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The Book of Zephaniah

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Hab. 2:20 But the LORD is in his holy temple: **let all the earth keep silence before him.**

Zech. 2:13 **Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD:** for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

Mt 22:12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither **not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.**

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1:14 The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of **the day of the LORD**: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

1:18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in **the day of the LORD'S wrath**; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

Zeph. 2:2 Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before **the day of the LORD'S anger** come upon you.

2:3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in **the day of the LORD'S anger**.

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Isa. 34:6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for **the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.**

Jer. 46:10 For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for **the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.**

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Guests

Rev. 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, **Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;**

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

Lu. 17:37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, **Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.**

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2. The Sacrifice, 1:8-13

a. The Royal Rebels, 1:8

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2 Kgs. 23:34 And Pharaohnechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to **Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.**

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1 Jn. 2:15 **Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.** If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is **in the world**, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but **he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.**

Jas. 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

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2 Tim. 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, **having loved this present world**, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

b. The Sin-Seekers, 1:9

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c. The Money-Makers, 1:10-11

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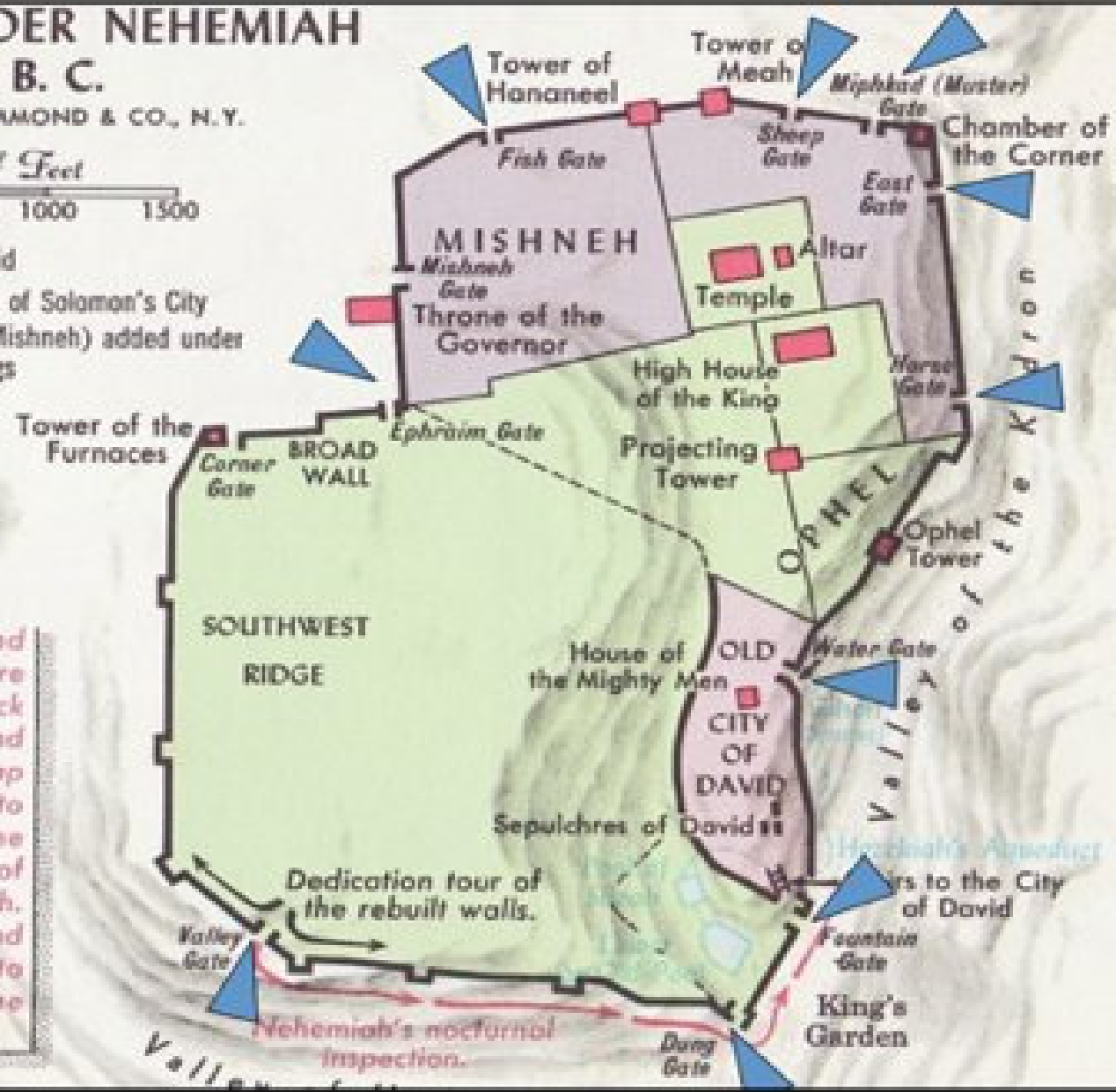
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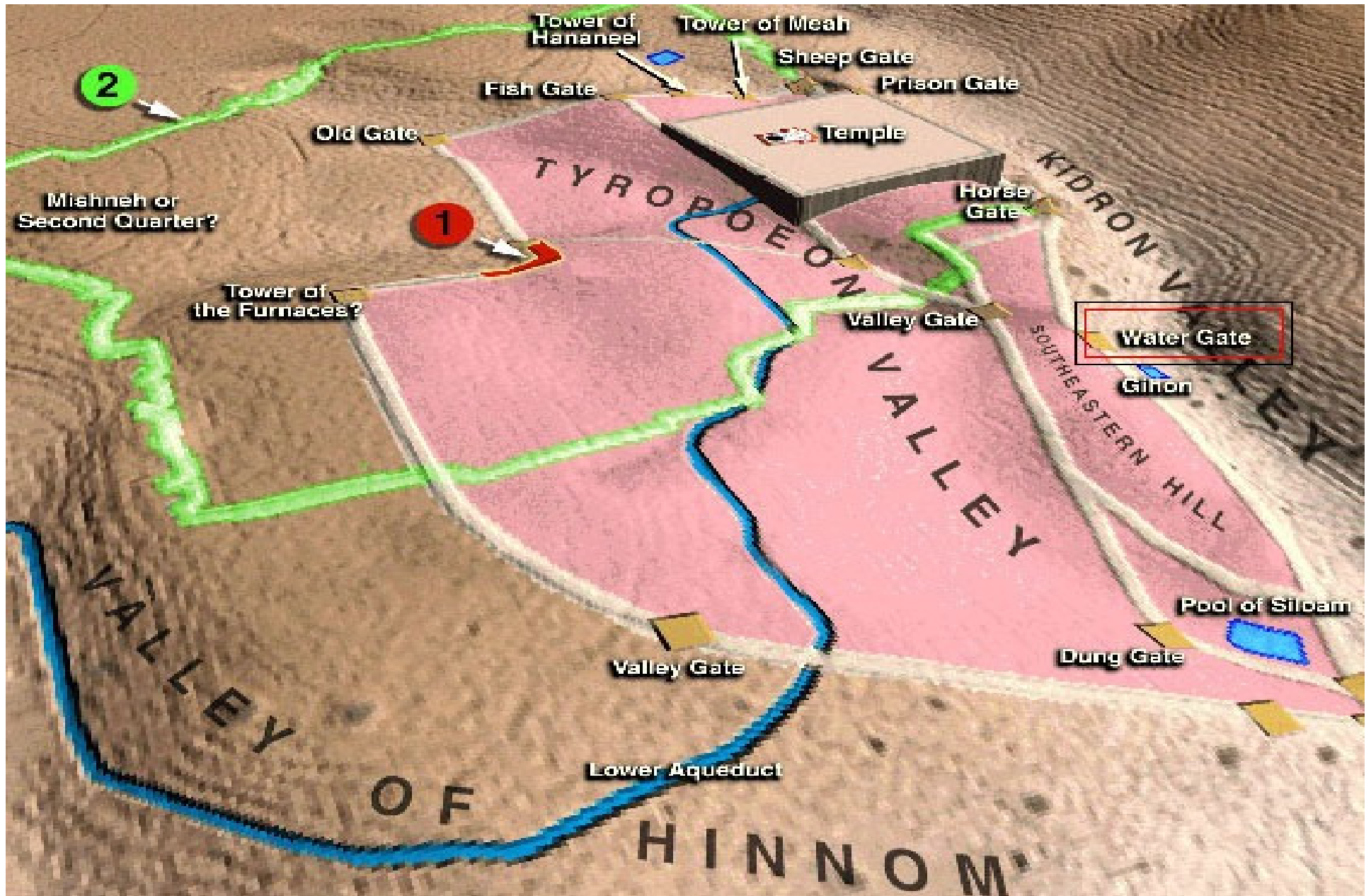
Scale of Feet



- Old City of David
- Probable extent of Solomon's City
- New Quarter (Mishneh) added under succeeding kings



The location of walls and gates of Biblical Jerusalem are often in doubt due to the lack of strong archaeological and historical evidence. The map shows the city according to the theory which includes the southwest ridge in the city of both Solomon and Nehemiah. Some scholars dispute this and limit the western expansion to the area enclosed by the dashed line.



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Rev. 18:11 And **the merchants of the earth shall weep** and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

d. The Leisure-Lovers, 1:12-13

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Lees

Lees are the insoluble matter that settles from a liquid, especially from wine; sediment; dregs.

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/lees?s=t>

Jer. 48:11 Moab hath been **at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees**, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed.

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Rev. 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then **because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.** *...Major Message*

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Deut. 28:30 Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.

39 Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them.

Amos 5:11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right.

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Mic. 6:15 Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.

16 For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels; that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof an hissing: therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people.

Deut. 8:18 But thou shalt **remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers**, as it is this day.

19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; **because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.**

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Conclusion

2 Tim. 3:1 This know also, that **in the last days** perilous times shall come.

2 For **men shall be lovers of their own selves**, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;**

5 **Having a form of godliness**, but denying the power thereof: **from such turn away.**

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2 Pet. 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**

1 Jn. 3:1 **Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.**

2 Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him **purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**

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