

The Tower of Hananel, the Tower of the Hundred, the Sheep Gate, the Gate of the Guard, and the Corner Tower added strength to the northern wall of the Temple Mount, which also served as the northern city wall in this area.

**The Valley Gate** (2:13, 15; 3:13), the remains of which were excavated in 1924, was part of the western city wall. The other gates and the Tower of the Ovens, mentioned in chs. 3 and 12, are unattested to in the archaeological record, but are placed in the drawing in the order in which Nehemiah records them.

**The Western Hill** was not occupied at this time. However, the ruins of the Broad Wall (3:8; 12:38), the Middle Gate (cf. Jer. 39:3), and the destroyed houses remained part of the landscape of Jerusalem. This area was not rebuilt until the middle of the second century B.C.

**The Temple** and the altar were rebuilt soon after the return from exile. The dimensions of the temple, given as 60 cubits (90 feet/27 m) high and wide (Ezra 6:3), probably refer to those of the porch. (For a cutaway illustration of the temple, see p. 813.)

**The Temple Mount** was restored by Nehemiah as part of the fortification of Jerusalem.

**The Broad Wall** (ruined)  
**Remains of the Middle Gate**

**Gate of Yeshanah**  
**Gate of Ephraim**

**Corner Tower**  
**Gate of the Guard**

**Muster Gate** (hidden from view)

**Horse Gate**

**Wall of the Ophel**

**The Great Projecting Tower** (3:25–27) was tentatively identified by Charles Warren in 1867.

**Water Gate**

**The Buttriss**

**Ophel**

**Remains of ancient walls used to support agricultural terraces.**

**The central section of the eastern city wall was built higher up the hill than the wall that preceded it. The two points where the new wall diverted from its original course were each called “the buttriss” (3:19, 24, 25).**

**Hinnom Valley**

**The Siloam Pool** was again used as the city’s water source. There is no mention in ch. 3 of the Gihon Spring, probably because it was no longer accessible after the Babylonians had destroyed its protective towers.

**Dung Gate**

**King’s Garden** (3:15)

**The stairs that go down from the city of David** (3:15)

**The Buttriss**

**Western Hill**

**Eastern Hill**

**Central Valley**

**Dam**

**The Fountain Gate** (2:14; 3:15; 12:37) was located in the southern part of the eastern wall, presumably close to the Siloam Pool.

