

PART 2

THE LOST GIHON RIVER, THE GIHON SPRING AND THE FUTURE MILLENIAL RIVER

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PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM!

MAY THEY PROSPER WHO LOVE
PSALM 122:6



THE EVERLASTING LOVE OF YHWH FOR HIS LAND AND HIS PEOPLE –ISRAEL!

Yahweh is anything but ambivalent concerning Israel. He is enthusiastically working toward the goal of living there among His chosen people. "Thus says Yahweh of hosts: 'I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; with great fervor I am zealous for her.' Thus says Yahweh: 'I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, the Mountain of Yahweh of hosts, the Holy Mountain.'" (Zechariah 8:2-3) His intentions toward Jerusalem are crystal clear and repeated throughout scripture constantly. The prophecies are not generalized overviews either, YHWH is very detailed and very specific in his revelation concerning HIS people and their Land.

After repeating Yahweh's declaration of undying zeal, Zechariah gets us started with a review of the world's attitude toward Israel, especially during the Tribulation:

Zechariah 1: 14 "I am zealous for Jerusalem
And for Zion with great zeal.

15 I am exceedingly angry with the nations at ease;
For I was a little angry, And they helped—but with evil intent."

16 'Therefore thus says YHWH:"I am returning to Jerusalem with mercy;

My house shall be built in it,”

says YHWH of hosts,

“And a surveyor’s line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem.””

17 “Again proclaim, saying,

‘Thus says YHWH of hosts:

“My cities shall again spread out through prosperity;

YHWH will again comfort Zion,

And will again choose Jerusalem.”

YHWH WILL CHOOSE JERUSALEM AGAIN



THE DAY OF YHWH

The Day of YHWH to the prophets of the Old Testament, the TaNaKh, emphasize that the Day of YHWH begins with the restoration of the Houses of Judah and Joseph/ Ephraim in the land of Israel and Jerusalem.

In this oracle, we are pointed back to the twelfth chapter of Zechariah which emphasizes what will happen 'in that day'.

12:3 – “And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people.”

12:4 – “I will smite every horse with astonishment, every rider with madness and will open Mine eyes upon the house of Judah.”

12:6 – “I will make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood...”

12:8 – “YHWH will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem.”

12:9 – “I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem....and I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and supplication.”

12:10 – “There shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem”

13:1 – “There shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem”.

13:2 – “I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land”

13:4 – “the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision...”

13:8 – “in all the land, two parts therein shall be cut off and die... and I will bring the third part through the fire and will refine them as silver is refined.”

14:1 – “Behold the Day of YHWH cometh...”

14:8 – “And it shall be in that day, **that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem**; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And YHWH shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one YHWH, and his name one.”



Every act that YHWH of hosts did with his chosen people as recorded in the Hebrew Scriptures was a dress rehearsal that will be replayed in full at the time of the end as the Final Conflict between Yahshua and Satan.

In this chapter, we notice that ‘in that day” a “fountain” will be opened for the house of David and the Jewish inhabitants in the Jerusalem. For what reason will this fountain be opened? The text says, it will bring forth the spiritual cleansing ‘for sin in the house of David and for uncleanness in the city of Jerusalem. <http://www.biblesearchers.com/>

Whether this fountain will be associated with the earthquake and the separation of the continental plates beneath the Mount of Olives when Yahshua steps upon the mount (Zechariah 14:3), we can only make a supposition at this time. From every appearance, a subterranean body of water will burst forth and a new mighty river will emerge from the site where the future Ezekiel Temple will reside. Though this is a physical event, which may be unusual, it will be viewed by the Jews as a divine gift and a physical show of intervention on the part of HaShem for His people. A physical event will be transformed into spiritual event that transcends the dimensions in which we can perceive with our physical senses.

YAHSHUA IS THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

In the context of the messiah, Yahshua, identifies himself as the “Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End” and as such is the “fountain of Life” (Revelation 21:6-7), which now he will give freely, this time to the Jewish people. Even though they have kept the Torah and their covenant with their YHWH to various degree of success, their ‘sins’ still need to be wiped out and before the Land becomes renewed and Yahshua reigns over a purified messianic kingdom, the people and the land will have to also be purified, or swept clean of any uncleanness.

**“I will give of the
FOUNTAIN OF THE
WATER OF LIFE
freely to anyone
who thirsts.”**

Revelation 21:6

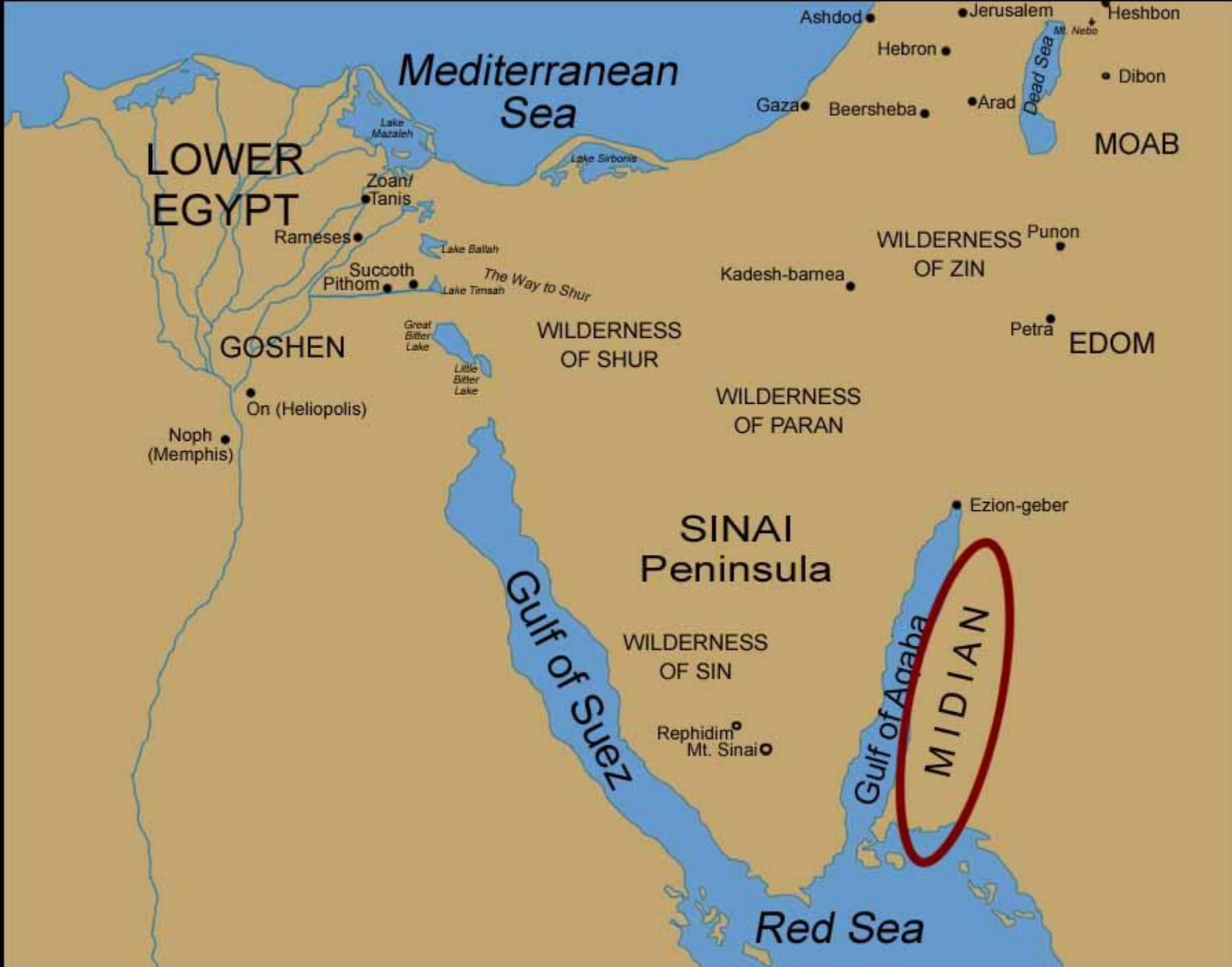


LETS LOOK AT THE
HISTORY
OF THE GIHON

COULD THE SOURCE OF THE GIHON SPRING AS MENTIONED BY HEZEKIAH BE THE GIHON RIVER FROM EDEN?

Was it called Gihon spring because it was really connected to the underground river Gihon? Or was the identical name just a coincidence?

Gihon is mentioned six times in biblical scriptures and is first referred to in Genesis as one of the four tributaries that flow from the river within the Garden of Eden. The other three rivers are the Rivers Tigris, Euphrates and Pishon. The Gihon River flowed through the land of Kuwush.



IS THE GIHON SPRING, FED BY THE SUBMERGED GIHON RIVER?

The prophet Isaiah said that Jerusalem was in the “centre of the earth.” It seems fitting that the Garden – the most important place on earth at that time – would be in the centre also , **the ‘foremost’ place.**

The only water source that flowed out from Jerusalem (the center of the earth) was the Gihon Spring. And isn't it strange that the only other mention of Gihon in the Bible is in connection with the Garden of Eden. Is it just a coincidence, or is it vital information?

DOES THE GIHON STILL EXIST?

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of YHWH, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. Psalm 46:4

Is there a perennial, a constantly flowing spring of water connected with the 'city of the great King' (Ps.48:2) and with the Temple on Mt. Moriah, which made the city of Jerusalem rejoice? And how is it that a Roman historian could describe Jerusalem, situated on an elevation, on mountains, as "Within, truly well watered; but without, altogether dry?" (Tacitus, Hist.v.12).

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT RESIDED BESIDE THE GIHON

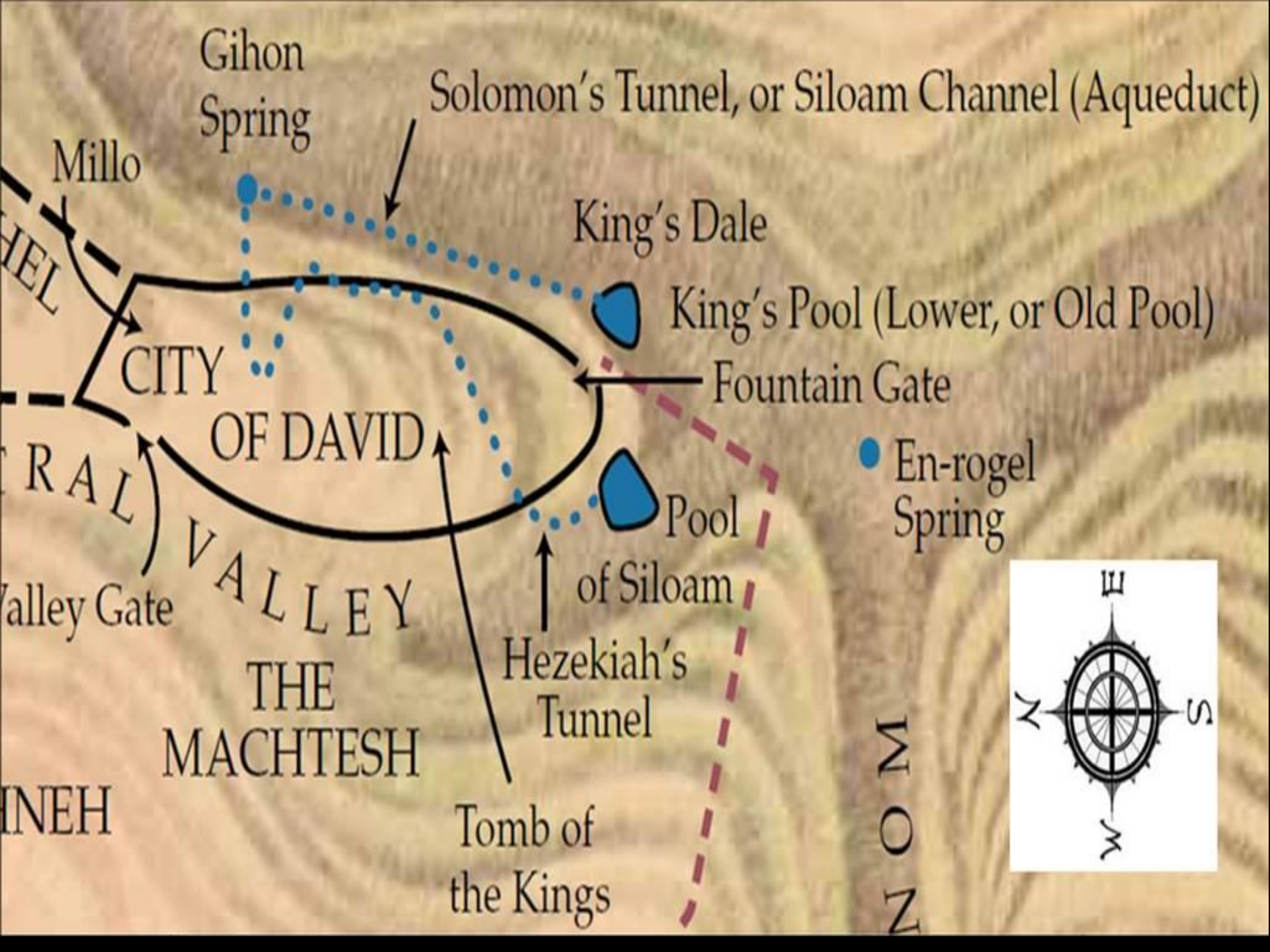
It was also at this Spring that David housed the Ark of the Covenant in a special tent until the Temple was built. It was specially housed for 38 years (the last 27 years of David, and the first 11 of Solomon; 2 Sam.6:16-20; 1 Kings 3:15; 8:1; 1 Ch.15:1; 16:1). In David's reign this spring became the appointed place for all ceremonial washings before any great act of worship or religious service. The Tabernacle itself, constructed in Moses' day, was at Gibeon (1 Kings 3:4; 1 Ch.16:39).

DAVID'S TABERNACLE THAT HOUSED THE ARK FOR 38 YEARS



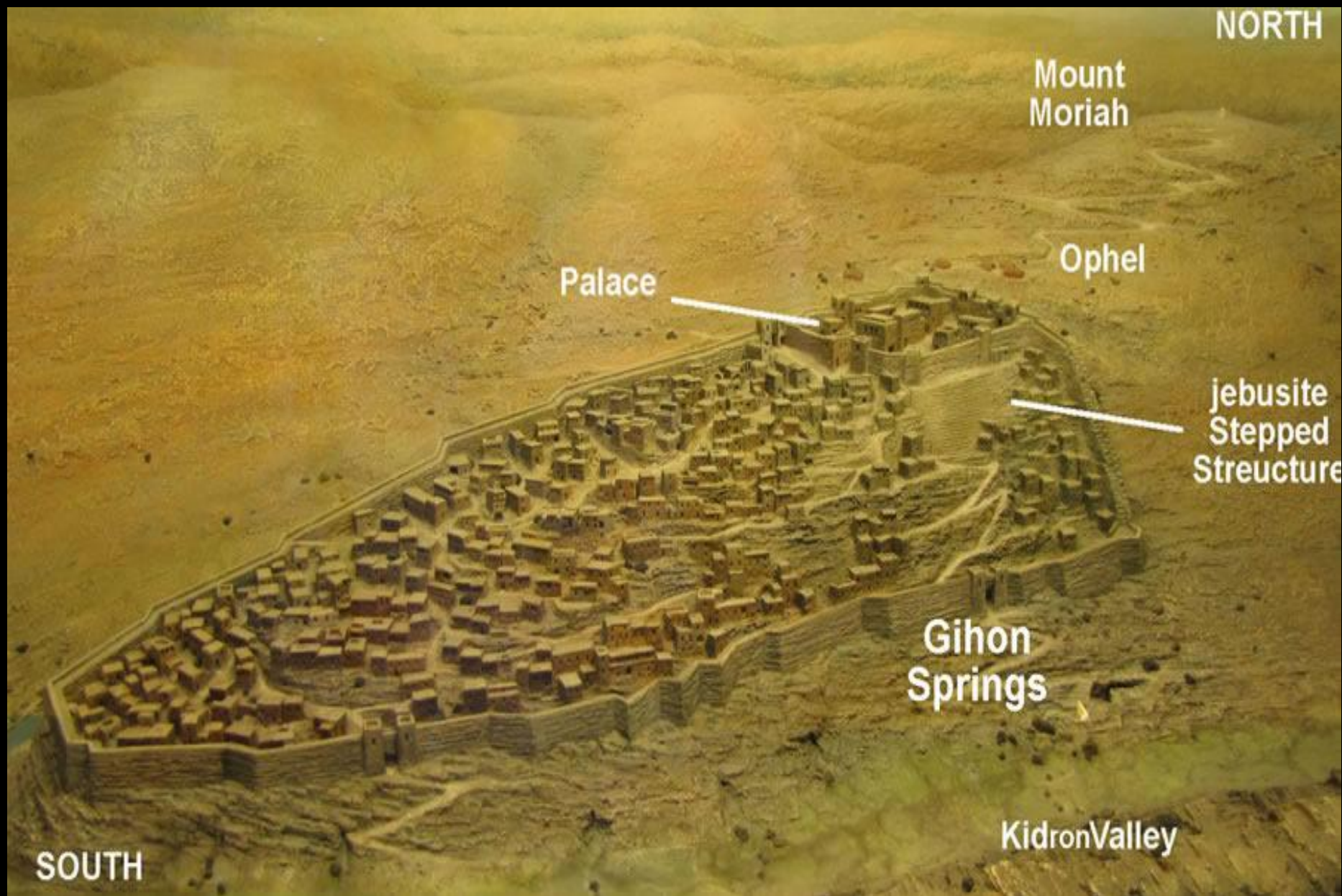
THE GIHON SUPPLIED THE CITY'S WATER

Jerusalem was to be not only the capital, the city of the great King, but also the place where the Temple was to stand, so David, after taking the city, first secured the Gihon Spring, which lay outside the city itself and walls protecting access to it. A key problem for Solomon in the planning of Jerusalem and the Temple was how to ensure a regular supply of water.



Later King Solomon took on and completed his father's great wish to build the Temple in Jerusalem and did so over the Gihon Spring.

It was King Solomon who extended water channels from Gihon to supply every part of Jerusalem with fresh running water. One system was for the city, the other for the Temple, two water systems that fulfilled different functions and operated in different ways. Interestingly Solomon was anointed King at the Gihon Spring (1 Kings 1:32-45)



Hezekiah's Tunnel

In 701 BC the Assyrian army was approaching Jerusalem, so king Hezekiah constructed a tunnel to protect the city's water supply while under siege. It is today known as Hezekiah's tunnel. It's is a windy 1,500 feet long and water still flows through it. It started at the Gihon Spring and collected in the pool of Siloam at the southern end of the city.

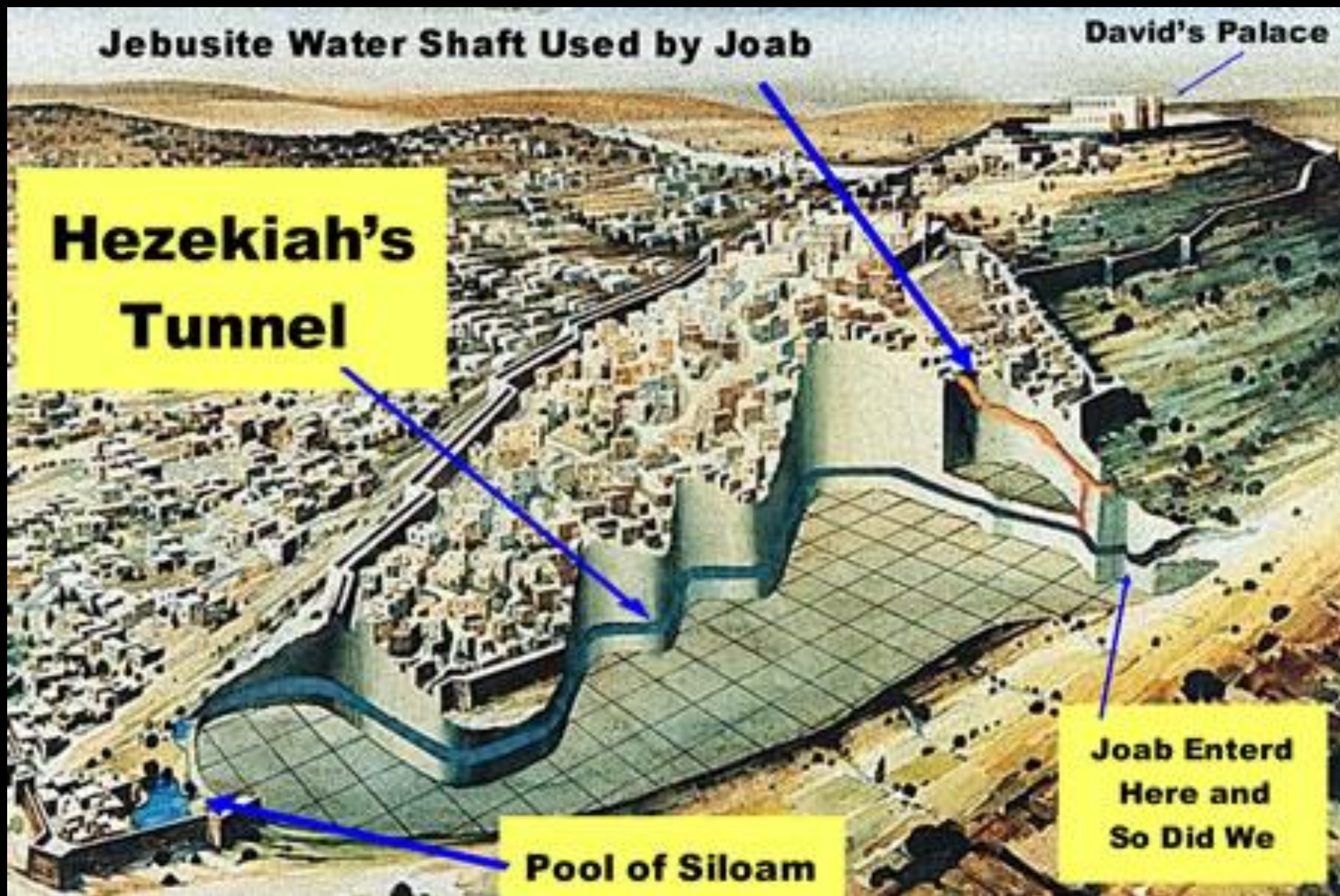
Jebusite Water Shaft Used by Joab

David's Palace

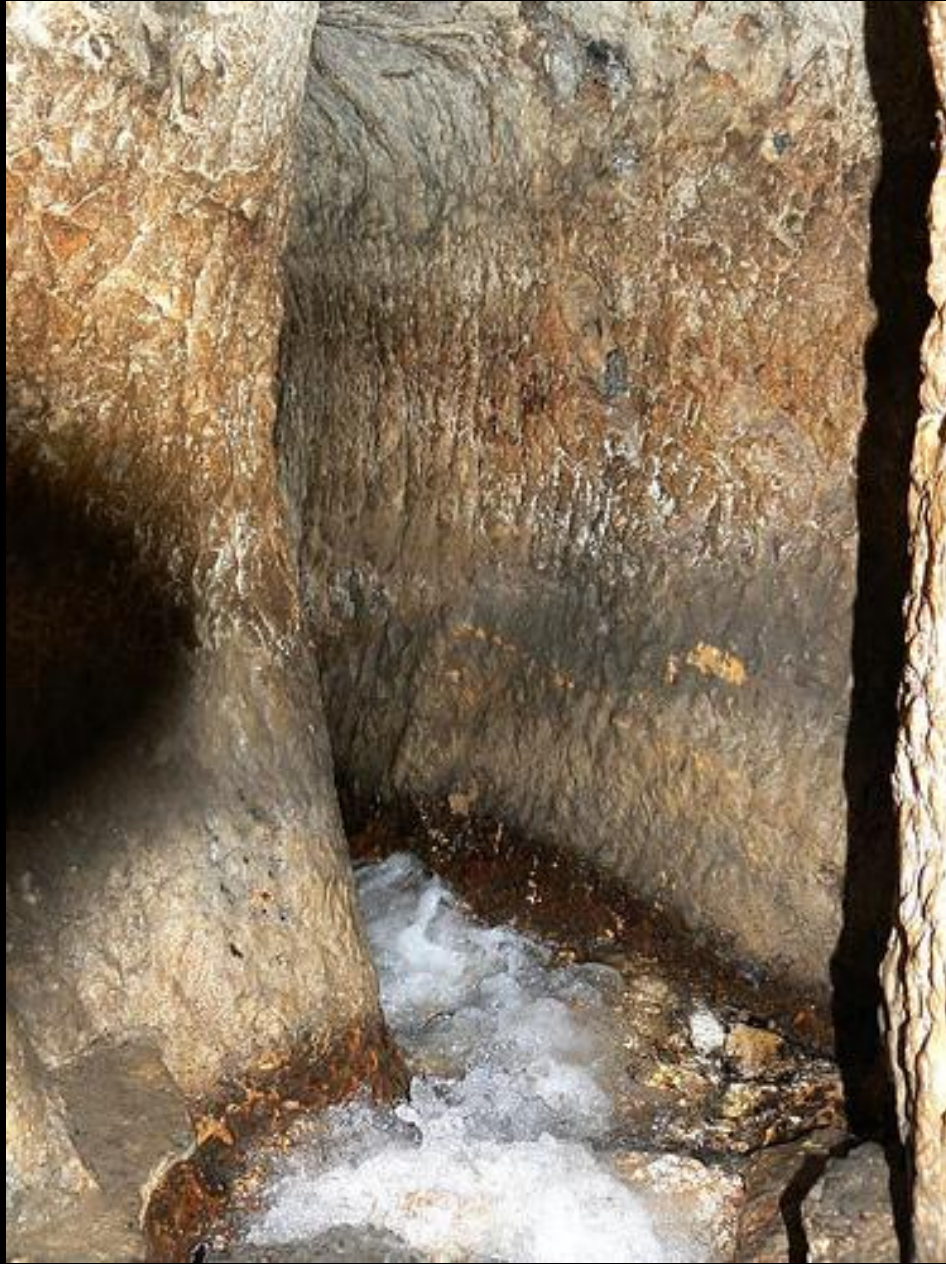
**Hezekiah's
Tunnel**

**Joab Entered
Here and
So Did We**

Pool of Siloam



HEZEKIAH'S TUNNEL TODAY



At the time of creation, a river flowed from within the Garden of Eden, and then after it left the Garden it divided into four “heads.”

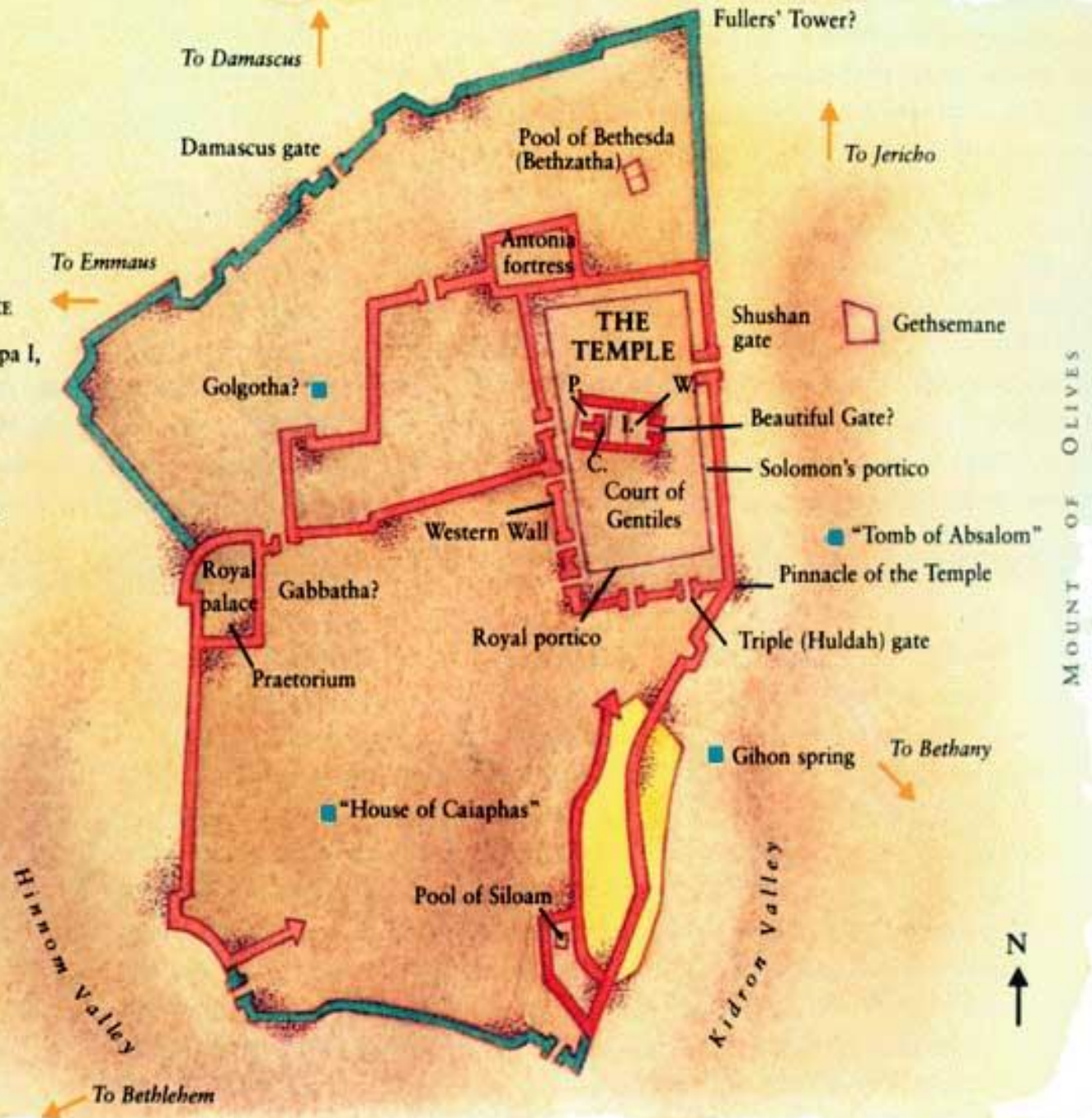
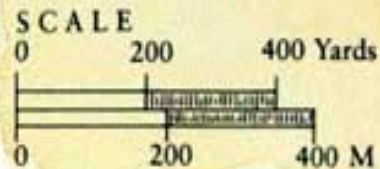
Today, the water from the Gihon would flow through the Kidron valley and eventually find its way down to the Dead Sea, if, of course, its waters had not been diverted by Hezekiah, or had not been diverted for other purposes, as it is today.

Jerusalem in the early first century CE

KEY

- City wall in the time of Jesus, ca. 30 CE
- City wall added by King Herod Agrippa I, 41–44 CE
- City or Temple gate
- Area of King David's city, ca. 975 BCE

- C. Central sanctuary
- I. Court of Israel
- P. Court of Priests
- W. Court of Women



Pool of Siloam (Hebrew: בריכת השילוח (Breikhat Hashiloah) is a rock-cut pool on the southern slope of the City of David, the original site of Jerusalem, located outside the walls of the Old City to the southeast. The pool was fed by the waters of the Gihon Spring, carried there by two aqueducts.

The Pool of Siloam



Simhat Beit HaShoevah

The tunnel built by Hezekiah's engineers was eventually forgotten. It was thought that the Pool of Siloam (Shiloah in Hebrew) was fed directly by an underground spring. In Yahshuas' day, the Feast of Tabernacles, began at the Pool of Siloam with a joyful musical procession called Simhat Beit HaShoevah or The Rejoicing of the Water-Drawing. pilgrims brought offerings of luscious freshly harvested dates, pomegranates, grapes, figs, and olives,

During the ceremony, a designated priest, surrounded by jubilant worshippers, would draw water from the Pool of Siloam and carry it in a golden pitcher up the hill to the Temple altar. A blast of trumpets would announce his arrival.

The high priest would then pour the Siloam water into one silver basin while wine was poured into another. To the accompaniment of flutes, the priests would sing “Hallelujah.” (the Hallel)



The celebration was based upon Isaiah 12: 3,
“With joy you shall draw water out of the wells
of salvation.”



GIHON MEANS **GUSHES FORTH**

The Hebrew word gihon means 'gushes forth' and takes us to something Yahshua HaMashiach said (John 7:37-38 On the last day, that great day of the feast of Tabernacles, Yahshua stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

After Yahshua was nearly stoned in the temple precincts, he encountered the man who was blind from birth. Yahshua spat on the ground, made a mud paste with his saliva, patted it on the man's eyes and told him to go to the Pool of Siloam.



The Blind Man Washes in the Pool of Siloam



John 9:7 – 6 When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. 7 And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent).

So he [the blind man] went and washed and came back seeing.”

This significance is particularly fitting, if Gihon is to be seen as a river symbolizing healing and anointing.

When the man washed his eyes, he was miraculously able to see. One of the first things in his line of vision would have been a magnificent limestone staircase leading up from the Pool of Siloam. And that staircase, dated to Yahshua' day, has just been revealed!



New City Sewer
System That
Resulted in the
Discovery of the
Pool

Pool of Siloam

Soil still covers
the unexcavated
part of the pool

This is water
from the Gihon
Springs and
Hezekiah's Tunnel
that came through
the previous "Pool
of Siloam". It
continues to flow
today. From here
it flows out and
across the street
into a drain.

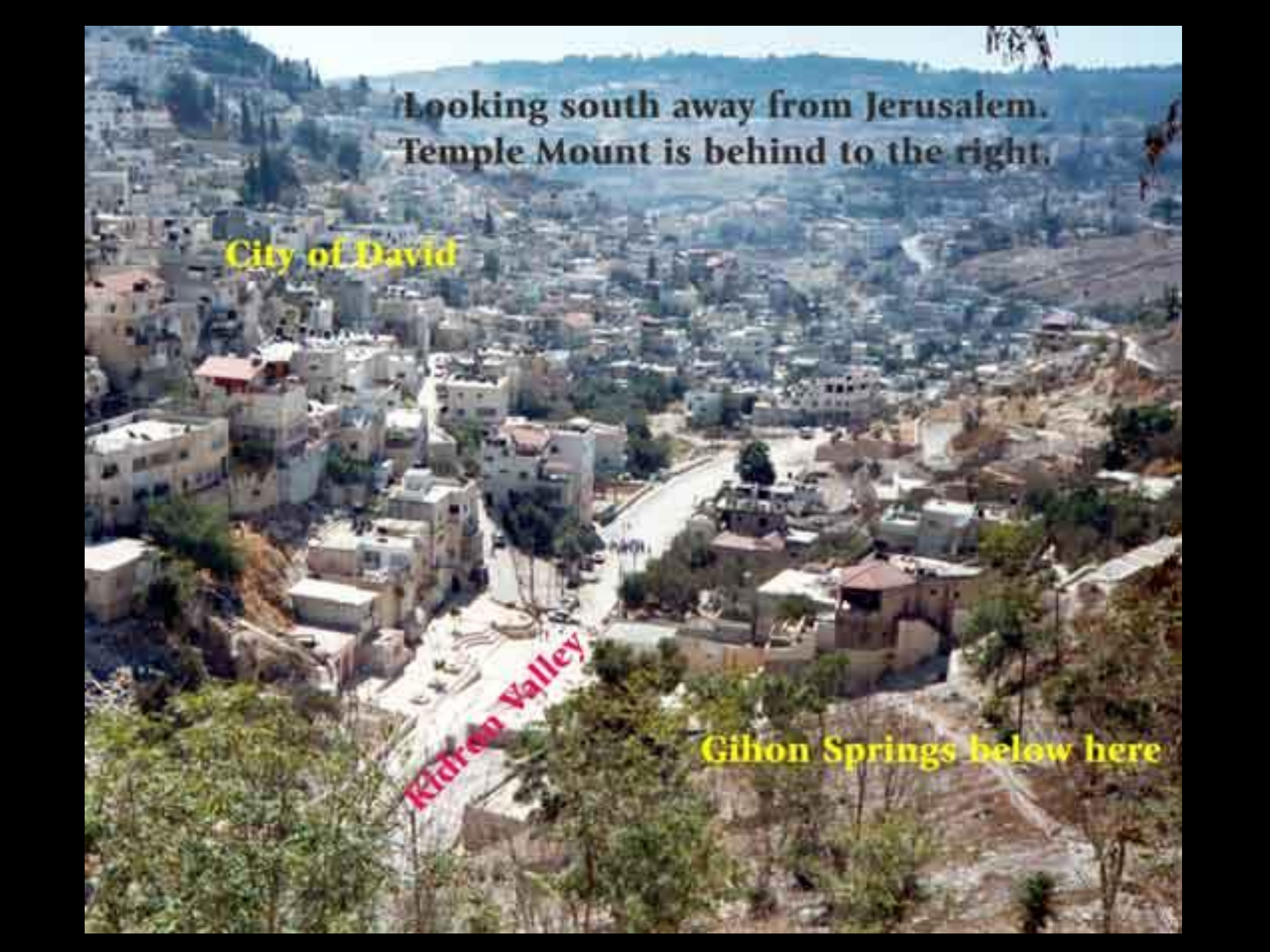


GREAT HEALING WILL COME TO MANY **WHEN YAHSHUA RETURNS**

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer,
And the tongue of the dumb sing.
For waters shall burst forth in the
wilderness,
And streams in the desert.
Isaiah 35: 5-6

I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts Rev 21:6



An aerial photograph of Jerusalem, Israel, looking south from the Temple Mount. The city is densely packed with buildings, mostly in shades of tan and white. In the foreground, a road winds through a valley. The background shows rolling hills and more city buildings under a clear sky.

Looking south away from Jerusalem.
Temple Mount is behind to the right.

City of David

Kidron Valley

Gihon Springs below here


The prophecies that discuss the water issuing out of the Temple Mount seem to both indicate a spiritual and a literal physical fulfillment. What a glorious picture of what is awaiting the saints of YHWH. The imminent return of Yahshua HaMashiach is just around the corner. Are you ready to stand at the judgment?

John 4:10-14 Yahshua answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of YHWH, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”

11 The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? 12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?”



To the Samaritan woman at the well:
13 Yahshua answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."



For with thee is the fountain of life:
in thy light shall we see light.

Psalms 36:9

3000yo First Temple Water Reservoir Found
in Jerusalem Old City at Davidson
Archeological Park

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOoJrGP1pCI>

Israel's largest underground water source discovered near Jerusalem convention Center



A cave discovered during excavation work by Israel Railways in Jerusalem contains the largest and most impressive underground water sources ever discovered in Israel, scholars say. The cave was discovered near the International Convention Centre in the capital during construction work on a station for the future high speed Jerusalem-Tel Aviv train line. Builders came across it while digging a service shaft at a depth of 75 meters - five meters from the planned bottom of the shaft.

Frumkin estimates the cave to be about 200 meters long but that it could be longer. A small canyon at the end of the segment that has so far been checked plunges through cracks down into a series of waterfalls.



Officials say it is the most substantial underground water reservoir ever uncovered in the land. Scientists from Hebrew University who have been exploring the cave say it's located about 150 feet below the ground. It appears to be around 30 feet high and stretches for some distance before cascading into the mountain aquifer that exists below the hills of Judea and Samaria.

Frumkin says the cave "puts Israel on the map of tropical and temperate karstic regions where underground streams are common."

PROPHECY FULFILLED IN THE HOLY LAND



The prophet Joel also prophesied about the water which will flow out from the hill of the house of G-d in the time of the redemption of the people and land of Israel which he expressed in a very unique and beautiful way.

Joel 3:18-21 "And it shall come to pass on that day, that the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the streams of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall issue from the house of YHWH, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence done against the people of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. But Judah shall remain for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. For though I have acquitted them, I have not acquitted those who shed their blood. And the YHWH dwells in Zion."

THE WAILING WALL WEEPS

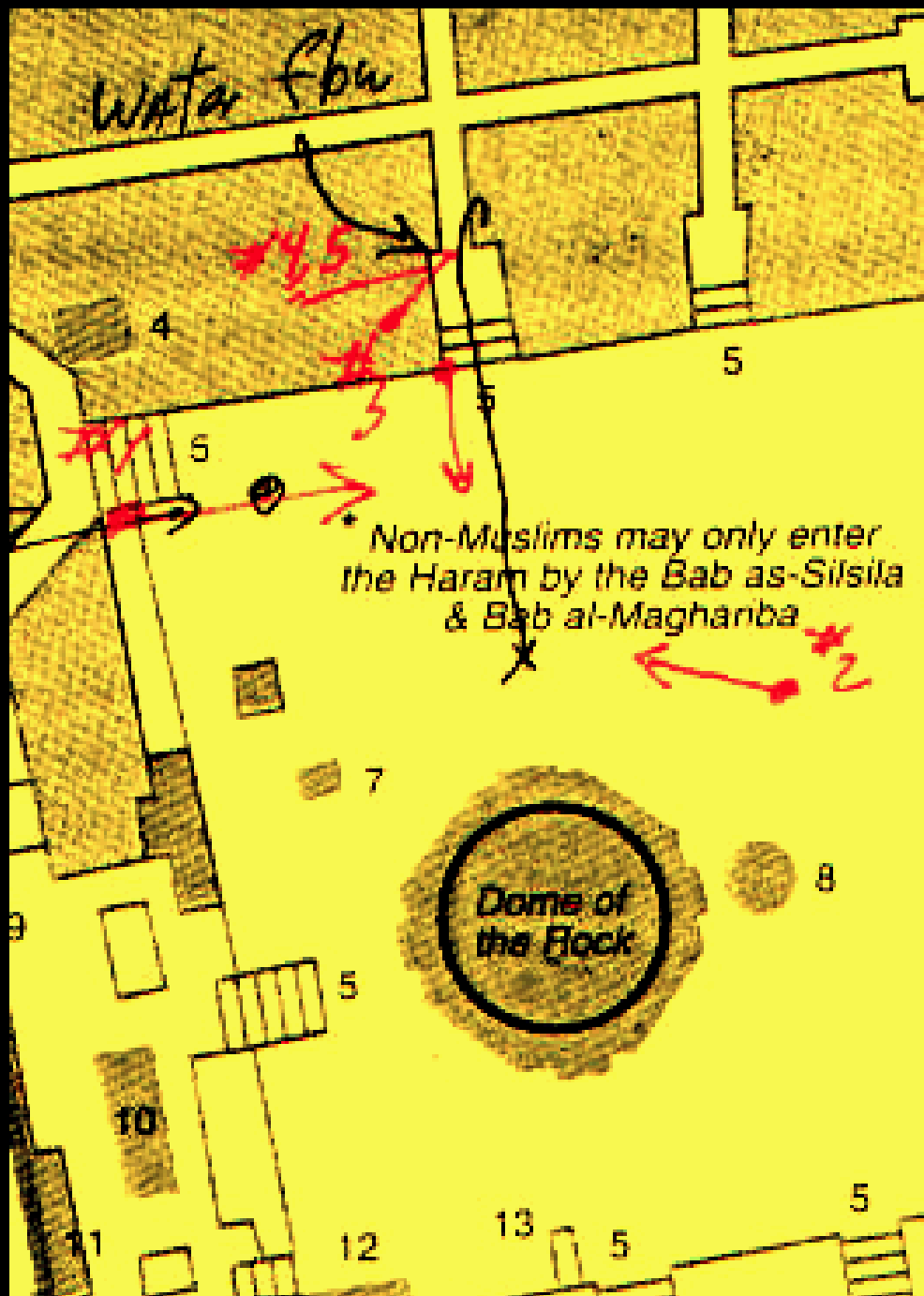
This is not the first time that water has come from the Temple Mount, the hill of YHWH. In 1999 water flowed from the Temple Mount to the south. We reported on this water which came from the area of the location of the Temple. The Arabs on the Temple Mount did their best to stop the flow. As we were informed, when they could not stop the flow they redirected the water to another place. Also at that time the only real explanation was that it was the prophetic water of redemption.



There is no doubt that the water that is now coming from the Western Wall is the same water of redemption. However, what is so unique and exciting this time, is that it is coming two weeks before Tisha B'Av — the day that YHWH said would change from a day of mourning and fasting to a day of rejoicing. The prophetic tradition is that the Temples were destroyed on Tisha B'Av and will be rebuilt on Tisha B'Av.

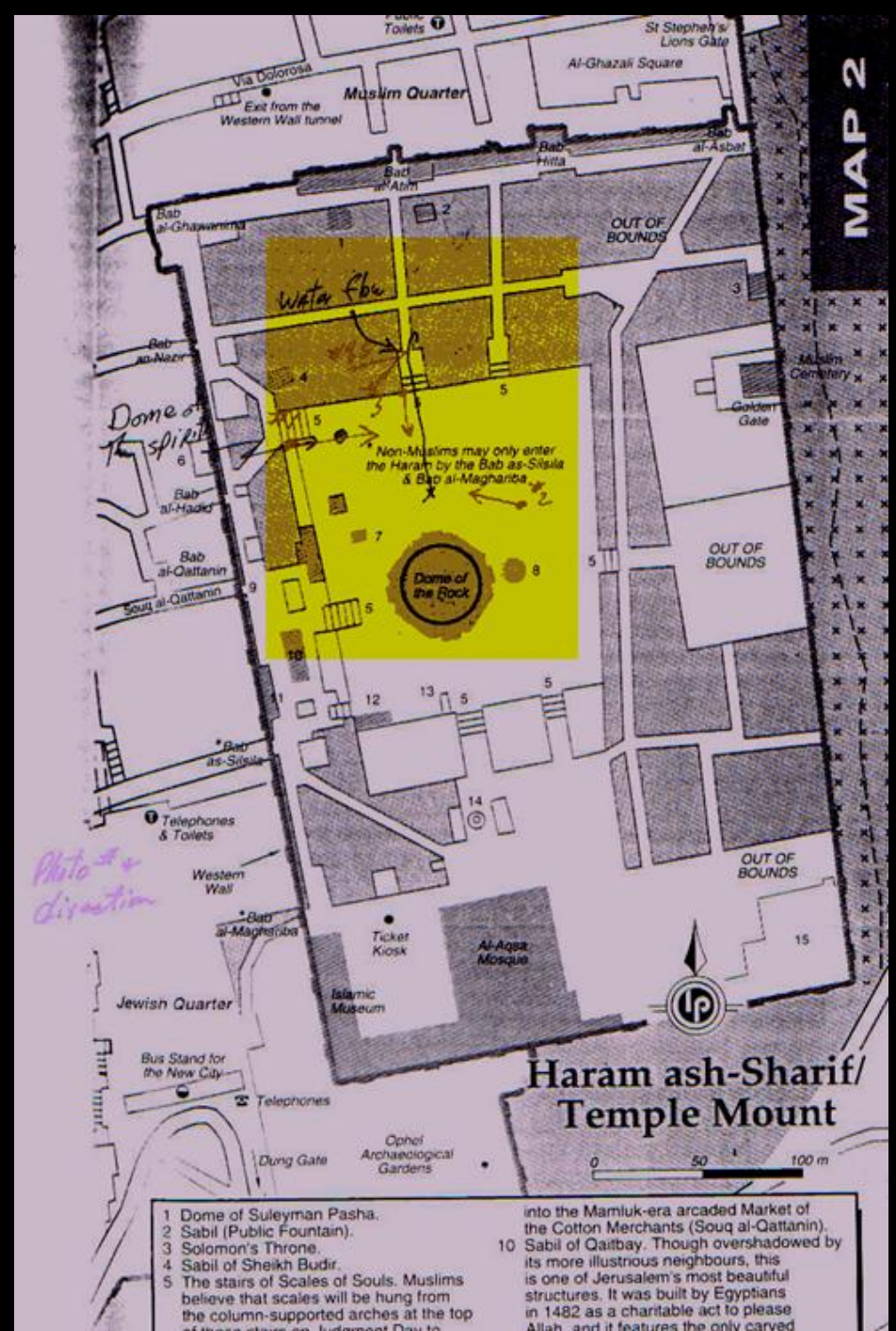
ARAB EXCAVATIONS ON THE TEMPLE MOUNT **HAVE BROKEN INTO A WATER SOURCE**

As we know, and our people have checked this and even photographed it, the Arabs, with the help of hundreds of workers from the Islamic Movement in Israel are busy with very intensive excavations on the Temple Mount, the purpose of which is to destroy the last remains of the First and Second Temples and in this way to deny the Jewish identity of the Temple Mount. According to one account, during these diggings they broke into one of the water sources and the water started to flow out of the rock and in trying to stop the flow, they temporarily diverted the water in another direction which is currently unknown.



It is very well known that under the Temple Mount there are many water sources and it is not surprising that one or more of them started to flow out. This news which was spread all over Israel put joy and great hopes in the hearts of the Israelis as an important sign of redemption.

People who we have sent to check the situation could not see the water but the information that we have received and which was spread throughout Israel states that the Arabs on the Temple Mount have done everything possible to stop the flow of water, including by means of special pumps that they brought in for the purpose.





**"Pure and COLD" Water flowing at approx.
10-15 gallons per minute**



This amazing river will originate from the house of YHWH (compare Joel 3:18) as a very shallow stream. Gradually the stream will get deeper and fuller until it is over a man's head. It eventually travels east until it empties into the Dead Sea which will then be a terrible misnomer because the waters of the Dead Sea will be turned into fresh water teeming with fish (see Ezekiel 47:1-10). It will be the Living Sea!

In Zechariah 14:8 we learn that half of this river will empty into the Dead Sea and half of the river will empty into the Mediterranean Sea.

Manfred Kober has provided the following illustration of the future topography of the Holy Land showing this amazing river of life flowing into the two great seas:

The Land in the Millennium
Zechariah 14 Ezekiel 47



In all the Biblical passages, none of them reveal the name of the river that will proceed out from the temple wall.

Let us remind ourselves that the Gihon River is one of the four rivers that proceeded forth out of the Garden of Eden as branches from the mighty River of Eden. Is it not a coincidence that that only living spring in the vicinity of Jerusalem also is called the Gihon Springs.

GO TO PART 3

EXEGESIS ON EZEKEIL 47 AND
THE MILLENIAL RIVER