

# Class Outline

## Archeology and the Bible – Jerusalem

### Introduction

- The Bible and Archeology
  - Interest
    - Jews
    - Christians
    - Secular/Historians
- What is the motivation for the archeological excavations?
  - Religious
  - Nationalistic
  - Intellectual
- What are the complications?
  - Many Civilizations
  - Destruction and rebuilding
- What is the most reliable tool for study of the ancient city?

### Geography

- Region
  - Deserts
  - Egypt
  - Mediterranean
  - Fertile Crescent
  - Temperate Coastal Climate
    - Jerusalem is 32 Degrees N. Equal to southern border of California with Mexico.
    - Similar Climate
- Location of the City of Jerusalem
  - In the Judean Mountain range between the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.
  - Valleys contain dry stream beds that flow east
  - The valleys grow crops and the hill sides are terraced for crops of olives and grapes
  - Climate is semi arid
- Is there a good reason for it to be located here?
  - Water – Spring of Gihon

- Defensible

### Jerusalem of the Old Testament

- 1918 BC?
  - Abraham meets with Melchizedek
- 1898 BC?
  - Abraham Sacrifice of Isaac on Mt Mariah
- 1451 BC - Joshua 10
  - Joshua defeats the Amorites (The King of Jerusalem)
- 1048 BC - (2 Samuel 5: 6-10)
  - David conquers Jerusalem from the Jebusites
- 1018 BC – (1 Chronicles 21:18)
  - David buys the threshing floor of Ornan
- 960BC
  - Solomon builds the temple on the Threshing Floor of Ornan
- 701 BC-606 BC
  - Senacherib – King of Assyria unsuccessfully lays siege to Jerusalem 1 Kings 18 and 19. Babylonians destroy Jerusalem in three waves of attacks
- 586BC Jeremiah 39
  - Nebuchadnezzar burns Solomon's temple
- 537BC
  - King Cyrus the Great allows Israelites to return
- 516 BC - Zech. 4 and Ezra 4&5
  - Zerubbabel rebuilds the temple -
- 445 BC
  - Nehemiah rebuilds the walls of Jerusalem

### Jerusalem Pre- New Testament, New Testament and Beyond

- 332 BC
  - Hellenistic domination under Alexander the Great
- 313 BC
  - Ptolemy I of Egypt rules Jerusalem
- 175 BC – 165 BC
  - Antiochus Epiphanes sacks Jerusalem and erects an altar to Zeus in the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple after plundering it
- 167 BC – 164 BC

- Maccabean revolt
- 165 BC
  - The Maccabees recapture Jerusalem, rededicate the Temple.
- 63 BC
  - Roman invasion by Pompey
- 37 BC
  - Jerusalem is the capital of the Roman client kingdom under Herod the great, appointed by Rome
- 19 BC
  - Herod expands the Temple Mount and rebuilds the Temple
- 33 AD
  - Crucifixion of Jesus
- 70 AD
  - Titus besieges and sacks Jerusalem and destroys the Temple during the 1<sup>st</sup> Jewish-Roman war.
- 132 AD
  - Hadrian crushes Jewish revolt and reestablishes Jerusalem as the Roman pagan Aelia Capitolina and forbids Jewish presence.
- 324 AD
  - Jerusalem becomes a part of the Byzantine Empire
- 361 AD
  - Pagan Emperor Julian the Apostate allows Jews to return
- 390 AD
  - Church of the Holy Sepulcher is built
- 614 AD
  - Jerusalem falls to the Persians led by Shahrbaraz
- 629 AD
  - Byzantine Emperor Heraclius retakes Jerusalem
- 638 AD
  - Muslim Arabs conquer Jerusalem
- 687 AD
  - The Dome of the Rock mosque is built by Caliph Abd al-Malik
- 715 AD
  - The Ummayyads build Masjid al-Aqsa
- 1009 AD
  - Caliph Hakim orders destruction of churches and synagogues

- 1077 AD
  - Turks conquer Jerusalem
- 1099 AD
  - First Crusader capture Jerusalem and slaughter most of the city's Muslim and Jewish inhabitants
- 1187 AD
  - Saladin captures Jerusalem from the Crusaders, allows Jewish settlement
- 1192 AD
  - Richard the Lion Hearted fails to capture Jerusalem
- 1244 AD
  - Kharezmian Tatars conquer the city
- 1247 AD
  - Egyptians conquer the city
- 1259 AD
  - Jerusalem is sacked by the Mongols
- 1347 AD
  - The second conquest by the Mamelukes
- 1517 AD
  - Sultan Selim of the Ottoman Empire captures Jerusalem
- 1535 AD
  - Suleiman the Magnificent rebuilds walls around Jerusalem
- 1541 AD
  - Muslims seal The Golden Gate to prevent the Jewish Messiah's entrance
- 1556 AD
  - Earthquake damages the city
- 1831 AD
  - Sultan Mehemet Ali of Egypt conquers the city
- 1840 AD
  - The Ottoman Turks retake the city.
- 1967 AD
  - The old city is captured in the Six Day War

Modern City

City of David

- Shape of the city – Plan - Pictures
- Discovery of archeological remains
  - Very little has been found in archeological terms
  - David's Palace
- David inscription
- The threshing floor and rock
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#### Solomon's Jerusalem

- Temple and temple mount

#### Hezekiah's Jerusalem – Picture

- Expansion to the east.
- Refuges from the Assyrian invasion
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#### Nehemiah's Re-built City

- Discovery of archeological remains
- Nehemiah's wall (picture)

#### Herod and the Roman City

- Discovery of archeological remains
- The Roman's did a great job of destroying the city
- Herod the great builder

#### Temple Location (article)

#### Gethsemane (Olive press)

## **The Future of Archeology on the Earth**

The Rapture of living saints and of the bodies of dead saints whose souls are in heaven is the next big “historical” event facing us. We don’t know if the graves will be opened by the resurrection or if the bodies simply be extracted invisibly as when Jesus rose. His tomb was opened by the angels after he had left it so men could see it was empty. The discovery of empty graves could lead to people checking them out to see whose bodies remain. Pilfering graves and tombs as well as empty homes of believers for jewelry left behind could become quite an industry for “archaeologists.” Some consider archaeologists to be professional grave robbers anyway. ;>)

After the Rapture seven years of Tribulation will commence. Even then some motivation for archaeological exploration may survive among unbelievers and continue those times. Rebellious men may still be strongly motivated to persist in seeking evidence that disputes the rights of God over the earth. However the means and time to do so will be very limited because of distractions in those chaotic times. After the seven years Tribulation pass the Lord will appear from heaven to reign a thousand years. Shortly after His coming a vast army from the east will attack and be destroyed. Ezekiel tells how the stench from the bodies will repel people who pass by the battle site. He describes an organized clean up, Ezekiel 39:11-16.

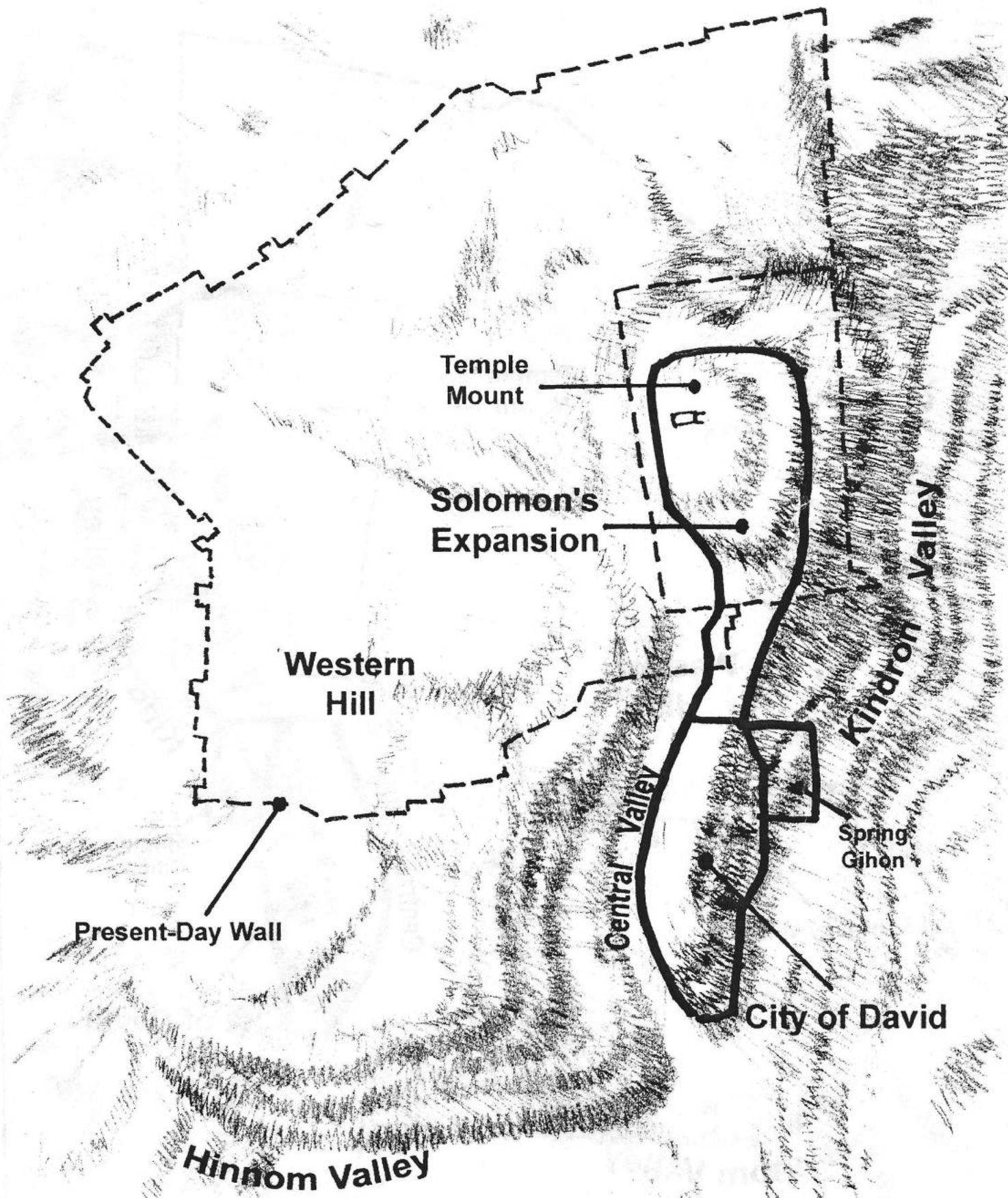
During the Millennium the ruins that remain around the world may be inviting for the scholars that arise from among the unbelieving descendants of the survivors of the Tribulation. Some may seek to dispute the right of the Lord to reign and assert the rights of man were violated by His invasion and judgment that took place before they were born. Those who have accepted the King will accept His narrative in the Scriptures as sufficient explanation for their place in history. The rebellious in heart (even though Satan has been bound and cannot tempt them) could seek to justify a rebellion, hunting archaeological findings that could be construed to contradict the written history before them.

Once Satan is again released after 1000 years, horde’s of rebels who feigned obedience will gather and attack the Lord’s throne city. They will be destroyed by fire from heaven. No one remaining alive will care about archeological ruins or relics. The earth will be wiped clean and New Heavens and a New Earth will become the eternal habitation for God’s people. They all shall then live happily ever after with God dwelling among them. Be sure to be there!

*Ezekiel 39:11 "It will come to pass in that day that I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea; and it will obstruct travelers, because there they will bury Gog and all his multitude. Therefore they will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog. 12 "For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land. 13 "Indeed all the people of the land will be burying, and they will gain renown for it on the day that I am glorified," says the Lord GOD. 14 "They will set apart men regularly employed, with the help of a search party, to pass through the land and bury those bodies remaining on the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will make a search. 15 "The search party will pass through the land; and when anyone sees a man's bone, he shall set up a marker by it, till the buriers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon Gog. 16 "The name of the city will also be Hamonah. Thus they shall cleanse the land."*

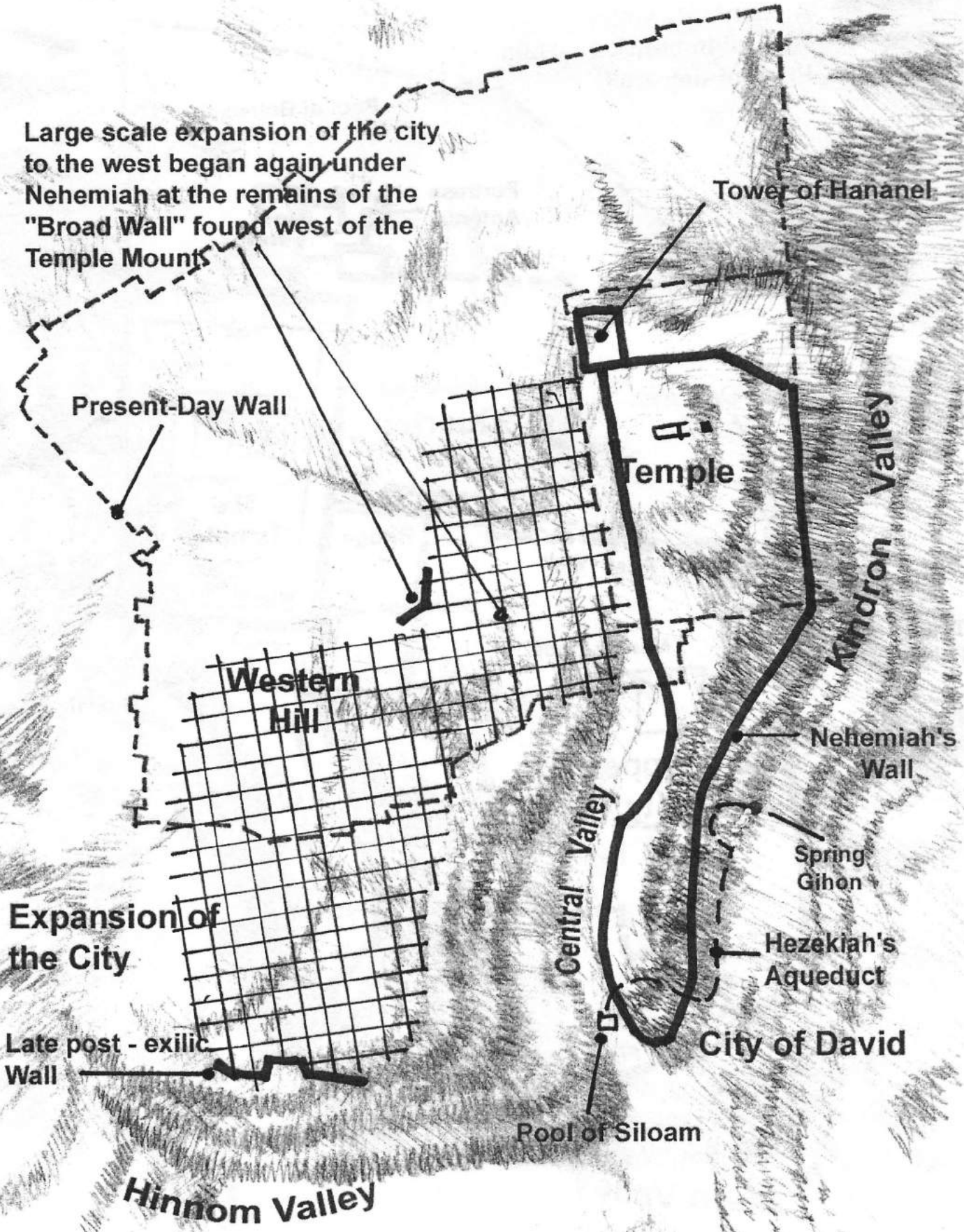


# Jerusalem of David & Solomon








# Jerusalem after the Exile



# Jerusalem in Herod's Time

-  Ancient city walls
-  Wall alignment uncertain
-  Present-day wall

