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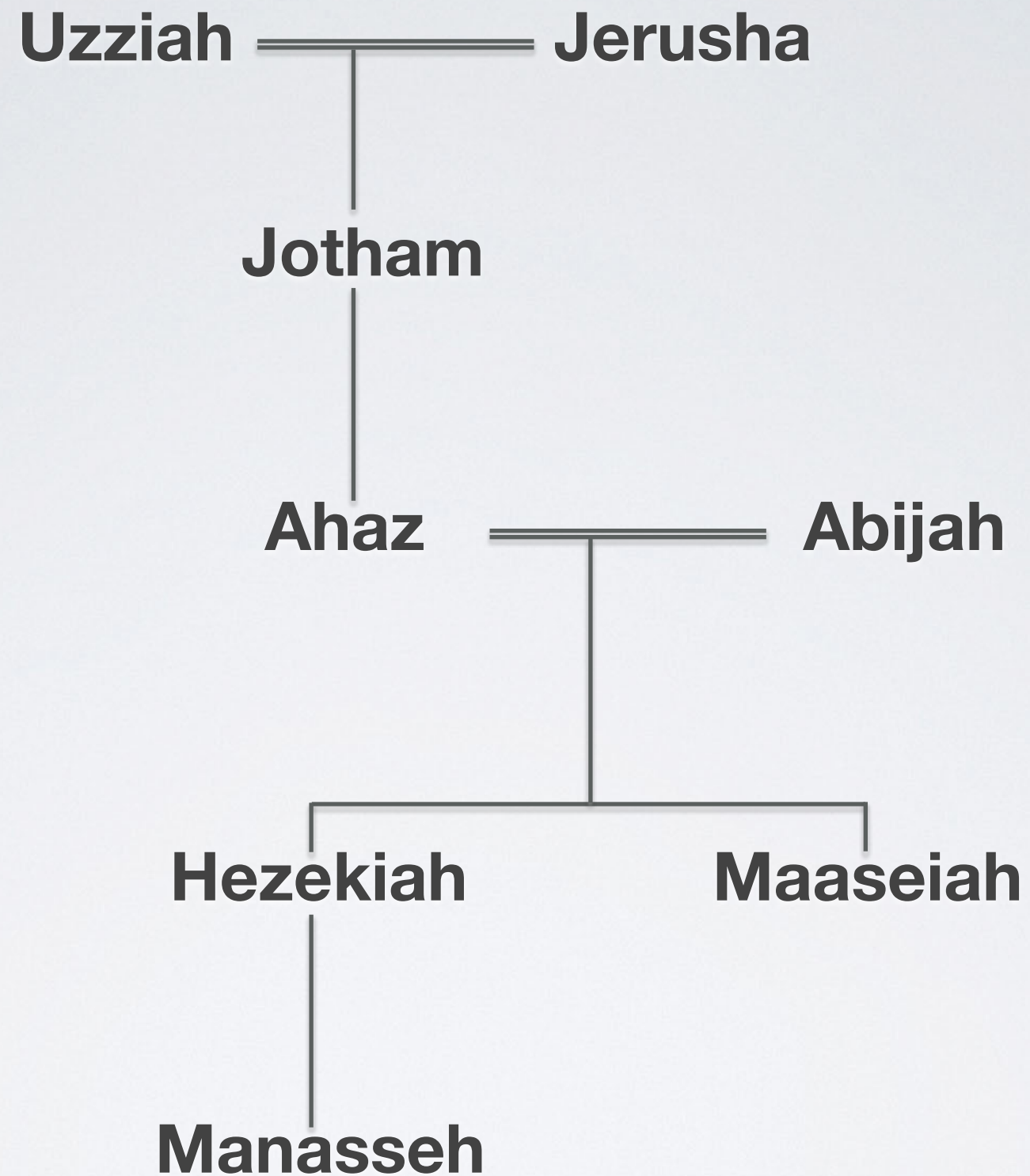
“From that time Jesus began to preach,
and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of
heaven is at hand.”

CHANGE

I. Remove worldly thinking

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2. Replace it with spiritual thinking (and action)



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2 Chronicles 28:2-4

² For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim.

³ Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

⁴ He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

2 Chronicles 28:23-24

²³ For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, *therefore* will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.

²⁴ And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

THE DISINTEGRATING ECCLESIA OF AHAZ

- Everyone, including children, involved with the gods of the world.
- Widespread participation in the immorality of the high places.
- The doors of the temple are closed and the temple is replaced with many altars to other gods.

“Judah had so declined that not only idolatry of every kind, but even the service of Molech - nay, witchcraft and necromancy, expressly denounced in the law (Deut. 18:10–13), were openly practiced in the land

...For if, at the beginning of the reign of Ahaz, Judah had attained its highest state of prosperity, it had sunk at its close to the lowest level yet reached.”

Edersheim

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2 Chron. 26:3-4

³ Sixteen years old *was* Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

⁴ And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

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2 Chron. 27:6

“So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.”

2 Chron. 27:2

“And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly.”

Gen. 6:11-13

“The earth also was **corrupt** before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was **corrupt**; for all flesh had **corrupted** his way upon the earth. ¹³ And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will **destroy** them with the earth... ¹⁷ And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth to **destroy** all flesh...”

Isaiah 1:11

“To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; And I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.”

Isaiah 2:8

8 Their land also is full of idols;
They worship the work of their own hands,
That which their own fingers have made:

Isaiah 3:4

⁴ And I will give children *to be* their princes,
And babes shall rule over them.

Hebrews 5:13-14

¹³ For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

¹⁴ But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Isaiah 3:18-23 ~ *NIV*

“In that day the LORD will snatch away their finery: the bangles and headbands and crescent necklaces, the earrings and bracelets and veils, the headdresses and anklets and sashes, the perfume bottles and charms, the signet rings and nose rings, the fine robes and the capes and cloaks, the purses and mirrors, and the linen garments and tiaras and shawls.”

Isaiah 5:8

“Woe to you who add house to house and
join field to field till no space is left and you
live alone in the land.”

Isaiah 5:12-13

“...But they regard not the work of the LORD,
Neither consider the operation of his hands.
Therefore my people are gone into captivity,
because *they have* no knowledge:
And their honourable men *are* famished,
And their multitude dried up with thirst.”

Isaiah 2:6

Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people
the house of Jacob, Because they be
replenished from the east, And *are*
soothsayers like the Philistines, And
they please themselves in the children of
strangers.



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THE COMPLACENT ECCLESIA

- The people were not being educated in the scriptures.
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2 Kings 15:37

“In those days the LORD began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah.”

Isaiah 7:1-2

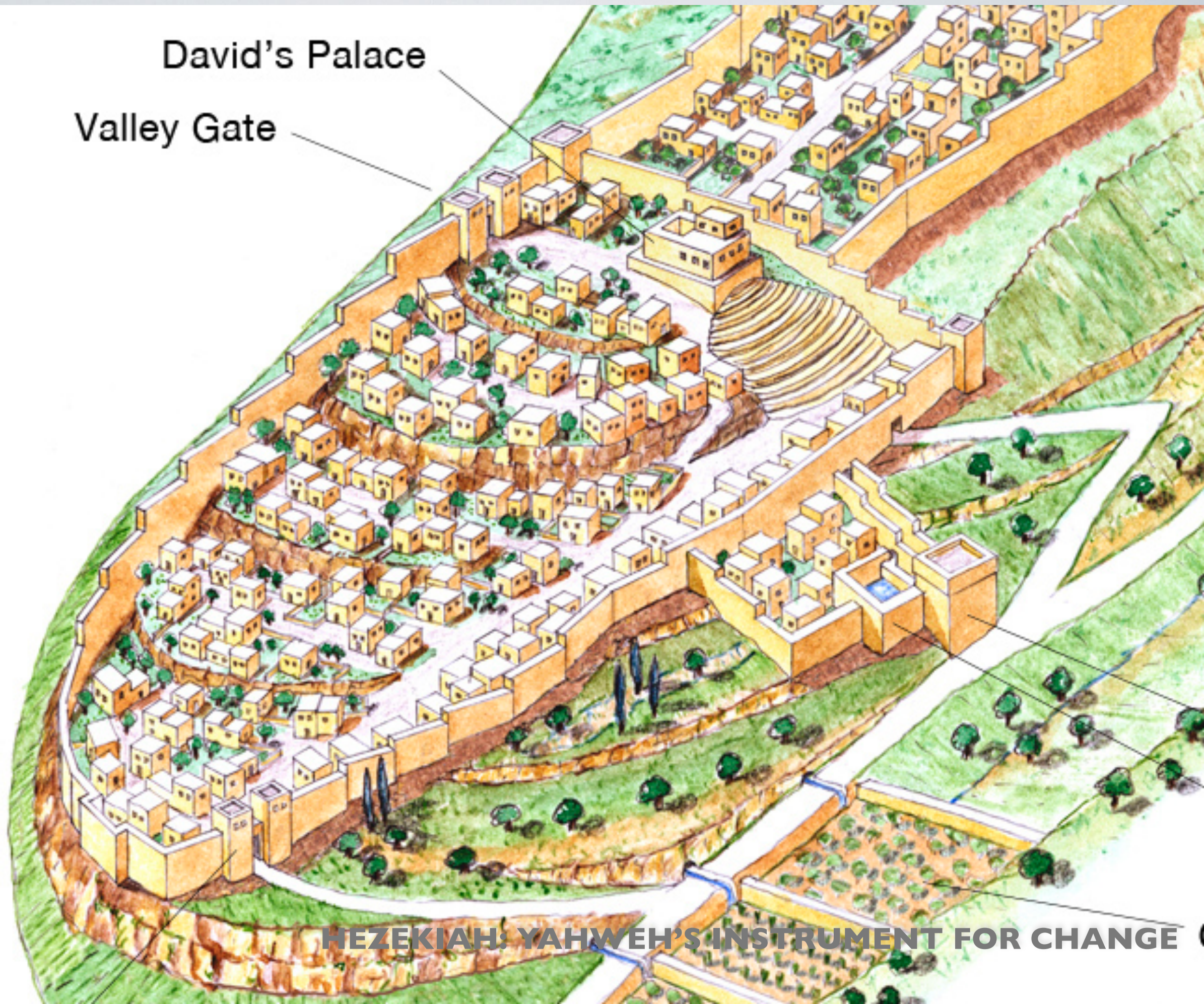
¹ And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, *that* Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it

² And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

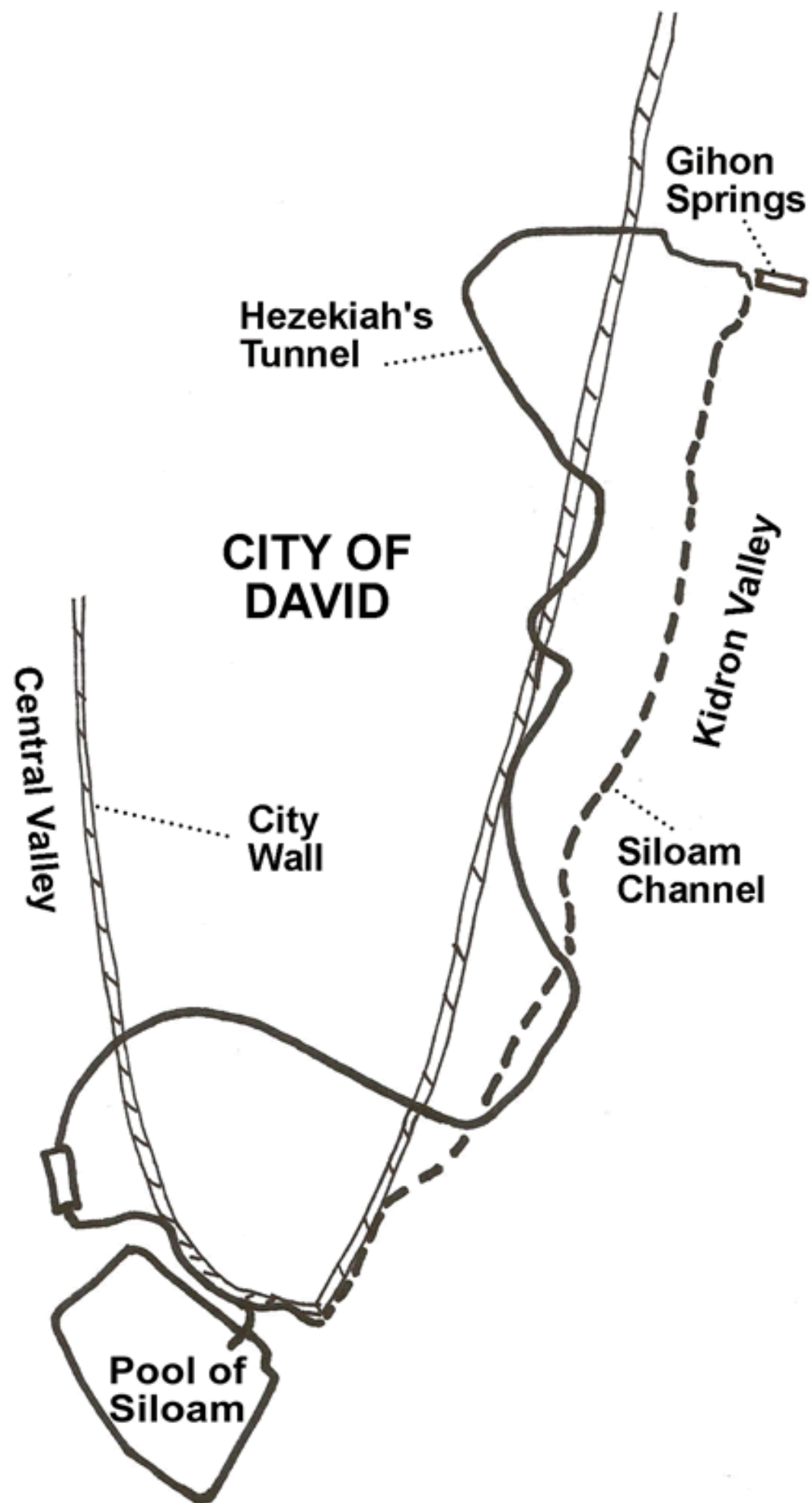
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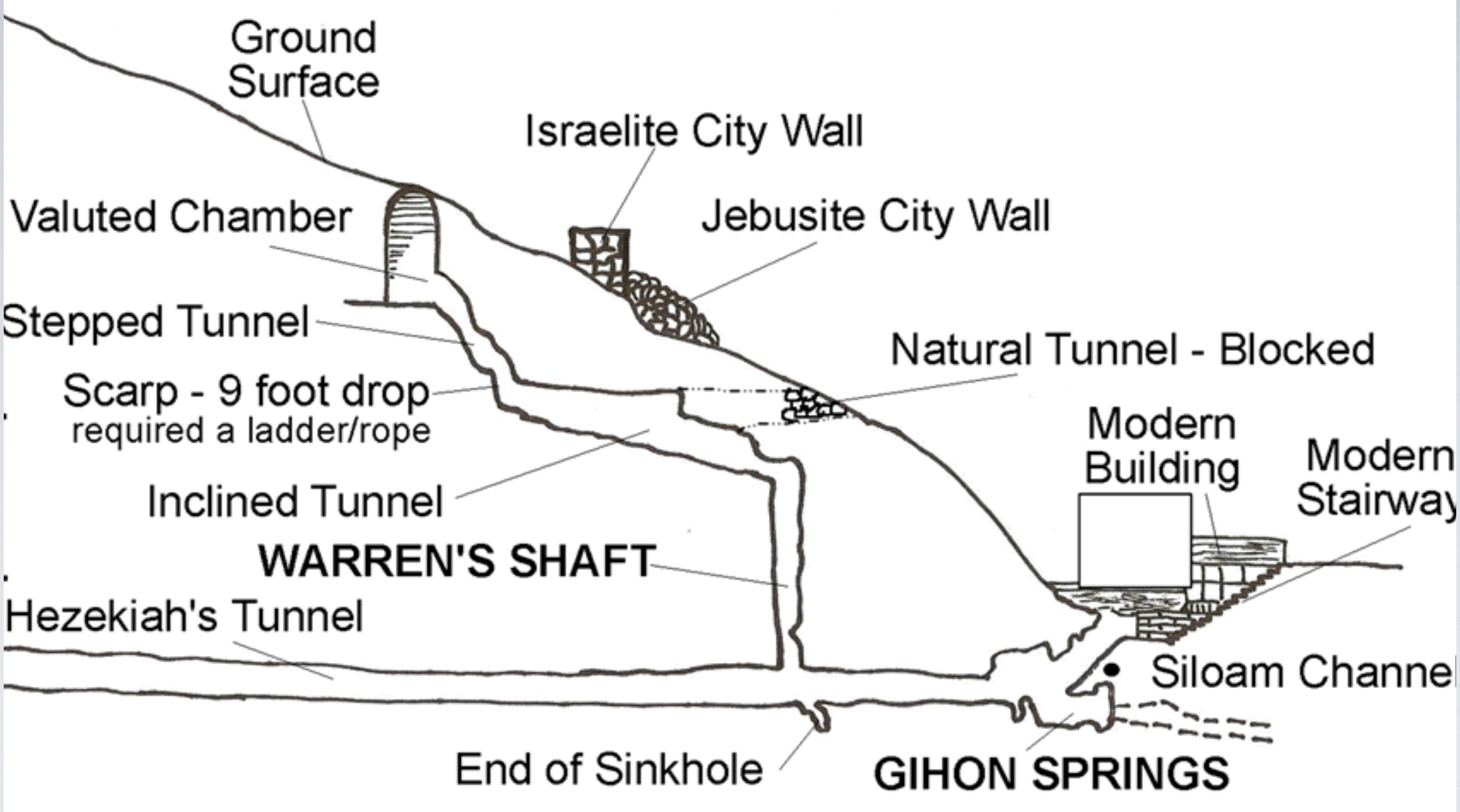
“Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shear-jashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller’s field;”

David's Palace
Valley Gate



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Isaiah 8:6

“Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, And rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah’s son;”

Isaiah 8:7

“Now therefore, behold, the LORD bringeth
up upon them

The waters of the river, strong and many,
Even the king of Assyria, and all his glory:
And he shall come up over all his channels,
And go over all his banks:

Isaiah 8:8

“And he shall pass through Judah;
He shall overflow and go over,
He shall reach *even* to the neck;
And the stretching out of his wings shall fill
the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.”

WHAT DO WE NEED TO CHANGE?

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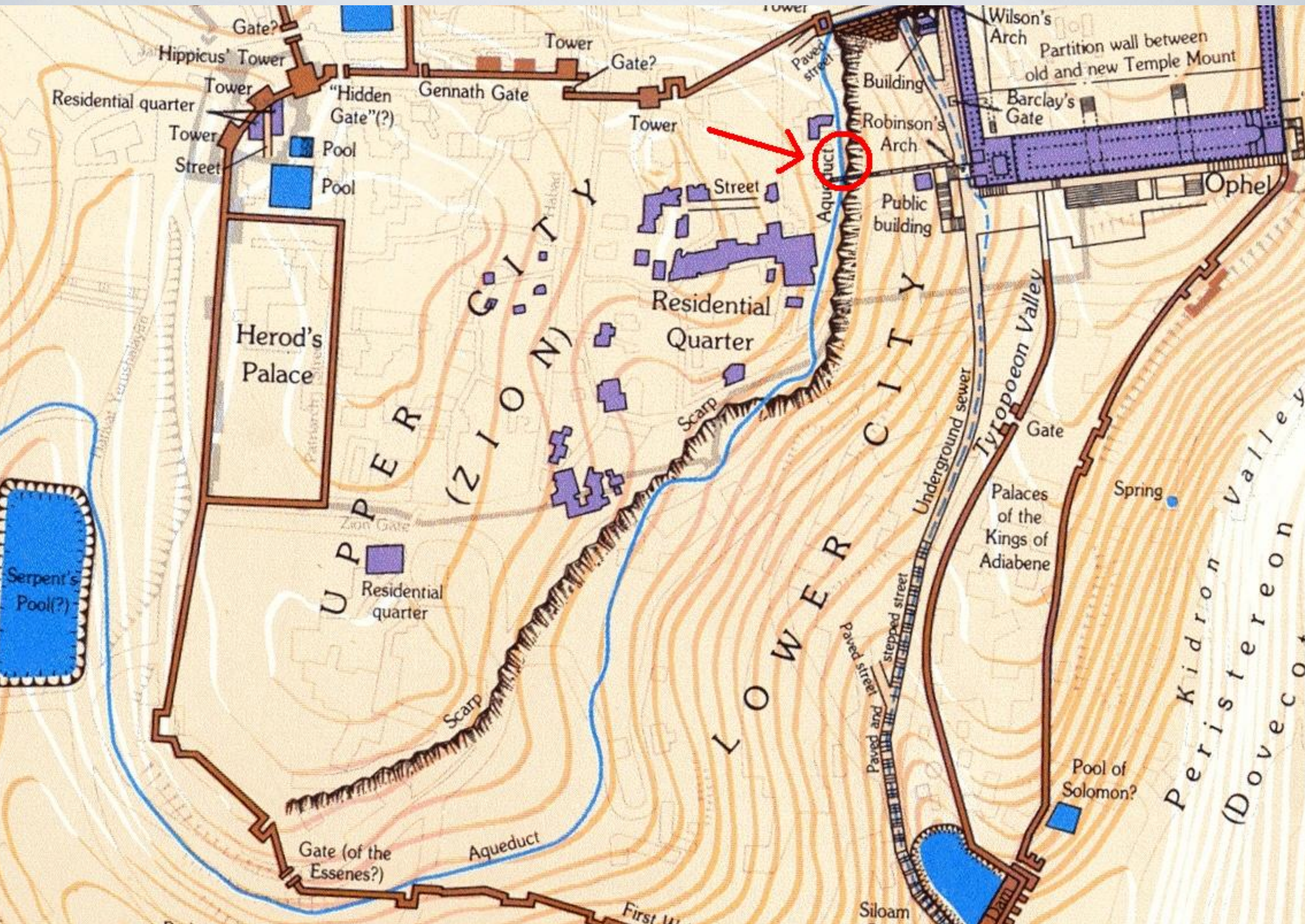
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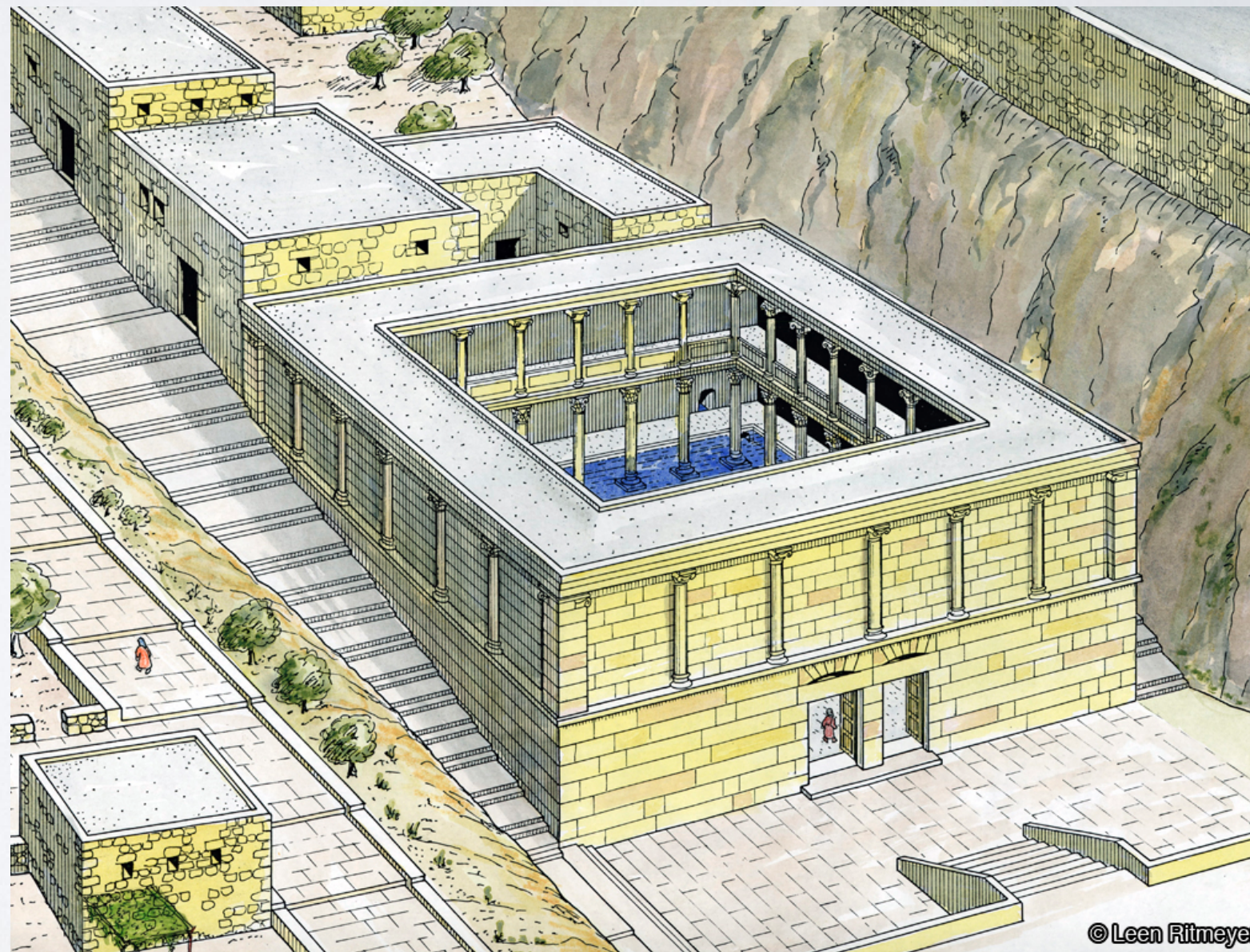
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The Pool of Siloam had a double entrance that probably had something to do with a ritual function. The double entrance gave access to a colonnaded porch that was built round a pool. It received water from Hezekiah's Tunnel. It was perhaps in this building that the blind man, who was healed by Jesus, washed himself (John 9.11).



Ezekiel 38:11-12 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, ¹² To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places *that are now* inhabited, and upon the people *that are* gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

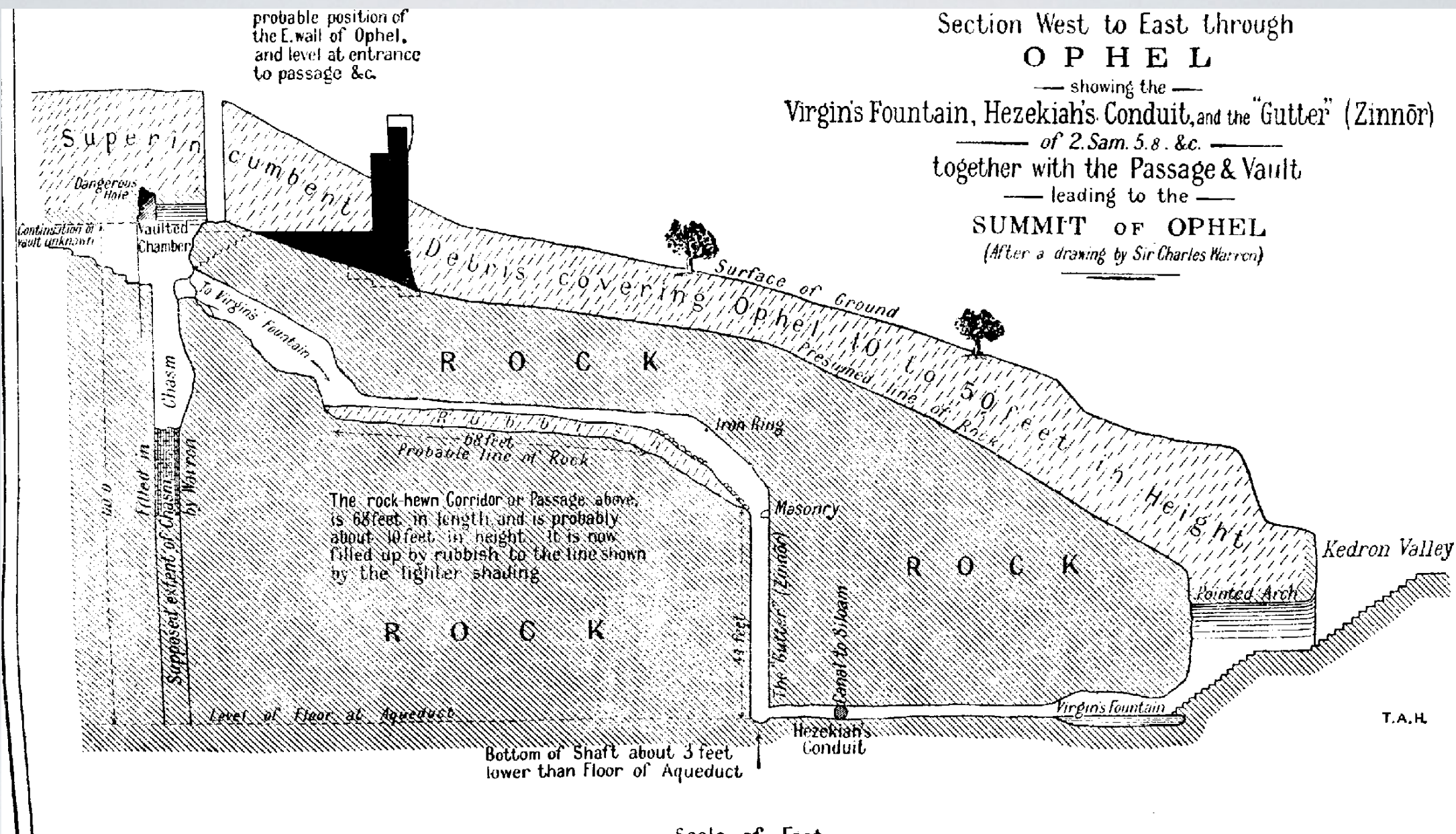


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john 7:37





**PART PLAN OF
JERUSALEM showing MOUNT MORIAH
ZION-OPHEL - THE CITY OF DAVID**

also
Solomon's Buildings on Mount Moriah

and the probable positions
of the
GATES IN "NEHEMIAH"

also
Hezekiah's rock-hewn Conduit

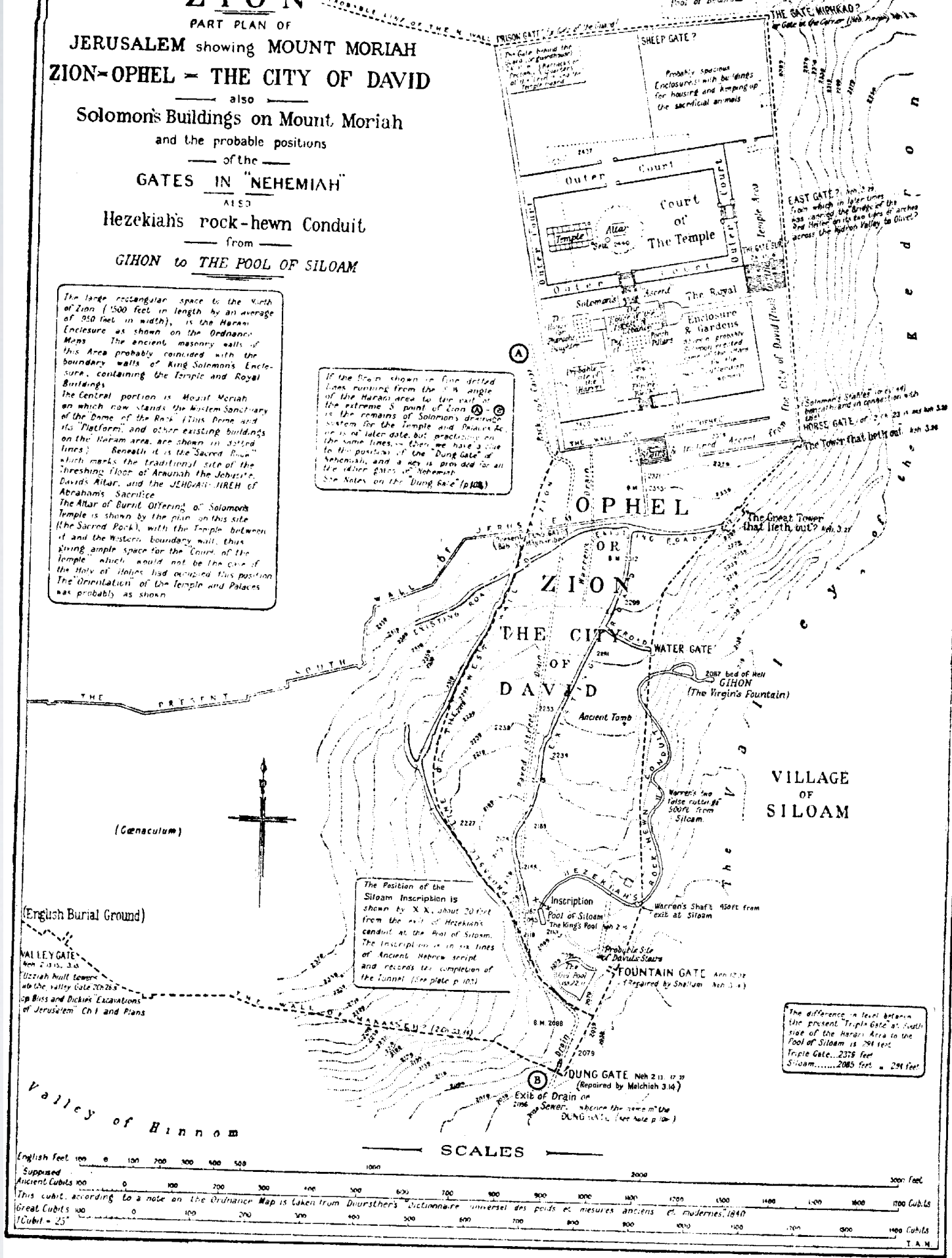
from
GIHON to THE POOL OF SILOAM

The large rectangular space to the North of Zion (500 feet in length by an average of 350 feet in width), is the Harari Enclosure as shown on the Ordnance Maps. The ancient masonry walls of this Area probably coincided with the boundary walls of King Solomon's Enclosure, containing the Temple and Royal Buildings.

The Central portion is Mount Moriah on which now stands the Muslim Sanctuary of the Dome of the Rock (this Dome and its "Platform" and other existing buildings on the Harari area are shown in dotted lines). Beneath it is the "Sacred Rock" which marks the traditional site of the Threshing Floor of Amasai the Jehoiada, David's Altar, and the JEHOASH-TIREH of Abraham's Sacrifice.

The Altar of Burnt Offering of Solomon's Temple is shown by the plan on this site (the Sacred Rock), with the Temple between it and the Western boundary wall, thus giving ample space for the Court of the Temple which would not be the case if the Holy of Holies had occupied this position. The Orientation of the Temple and Palace was probably as shown.

If the lines shown in fine dotted lines running from the S.W. angle of the Harari area to the S.E. point of Zion (A) (B) (C) is the remains of Solomon's drainage system for the Temple and Palace. It is of later date, but, preceding on the same lines, - then we have a clue to the position of the "Dung Gate" of Nehemiah, and a key is provided for all the other gates of Nehemiah. See Notes on the "Dung Gate" (p. 108).

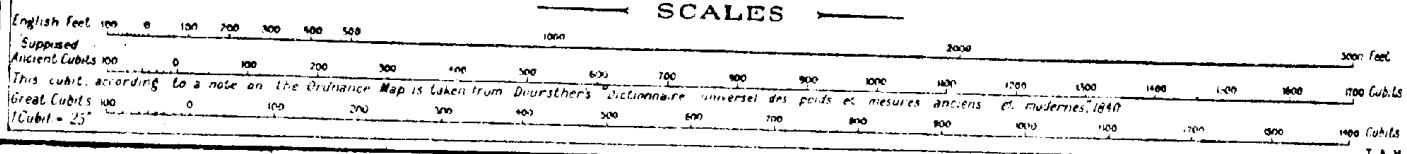


The difference in level between the present Triple Gate at South side of the Harari Area to the Pool of Siloam is 294 feet.
 Triple Gate... 2376 feet
 Siloam... 2085 feet = 294 feet

The Position of the Siloam Inscription is shown by X X, about 20 feet from the exit of Hezekiah's conduit at the Pool of Siloam. The Inscription is in six lines of Ancient Hebrew script and records the completion of the Tunnel. (See plate p. 103)

VALLEY GATE
 Neh 2:13, 3:3
 "Uzziah built towers at the Valley Gate" Neh 3:28
 See Bliss and Dickie's Excavations of Jerusalem (Ch) and Plans

SCALES

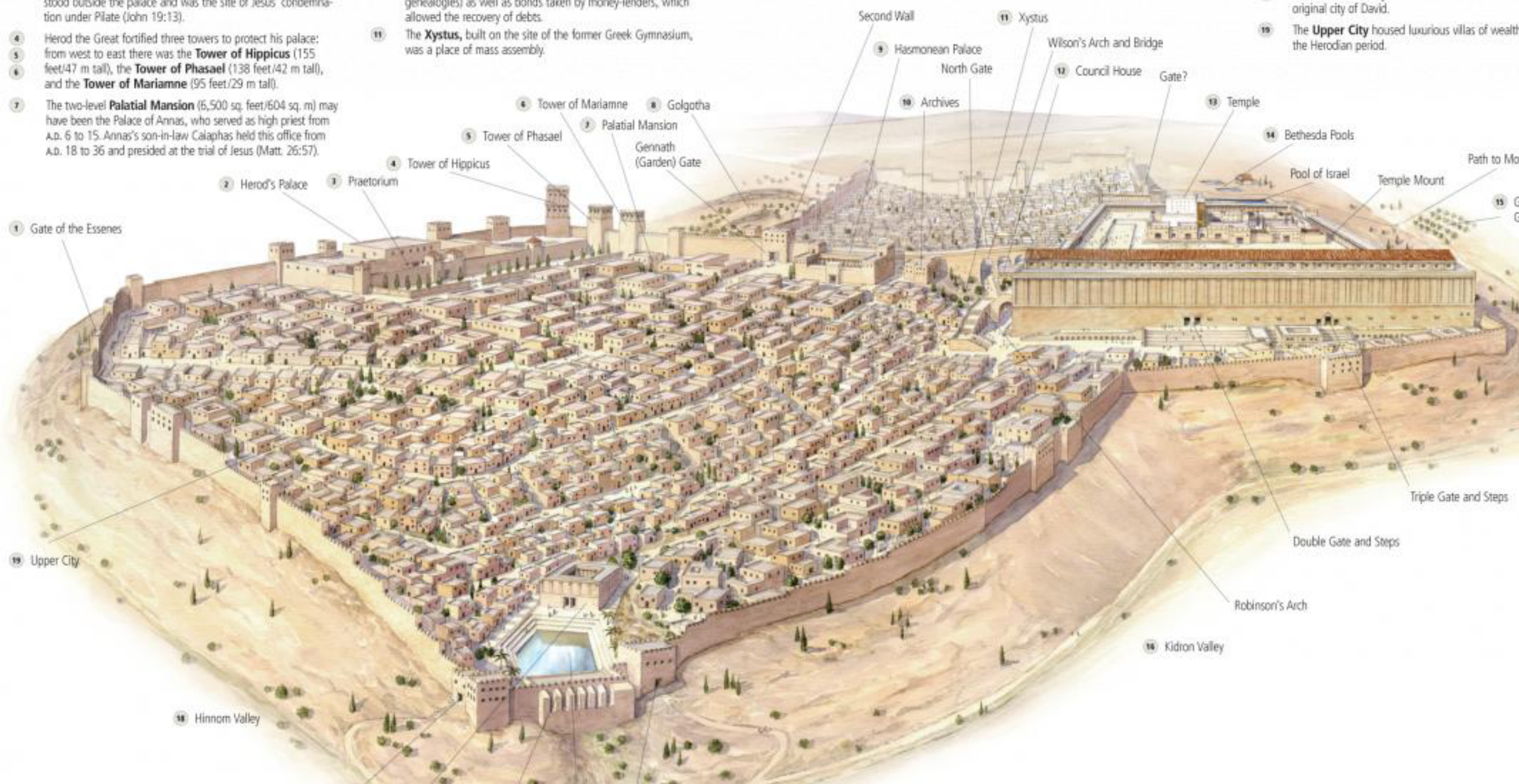


fortress. A raised stone pavement, used for official judgments, stood outside the palace and was the site of Jesus' condemnation under Pilate (John 19:13).

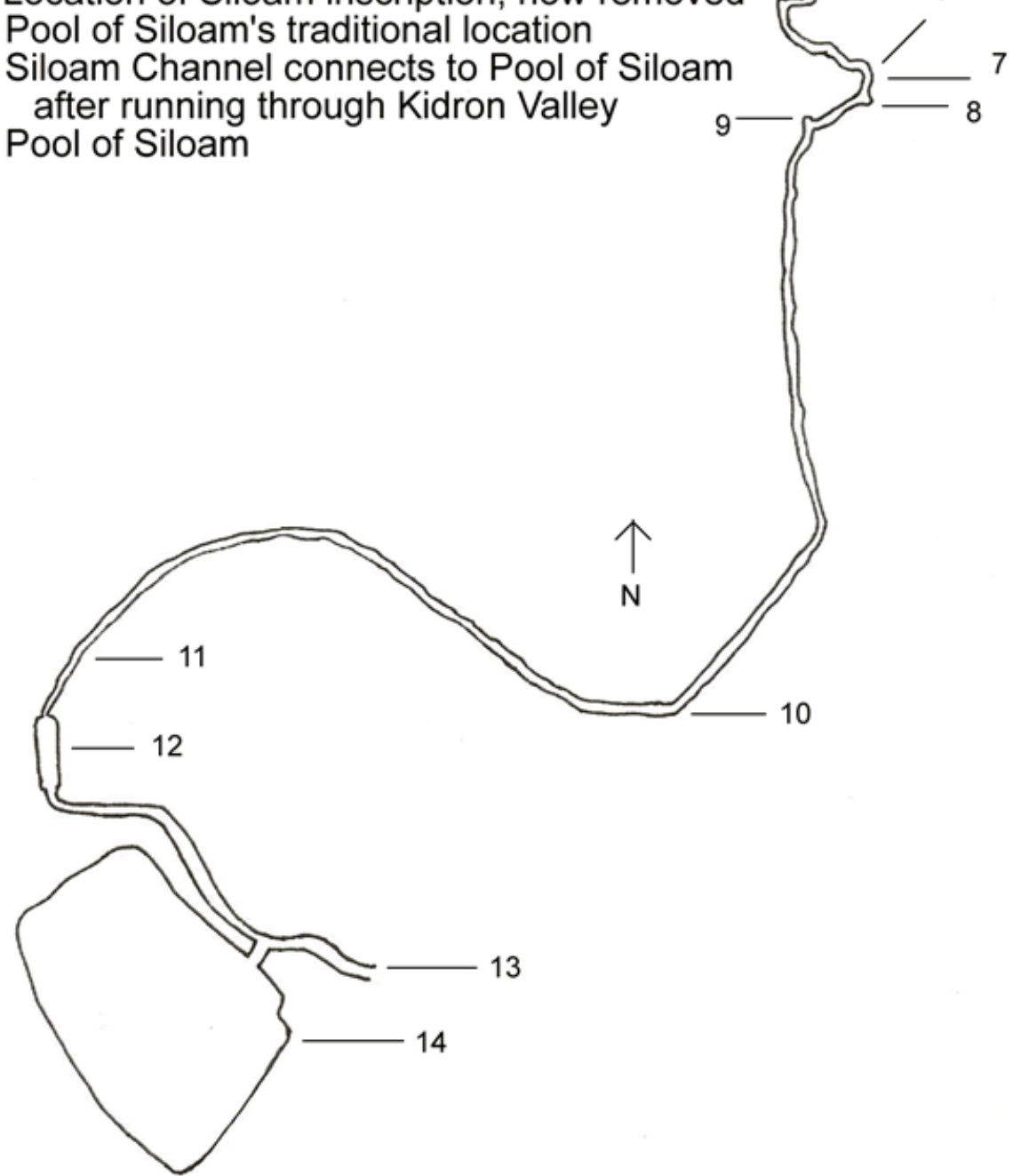
- 4 Herod the Great fortified three towers to protect his palace: from west to east there was the **Tower of Hippicus** (155 feet/47 m tall), the **Tower of Phasael** (138 feet/42 m tall), and the **Tower of Mariamne** (95 feet/29 m tall).
- 7 The two-level **Palatial Mansion** (6,500 sq. feet/604 sq. m) may have been the Palace of Annas, who served as high priest from A.D. 6 to 15. Annas's son-in-law Caiaphas held this office from A.D. 18 to 36 and presided at the trial of Jesus (Matt. 26:57).

- 10 The **Archives** building contained the public registers (including genealogies) as well as bonds taken by money-lenders, which allowed the recovery of debts.
- 11 The **Xystus**, built on the site of the former Greek Gymnasium, was a place of mass assembly.

- 18 The **Hinnom Valley** was to the south of the hill, original city of David.
- 19 The **Upper City** housed luxurious villas of wealth the Herodian period.



11. Location of Siloam inscription, now removed
12. Pool of Siloam's traditional location
13. Siloam Channel connects to Pool of Siloam
after running through Kidron Valley
14. Pool of Siloam



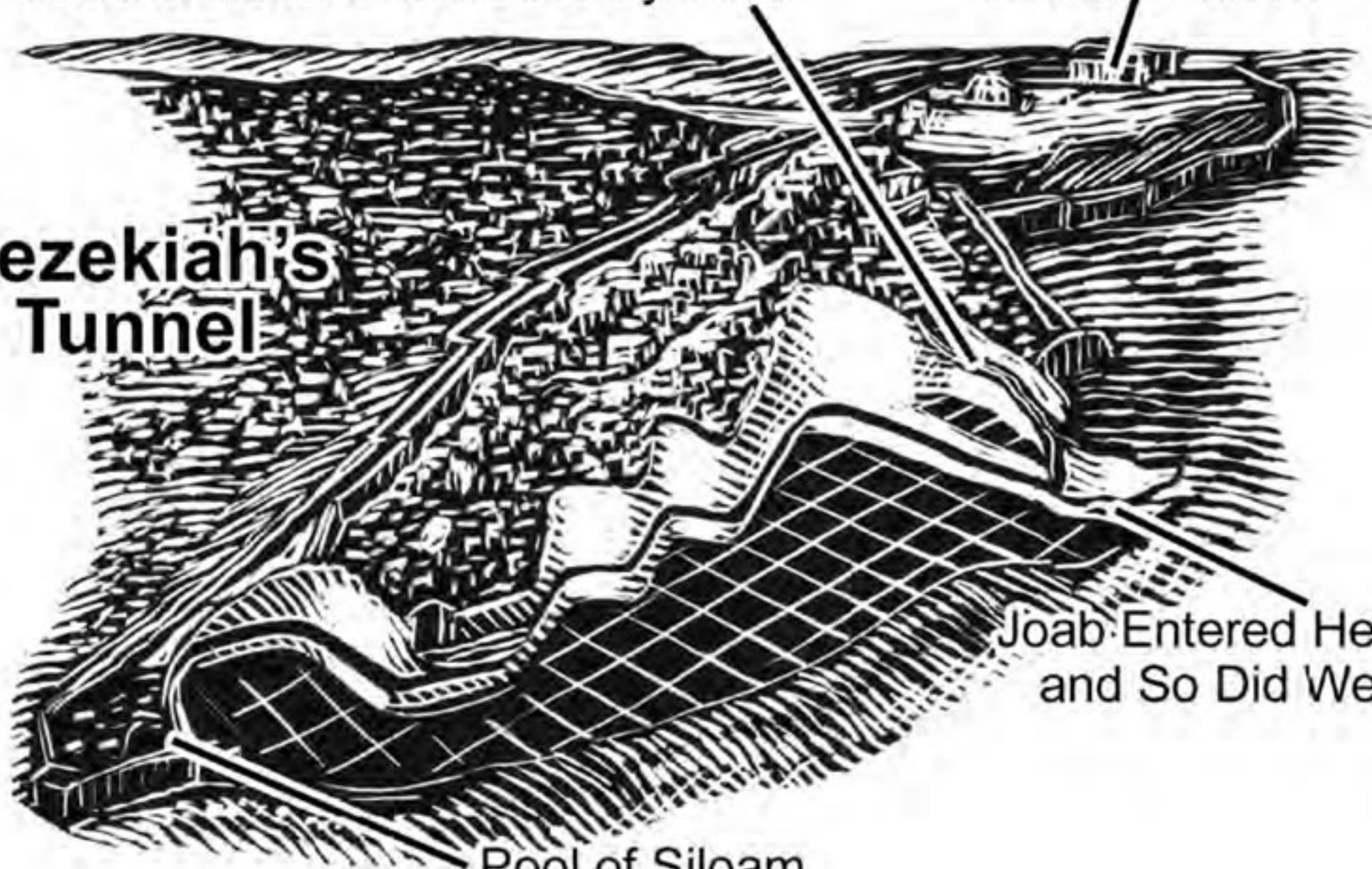
Jebusite Water Shaft Used by Joab

David's Palace

**Hezekiah's
Tunnel**

Joab Entered Here
and So Did We

Pool of Siloam



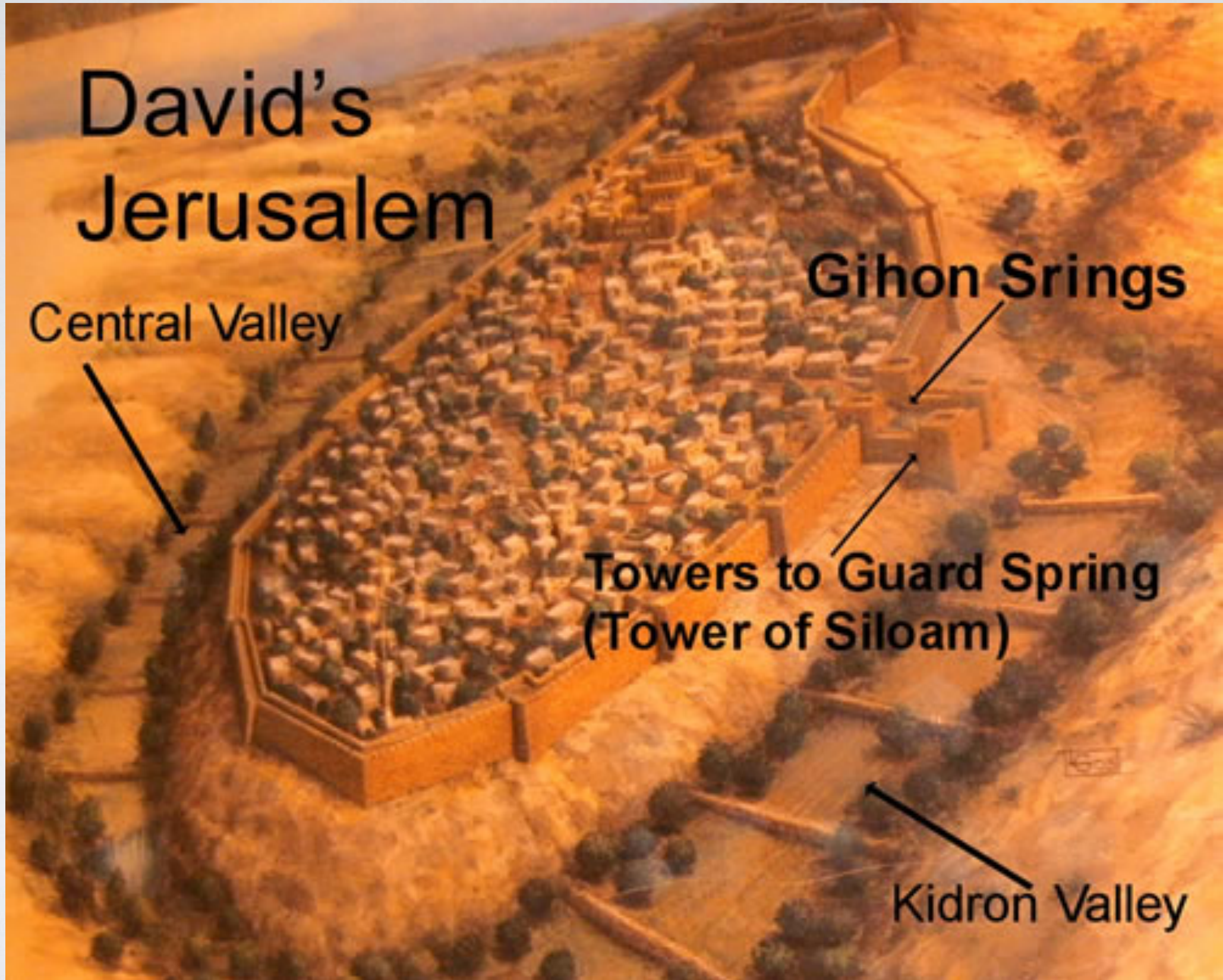
David's Jerusalem

Central Valley

Gihon Springs

Towers to Guard Spring
(Tower of Siloam)

Kidron Valley





Isaiah 7:5-6

⁵ Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, Have taken evil counsel against thee, saying,

⁶ Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, And let us make a breach therein for us, And set a king in the midst of it, *even* the son of Tabeal:

The shaft was discovered in C. Warren in 1867 and named after him. According to jewishvirtuallibrary.org Warren's Shaft System is located in the middle of the eastern slope of the City of David, within the ancient city's walls.

It consisted of an underground, rock-cut tunnel with a shaft at its end. On entrance, the tunnel slopes steeply downward in a stepped passage. This portion is covered by a well-constructed vault from the Second Temple period, which prevented soil and rocks from falling into the system.

The tunnel becomes less steep as it progresses. At first, it extends in a northeasterly direction, then angles sharply to the southeast.

The total length of the tunnel is 41 m, depth 13 m. and width 2.5-3.0 m. The height varies from 1.5 m. at the entrance to a maximum of 5 m.

At its easternmost end is a narrow, irregularly shaped vertical shaft some 2 m. wide and 12.5 m. deep. This shaft leads to the waters of the ***Gihon*** Spring. Residents of Jerusalem could go down the tunnel to the shaft and draw water with a container fastened to a rope.

Thus, in time of siege it was possible to safely draw water from the spring without venturing outside the walls. The narrow vertical shaft at the end of the system was impenetrable from the outside. Studies have established that the shaft and most of the tunnel were derived from natural **karstic fissures** in the rock. The planners of the system had taken advantage of these, combining and adapting them to enable subterranean passage from the city to the spring possible.