

THE THIRD TEMPLE

The Bible prophecies of a third temple that will be built in the near future. I happened to see Robert Cornuke of the Bible Archeology Search and Exploration Institute on “Prophecy in the News.” He brings some interesting information to the table which I want to look at today. Historians and archeologist and researchers are extremely valuable as they make discoveries that prove the Bible.



Believed to be the current temple mount where the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque are

3rd temple scriptures:

2 Thess.2:4 –Who (antichrist) opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

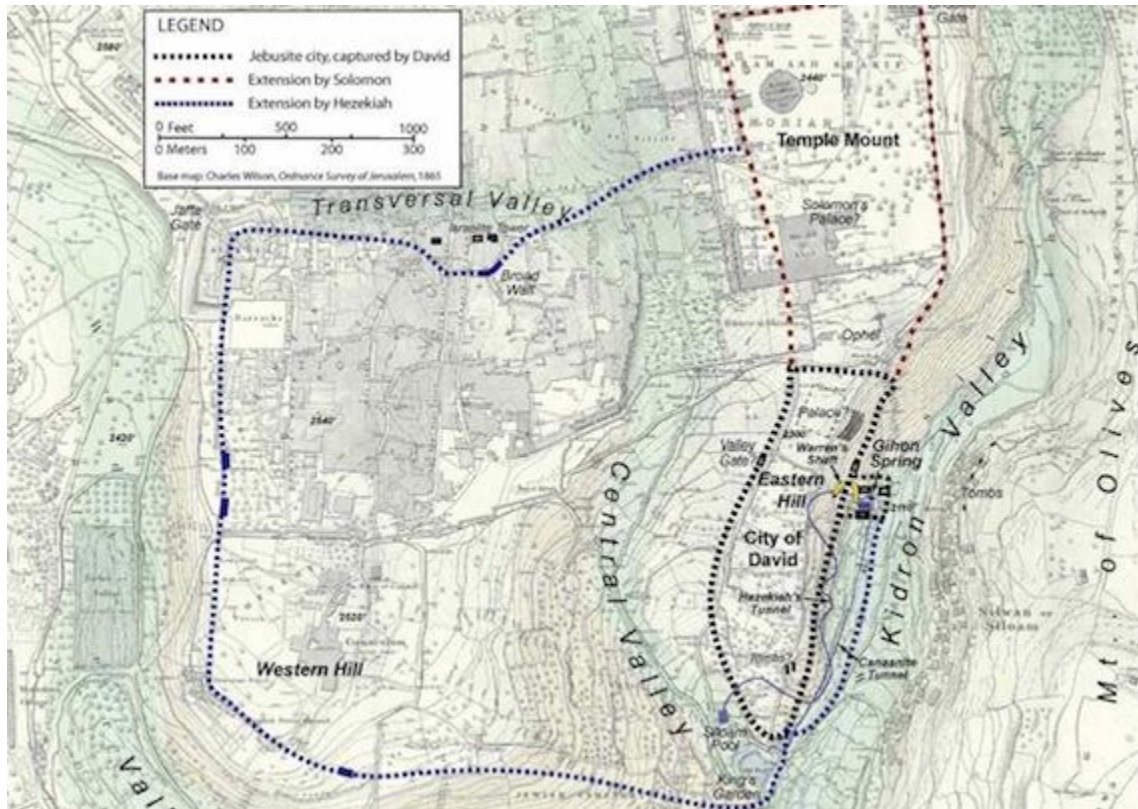
Rev.11:1-2 – And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court

which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not, for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

Where was the original temple built?

City of David:

2 Sam.5:6-10 – speaks of King David taking the strong hold of Zion which is the city of David.

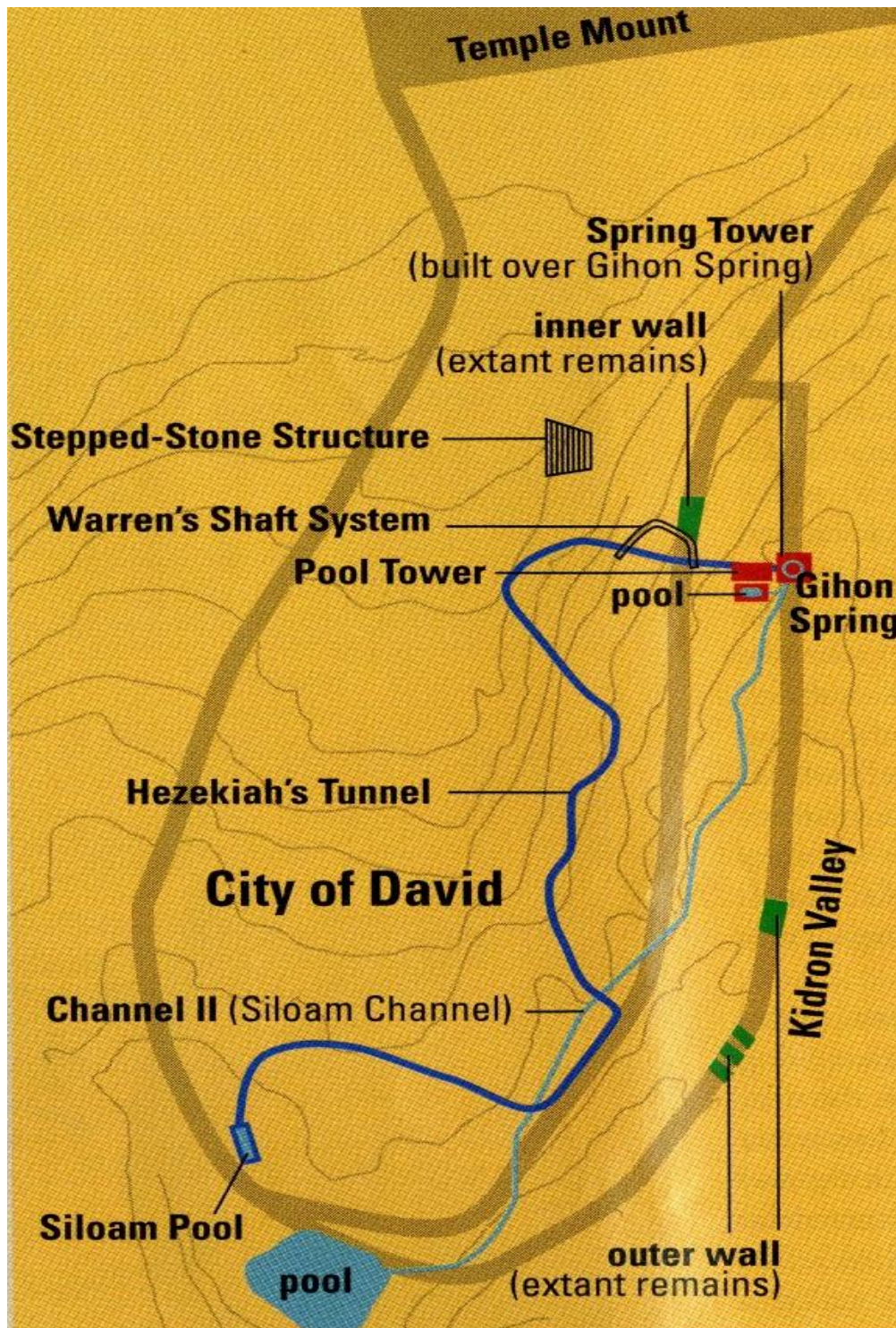


City of David outlined in black dots

Now moving forward, King David had sinned by counting the people and the LORD sent a terrible plague among the people and the LORD commanded the Angel of the Lord to stop destroying the people when He was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite. In order to appease the LORD, King David bought the threshing floor of Araunah and that is where he built an altar unto the LORD and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. – (2 Sam. 24:24-25)

2 Chr.3:1 – Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

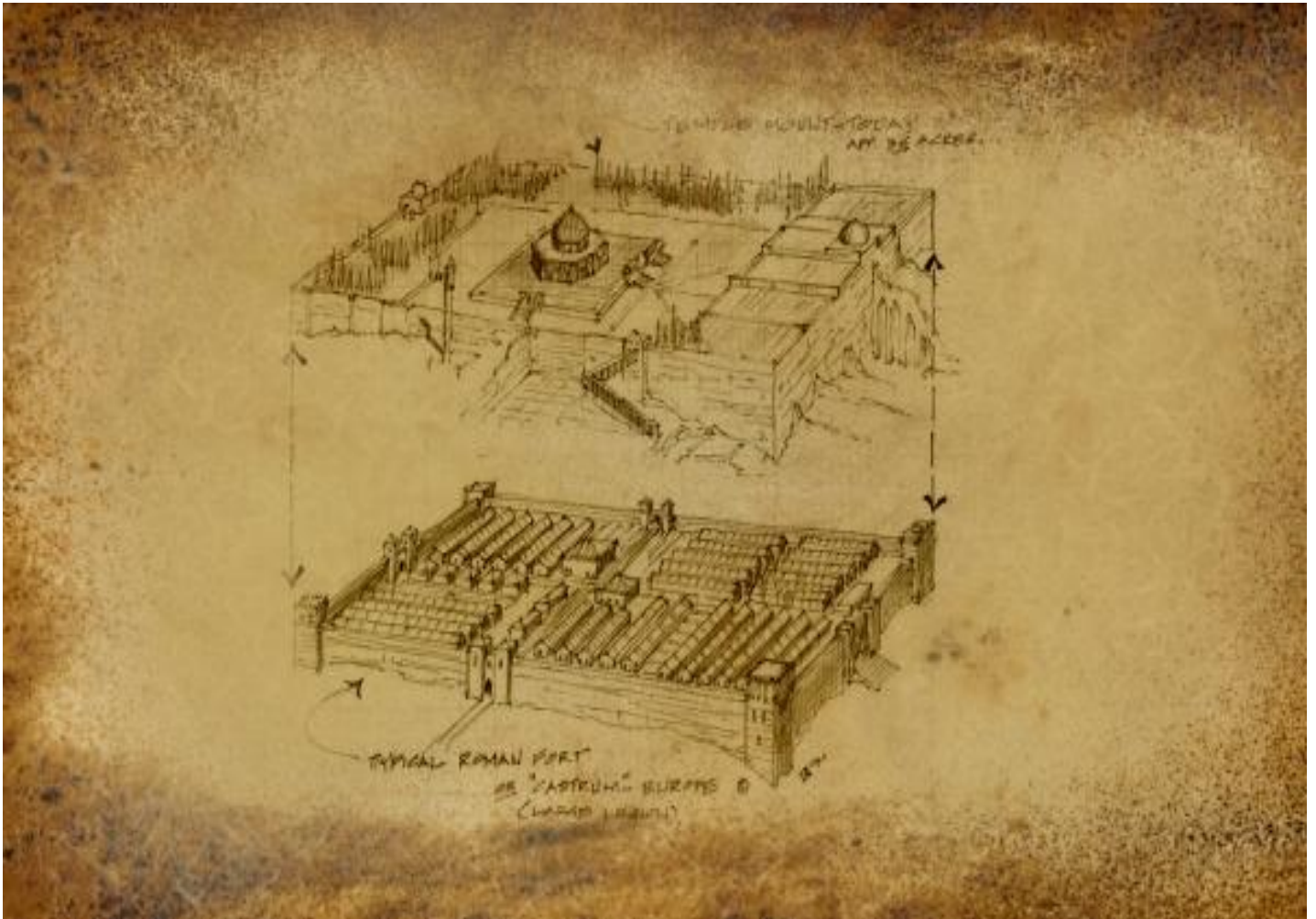
Luke 3:17 – Whose fan is in His hand, and He will through purge His floor, and will gather the wheat into His garner; but the chaff He will burn with fire unquenchable.



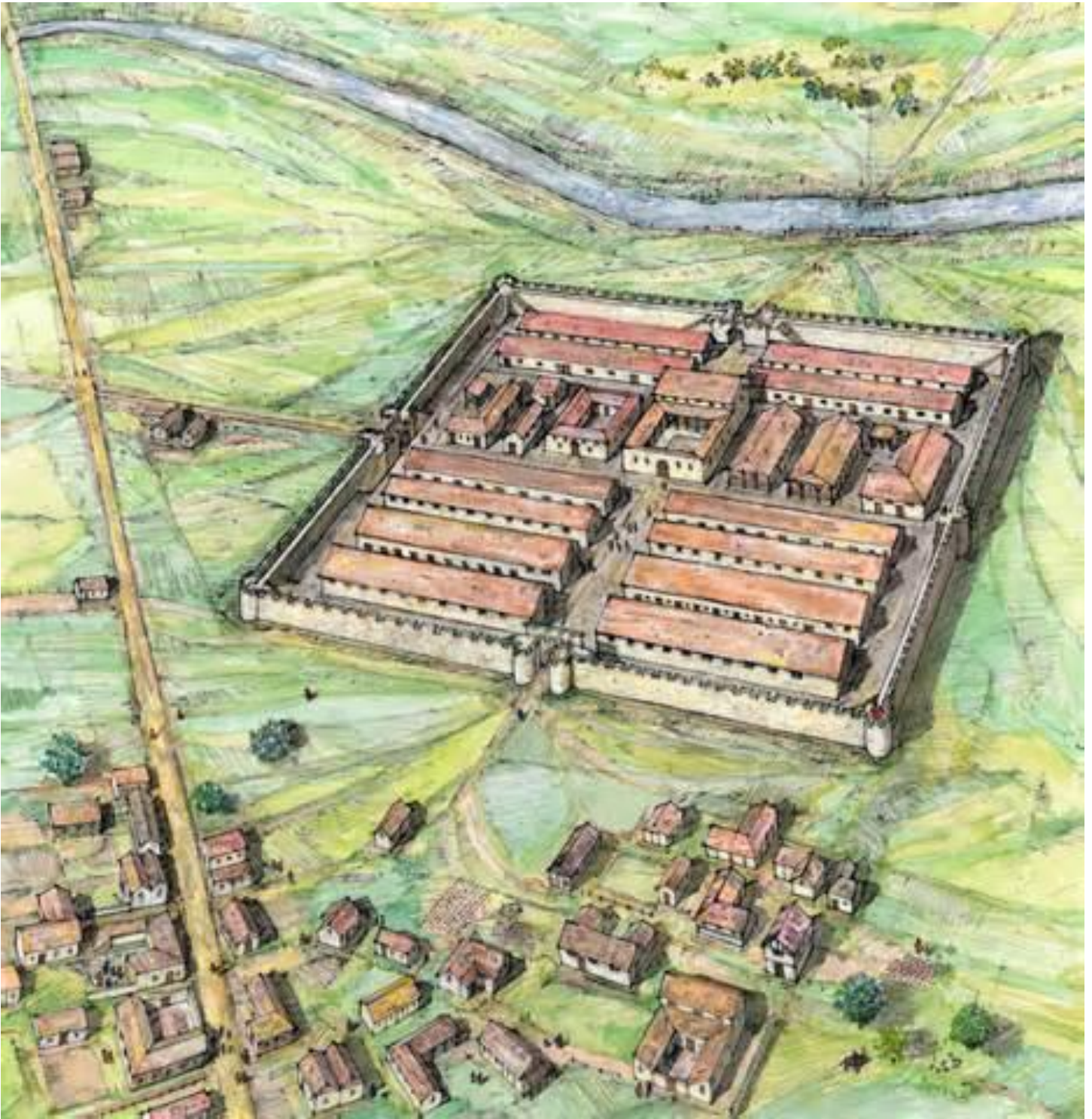
City of David – where the original temples were built

****Temple Mount in top of picture is inaccurate according to current research.****

Historian Josephus records that the Fortress Antonia was built to overshadow the temple.



Picture of a Typical Roman Fort on bottom, showing how the current temple mount would fit perfectly into this same space. Research is revealing that the current temple mount is more likely the Roman fortress of Antonia. Forts usually contained graineries, barracks and stables.



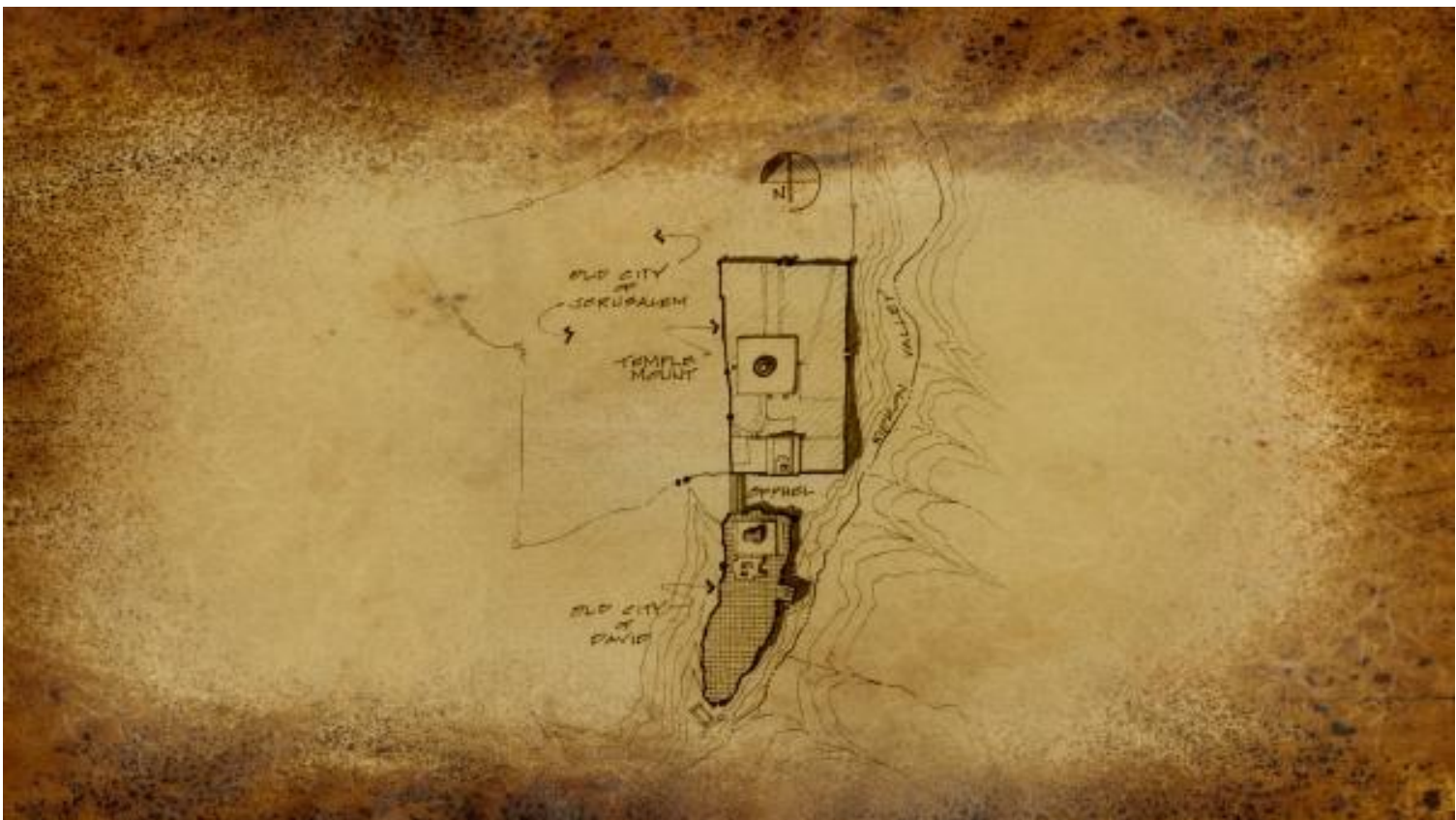
Another Typical Roman Fortress – Burghwallis Fort

Matt.24:1-2 – And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and His disciples came to Him for to shew Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all

these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

To us this seems like it did not happen because we know the "wailing wall" is considered to be part of the 2nd temple that is still standing. However, Josephus records that the temple was so destroyed in 70 AD that you would not even know there was a temple there. So something does not match up here. According to Eleazar ben Ya'ir – General of the Siege of Masada, the only thing left in the Jerusalem area was a single Roman Camp that still hovered triumphantly over the ruins of the City and the Temple. He said that Jewish Jerusalem "hath nothing left." The only thing continuing to exist was the "monument" (a single monument) preserved by Titus. And what was that "monument"? Eleazar said it was "the camp of those that destroyed it [Jerusalem], which still dwells upon its ruins."

See, Jesus was in the City of David at the temple when He talked of the temple being destroyed. What is still standing today is the Roman fortress.



Showing current temple mount (believed to be Roman Fortress of Antonia) above the City of David. The temples would have been built in the City of David.



This picture is a rendering of how it may have looked at the time of Jesus. The Roman fortress is at the top overlooking the Temple Area and there are steps leading down.

The Fortress of Antonia was built in 35 B.C. and named in honor of Herod's friend and Roman Triumvir Marcus Antonius also known as Mark Antony. At some point the Romans took over the Antonia Fortress and placed a garrison there.

<http://www.bible-history.com>

Acts 21:30-32 – And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut. And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran **DOWN** unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.

After the temple was destroyed, Zion got lost and got moved to the upper city.

2 Chr.32:30 – This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper watercourse of **Gihon**, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

Hezekiah's tunnel (**rerouting of Gihon Spring**) was discovered, however they did not move the site of the temple mount at the time of discovery.

I Kings 1:38-39 – So Zadock the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to **Gihon**. And Zadock the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save King Solomon. ****They went and got oil out of the tabernacle – it was there in Gihon.****

The temple would be built here. It had to have a water source to wash away all the blood from the sacrifices and for the priest to wash too. *The current temple mount area had no water source, the Romans brought in aqueducts.*

30 ft. from Gihon Springs, walls have been found. There is a round hole there where oil was crushed. There are holes in the wall for brass rings and inscriptions of men who worked in the temple.

Water flowing out from the temple scriptures:

Joel 3:18 & Ezekiel 47:1

Zion scriptures:

2 Sam.5:7

Joel 2;1, 3:17, 21

Psalms 2:6 Psalm 9:11 Psalm 65:1-4 Psalm 102:13,16 Psalm 132:13

Isaiah 2:3 Isaiah 24:23 Isaiah 66:20

2 Chr.3:1

In 1099 crusaders fighting below the Dome of the Rock climbed up and took the crescent moon down and put a cross up and said, "Temple of Adonai." Robert Cornuke believes this is where the tradition that this is the temple mount came from.

Indeed, when the Bordeaux Pilgrim visited Jerusalem in 333 C.E., he looked east from an area in front of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (then in its final stages of being built) and said he saw this Praetorium (The Latin term **praetorium** — or praetorium or pretorium — originally

signified a general's tent within a Roman castra, castellum, or encampment) directly eastward with its walls (he mentioned "walls" in the plural – meaning the southern and western walls) firmly entrenched in the bottom of the Tyropoeon Valley.

Ezra 6:15 – And this house was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

We know that Herod began adding on to the temple around 19 BC. He died in 4 BC. Work continued about 60 years after his death and finished around 63 AD.

There is now proof that Herod did not build the “wailing wall” or the walls that are underneath that entire area. 2 coins have been found under stones there that are of the year 20 AD. This is after Herod was dead. This is stated by Eli Shukenar, director of archeology.

As a side note I want to state that opinions are now changing as to the location of Mt. Sinai due to recent research and discoveries. Look at **Gal.4:25** – For this Agar (Hagar) is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

They have discovered a mountain in Arabia with a scorched top. They have also found an altar with carvings of calves on it and menorahs. Remember this would be the region that the children of Israel traveled to after leaving Egypt.



Scorched top of Mt. Sinai in Arabia

So what does all of this mean? More and more discoveries are proving the Bible and showing us where things really are.

600 ft south of the current temple mount, there is 12 acres of land that is in the City of David and ISRAEL OWNS this land!! There is no conflict with rebuilding the temple. The foundation stone or touch stone of the whole world is in Jerusalem.

This is where Jesus will rule and reign from in the near future.

Let's pray that Israel will come to this knowledge and that they will cry out to their Messiah to come and save them. He will not return the 2nd time until they acknowledge Him as their Messiah. Luke 13:35