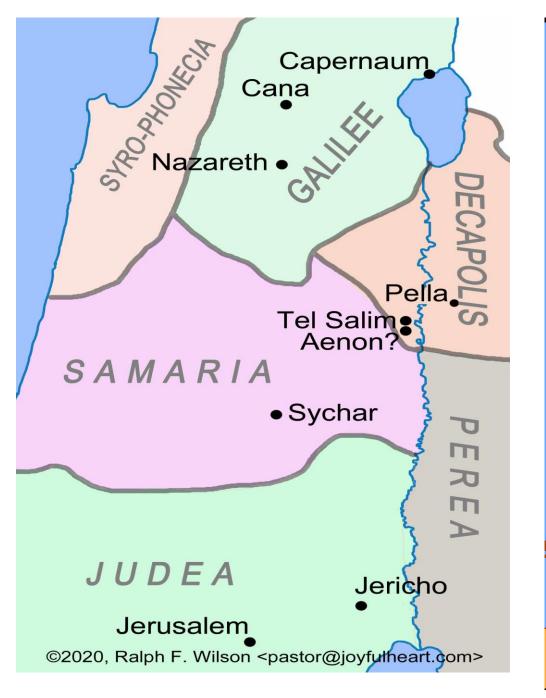


For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation: ¹⁴ "This is my resting place forever; here I will reside, for I have desired it. ¹⁵ I will abundantly bless its provisions; I will satisfy its poor with bread. ¹⁶ Its priests I will clothe with salvation, and its faithful will shout for joy. ¹⁷ There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one.

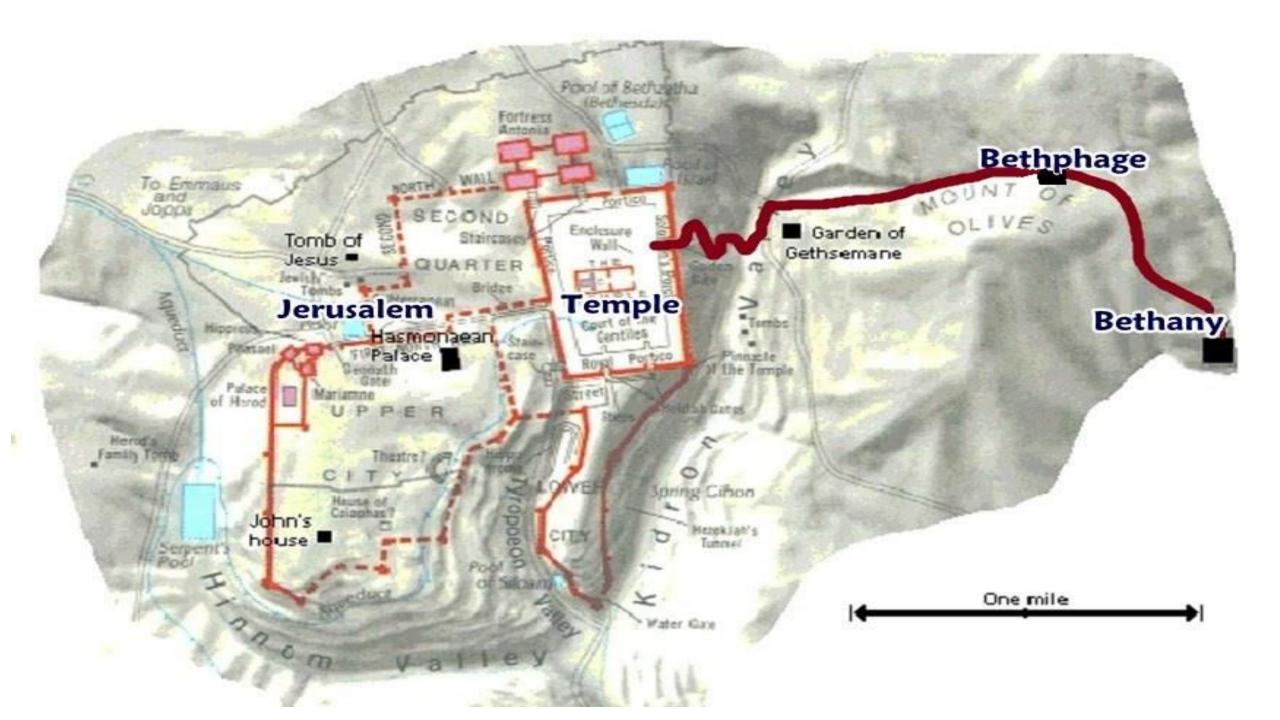
"Now Every year his [Jesus's] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover."

Luke 2.41

"All call Zion mother, since all were born in her."
Psalm 87



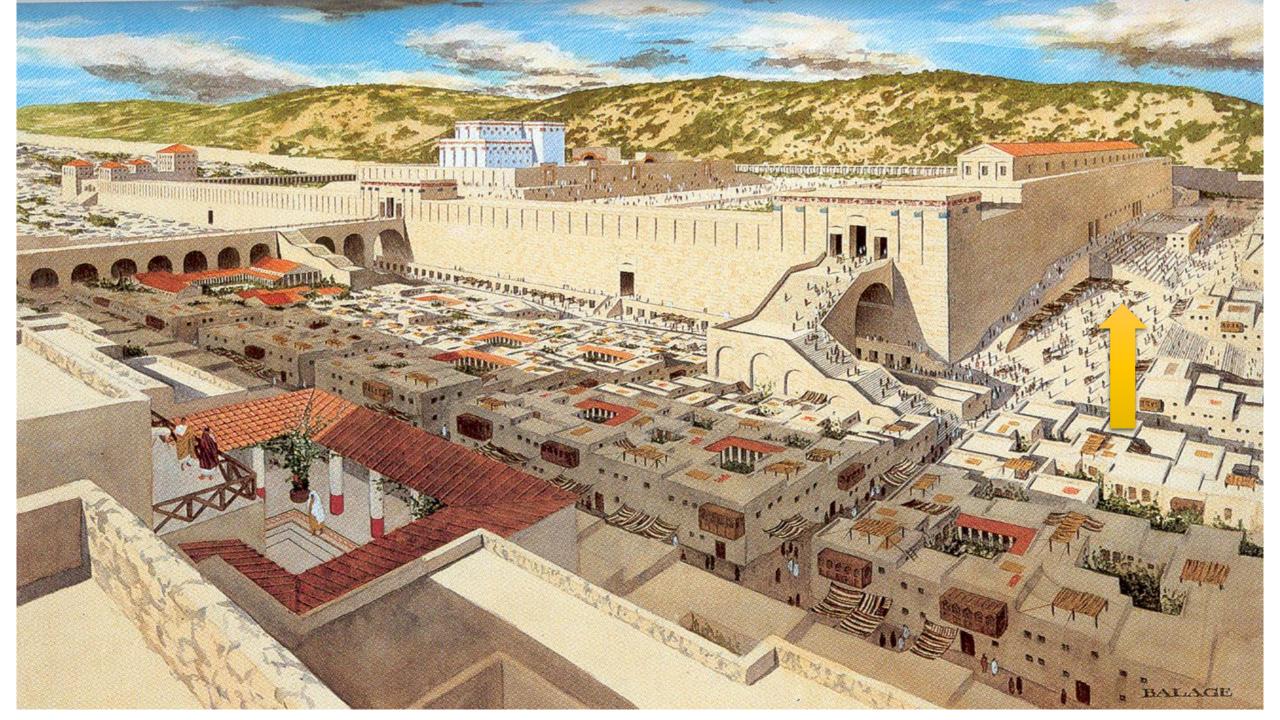


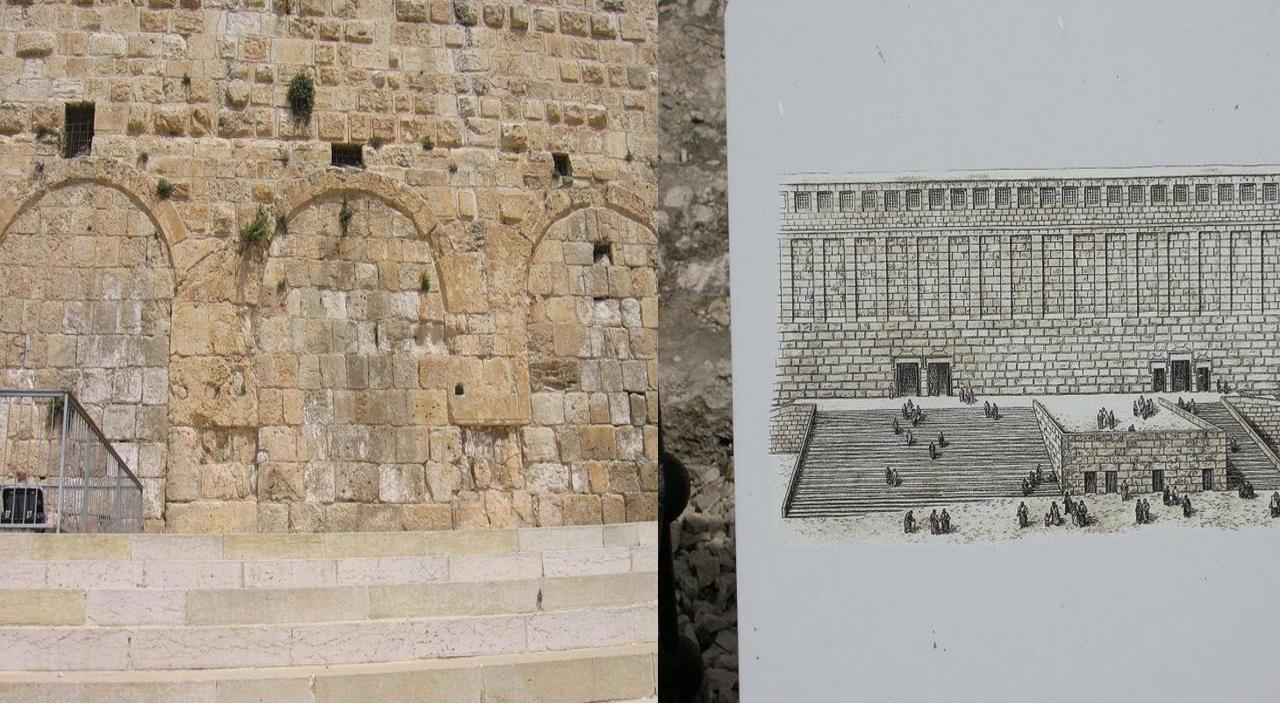








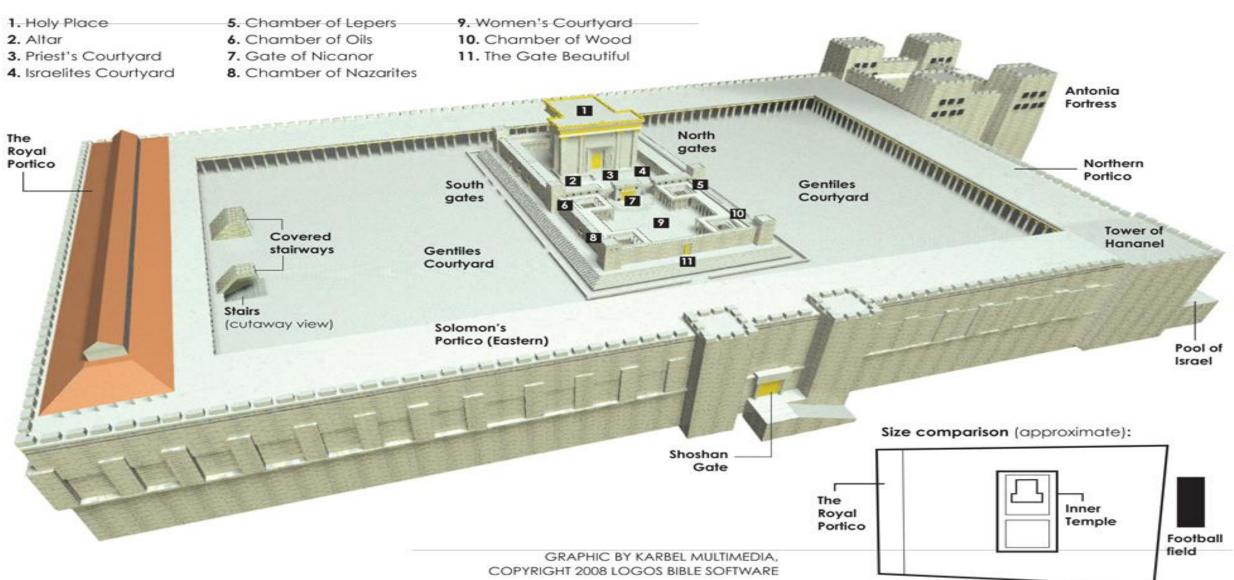


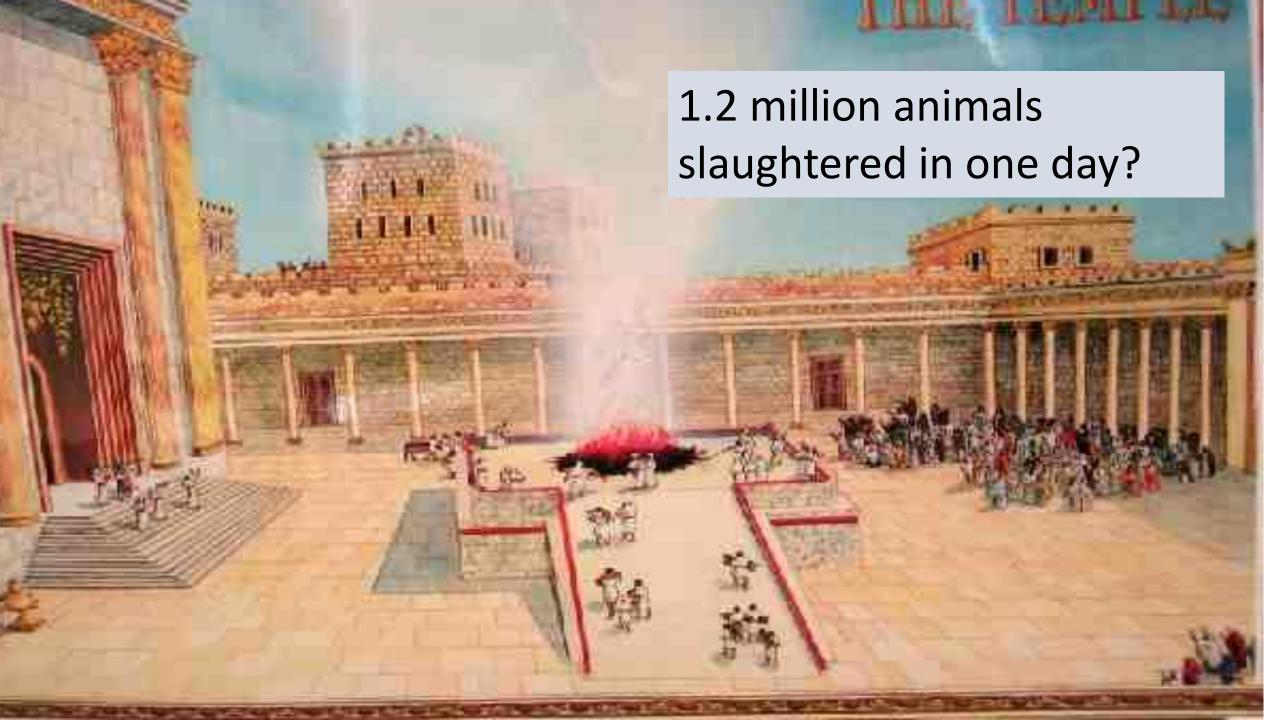


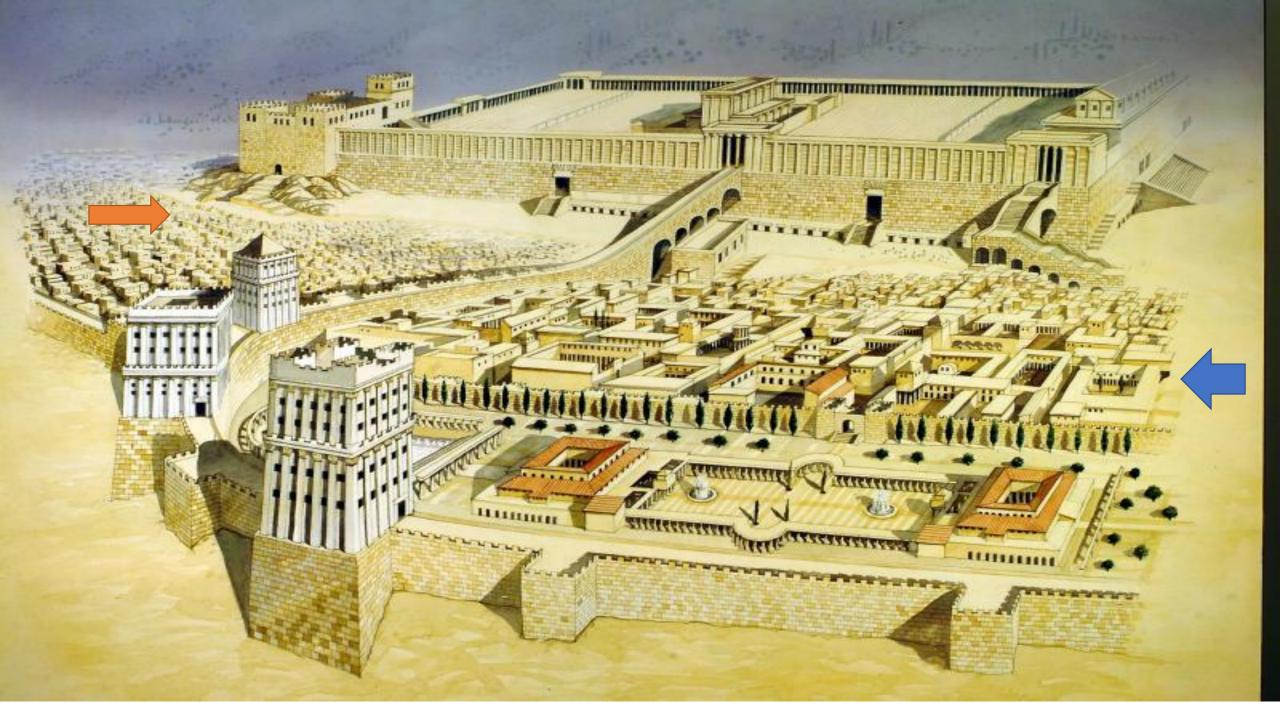


Herod's Temple

King Herod the Great began renovations on the Second Temple approximately 20-19 BC The entire temple wasn't completed until approximately 62-64 AD, only to be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.











"Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. ¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.... ¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow." Is 1:13-17

"When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

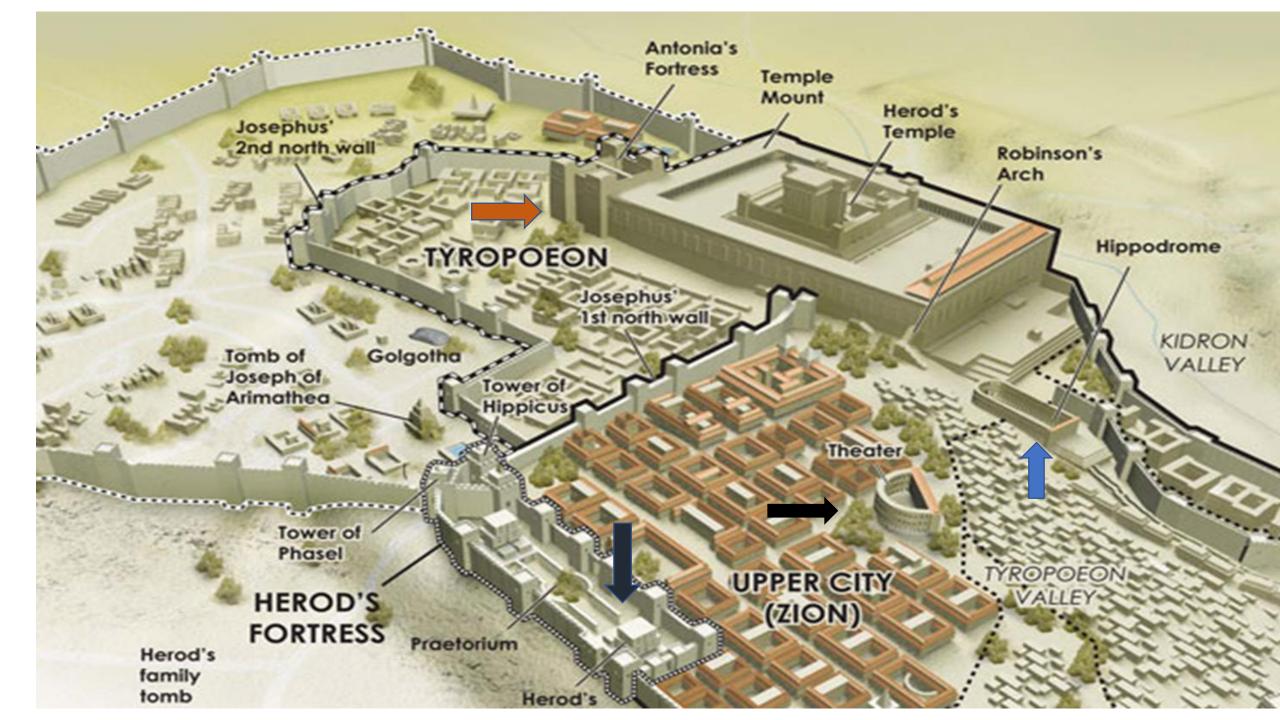
18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free...Today this scripture has been fulfilled..."

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"

Death and Desolation in Jerusalem



"It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ² for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people." Mark 14







"If a man is convicted of a capital crime...you are to hang him upon a tree until dead. But you must not let their bodies remain on the tree overnight: you shall most certainly bury them that very day. Indeed, anyone hung on a tree is accursed by God and men, but you are not to defile the land that I give to you as an inheritance...For you are a people holy to the Lord your God and thus shall not defile your land. You are not to do as the nations do: they bury their dead everywhere, even inside their homes. Rather, you must set apart places in your land where you will bury your dead." Temple Scroll

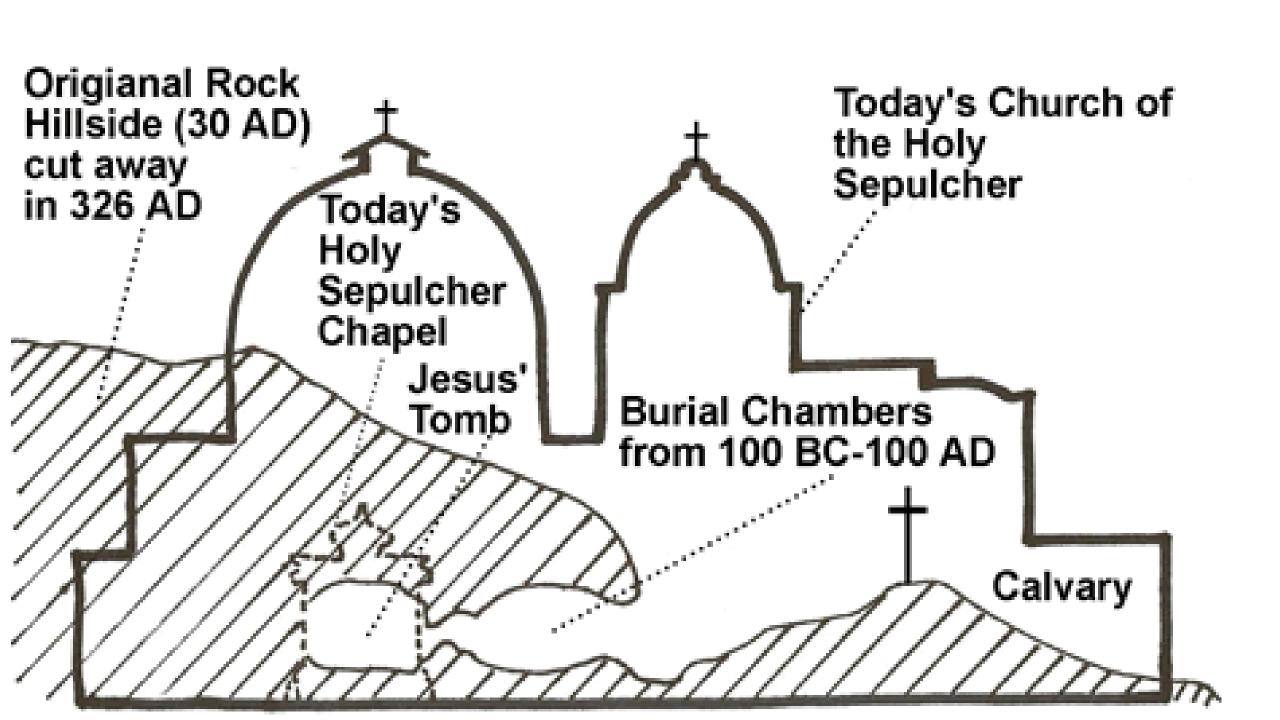
⁴² When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 44 Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. 45 When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ Then Joseph brought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid. Mark 15:42-47

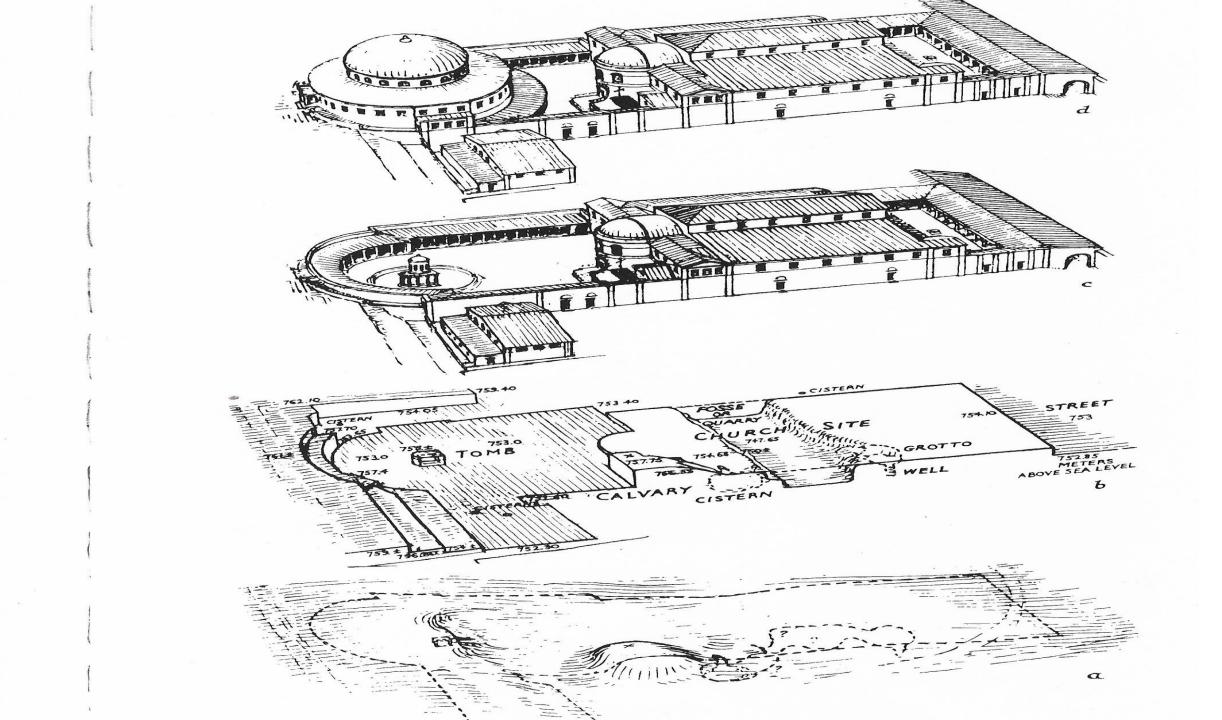


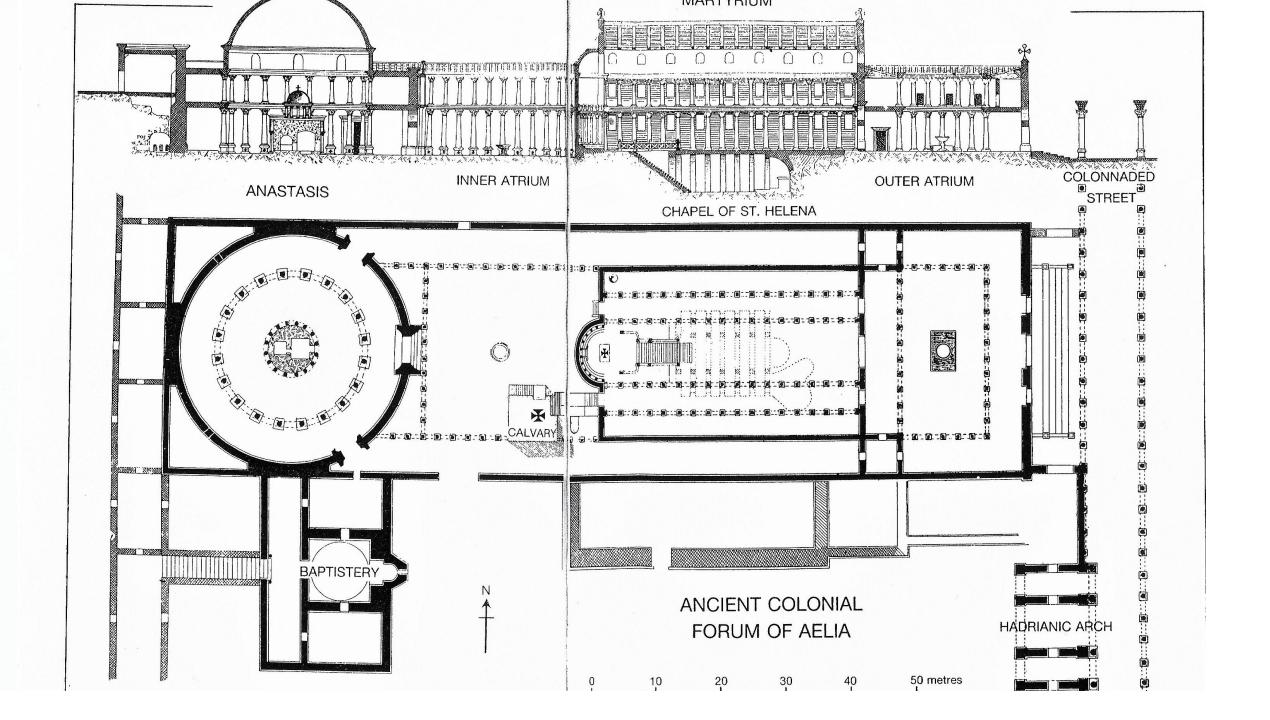


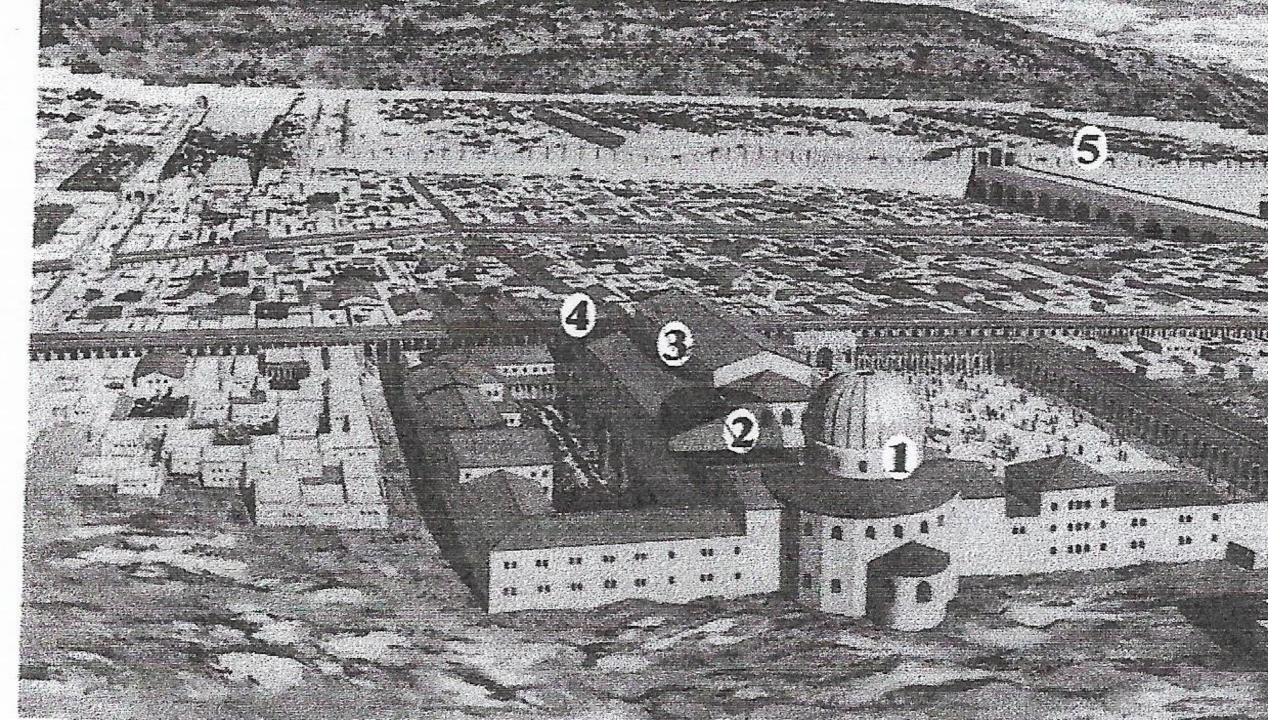














"This land received the footprints of Life itself and so were palpable reminders that God once walked the earth. Just as perfume leaves an odor in the jar after it has been poured out, so God has left traces in Palestine. By visiting those places that bear the imprint of life itself, the pilgrim was able to know the transcendent God who was beyond human comprehension."