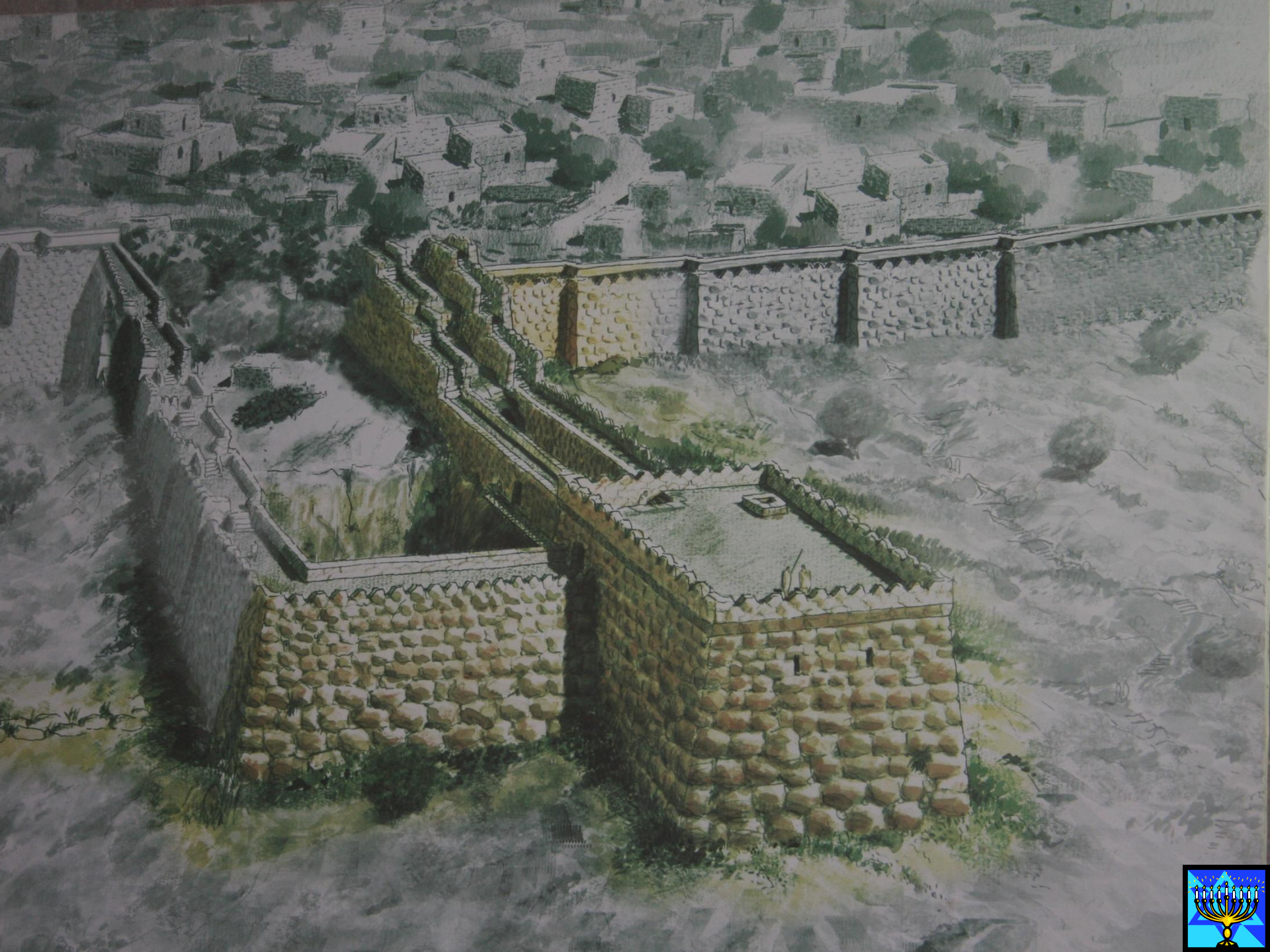
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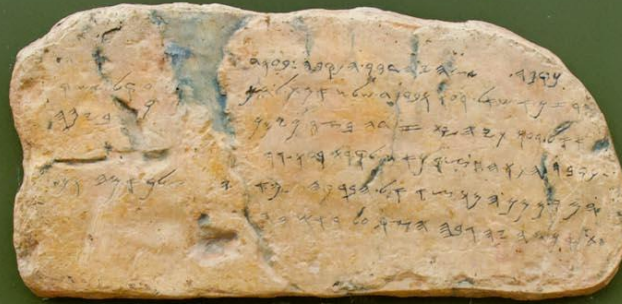






כתובת ניקבת השילוח

The Shiloah Inscription



Quarriers' Meeting Point

Below the spot you are standing, at a depth of 20 meters, the quarriers of the Shiloah Tunnel met.

"And the rest of the deeds of Hezekiah, and all of his might, and all of how he made the pool and the channel and brought the water to the city - are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah" (II Kings 20:20)

The Shiloah Tunnel (also known as Hezekiah's Tunnel) was constructed during the reign of King Hezekiah in anticipation of the Assyrian siege of Jerusalem in the year 701 B.C.E.

The tunnel, 533 meters long, led water from the Gihon spring in the east to the Shiloah Pool which is located on the south-western side of the City of David. In 1880, a boy wading through the water discovered an inscription incised on the tunnel wall. The inscription, written in Paleo-Hebrew, describes the final moments of the tunnel's construction by two work teams quarrying towards each other from opposite ends, and their dramatic meeting deep underground. The inscription is preserved today in the Istanbul Archeological Museum.

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[The tunnelling] is completed! And this is the account of the tunnelling: While [the hewers were swinging their axes] one [hewer] towards the other with three cubits yet to be hewn, a man's voice was heard calling out to his fellow [worker]. For there was a chisel [flashed] in the rock to the right and to the left. And on the day of the tunnelling the hewers bore through, one man towards the other, one upon axe, and the waters flowed from the source to the pool, one thousand and two hundred cubits, and a [hundred] cubits was the height of the rock above the heads of the hewers.

מפגש החוצצים

מנות לשוקם ועוד כו' חתם משה... בנותק של כ-20 מטרים. נמצאו הנציבים ניקבת השילוח. 'ויקרא דברי חוצצתו וכל מנוצתו וקשר שקיה שת מקריבה ונתת השפלה' ובה את משהי ביקרת חלה את חוצצתו על שוק דברי קטנים (לפני הוציא) (מלכים ב' כ' ז')

ניקבת השילוח (המכונה גם ניקבת חזקיהו) נבנתה בתקופת המלוכה של המלך חזקיהו לשימוש לשיבת מים צחי של המשפחה על ידיעצתם. כמות וסל' למטרים. הניקבה שאורכה 533 מטרים. חוצצתו את מי מקוץ הנהון מוצב בבורות העיר אל בריכת השילוח שבקצה הדרום מערבי של בנתק עיר דוד. גמר שחלו משהי בנתק 1880. הנוצת השפלה בוצעו מניקבת המבוצרת. המבוכה כבדה כשני קדומה. מסתרת את רצפת הניקבה. אדם בו נמצאו שתי בקבות חוצצתו. 'והיה שומעקומו או לקראתו או בקבוצת השפלה' ויכוח את מנוצתו המנוצת לרשימתה המיושבת. המנוצת המנוצת את המסלל הנת-קדומה של הניקבה.

כתובת השילוח:

(המת) חוצצתו. וזה היה דברי חוצצתו: בעוד (מבצעת מנוצת את) הנהון את של לני ניקבת עולה עולה (הנהון) ניקבת על את קרא על גמר כו' חתם וזו קראתו חזקיהו המלך. ובהי' ובהי' הקבצה והתו המבוכה אתו לשיבת דברי רצו על (הנהון) ולכלי קטין 1000 מוקבא על ניקבתה מקטנים (הנהון) שקה (הנהון) ובהי' קראתו חזקיהו.





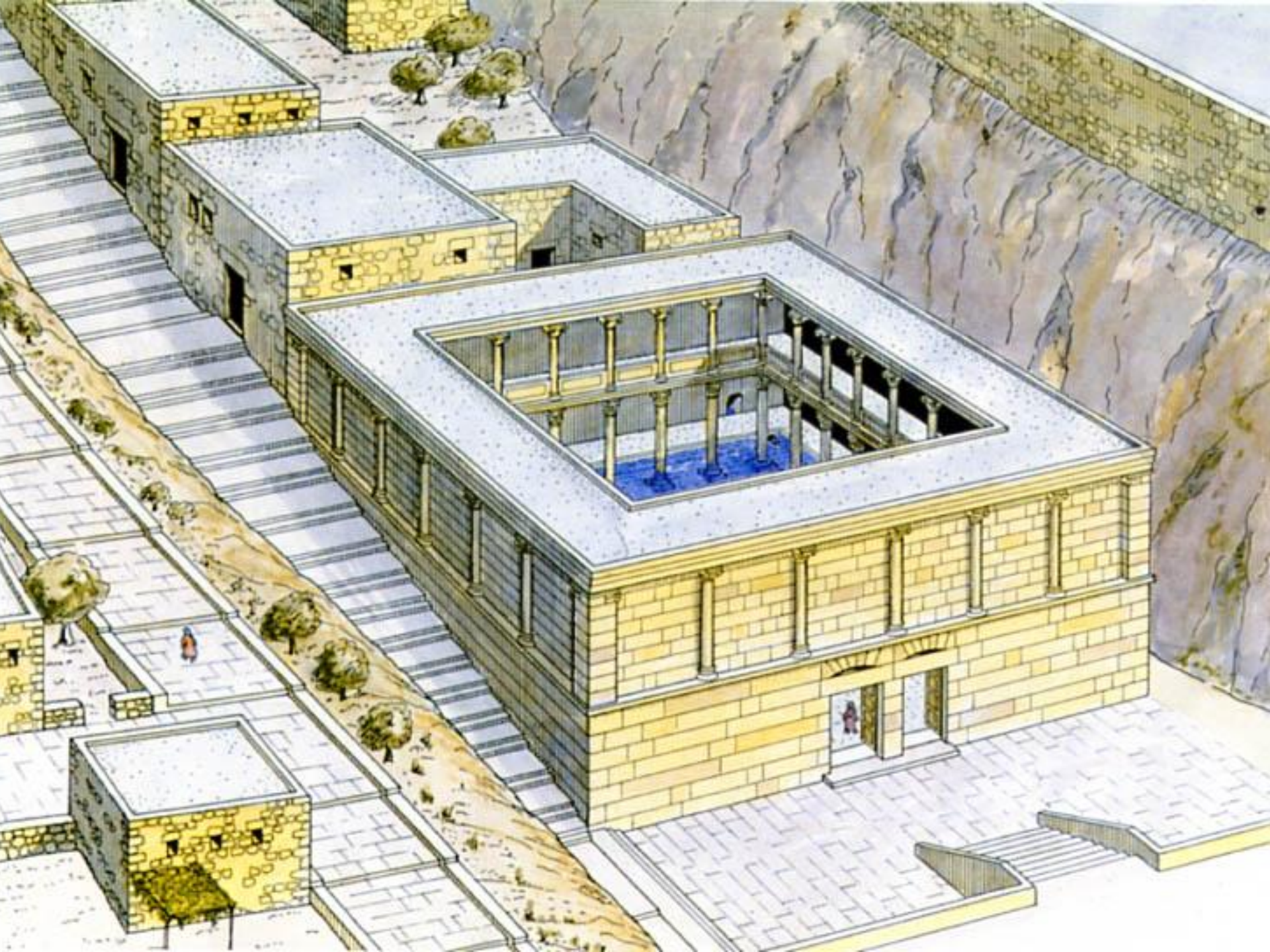
















When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.
(John 9:6–7)







Recent Discoveries in Jerusalem







But although they had this commiseration for such as were destroyed in that manner, yet had they not the same for those that were still alive, but they ran every one through whom they met with, and obstructed the very lanes with their dead bodies, and made the whole city run down with blood, to such a degree indeed that the fire of many of the houses was quenched with these men's blood.

The works of Josephus





