

WHERE BITS OF THE **SEATTLE GOSPEL** ARE ASSEMBLED

TO FORM **ASSEMBLY** THE TRUTH

RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH. Part 1

Since I am fully convinced of the FACT of the restoration of the church, I'll not try to establish that.

I believe the first thing we should consider in our quest to see the church restored is, "What caused the destruction?" (If we can't diagnose the ailment we won't know the cure.)

The most probable is suggested in James 3:13. "For where envy and strife is, there is confusion, and every evil work."

Since the ministry is the eye of the body, (ref. Mat. 6:22, Luke 11:34, 36) A single eye gives light, and an evil (sick, double) eye gives darkness; (confusion). There is a very present possibility that is where it began; and that is where it will be remedied.

We should study closely, some elements in II Thes. 2:3 "MAN" of sin. Using the key of I Cor. 3:3 The man being the ministry, that would make it read "The ministry of sin" The SON of = (offspring of) perdition. (No scripture is privately interpreted; that is, all interpretations use the same keys.) So the "Son of Perdition" would be that "hierarchy" of Pope, Cardinals, Priests, Fathers, etc; or any thing patterned after that, though called by other names; or made to fit Apostles, Bishops, Deacons etc.

Then we study these we find nothing of political rank in them. Apostle = A = ahead, post = a runner with a message, le = one who does. So an "apostle" would be "the first one to give the message." It is the same as the terms applied to Jesus. Heb. 6:20 "Forerunner" Heb. 3:1 "Apostle". These terms are the same. Bishop means overseer, guide, coordinator Deacon = Servant. If we make political offices of them we perpetuate the confusion. That, (for our own day) is the image that provoketh to jealousy. (ref. Ezek. 8:3,5) As long as we promote high

seats there will be jealousy, and men pulling politics to gain them.

As a rule we equate "wilderness" with confusion. The woman of Rev. 12 who fled into the wilderness, as the church losing it's understanding and power.

I wrote an article some time ago, showing the order of the falling away; using Num. 2 and 10; The order of the journeying of Isreal in the "wilderness" being the same order of recamping. = (restoration) Judah first = Government, Reuben 2nd = Knowledge of overcoming, Ephraim 3rd = Fruitfulness of the church, 4th Dan = Righteous Judgement.

Just as with sin Rom. 5:12 For as by one man, sin entered into the world and death by sin. So in order to eliminate death, we must eliminate sin; the cause of death.

If we are to restore the church, we must understand, and eliminate that which caused the need for restoration.

There are several factors, I'll not attempt to detail them all. There are a few that need attention. They can be understood by allegories, or types. As Paul said in I Cor. 10:11 Now these things happened to them for ensamples. = (types and allegories)

There are three of the nations of the land of Canaan which especially seem pertinent to this restoration.

First, the Jebusite and the Kings of "Jebus", the former name of Jerusalem Jud. 1:5, Josh. 1:5-7 Adoni-Zedek or Adoni-Bezek = Lord of Justice or Judgement. Justice is good if it is administered right; but to do that it must be in the hands of the right people. Jebusite Justice is not good enough for the Kingdom of Heaven, as we should see as we study the Jebusite nature. Josh. 15:63 Israel could not drive out the Jebusite from Jerusalem. = (Jebus) Jud. 1:21 because they had made too

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many covenants with the inhabitants. (ref. Jud. 11:24 - 2:4, Ex. 23:32)

Jud. 19:11,12 The Levite would not lodge in the "city of strangers", Jebus, which is Jerusalem. II Sam. 5: 6-10, I Chr. 11:4-6.

Jebus taken; called the "City of David" I Chr. 11:1-7, 13:1-4 + 15:12-15, II Sam. 5:6-9, II Sam. 1-11+12-19. It was not until after David was annointed king in Hebron = Ford (crossing place), company; that Jebus was taken. (ref. Ezek 34: 1-24 especially verses 23,24) Let every man consider how he has treated God's sheep.

The ark of God can not come into Jerusalem until the Jebusites are conquered and we have fully sought out the right way to carry the ark; and the priests are SANCTIFIED.

II Sam. 24:16,23 The plague reached the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. (This seems to pinpoint the trouble.) Araunah means "Noisy River" (ref. 1 Cor. 13:1 Sounding Brass) (River = manner of people) (vain jangling) Araunah offered the threshing floor to David as a "king" would offer. (ref. 1 Cor. 4:8 Ye have reigned as kings.) The Jebusite was still in control of the threshing floor. Adoni-Bezek and Araunah must be evicted before we can erect "The Temple".

Next we need to examine the Jebusite nature. Strongs Heb. Dictionary #2983 Jebusite - Yebuwciy = Trodden, threshing place. (Jebus; former name for Jerusalem.) This is the natural reasoning, and pride of it's results, our high opinion of our own power of perception, pride of intellect, trust in superior education. The nature to use intellect to override, snow under, steam roller, tread down or upon. In his own mind he's always right, and will argue as long as anyone will listen; will claim direct revelation from God to silence any discent; if this fails will attack the character of the rival, or forcefully walk over the opposition. I believe this is what Isa. 5:11 describes as, "rising early to follow strong drink (deep doctrine) and continue until night

till wine inflames them. (Keep pounding on the doctrine till everyone's spirit is raw) They don't care who they hurt, long as they can establish themselves superior in knowledge. This comes from the fear of foolishness, the fear of ignorance and produces the abominations of Pro. 6: 16,17. A proud look, hands that shed innocent blood. This is an over inflated ego or sence of importance; or inferiority complex working in reverse, and must use bluster to impress.

This is overcome by the Spirit of the Lord = (Spirit of Truth) and the Spirit of Counsel.

This Jebus is the capitol city of our ego, and must be conquered so that it can become Jerusalem = "The City of God's peace."

The natures of the 7 nations of Israel overlap each other, and all 7 are sometimes called Canaanites, or Amorites; for we have a touch at least ^{50%} of both.

These "Ites" as we have called them, we've tried to define mostly by guess in the past.

The next most evident among us is the Amorite: - Strongs #567 Emoriy = Public i.e. prominence (personal note, as Dio. ophes III John 9), thus a mountaineer, from # 559 Amor: - a primitive root - to say (used with great latitude) (pers. note. wordy) answer (pers. note. sense of refute) appoint, avouch, bid, boast self, call, certify, challenge, charge, (pers. note. accuse) etc.

This represents the self glorification spirit of man. On the negative side = self pity; expressing itself in, "No one seems to appreciate my ability or contribution to the cause." "I do all the work and someone else gets all the credit." "They leave all the dirty work for me." Meaning to imply they could do all the good work better than those who are doing it.

When looking up the meaning of "Mamre" (The place where Abraham was when the Lord and a couple angles visited him) I found it discribed thus, A city of the Amorites, suggesting the efforts of a man to glorify himself, likening it to the efforts of an ostrich flapping it's wings.

The spirit of the Amorite comes from the fear of ignorance, and the fear of rejection, and produces the abomination, Pro. 6:17, The proud look. It is also characterized by the bluster of the Jebusite. This is overcome by the Spirits of Knowledge, Wisdom, and Understanding. The man with understanding don't have to bluster, the wise man won't.

One point in the exodus from Egypt to Canaan, could give light as to why we have taken so long to effect a restoration.

After the ten spies had discouraged Israel, they turned aside to Mt. Paran. Habakkuk refers to this, Hab. 3:3 God came from Temen = (mountain of the south = Sinai) and the Holy ^{one} from Mt. Paran. That is God accompanied Israel from Sinai till they left Paran to cross Jordan.

The name Paran means, Ornamental, or ornamentation. Israel encamped around that mountain for 38 years. For that long or more we've spent great effort to build to impress people; and it hasn't gotten us any farther on the journey. It's high time we left Paran and crossed Jordan = (river of death) that is, redo our baptism of death, and go in and possess the land. = (overcome)

Next, the Canaanites: - Strongs Heb # 3669 kenaaniy: - by imp. a peddler, merchant, trafficker, fr. # 3667 humiliated (as was Kanaan, son of Ham) also the country inhabited by him, merchant, traffic, fr. # 3665 Kana: - a prim. root to bend the knee (personal note. = kowtow mock humility) and hence to humiliate, vanquish, bring down (low), into subjection, under, humble, (self (note. falsely) subdue.

The Canaanite type represents the abomination of Pro. 6:17 A false witness with a view to making a gain or profit. (ref. Supposing that gain is godliness) (making merchandise of you.) This is a pretended humility with a view to gain either personal profit in money, prestige, or rule. This is the spirit that causes one to twist Jesus' words to mean "If you want to be great, humble yourself and you'll be great." As of now, I have not found a one who can explain to me how anyone can be humble trying to be great.

This is to be overcome and replaced by the Spirits of Truth and Fear of the Lord. Isa. 11:2

If any are wondering why I have gone to such great lengths to explain these spirits and natures; I believe these are the things which tore down, and that we'll have to realize this before we can restore, These will not build; at least not the Kingdom of Heaven.

We have all displayed, at times a superior confidence in our own powers of perception. It expresses itself, at least in our own mind, "I've studied this thoroughly and carefully. I can't be wrong." Remember the other has studied just as carefully as you and he has concluded otherwise.

Many factors figure in this; dating all the way back to childhood: Family spirit, family priorities, personal priorities, acquired definitions.

Remember the same things mean different things to different people. ERA to an historian, means a period of time characterized by a certain condition. To a baseball pitcher, it means earned run average. To "Women's Lib", it means equal rights amendment.

When I first moved to the city, I heard them refer to what I called a "tap" as a nut. I later found out that a tap was the tool that put the threads in the nut: But at first I was sure they were the ignorant ones.

People from different cultures think differently. In some Asian countries, a dinner guest is expected to smack his lips in appreciation of the food; If he does not, he is rude and it's an insult to the host and to the food. In the U.S.A. one who eats that way is considered a pig. Each family has it's own spirit and values.

To one person a walled city would mean protection, to another prison. To one, law is an orderly arrangement, to another suppression.

To words having varied definitions, one will choose one, and another differently.

All these factors and more determines our interpretations. It might help to always bear in mind Isa. 55: 7,8,9 My thoughts are not your thoughts. Also verse 10,11, God's words will create. If the

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doctrine we teach does not create bible results, then we should ask, "Am I teaching God's doctrine?" Jesus said, "The words that I speak, they are spirit, and they are life." Heb. 13:9 "Meats which have not profited." The value of the words we speak should be measured by the effects of God's grace worked by them.

Our attitudes and motives can either help or hinder our understanding. (ref. Dan. 12:9) The wise shall understand, but none of the wicked shall understand. So then not to be righteous is foolish. We are admonished, "Be not wise in your own conceit."

I definitely intend to impress that the foregoing principles are of vastly greater value than the formal doctrine of the order of the church; It's Bishops, Deacons, Elders, Apostles, etc. It definitely possible to know these and still be left out because of unrighteousness.

At this point it might be good to reflect, and if in any way you feel condemned; repent and determine to realign your life before trying to understand the rest of this article.

The things of God have followed a pattern from the beginning. Man sinned and lost his dominion that God had given him. God set in motion a plan to restore the dominion. (Ref. Micah 4:8) This plan stretches out over 7,000 years. God pictured it by the law of a Hebrew servant (ref. Ex. 23:2) 6 years he was to serve and go free in the 7th. Also, and mainly by the law of the Jubilee. Lev. 10:11-13; 25:28,30; 27:17-24; 31:33, 54. (The following I have no way of proving, except it fits the pattern) God's days of creation were 7,000 years each: Though before the 4th day there was no way of measuring time, so the proper word for those days would be "age". The sun, moon, and stars settled in their orbits the 4th day for times, seasons, days, months, years, (ref. Gen. 1:14). God's sabbath = (day of rest) was to have been 7,000 years, dating from Adam.

Isa. 43:24 Thou hast made me to serve with your sins. = That is, Man made God break his sabbath. It was this same line of thought that caused Jesus to say, John 5:17, "My Father worked hitherto, and I work." In other words

You disturbed my Father's sabbath, I'll disturb yours. Again, "It is lawful to do well (good) on the sabbath day."

The next 1,000 years = the 7th day man, is a sabbath; but we will be busy in it, freeing whole nations from the bondage of sin. Then comes the jubilee, when all men are freed, and all debts canceled. (ref. Lev. 25:9-54; 27:17,18; Num. 36:4)

7 days of 7,000 years each would be 49,000 years, the next would be the 50th. To us, this would be the 1,000 years following what we call the Millennium.

Jesus is the central figure till this is accomplished. (ref. Deut. 18:15-19). This is referred to in Acts 3:19-23 That "heaven" = (the church) will have to receive = (hear, accept, acknowledge) Jesus till restitution is made for all the damage done by Adam's sin. Also referred to in I Cor. 15:24-28. When death is destroyed, then Jesus will turn everything back over to the Father. Again in Eph. 1:10 This is the "Dispensation of the fullness of times," when all things are subdued under Jesus.

God often brought Israel under bondage because they served idols. He led them captive to those nations whose god they served; then he would raise them up a judge and restore them: Each instance an allgory of the restoration of man. Lot and his house was taken captive, Abraham delivered and restored him. Israel went into captivity to Babylon, and was restored after 70 yrs. Solomon's temple was torn down when Israel was taken captive, and was restored under Ezra and Nehemiah.

Solomon is a type of Jesus. The temple, the type of the church. Jesus established. That beautiful church with it's righteousness was corrupted, and in effect torn down. But there is a Zerubbabel ministry at work restoring it. We should be heartened, in fact be elated and inspired by Zech. 4:1-10.

Zechariah saw a candlestick "All of Gold" a bowl on the top with 7 lamps. (ref. Rev. 4:5) (The seven lamps are the 7 Spirits of God.) (ref. Isa. 11:1,2) We in times past have been strong in the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirits of council knowledge, understanding, and wisdom, but woefully lacking in the Spirits of Might and the Fear of the Lord. 7 pipes to the 7 lamps = a direct flow from the reservoir of oil = (understanding) for each Spirit.

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Two golden pipes to two olive trees = a direct line from the old testament and the new. Then the angel asked Zechariah if he knew what that was: When he said no, The angel said this is the "word" to Zerubbabel.

If we will just be "pure gold", we'll have a direct line of revelation for the work God has mandated to us. "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season we'll reap if we faint not.

This is the word to Zerubbabel, "Not by might, (because you are so great) nor by power, (because you have such influence) but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts. Who art thou O great mountain? (the beast) Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: And he shall bring forth the headstone (the top-most coping stone, the last stone of the building. Like the golden spike of a railroad.) thereof with shoutings, crying, grace, grace unto it. (I hope I can be there and join in that shout.)

Verse 9

The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, his hands shall also finish it: - - -. ver. 10 - - -, And they shall see the plummet (the everlasting gospel) in the hands of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, (ref. Rev. 5:6) which run to and fro through the whole earth.

This ministry, which God directed Wm. Sowers to gather together, laid the foundation. This ministry will finish it. But it takes four generations to purify a seed. As God told Abraham, "Thy seed shall sojourn in a land not theirs 400 years," that they would serve a certain nation and that He would bring them out in the 4th generation. The 4 generations were, Levi = joined, Kohath = Assembly, Amram = Exalted, Moses = Drawn out or Drawer out=emancipator. Or if we start with Kohath, then we'd end up with Joshua = Salvation. The end of the promise was the land of Israel.

To us the first generation was Bro. Wm. Sowers and those who were with him. The 2nd generation, they who were gathered by them, among whom was my pastor George Lawson. I consider myself of the 3rd generation. The 4th generation is

already on the scene; and already there are signs of near restoration. It begins to look like Jesus personally will have to take some of us, if there are any left of the 2nd generation, with some of the 3rd and 4th generations, and set us down together and explain just how it is to be. However, God knows and He'll do it His way. I'm not the one to tell God what He'll have to do.

We should not think that the restoration of the church is the ultimate end of God's purpose; But a period in it. Yet a most important period, in God's overall plan. It is one restoration, in a line of restorations, to accomplish the main restoration. We usually stop too quick.

In Eph. 4 We usually stop with "unity of the faith". But that is just a point to arrive at "The perfect man (Body of Christ) the fullness of the stature of Jesus Christ. (ref. Eph. 1:22,23) Eph. 3:14-19) filled with all the fullness of God. However, we can't be filled with the fullness of God without the unity of the faith.

One thing we can boast of: We have earnestly "CONTENDED" for the faith - - -. But we need to match Acts 15: When there had been "MUCH DISPUTING" Peter stood up. In other words our conventions need to come to an end, with the answer: Not dictated by man, but revealed by God. To this end, we should all seek God; that He might show us all how it really is; by whatever means He sees fit to do it.

Miracles are increasing among us. We need to proceed cautiously, never to lose our vision of the work to be done in the restoration; for this is God's main purpose for this day.

We have a beautiful picture in Ezekiel chapters 1 and 10. The living creatures, the Cherubim represent the church, and the wheels represent God's eternal purpose. It says they went every one of them straight forward; they turned not as they went.

Let us as the ministry of the Body of Christ set our vision straight ahead, and not turn aside for any lesser purpose than that restoration which is for our day.

My hope is that this article will inspire us all to examine ourselves as to our worthiness, take up the slack where we fall short, sanctify ourselves to the Lord for the work at hand. And realize The Lord

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is with us, for this is His Work.

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The Lord has said,
"Get more of me in 1983."

Count The Cost.

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Count the cost the master said,
If you a mansion would build,
Would you work and save, and sacrifice,
And your rights to pleasure yield?

(2)

Don't start to build with half enough;
For the rest just hope and wish:
Your treasure will not larger grow,
While you just hunt and fish.

(3)

But you must know how much it takes,
And work, and toil, and save:
Till enough material on the site is stacked,
To fulfil the boast you gave.

(4)

Lest haply when you have begun to build,
And a wall or two is raised;
That all the boards and stones are gone;
And from your work you've ceased.

(5)

How will you feel? When men shall say,
"Aha, just look at him now,
His talk was big, he promised much,
but could not fulfil his vow.

(6)

But if you count, and know the cost;
Provide till you have to spare;
Then you with faith may be assured,
ABUNDANT ENTRANCE THERE.

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Spiritual Health Bulletin.

Warning - Danger - Beware.

A disease that occasionally attacks the
Body Of Christ, Known as "Big-shot-itis"
can be fatal to the soul.

Be on guard against two known carriers of
the disease.

(1)

The ruler who is looking for talent to
affect him.

(2)

One commonly known as "Hero worshiper".
In either case the means of infection are
the same; They pat you on the back till
your head swells up; Then breathe flatteries
in your face till your ego is inflamed.

Unless a large dose of failure is admin-
istered upon the first seizure, a cure can
only be realized by a miracle.

However there is a serum, by which one
may be inoculated.

Recipe for "Anti- Big-shot-itis" serum.

(1)

Take first 12 verses of Mathew chapter 23.
Mix with Mark 9:33-35

(2)

Add slowly, and blend thoroughly with
Gal. 6:3

(3) - Mix together Gal. 5:13 & 6:2

(4) - Add this to James 2:1-4

(5) - Carefully combine this with the other
ingredients, blending completely.

(6) Stuff this mixture into the capsule of
II Sam. 23:2-4, taking extreme care that
none of the ingredients are spilled.

(7) - Take internally whenever the feeling
of personal ambition troubles you. May be
taken as often as needed without harm, as
there are no known cases of ill effects due
to overdosage. Can even be pleasant tasting
if taken with generous amounts of meekness.

When the spilit of the serum reaches the
heart, the inoculation is complete.

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RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH PART II

There are many things in the restoration of Jerusalem in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah that we can take as types, to help us to understand what we should, or must do in order to see the church restored to it's glorious beauty and righteousness.

First we must understand that it will not regain it's former glory unless first there are a people who love it's "Righteousness", and will themselves attain to that righteousness.

God seems to have left clues everywhere, even as Boaz commanded that they should let fall a few "Handfulls of a purpose."

The names of the people involved is one rich source of these hints. Also the names of the places.

The first Gate to be restored, was the "Sheep Gate". To me this implies that an "equitable" way for the people to progress in God is the first requisite. (ref. Isa. 62:10 - "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the "People". Cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the "People".

Neh. 3:1

Eliashib - The high priest and his brethren - build the sheep gate - set up the doors, even to the tower of Hannaneel.

Eliashib - Son of Jehoida - His father Joiakim.

Eliashib - Strongs Heb. # 475 fr. #410 & # 7725

= God will restore, return, turn.

Joiakim # 3113 fr. # 3079 = Jehovah will raise.

Joiada # 3111 fr. # 3077 = Jehovah known.

Hannaneel # 2606 fr. # 2603 = God has favored. # 2603 = Bend or stoop in kindness. (ref. I Thes. 2:7 "We were gentle among you even as a nurse cherisheth her own children.") In other words; When we have come to the the place in God where we will "Stoop in kindness" to help any and all of the saints of God; we have

erected a great tower. We must work with "Eliashib" = Faith that God will restore. Being reared (Father) by Joiakim = Faith that Jehovah will raise. Then our children will know "Joida" = Jehovah Knew.

(2) Fish Gate -

Fish typify the life that comes from an abundance of water = (Holy Ghost) (ref. Ezek. 47:9) So, after we have provided a righteous way for the people then we must open up the way for the "Fish" to have abundant water to live in.

Neh. 3:3 -

Sons of Massenaah - who also laid the beams thereof - doors, - locks - bars. Massenaah # 5574 see also # 5570 "Senaah" = To prick "with the art" This would be an "engraver". To me this would mean that it is an art to be able to guide the people into an abundant rejoicing in the Holy Ghost.

(3) Old Gate. - Neh. 3:6

(ref. Jer. 6:16 "Stand ye in the ways - - ask for the old paths, - -")

Old Gate repaired Jehoida son of Paseah, and Meshullam son of Besodeiah.

Jehoida # 3111 A form of # 3077 = Jehovah known. (Known of or by Jehovah)

Paseah # 6454 fr. # 6452 = Limping, limp, dance, become lame, hesitate. (To me this would indicate that Jehiada became strong by helping his father, and by so doing got the attention of God.)

Meshullam # 4918 fr. 7999 = Allied, comb. w/ Shallam = to be safe, to make complete, restore, perform prosper, reward, end, finish, make restitution. =(Allied to be safe, a helper and protector until the completion of the project.)

Besodeiah # 1152 fr. 5475 & 3050 = In the counsel of Jehovah. (Meshullam, being the son of his father, "a chip off the old block" he followed the counsel of God.) # 5475 condensed fr. # 3245 A session in company of persons =(counsel) = (not an individualist) In close deliberation, by imp. intimacy, consultation, a secret assembly, counsel, inward secret, # 3050 = Jah. The sacred name. = (Intimate name = Nickname)

Old Gate. (cont,)

"Strive ye to enter in by the strait gate"
(ref. Mat. 7:13,14 Luke 13:24)

To me this indicates that we should seek to find by what means (Gate) the men of old, who found favor with God, managed to earn His favor. Then after we've found it, don't be like those in Jer. 6:16, and say. "We will not walk therein."

There is a "Good Way" (ref. I Cor. 13:)
I Cor 12:31 - "Covet earnestly the best gifts, yet shew I unto you a more excellent way."

(4) Valley Gate. - Neh. 3:13

- Repaired Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah - - and a thousand cubits On the wall unto the dung Gate.

Valley # 1516 = A gorge, (from it's lofty sides, hence narrow but not a gully or "winter torrent" valley. (ref. again to Mat. 7:13,14)

"Strive ye to enter in at the Strait Gate."

Hanun # 2586 fr. 2603 = Favored, a prim. root, To bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior, (ref. Rom. 11:20) "Be not high-minded but fear. (& Rom. 12:16) "Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. ¶¶

to favor, bestow, to implore, (to move to) favor by petition, intreat, (mercifully) shew mercy, have pity upon.

Zanoah # 2182 fr. 2186 rejected,

2186 Zanach = To push aside, reject, forsake, fail.

Restore the "Strait Way", lift up a standard for the people. Above all - "SET THE EXAMPLE." As this is the way that leads to life. (ref. I Cor Ch. 6:9,10 Gal. 5:19-21 Eph. 5:1-5 Especially I Cor 6:9,10 Gal. 5:21 Eph. 5:6 which all state that such have no inheritance in the kingdom of God = or of Christ, not only that but the wrath of God is upon them.)

(5) Dung Gate - Neh. 3:14

#830 - same form as # 827 fr. 8192

(in the sense of scrapping) (or scraping) a heap of rubbish or filth, dung (hill).

The gate to the garbage dump. Implies the purging of the undesirable element. Judgement, and the cutting off as of pruning. (ref. Mat. 23:33) The damnation of "Hell" = Gehena = The garbage dump of Jerusalem. = Tophet - a place of burning, Spontaneous combustion, = creates it's own fire, or it's own destruction. That which is cut off destroys it'self. (ref. Lev. 19:16) "Thou shalt not stand against the blood of thy neighbor." That is, we are not to oppose the just judgement of any. (ref. I Cor. 5:6 Gal. 5:9) "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." This "Dung Gate is more of an "out" gate than an "in" gate: But it is a

needed gate.

But the dung gate repaired Malkiah, the son of Rechab, the ruler of part of Bethhaccerem, -- built it - - doors, locks, bars, - - and wall of the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, - unto the stairs that go down to the city of David.

(It would be too lengthy and tedious to list all the definitions given in the dictionary, so I'll try to confine myself to the ones I deem pertinent.)

Malkiah #4441 = King of, (appointed by Jah.)

Rechab # 7394 = To ride, - - to dispatch, ((A dispatcher, or one dispatched) (Rechab was willing to be a messenger, He bore a son who was appointed King by God.)

Siloah # 79 = - - outshoot. - -. (Pool of) Bethhaccerem # 1021 = House of the Vinyard.

The ruler of the source of the "Wine of Life" was the one who took the greater part in restoring the way to eliminate the dead.

We, as ministers of God, cannot shirk our responsibility to execute judgement, to be only a "Good Joe". We'll have to take the bitter with the sweet. (ref. Deut. 32:39-) -- - I kill and I make alive; I wound, and I heal, - - . If we are to be like Him, we'll have to play the same role.

(6) Gate of the Fountain Neh. 3:15-26

Fountain # 5869 = A fountain, "as the eye of the landscape." This gives the impression that it is not merely a spring of water, but a garden with a fountain as the central attraction.

- - repaired Shallun the son of Colhozeh The ruler of part of Mizpah. - Doors, locks, bars. And the wall of the pool of Siloah by the King's garden, - - stairs - - City of David. (Siloah, K.G. and stairs, Noted above)

Shallun # 7968 = (secure) retribution, a fee, recompense, reward. #7999 = to be safe (in mind, body, or estate.)

Colhozeh # 3626 = Every seer, - - -. This gives the impression of all seeing, being able to understand all spiritual matters. His son repaired the beautiful things, This was God's reward to Colhzeh.

Ruler of the part of Mizpah. # 4709 = Watch Tower. Couple this with Shallun = to be safe, and Colhzeh = all seeing, and it gives us the message that we should always watch. (ref. Luke 12:35 - 46)

This carefulness and alertness also has to be restored.

- Water Gate # 4325

This word for water is usually used in a bad sense, and since no mention is made of bars, doors and locks being restored, it seems to be the sewer drain for the city.

Horse Gate. - # 5483

Here again there is no mention of doors bars or locks, but this gate is mentioned in II Chr. 23:15 This is the place that Athaliah was slain.

This word for horse is given in the sense of joy, swiftness, leaping (for joy) prancing (as a horse).

It is my impression that this should be related to Ezra 3:12,13 - and many" shouted for joy."

This is the last gate mentioned, when it is finished there will be cause for celebration; and there will be a swift sequence of happenings that will launch the church into it's final glorious work, before the Lord comes.

The day we are in now is a day of much preparation. There are so many things that need to be considered, to produce the church that God will be pleased with.

There are so many more good thoughts in relation to the meanings of the names of the people involved in the restoration of the walls and gates. I don't want to seem tedious, but here are just a few of them.

Meh. 3:13

Zanoah = # 2182 = Rejected. - The stone which the builders rejected, became the head of the corner. (ref. Mat. 21:42) (ref. Isa. 66:5) - - Your brethren that cast you out, - - said, "Let the Lord be glorified." But He shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

We don't want to leave out the name Nehemiah - # 5166 = Consolation of Jah.

Neh. 3:2

Zaccur # 2139 = Mindful

Neh. 3:7

Jadon # 3036 = Thankful

"unto the broadwall - # 7342 = Broad, roomy, (in any or every direction), large, at liberty - -. (ref. Isa.33:21) "But there the Glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, = (No man propelled boats) neither shall Gallant ship pass there-by. (No warships)

Neh. 3:9 - Rephiah # 7509 = Jah has cured. - Son of Hur # 2354 = White linen. (ref. Rev. 15:6) "The white linen is the righteousness of the saints."

Other gates of Jerusalem not mentioned as being restored by Nehemiah.

Sur. # 5495 = fr. # 5493 & 5494 a gate of the temple. II K. 11:6,19 Neh.8:16
5493,4 = a prim.root, to turn off, (lit. or fig.) be (head), bring, call back, decline, depart, - - - to sour, - - - deteriorate, etc.

Higher Gate II K. 23:8 - # 5945 = Lofty, - -, as title the supreme, - -, uppermost.

Corner Gate. II K. 14:13 # 6438 = Pinnacle, (fig.) a chieftain, bulwark, chief, corner, stay, tower.

Gate Between Two Walls. - II K. 25:4
8179 & 2346 an opening, - -, to join, a wall of protection, - -.

King's Gate - I Chr. 9:18

Gate Shallecheth. I Chr. 26:16 # 7996 fr. # 7993-5 Aprim. root: to throw out (down or away) '95 A felling(of trees) when cast.

Prison Gate - Neh. 12:39 # 4307 fr. # 5201 A jail, - -, an aim or mark (as being closely watched) Prison.

Gate of the Foundation. - II chr. 23:5
3247 fr. # 3245 = a prim. root: to set, (lit. or fig.), -, to sit down together, -, take counsel, etc. This seems to be the "Gate" from which the expression (ref. Pro. 31:23) Her husband shall be known in the gate when he sitteth with the elders of the people. ("Gate" = Place of counsel, meeting of the wise men: That which now is the "Knesset".) = foundation, - -, bottom.

East Gate # 4212 fr. # 2224 Neh. 3:29
Sunrise, the east, east (sidward),

Gate Miphkad -- Neh. 3: 31 # 4663 *
From the definitions given, it seems to be the same as the "gate of the Foundation".

Time and space would fail me to note all the profitable hints I have gotten from this study. For the serious student or researcher, I would suggest that they take all the names mentioned especilly in nehemiah chapter 3, and check out their meaning in the strong's Hebrew dictionary; or any other reliable Hebrew - English dictionary.

I anticipated an interesting study, when I began with this; But I am elated because of the added insight that it has given me. I feel that I am now better equiped to build in the "House Of God".

If this article will give someone "half" the blessing that I have gotten from it, I will feel well rewarded.

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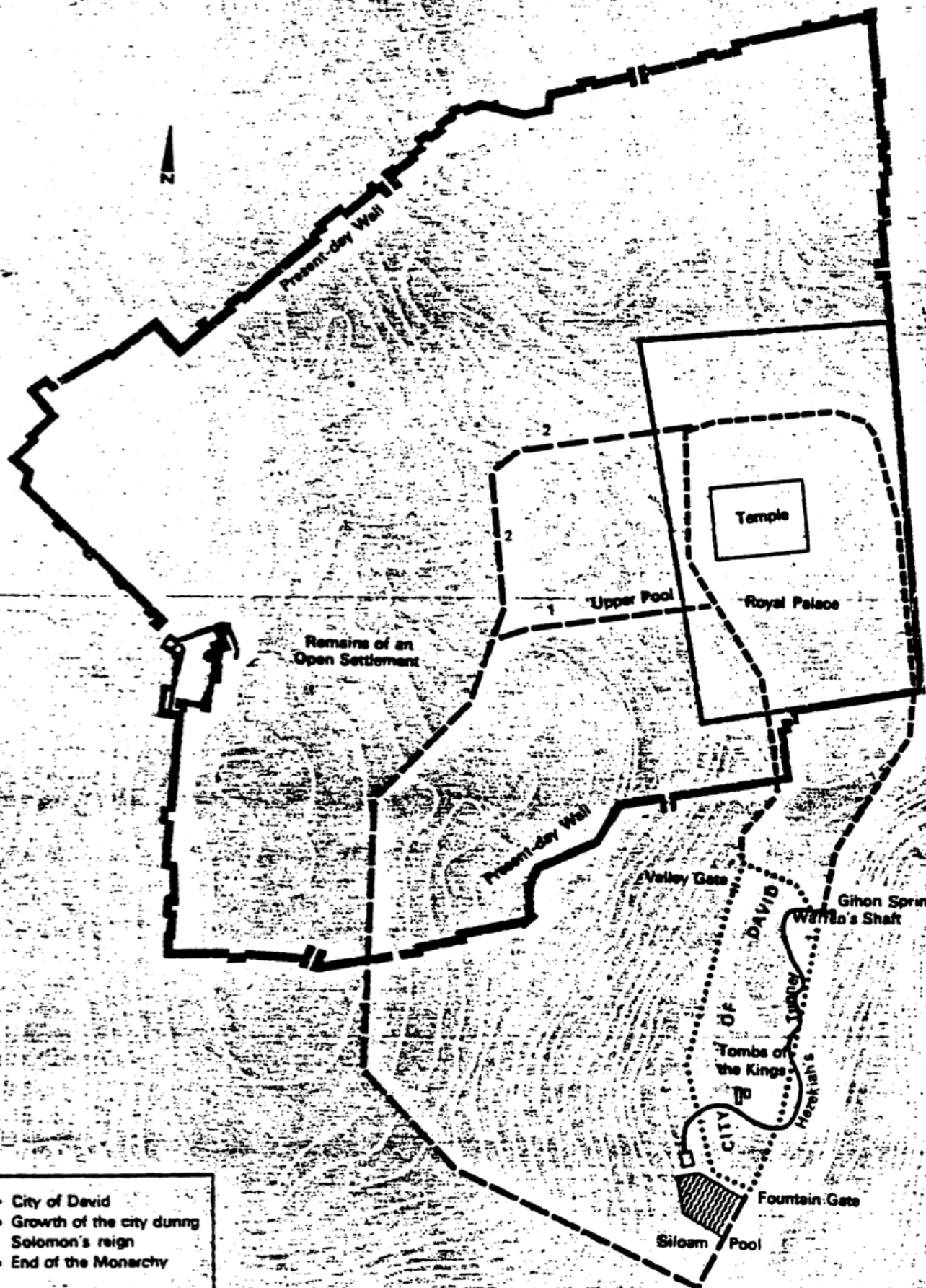
7 Gates - Nehemiah

7 Apostles - John 21:2

New Jerusalem

12. Gates - Ezek. 48:31- 34
Rev. 21:12-14

12 Apostles - Mat. 10:2-4
Luke 6:13-16
I Cor. 15:5

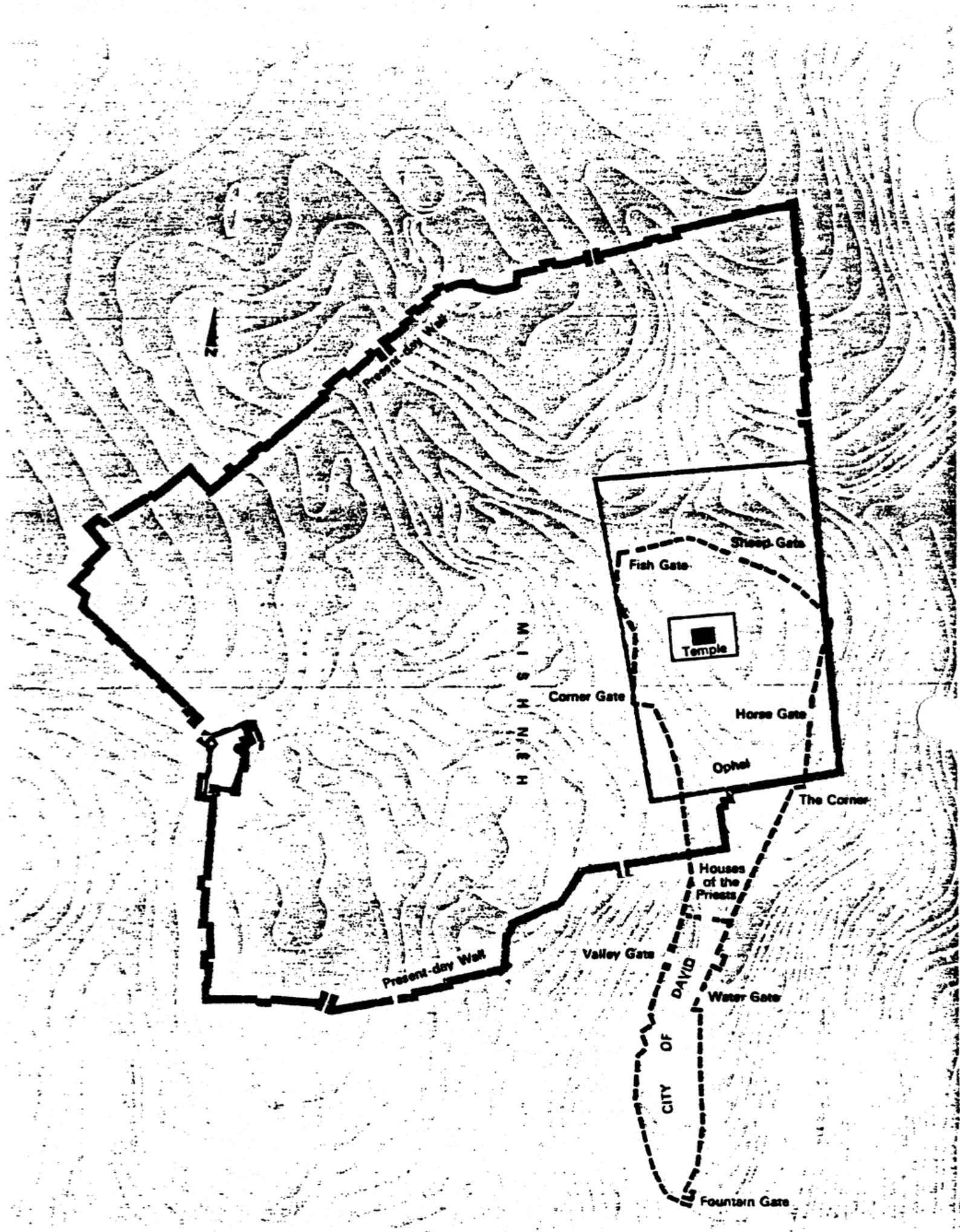


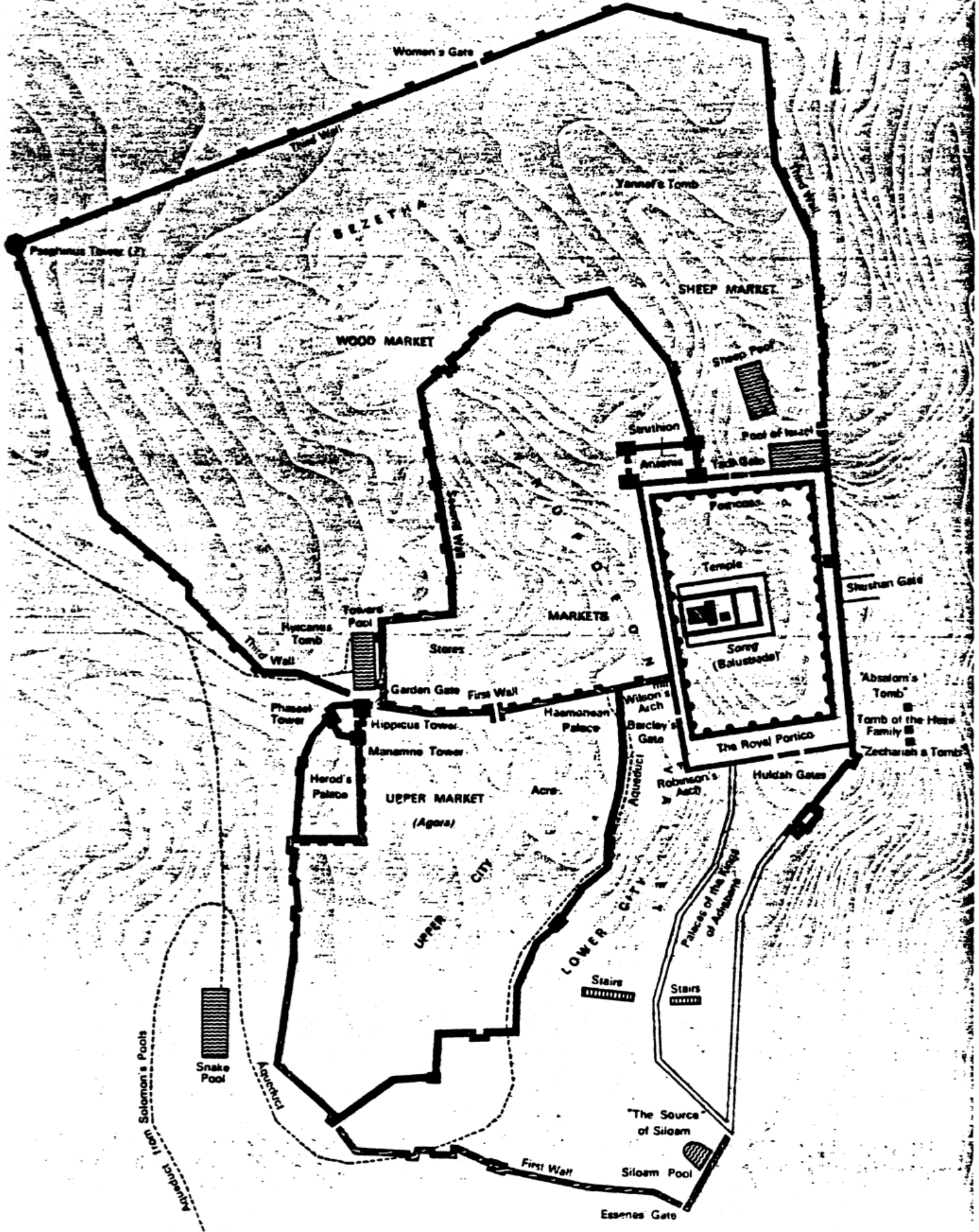
----- City of David
 - - - - - Growth of the city during Solomon's reign
 ——— End of the Monarchy

Note: numbers 1 and 2 indicate two tentative suggestions for the northern part of the wall.

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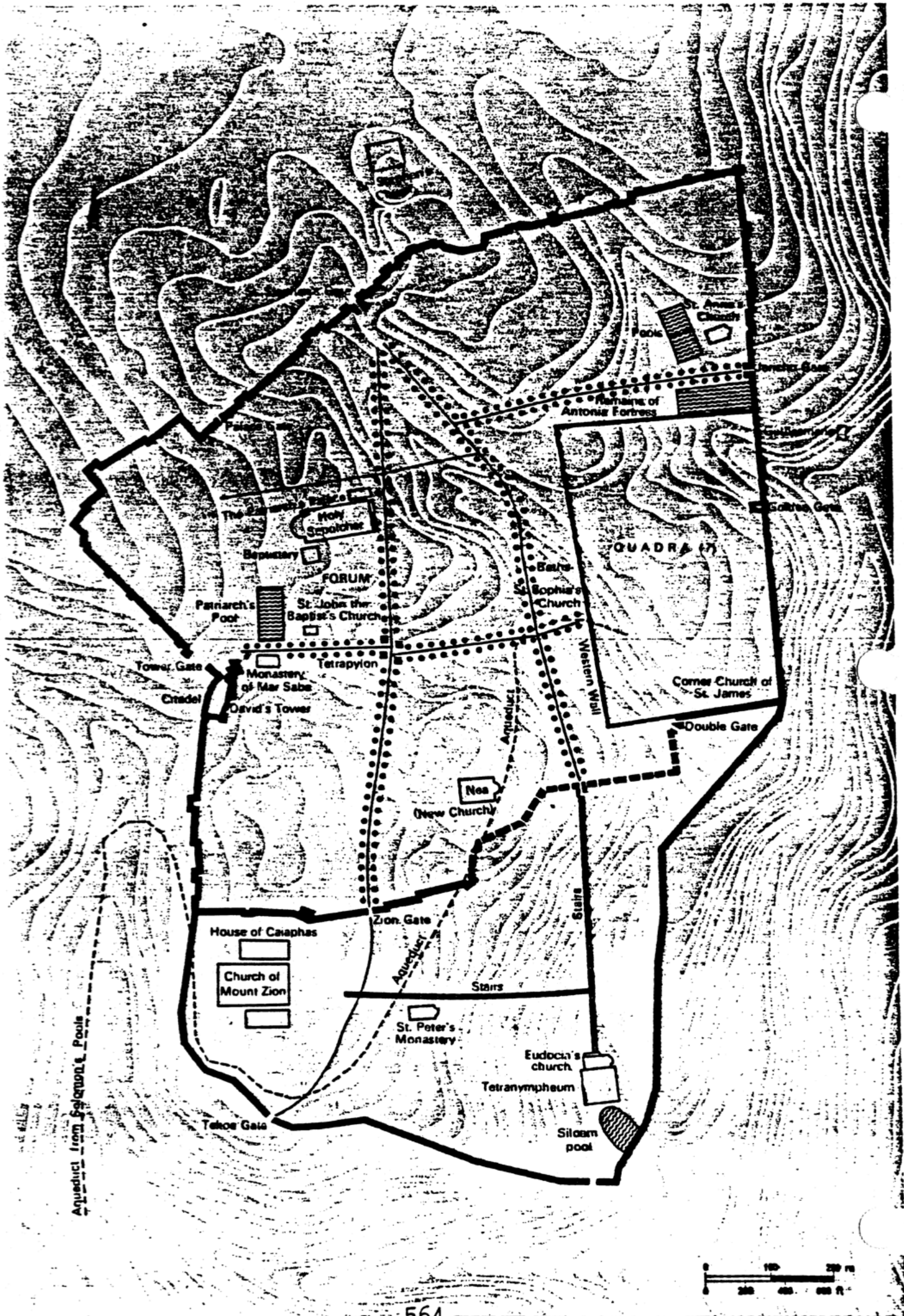
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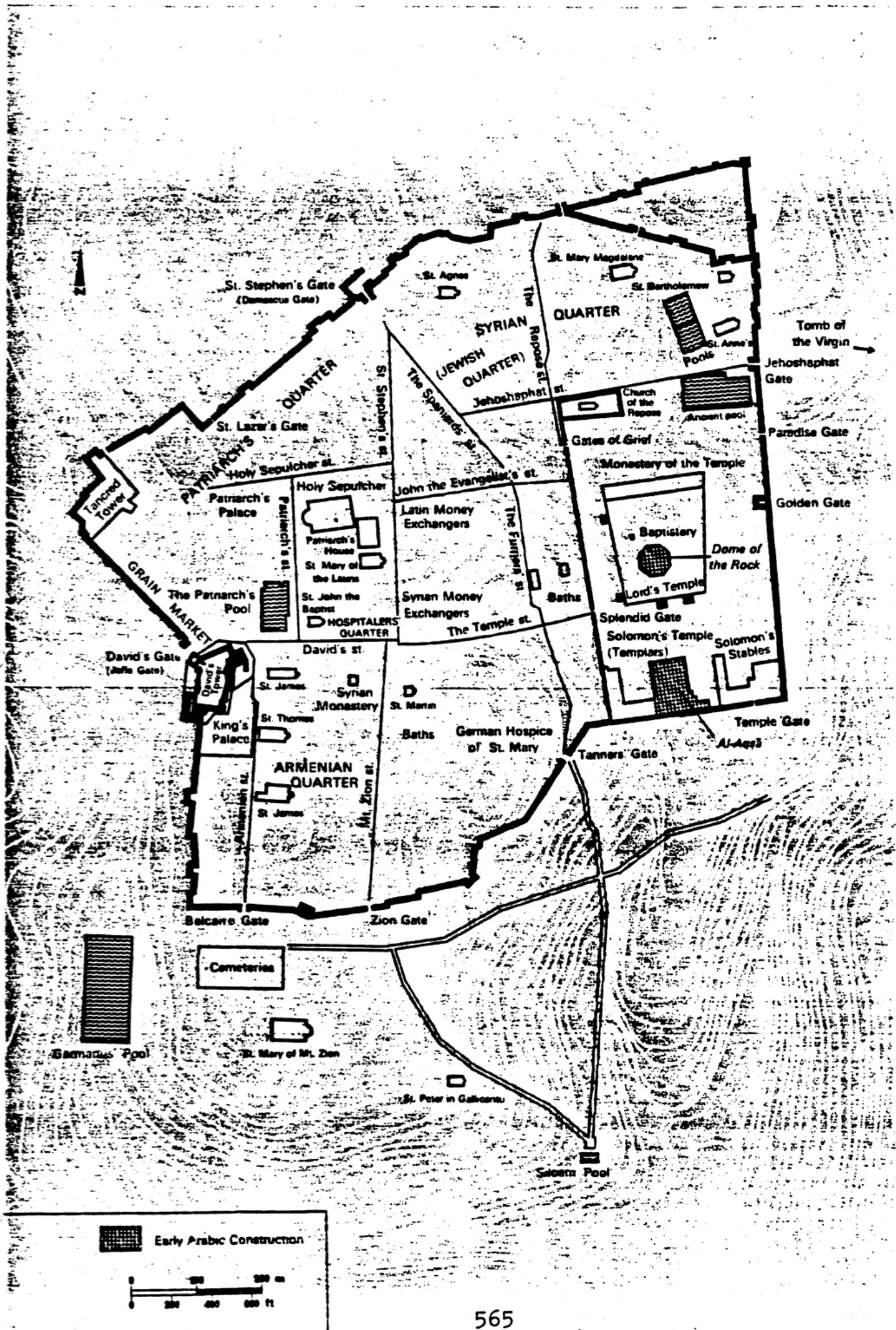
Map 3. Jerusalem at the time of the Second Temple. Based on D. Bahat, *Jerusalem—Its Epochs*, Jerusalem, 1970.

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Aqueduct from Solomon's Pools

Map 1. Jerusalem in the Byzantine period. Based on D. Bahat, *Jerusalem—Its Epochs*, Jerusalem, 1970.



Map 5. Jerusalem in the crusader period Based on D. Bahat, *Jerusalem—Its Epochs*, Jerusalem, 1970.