

A hand holding a scroll with red wax seals against a starry night sky with a crescent moon. The scroll is held by a hand from the right, and another hand is visible from the bottom left. The background is a dark, starry sky with a crescent moon in the upper left.

Αποκάλυψη
REVELATION




11:1-2

OUTLINE





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MAIN POINT




John is told to measure the Temple

-  Many temples appear in the Bible, but this is the Tribulation Temple
-  Some parts are included and some parts are excluded
-  Indicates God's ownership and what is considered inside and outside his favor

Will continue with a discussion of the Temple

-  History of the Temple site and the Jews
-  How we got to where we are now
-  Various hypotheses for where the Temple was originally and how they align with **Revelation 11:1-2**
-  Various indicators and Warnings to distinguish the signal from the noise

We are the Temple of God

-  Based on the physical Temple, what can we learn about us and how we are to live?
-  Why is there a Temple in the Millennium and what significance does it hold?
-  The Temple is/was important to the Jews, but should it be important to us beyond its prophetic significance?

THE VISION



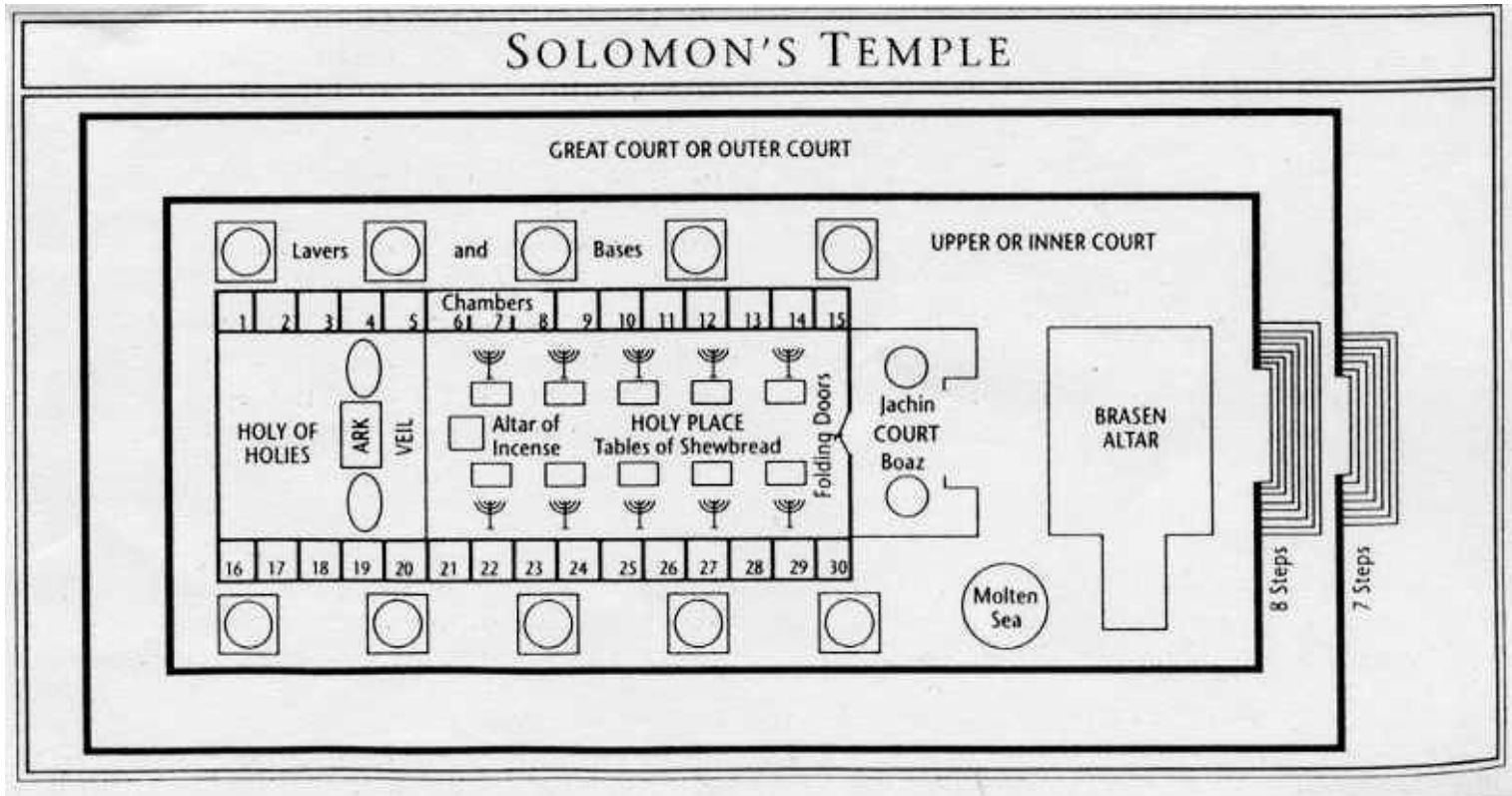
MEASURING (V. 1)

- 📍 The first task of John after his recommissioning is to measure the area for the temple
 - 📍 The reed was a common plant in that region used either for measuring (**Ezekiel 42:16-19**) or for walking (**Ezekiel 29:6**) in the Bible; John also used it to write (**3 John 1:13**)
 - 📍 Not told who John received the reed from, but most likely it is the same voice as before, that being the strong angel
 - 📍 Some see that God could do this, but God is not spoken of here, and the last voice was the angel, so a “new character” would need some kind of introduction, which is absent
 - 📍 Some later manuscripts insert words that make it seem like the reed itself is speaking here, but that is not supported by the weight of manuscript evidence
- 📍 John is participating in the action as in **Revelation 1:12; 5:4; 7:14; 10:9-11; 19:10; 22**
 - 📍 Similar acting out or participation by other prophets; e.g., **Isaiah 20:2-5**
 - 📍 In **Zechariah 2** and **Ezekiel 40** both measure as part of God’s future judgment against Israel, but also Israel’s final restoration
 - 📍 Measuring can also be used as a picture for future destruction, e.g., **2 Samuel 8:2; 2 Kings 21:13; Isaiah 28:17; Lamentations 2:8; Amos 7:7-9**
 - 📍 Demonstrates God’s ownership of something, and His scope and limits for the judgment
 - 📍 He is saying, ‘this is mine and I will do such and such’
 - 📍 Think of measuring like God preparing for surgery; He says, ‘this right here specifically is the problem and I need to deal with it’
 - 📍 An aspect of favor
 - 📍 No dimensions are given, so getting those dimensions is not the point
 - 📍 Future prophecies showing those with God’s favor and/or protection and those without it (e.g., The Two Witnesses)
- 📍 The listing of various aspects of the Temple makes it unlikely that this is to be taken figuratively; e.g., we may be the Temple of God (**1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 2:21; 1 Peter 3:5; cf. 1 Corinthians 6:19**) but we do not have an alter or a court of Gentiles in us

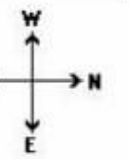
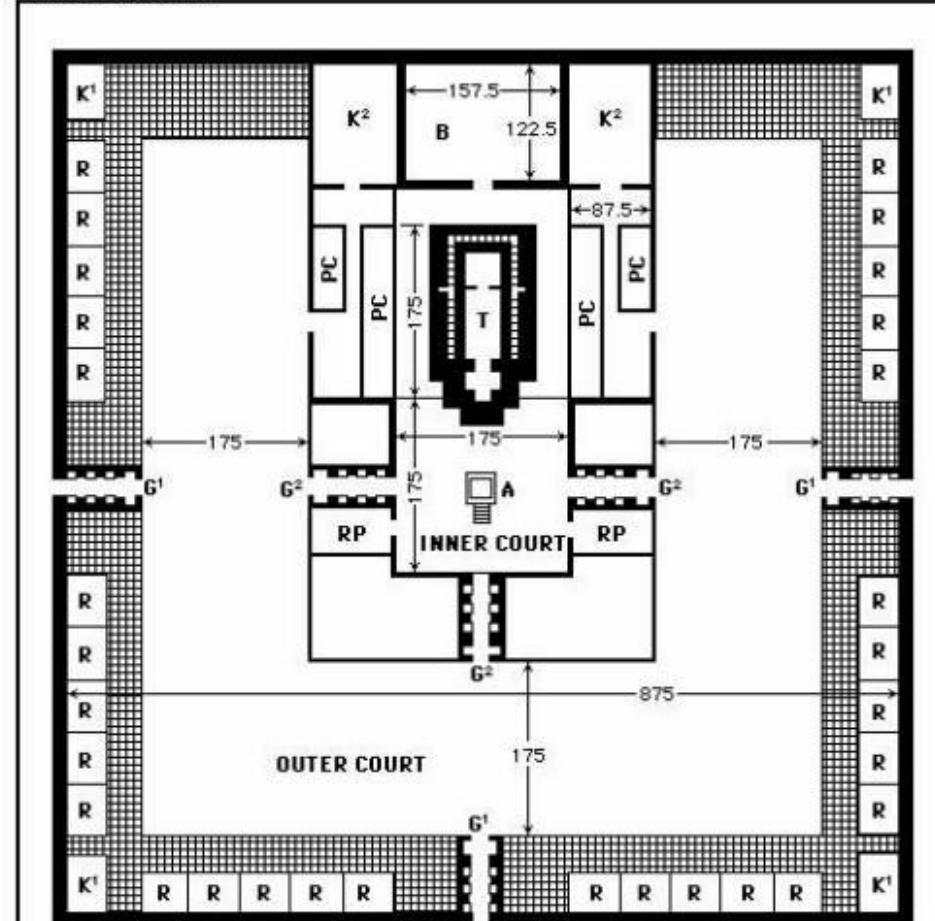
WHICH TEMPLE?

Temple	Passage	Significance
Original in Heaven	Hebrews 8:5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everything else was based on this/Heaven• Communicates many things to us
Tabernacle	Hebrews 8:5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Temporary• Modeled on the one in Heaven
Solomon's Temple	1 Chronicles 28:11, 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Model by Divine instruction• Architectural differences from the Tabernacle
Rebuilt Temple After Captivity	Ezra 3-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small• Pale imitation of the previous version
Herod's Temple	Matthew 24:1-2; Secular History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Massive Construction• Made as a political move
The Church	See Previous Slide	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spoken of numerous times in the NT• Mystical Applications
The Tribulation Temple	Revelation 11:1-2 c.f. Daniel 9:26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spoken of in this passage• Not yet existent
The Millennial Temple	Ezekiel 40-42	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Different from the tribulation temple• Very different architecture and function

COMPARISON AND ANALYSIS OF TWO TEMPLES



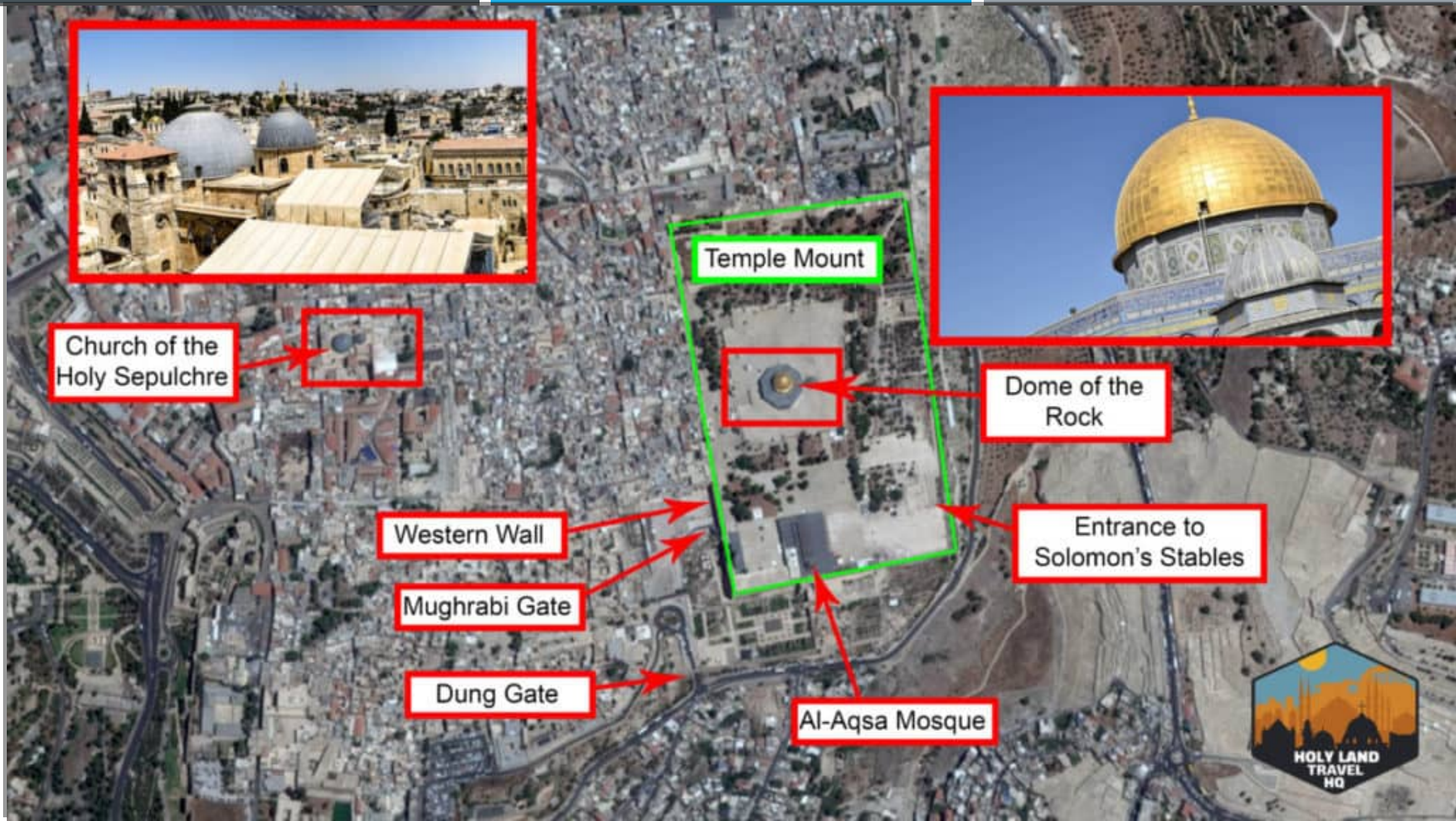
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WHAT IS EXCLUDED (V. 2)

- 🗨️ The outer court was the part accessible by the Gentiles
 - 🗨️ Here we see that they have it for 42 months
 - 🗨️ Not simply that they are there or can enter, but that they have possession of it
- 🗨️ Earthly or Heavenly Temple/Jerusalem?
 - 🗨️ Literal, earthly Jerusalem is the only one that fits, with action has shifted to Earth
 - 🗨️ The following verses take place on Earth
 - 🗨️ **Revelation 11:8** would fit for Jerusalem, but not for a Heavenly Jerusalem
- 🗨️ The time involved
 - 🗨️ I will point out that Gentiles have controlled this area for far longer than 42 months, so this must be specific to a yet-future period
 - 🗨️ 42-weeks corresponds to half of the final week in **Daniel 9**
 - 🗨️ Seen in this light, the first half would be when the future covenant is in force, and the time when the Gentiles trample it would be the second half
 - 🗨️ Also note that they will “trample” the city, but not destroy it
 - 🗨️ The following passages that discuss Jerusalem make clear that the city will still be there
 - 🗨️ Aligns with 1,260 days in **11:3**, and **12:6**, the times spoken of in **12:14**, and the 42 months in **13:5**
 - 🗨️ God has done everything possible to tell you this is literal outside of giving you milliseconds
- 🗨️ There are some attempts to align this with the Roman siege in 65-66, but this is specious at best
 - 🗨️ Siege is not the same as control
 - 🗨️ The times do not align
 - 🗨️ No enforcing of a covenant, and the Temple was destroyed, not built or used for another purpose

THE TEMPLE AREA



Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Temple Mount

Dome of the Rock

Western Wall

Entrance to Solomon's Stables

Mughrabi Gate

Dung Gate

Al-Aqsa Mosque



HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 📍 Tabernacle to Solomon's Temple (First Temple)

- 📍 Zerubbabel's Temple (Actual Second Temple)

- 📍 Foundations laid in 536BC ~ 50,000 Jews returning to the Land

- 📍 Antiochus IV Epiphanes (8th king of Syrian Dynasty)

- 📍 Torah reading illegal, Slaughters sow on alter, Idol to Zeus in Holy of Holies

- 📍 Maccabean Revolt and Temple rededication on 25th of Kislev, 165 BC (modern Hanukah)

- 📍 Herod's Temple ("Second Temple")

- 📍 Deeply unpopular, not a Jew, required strong Roman garrison for support in a boarder region

- 📍 Large construction programs for defense and to ingratiate himself to the Jews

- 📍 70AD - 135AD

- 📍 V, X, XII, XV Roman Legions destroy Jerusalem under Titus Vespasian

- 📍 Temple destroyed by accident

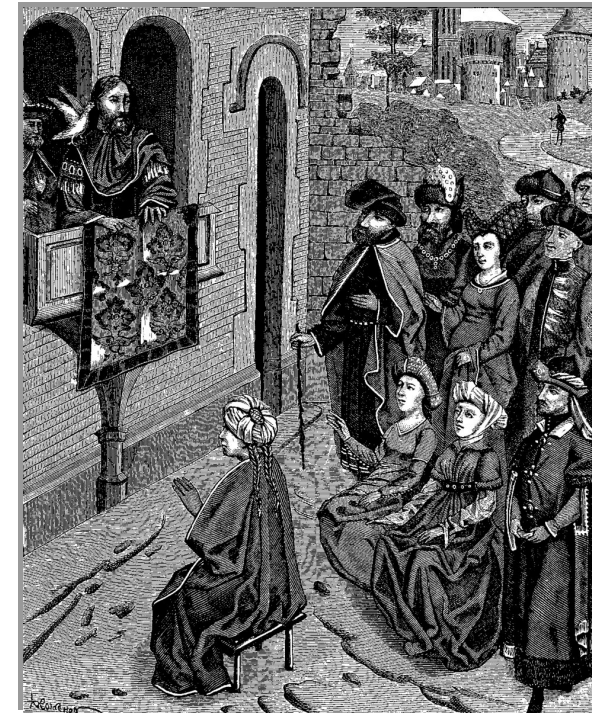
- 📍 Intent was to keep it intact, but fire broke out

- 📍 132-135AD Bar Kokhba Revolt (Third Roman-Jewish Revolt)

- 📍 Uprising by Bar Kokhba and proclaimed Messiah by Rabbi Akiva

- 📍 Seen as a false Messiah in Talmudic writing

- 📍 Emperor Hadrian realizes there will not be peace unless Jews are removed from the Land



15th Century rendering of the expulsion of the Jews

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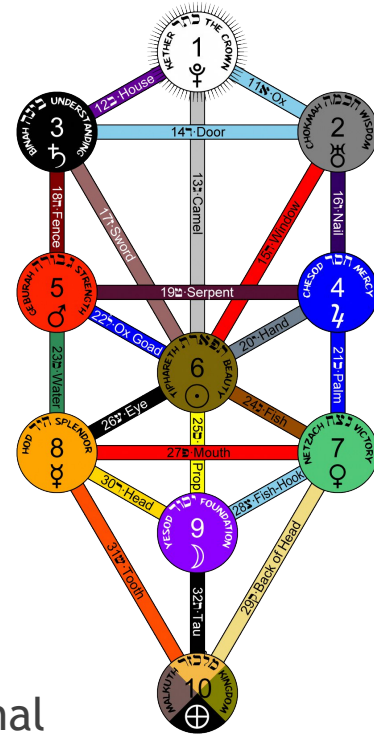
Ethnic Breakup in the Diaspora

- 🏠 **Ashkenazi:** Yiddish-speaking people from Germany and Northern France
- 🏠 **Hasidic:** Insular Ashkenazi sub-culture from Eastern Europe in the mid-18th century (generally kabbalistic)
- 🏠 **Sephardic:** Iberian Peninsula, North Africa, and the Middle East



Religious Developments in the Diaspora

- 🏠 ~90AD: Council of Jamnia
- 🏠 3-6th Century: Talmud Formation
- 🏠 8th Century: Karaites
- 🏠 7-11th Century: Geonic Era
- 🏠 11-12th Century: Kabbalistic Era
 - 🏠 Zohar depicts the Godhead as:
 - 🏠 Flow of force from:
 - 🏠 *Ein-Sof* (Infinite Nothingness)
 - 🏠 To 10 *sefirot* which created the world
 - 🏠 Basically, Jewish Gnosticism
- 🏠 16th Century: Lurianic Kabbalah
- 🏠 Post-Holocaust: Changes in traditional Jewish/Messianic interpretations



HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

🕌 Diasporic Period (Temple Mount)

- 🕌 Rome renamed area Palestine as a calculated insult
- 🕌 Byzantine control
- 🕌 Islamic expansion in the 7th Century
 - 🕌 In Islam, the Temple Mount is where Mohammed ascended to Heaven
- 🕌 Caliphates, Crusader States, Mamelukes, Ottomans,

🕌 British Empire

- 🕌 Balfour Declaration
- 🕌 Settlement in Palestine w/ intent towards self-government and a Jeudeo-Palestinian nationality/homeland
 - 🕌 Agreed to by British, Zionist, and Hashemite leadership
- 🕌 Immigration, and existing tensions forced the initial two-state solution under Chamberlin in May 1939
 - 🕌 Accepted by Zionists but rejected by Arab Higher Committee

🕌 Status-Quo today:

- 🕌 **Jews:** Pray at the Western Wall
- 🕌 **Jews:** Enter, but not pray, at the Temple Mount
- 🕌 **Israeli Police:** control access to the site
- 🕌 **Jerusalem Waqf:** administers the site
- 🕌 **Waqf** is an Islamic endowment for a dedicated religious purpose
 - 🕌 First Waqf at the site in 1187 after reconquest of the Kingdom of Jerusalem
 - 🕌 Current Jordanian Waqf intends to keep the status quo, but in 2017 installed Palestinian officials on the Waqf administration



MODERN AND FUTURE ISSUES

📍 Traditional View

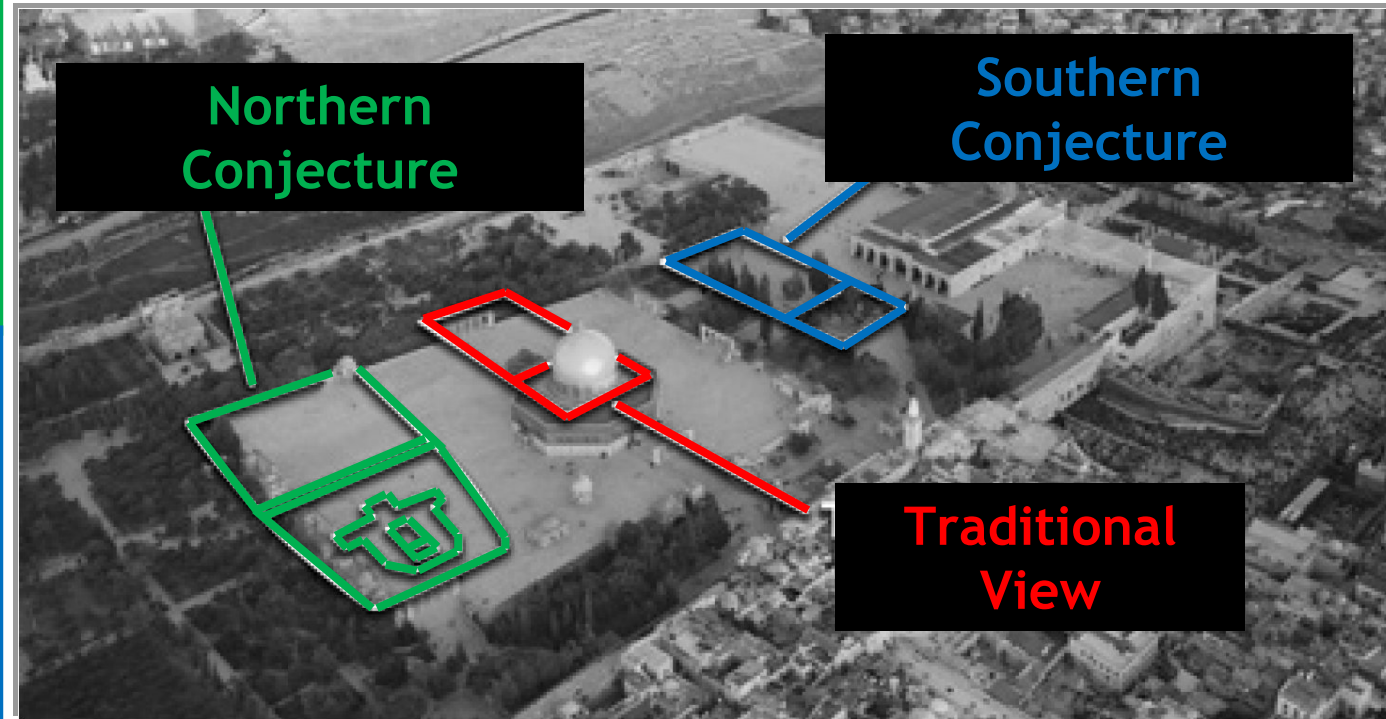
- 📍 Assumed to be the correct location
- 📍 Brought into doubt with recent study

📍 Northern Conjecture

- 📍 Dr. Asher Kaufman noted rock outcroppings and the alignment of the Shushan gate
- 📍 Actual location of the Holy of Holies at the Dome of the Tablets/Spirits
- 📍 Places outer court at the Dome of the Rock per Revelation 11:1-2

📍 Southern Conjecture

- 📍 Mishna places a height difference of 10M between Hulda Gates and Holy of Holies w/ 39° between Temple Mount entrance and the Temple itself
- 📍 Dome of the Rock is 20m and 80° of separation
- 📍 Thus, the Temple must be lower and to the South



INDICATORS AND WARNINGS

- 📍 Trending discussions of a move of the Temple sight North or South
 - 📍 **Possible Progression 1:** Academic -> Religious -> Popular -> Political -> Administrative -> Logistical -> Actual
 - 📍 **Possible Progression 2:** Unilateral governmental or NGO adoption of alternate location
- 📍 Move towards Jewish Orthodoxy and/or Mosaic interpretations of the Old Testament
 - 📍 Most Jews in Israel are still secular (~45% secular, 33% “traditional,” 10% Ultra-Orthodox)
 - 📍 Temple is a religious issue, and requires a literal reading of the Old Testament not largely present in Israel
 - 📍 Groups that defend the Passover Sacrifice, like the Temple Mount Administration, are rare and a minority
- 📍 Ideological, or cultural move of the Temple from religious to secular and/or ecumenical significance



FURTHER STUDY

