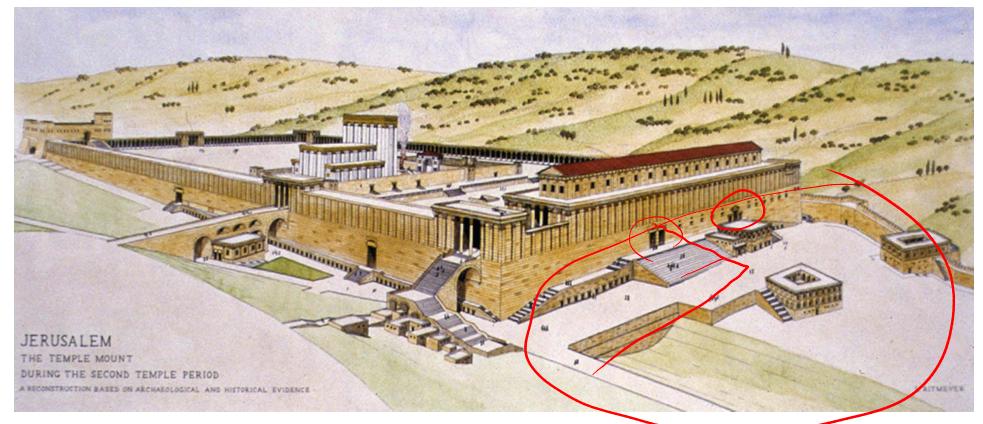
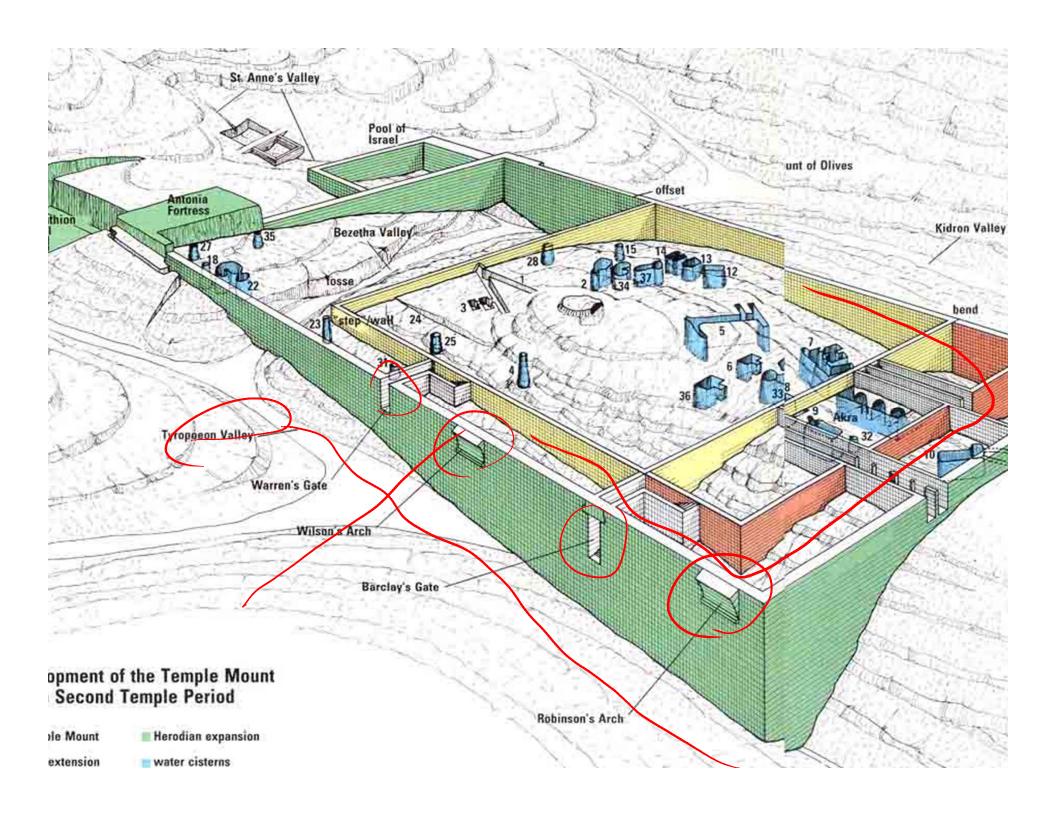
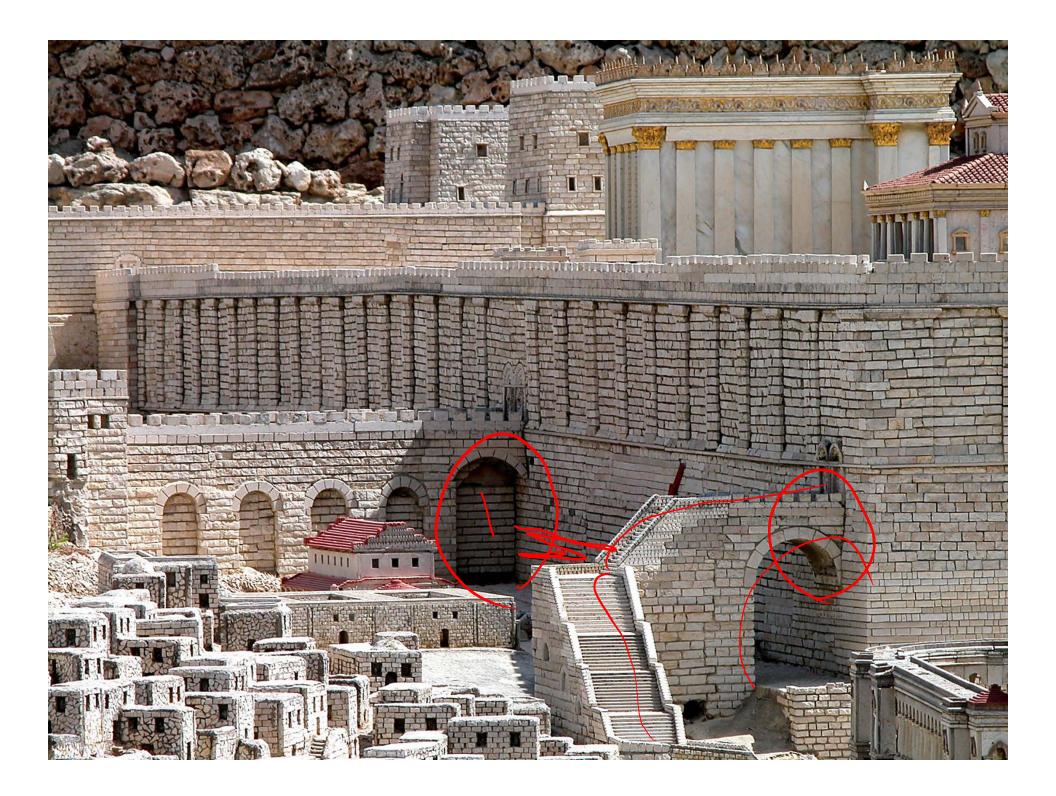


A reconstruction of the Temple Mount during the first century. The drawing is based on archaeological remains and historical evidence. The Western Wall - on the left - has four gates: Robinson's Arch with a descending stairway, Barclay's Gate, Wilson's Arch with a bridge and Warren's Gate. At the north-west corner stood the Antonia Fortress

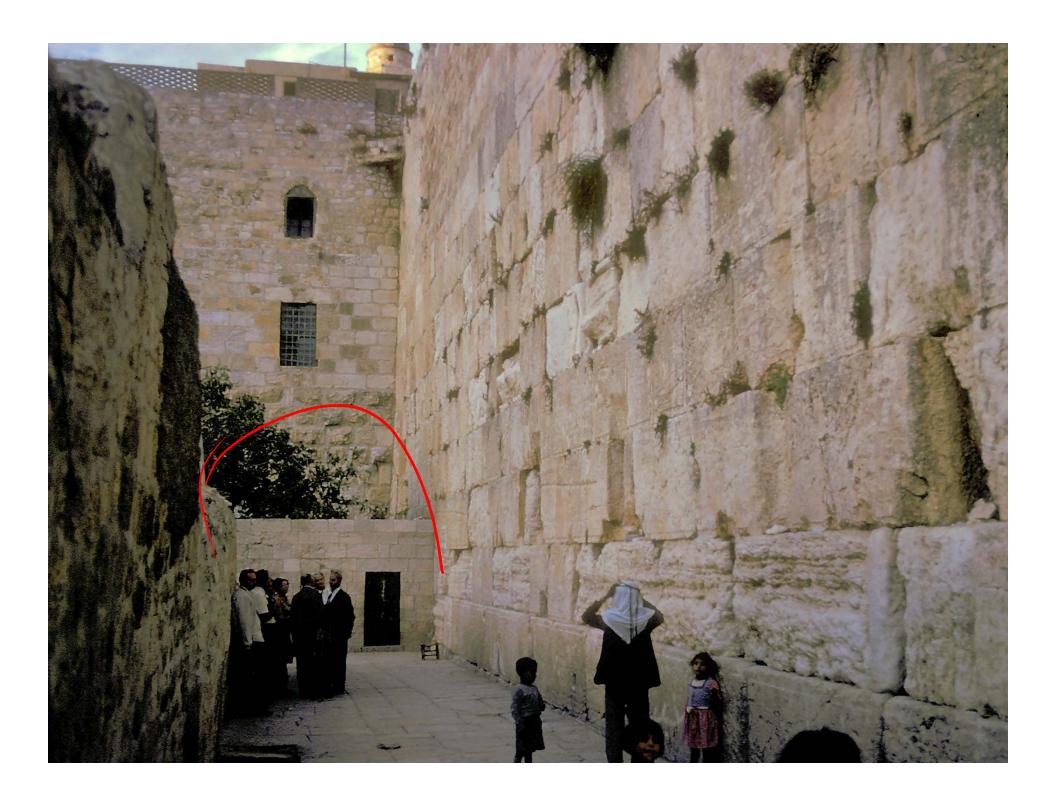


The southern wall is on the right and has two gates, the Double Gate with a monumental stairway and the Triple Gate. Overhead stood the Royal Stoa, a long colonnaded building which served as a ritual market place. The Temple stood near the center of the Temple Mount.

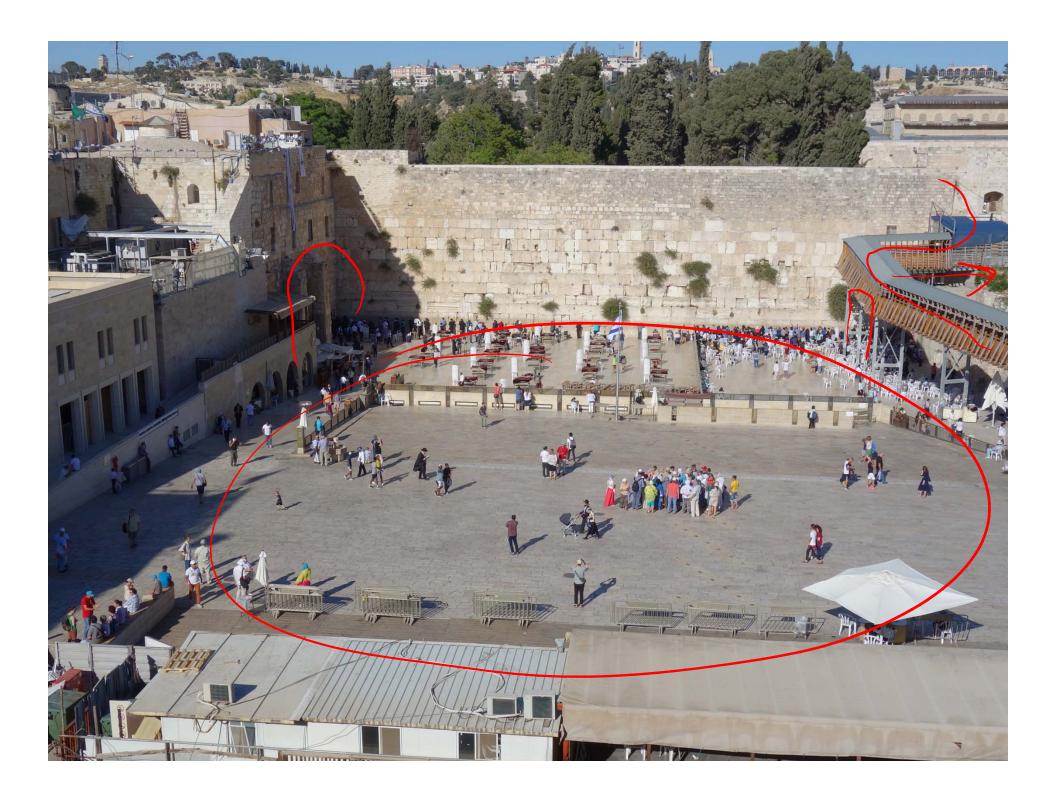










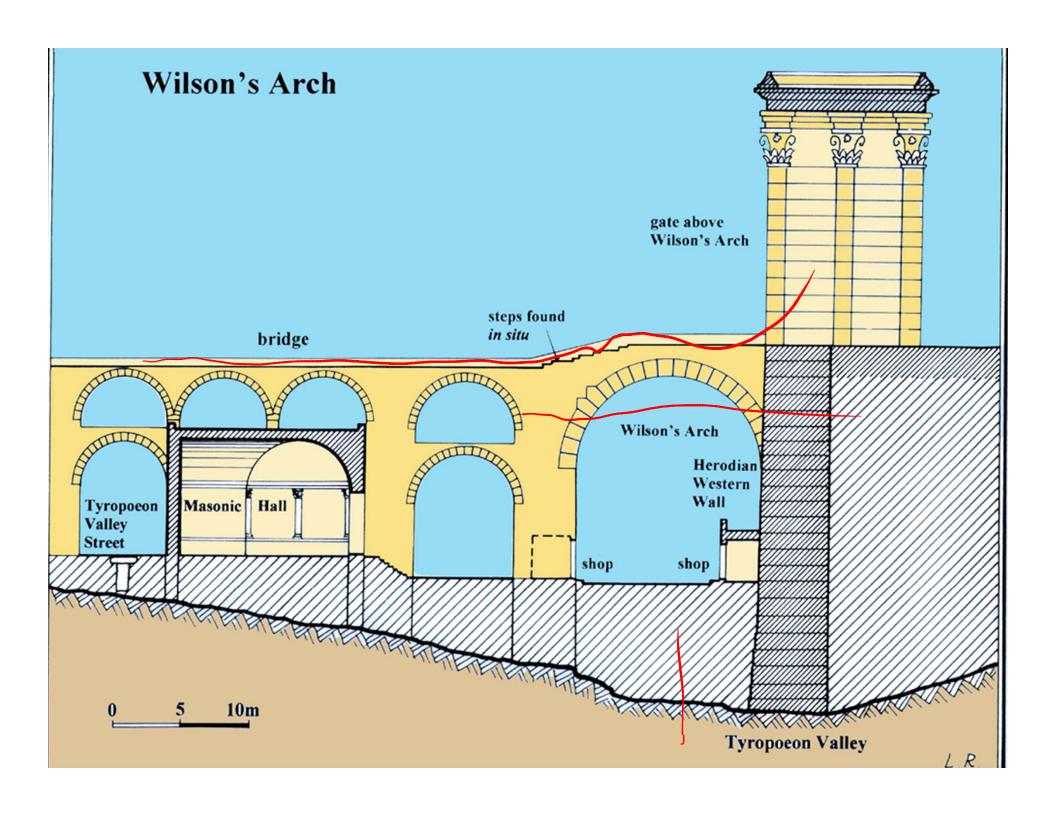


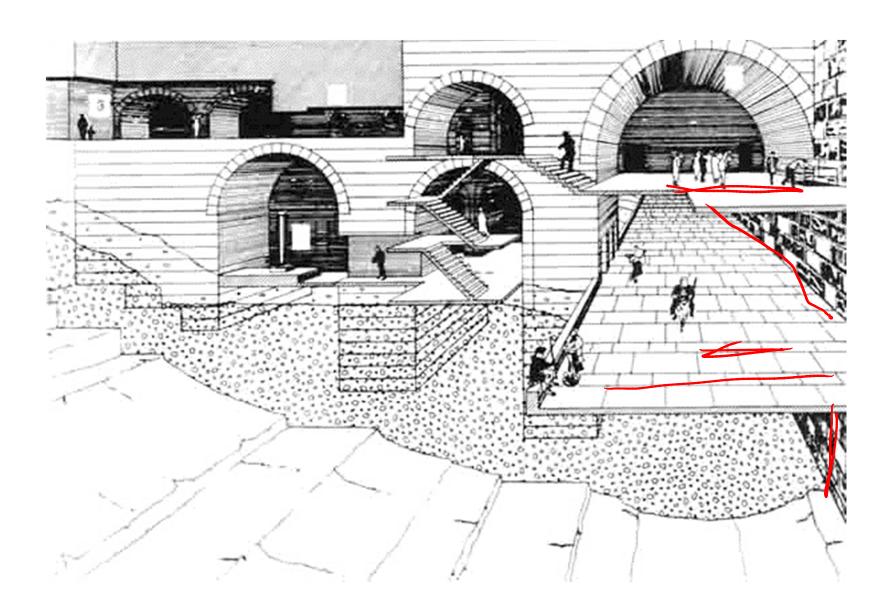


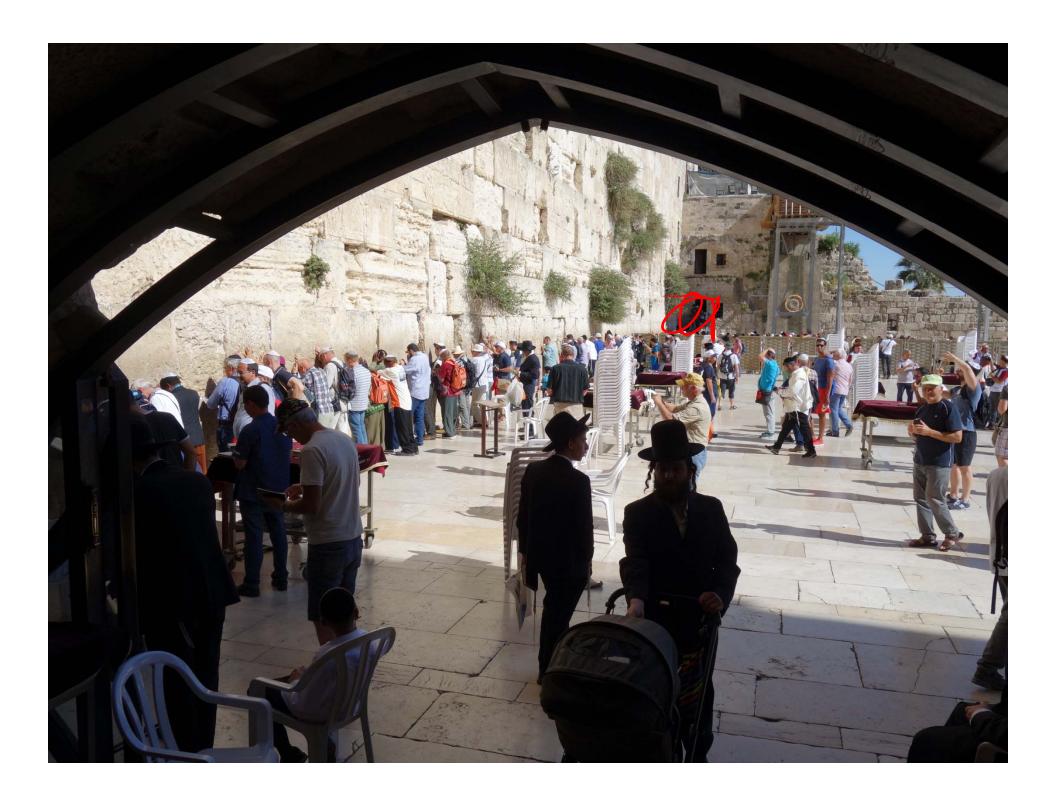




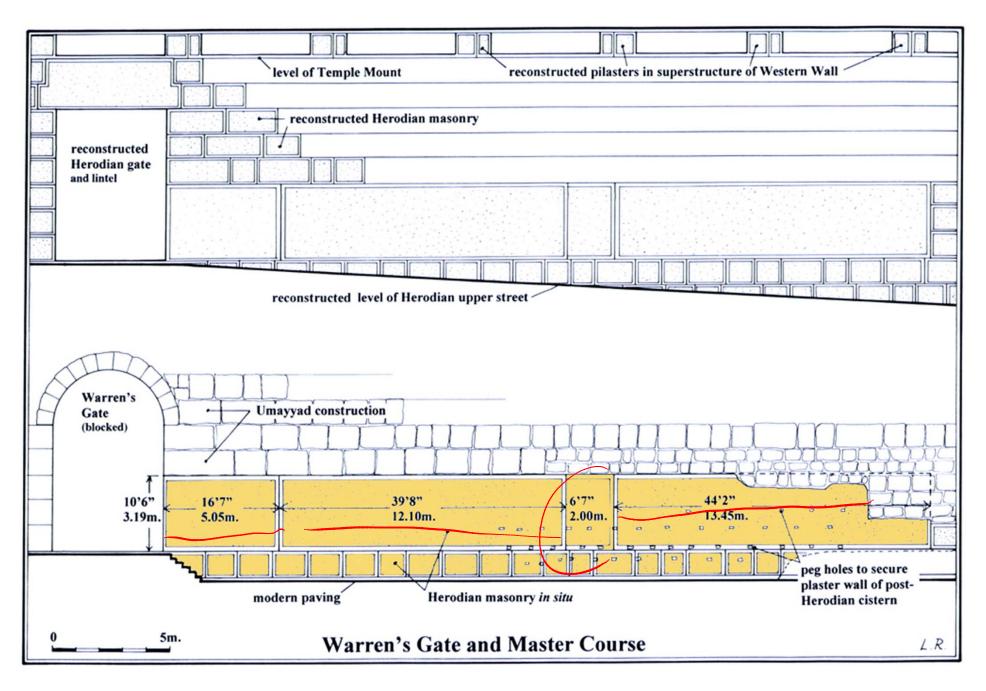




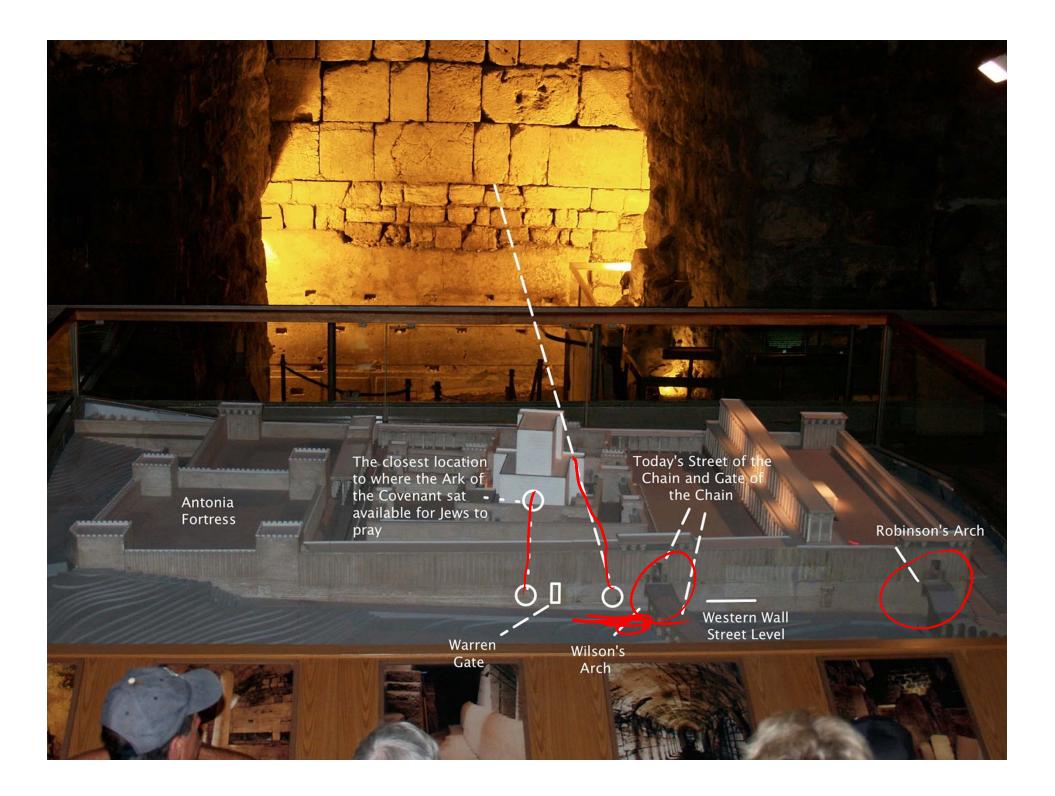


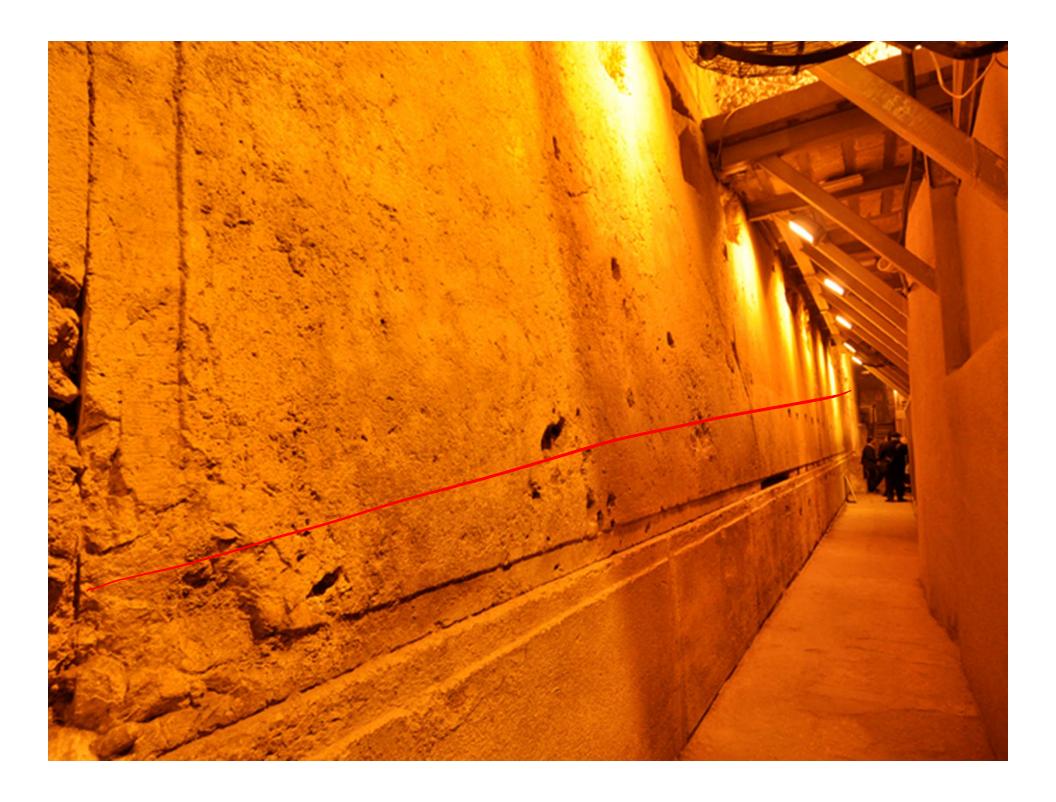


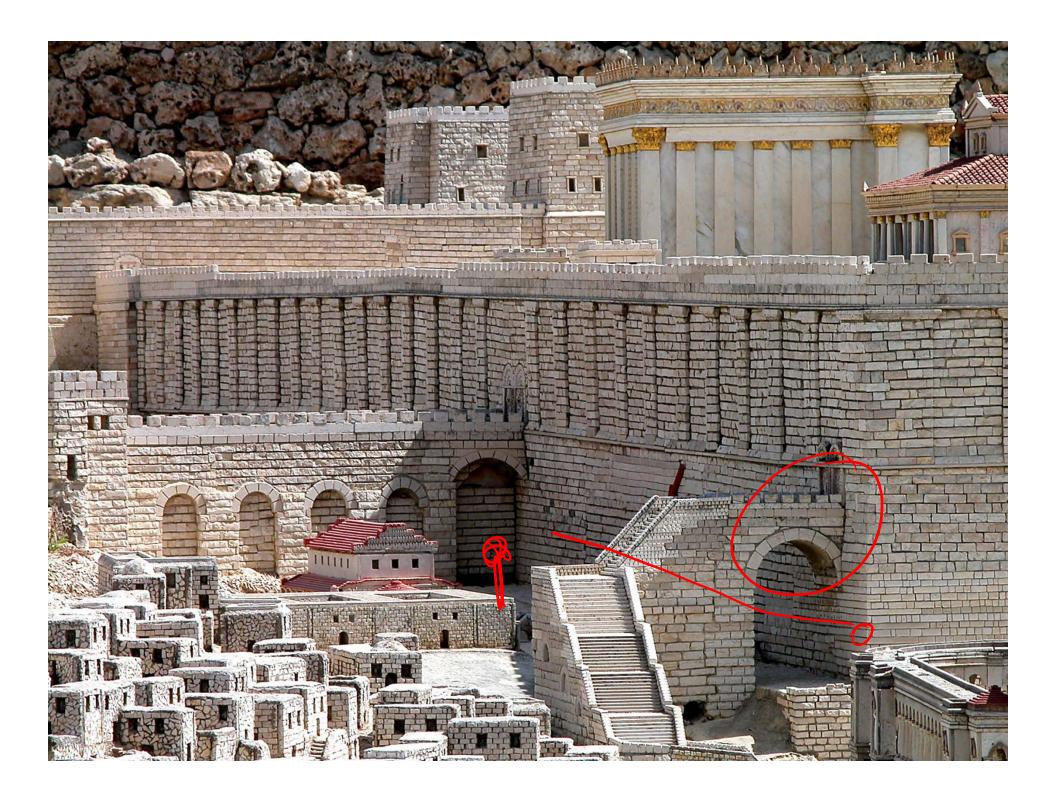




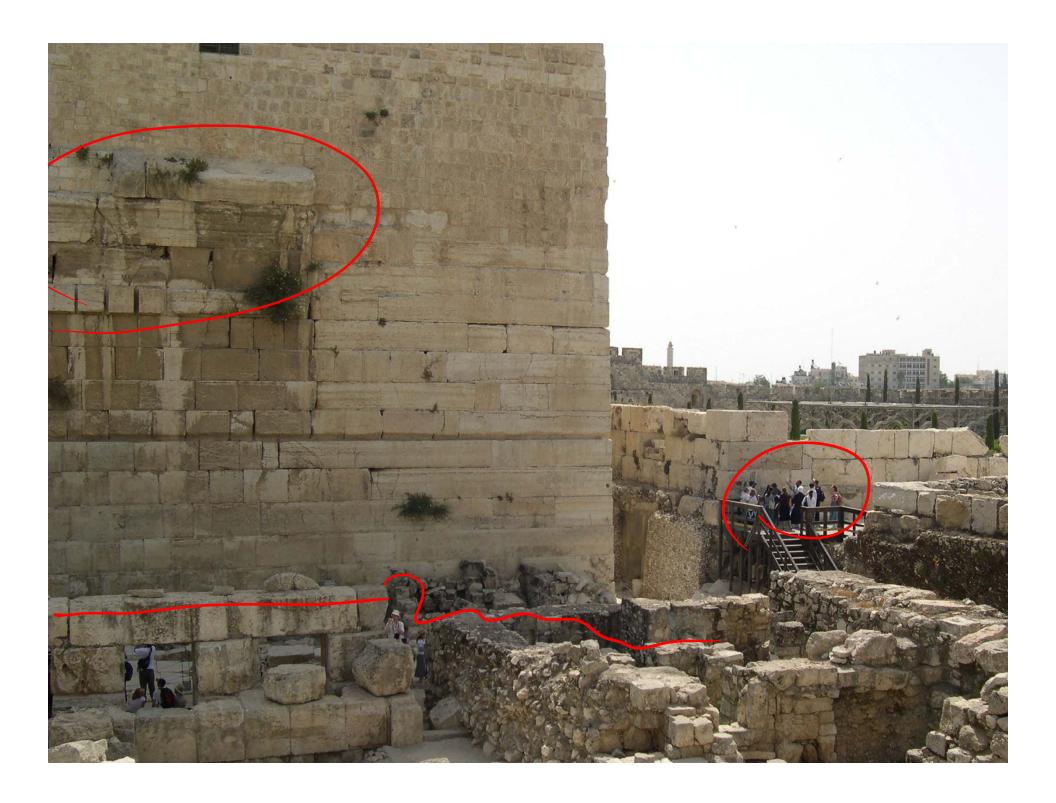
Location of the largest stones found in the Temple Mount walls



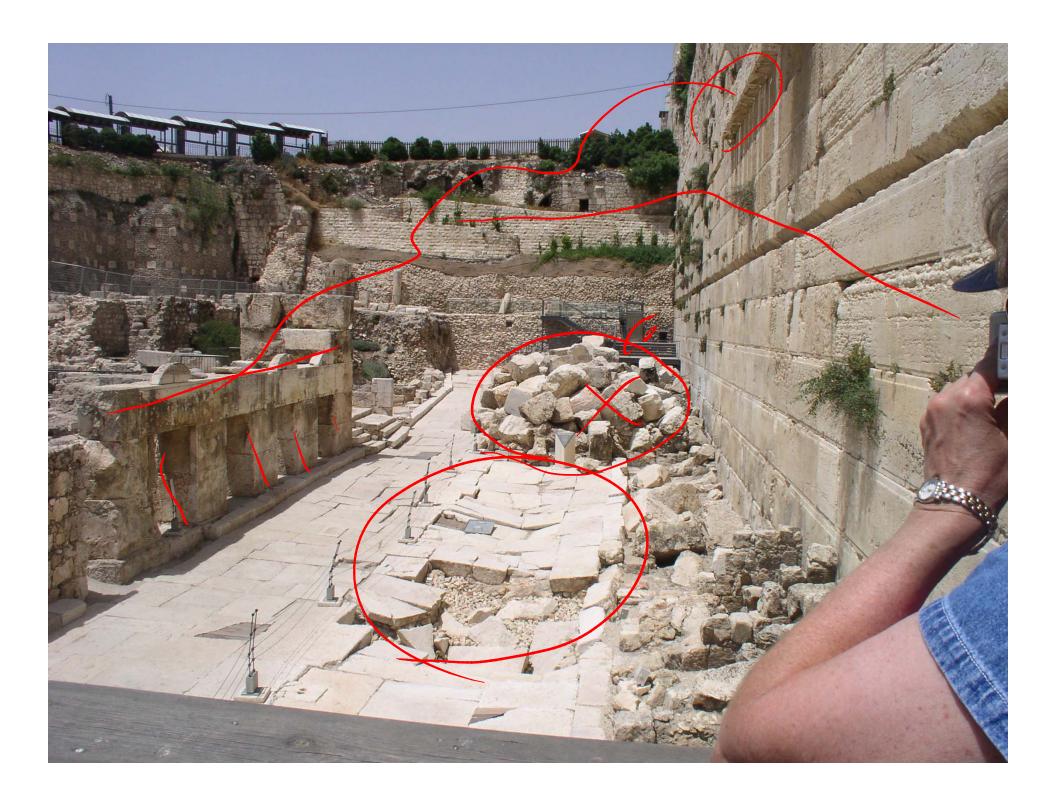










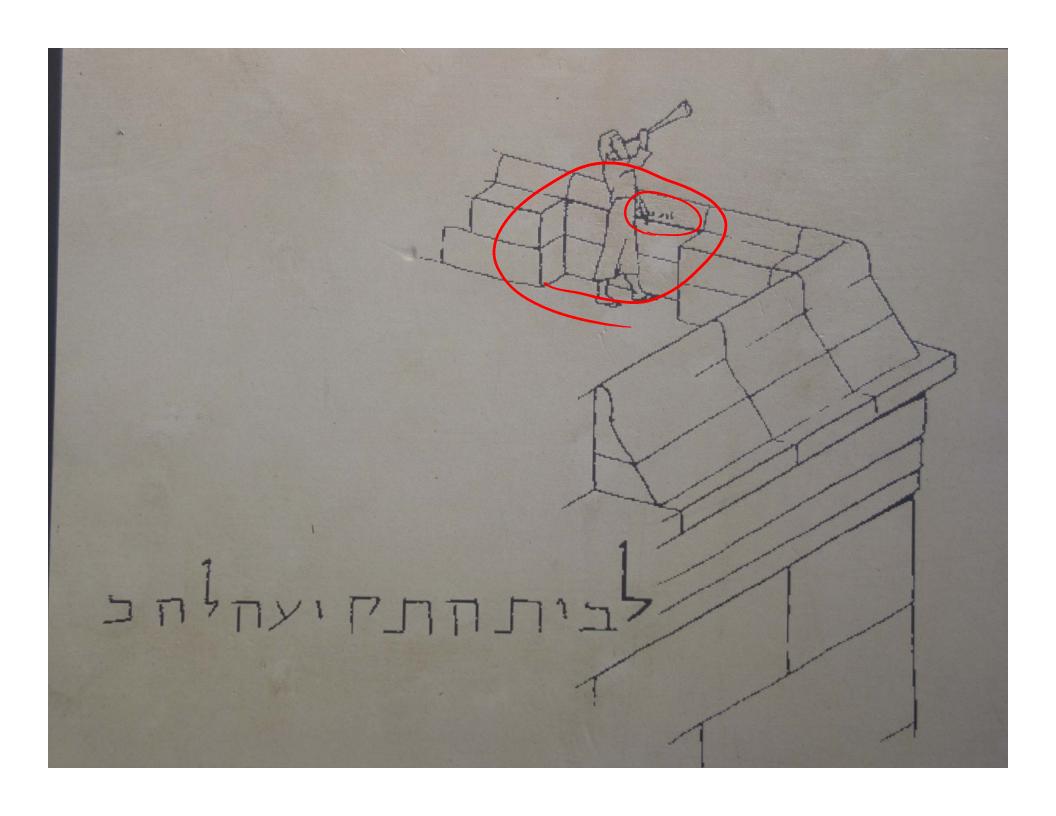


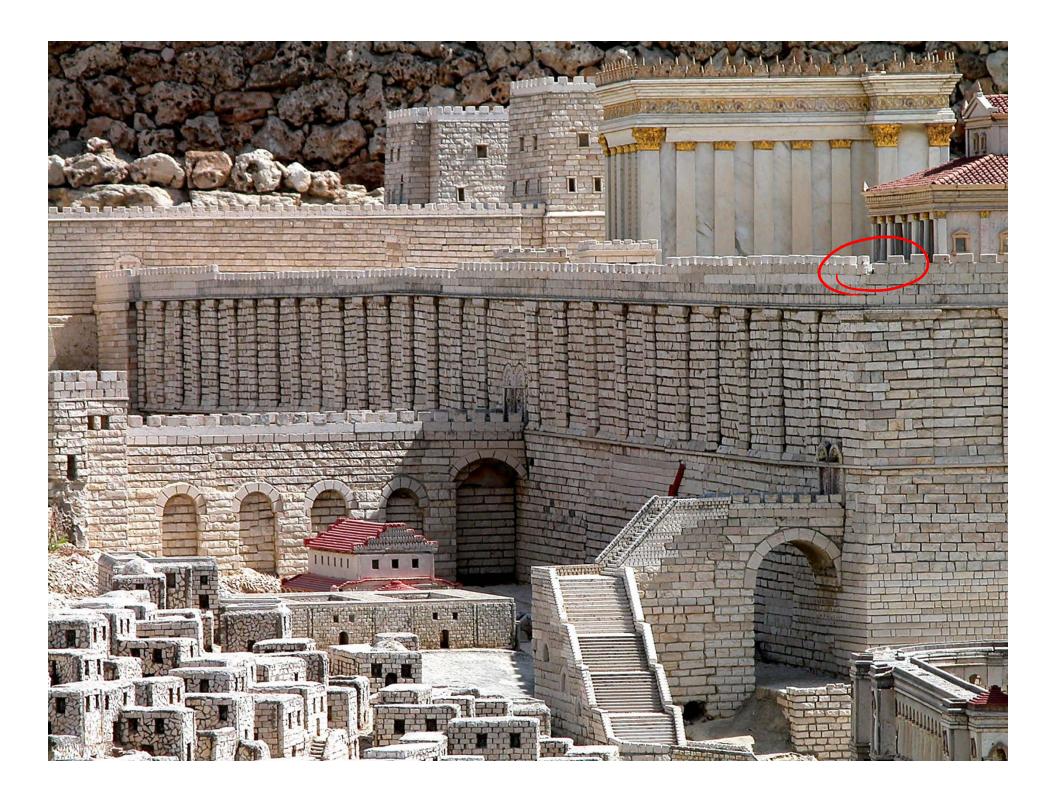


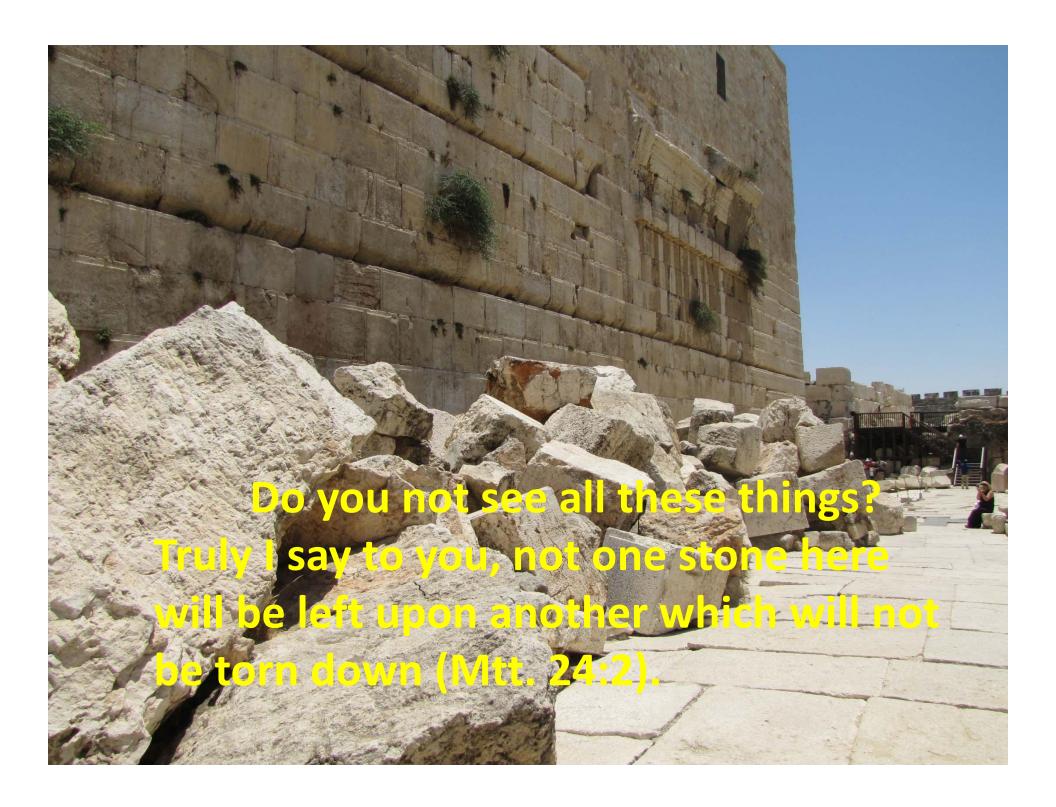






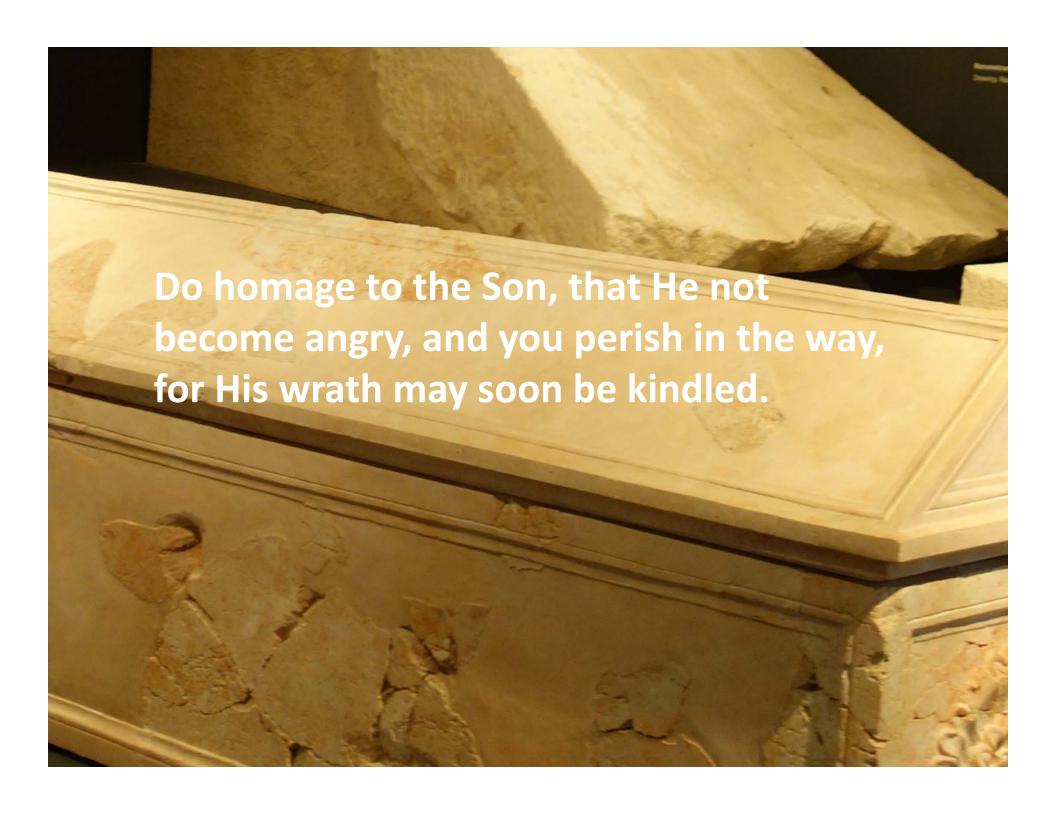




















fter Herod's death at Jericho in 4 BCE, his body was borne in a royal rocession to Herodium, where he was buried in the tomb that he had uilt for himself. In 2007, after years of searching, the remains of a ausoleum tentatively identified as belonging to Herod came to light.

seems that Herod changed his mind about the location and sign of his tomb several times. The first tomb complex was built ower Herodium and included a ritual bath (mikveh), a ceremonial, a funerary course, and a vestibule leading to a burial cave, which never built. In the final stage, Herod constructed a gleaming white soleum on the slope of the mountain, outside the fortress at the top reasons of ritual purity) but high enough to be seen from the hilltops aunding Jerusalem.

course of the Jewish Revolt (66-70 CE) the mausoleum was tentirely dismantled, probably by the Jewish rebels.



חפירות הכותל הדרומי של הר הבית, המאה ה־1 לפני הספירה, אבן

one block fell from the parapet at the southwestern corner of nple Mount to the street below during the destruction of the street inscription, "to the place of trumpeting ...," indicates marked the place a priest would stand to signal by trumpet the beginning and end of the Sabbath. The third word is cut t can be completed in two fashions: to "announce" the hing and end of the Sabbath, or to "separate" between and mundane.

the roof of the priests' chambers, at the point where it was the custom for the priests to stand and to give notice, by sound of trumpet, in the afternoon upproach, and of the following evening of the close, of every seventh day, ucing to the people the respective hours for ceasing work and for resuming bours." (Flavius Josephus, *Jewish War*, IV, xii, 12)



MHOENAMOTENHEICTIOPEYELGAI ENTOCTOYTIEPITOIEPONTPY MAKTOYKAITEPIBONOYOCAAN AH HOHAYT QIAITIOCECTAI AIATOEEAKONOYOEIN OANATON

לוח נושא כתובת זהה ששרד בשלמותו. הלוח נמצא בירושלים לפני כמאה שנה והוא שמור כיום במוזיאון הארכאולוגי באיסטנבול. הכתובת השלמה איפשרה להשלים את הקטעים החסרים בכתובת המוצגת כאן.

A complete inscription of identical text was found in Jerusalem a century ago, making it possible to restore the fragment exhibited here. It is currently in the Archaeology Museum, Istanbul.

״איש נכרי לא ייכנס״ ״no foreigner shall enter״ ״غریب لا یدخل״

שבר הלוח נושא קטע מכתובת אזהרה: "נכרי לא ייכנס לפנים מן המחיצה המקיפה את המקדש ומי שייתפס יתחייב בנפשו ודינו מיתה". הלוח היה אחד מלוחות רבים שנקבעו במחיצה שהקיפה את בית המקדש והפרידה בין האזור המותר בכניסה לנכרים והאזור המקודש, שהכניסה אליו הותרה ליהודים בלבד. שבר זה הוא מן השרידים הספורים שהגיעו לידינו ממתחם המקדש השני.

"ובמחיצה הזאת נמצאו ברווחים שווים עמודים המודיעים את חוקי הטהרה, אלה בכתב יוון ואלה בכתב רומא, לאמור, כי אסור לאיש נכרי לבוא אל הקודש..." (יוסף בן מתתיהו, מלחמת היהודים ה: ה, ב)

כתובת יוונית

ירושלים, המאה ה־1 לספירה, אבן

This fragmentary sign bears a warning, the full text of which reads, "No foreigner shall enter within the forecourt and the balustrade around the sanctuary. Whoever is caught will have himself to blame for his subsequent death." It was one of many similar signs set into the partition around the Temple that divided between those areas allowed to all and the sanctified area into which only Jews were permitted. The fragment is one of the few remains from the Second Temple enclosure.

"in this (balustrade) at regular intervals stood slabs giving warning, some in Greek, others in Latin characters, of the law of purification, to wit that no foreigner was permitted to enter the holy place ..." (Flavius Josephus, *Jewish War*, V, v, 2)

Greek inscription

Jerusalem, 1st century CE, limestone

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