

JERUSALEM

Means city of Peace. 2550 ft. Same latitude as Savannah, Georgia. Mean annual temp-63. Coldest 25. Snow occasionally falls and has gotten up to 100. Av rainfall, 26 in. Former rain from mid-Nov to mid-Jan, Jer 5:24. Latter rain in late March, Joel 2:23. First Gen 14:18. Greatest glory under Sol. Greatest humiliation under Antiochus Ep, 175-63 BC. David captured from Jebusites, 2 Sam 5:7, brot ark into , 2 Sam 6:2-16, ruined under Neb, rebuilt Neh 4:7-22. Romans restored to splendor lost under Antiochus. Herod rebuilt temple and gave water supply. Under Herod Agrippa area doubled. Captured by Titus.

GATES. 8 total. 4 closed now--Zion, Jaffa, New, Golden (where Jesus entered on Palm Sun but walled up by Turks in 1530). 4 open--Dam, Herod's Stephen's, Dung. Near Stephen's he was stoned. Built in 1538 by Turks. Ch of St. Anne inside supposedly near Virgin's tomb. Stephen's Gate porb on site of sheep's gate of Jn 5:2 thru which sheep brot for purification.

Pool of Bethesda, Jn 5. Just inside Stephen's. Discovered 1888, 5 porches and mosaic of angel moving water. Story of Jn posted in 135 languages. Level of city in X's day 50 steps below present level.

Via Doloroso. 1. Antonio Palace where condemned. Laid out 1924. Antonio=Pavement=Gabbatha, Jn 19:13. Followed every Fri at 3 p.m. by Franciscans
2. Ecco Homo Arch, Jn 19:6 /This is Pilate's judgmt hall.
3. Jesus fell. Turn left away from Damascus gate. Marked by broken marble column.
4. Mary fainted (just beyond). Convent of Spasm. Jesus met Mary here.
5. Simon took cross. This is on a street corner.
6. Bernice wiped X's face with handkerchief. Bernice=St. Veronica! No Biblical support.
7. Jesus fell again. No mention of this. A gate (Judgmt gate) supposedly opened here in wall. Convent of Sisters of Zion on Antonio's spot. If 14 stations of cross, 5 in this church where Pavement is. Some apparently start it with Ecco Homo arch, Jn 19:6.
8. X told daughters of Jerus not to weep, Lk 23:28. Column erected on a wall.
9. X fell 3rd time. Drro in front of a Coptic ch.
10. Courtyard of Ch of Holy Sepulchre. Stripped of garments.
11. Nailed to cross. Inside ch.
12. Died.
13. Taken down. At stone of unction.
14. Laid in tomb.

CHURCH OF HOLY SEPLUCHRE. Keys kept by Arab moslem guardians to prevent Xns from fighting over their parts of ch. "The suffocating trappings of piety" Morton. In 136 AD Jerus was dedicated to Jupiter Capitolinus by Hadrian and in attempt to stamp out Xnty built temple to Venus on site of Golgotha. Of course this preserved the site. Constantine cleared site and built ch in 336. This ch burned in 614 by Persians. Rebuilt and burned again in 1009. Crusaders built new ch in 1149 and present ch follows this plan. Suffered ravages of time, earthquake in 1927, dome destroyed (but replaced) in war of 1949. Grk, Roman, Armenian, Copt, Syrian Xns all have certain parts and chapels. Just inside is stone of unction covering rock on which body prepared for burial. To left is round marble slab where 3 Marys watched anointing. Up 18 steps is chapel of Golgotha. Romans and Grks have part each. Grk altar covers place where X's cross was. To right and exalted is statue of Mary. -skull

GORDON'S CALVARY. 1882 discovered entrance to a grave. Golgotha=head. Jewish tradition says it was a place of stoning. 5th c. tradition says Stephen stoned there. Skull is name not nec a shape. Place where people killed. Is it near enuf to fulfill Jn 19:20? Garden near, Jn 19:41. Tomb is kind used in 1st c. Grk for Calvary is kranion.

CHURCH OF ST. JAMES. In Armenian Quarter near Upper Room where James beheaded, Acts 12:2. It would have been open country then.
Damascus Gate. Where P would have started out for Damascus.

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KIDRON. Bet Mt. Olives and Jerus. =Valley of Jehosophat, Joel 3:2.

GETHSEMENE. Lower slope of Olivet. Franciscans own and it is their ch. 8 old olive trees which could date back to X's time. Ch is over large rock where Peter, James, John slept. Matt 26:36-46 esp v. 40. Betrayal here too, v.48. At top is Russian ch of Ascension tho prob nearer Bethpage.

ABSALOM'S PILLAR. Used to be regarded as Hezekiah's tomb but cannot be bec of 2 Chron 32:33. 2 Sam 18:17f says Absalom reared a pillar in Jerus bec had no sons.

POOL OF SILOAM. Healing of blind man, Jn 9:1. Hezekiah, 701 BC was threatened by Assyrians and Jerus' only water was Ghon, outside walls. So made tunnel, 2 Chron 32:2-3. to carry waters of Gihon (=Virgin's Fountain) to Siloam. Then sealed up outer entrance to Gihon. Inscription discovered in 1880. Tells that tunnel begun at both ends and only a few feet apart when broke through. 1750 ft. long. Called Virgin's fountain bec thot Mary must have washed her clothes there too. Sol crowned king here, 1 Kg 1:38-9.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH. Supposed to cover site of Mary (mother of Mrk) house.

GROTTO OF ST. James. Below Absalom's pillar. Where Jas, bro of X, hid when Jesus arrested.

TOMB OF ZECHARIAH. Tomb of Zech (or Zacharias-NT spelling) of Matt 23:35-2 Chron 24:20.

TEMPLE AREA. Solomon's, 2 Chr 3:1; Zerubbabel's, Ezra 5:2;6:15; Herod's, 20 B.C.

35 acres. Mt. Moriah. Abr offered Isaac, Gen 22. Threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite and David bought, 2 Sam 24:21. 960 Sol built temple. 586 destroyed. Herod's temple destroyed in 70, Mk 13:2. 9 lower rows of stones in wailing wall from this temple and inscription warning not to enter sacred area in Palestine Museum. Hadrian built temple to Jupiter in 135AD. Arabs say that Mohammed ascended to heaven from here and built mosque in 691 AD. Present dome is from later enlarging. Sol's temple 3x bigger than present mosque. No 2 windows alike. Rock has grooves in it which supposedly channeled blood of sacrifices below altar to cave 36 ft in diameter. Mosque el Aksa at S end of area. Once a Xn ch as evident from cruciform interior. Sol's palace is supposedly 30 ft below this mosque where he had 700 wives and 300 concubines, 1 Kg 11:1-8. SE end of area is Sol's Stables. Used by Crusaders as stables but not Sol. Maybe 1st c A.D.

WAILING WALL. As part of supporting west wall of Temple area. 9 lower rows of rocks all that is left of Herod's temple. Since Constantine's time until 1948 war Jews wailed there for destruction of temple in 70. CFHH says 2 lowest rows OT times, next 4 from Herod's temple, next one from Hadrian, and top 2 from Turks. No Jews there today. 60 ft high.

CHURCH OF PATER NOSTER. On Mt Olives. Lord's prayer first in Galilee as part of Sermon on Mt. in summer 28 (assuming ministry began spring 27). Then in Perea, winter 29. Perea is east of Samaria and Judea. This is Lk 11 account.