

A Heart Like God's

Part 21: Establishing Cities of Peace

32 “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him *the throne of His father David;*

Luke 1:32–33

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33 and *He will reign* over the house
of Jacob *forever*, and *His kingdom*
will have no end.”

In every generation, God is seeking after those who will make room for Him to establish His Kingdom in the earth.

God is territorial.

He is still under the notion that the earth is still His, and all the fullness thereof.

4 David was thirty years old when he became king, *and* he reigned forty years.

2 Samuel 5:4–10

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5 At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

6 Now the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, and they said to David, “You shall not come in here, but the blind and lame will turn you away”; thinking, “David cannot enter here.”

7 Nevertheless, David captured the stronghold of Zion, that is the city of David.

8 David said on that day, “Whoever would strike the Jebusites, let him reach the lame and the blind, who are hated by David’s soul, *through the water tunnel.*” Therefore they say, “The blind or the lame shall not come into the house.”

9 So David lived in the stronghold and called it the city of David. And David built all around from the Millo and inward.

10 David became greater and greater, for
the LORD God of hosts was with him.

Jerusalem:

"They will see Peace"

"Foundation of Peace"

"Possession of Peace"

Jerusalem:

Ancient City

sat on 2 mountain peaks

Moriah

and Zion

Jerusalem:

Sanctified as a heavenly
stronghold by Abraham:

Melchizedek ("King of
Salem")

Isaac

God had His Heart set on
Jerusalem as a heavenly
stronghold for a long time.
The man who carried His
Heart finally made it one.

5 “But you shall seek *the LORD at*
the place which the LORD your God
will choose from all your tribes, *to*
establish His name there for His
dwelling, and there you shall come.

Deuteronomy 12:5

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13 For *the LORD has chosen Zion;*
He has desired it *for His habitation.*

Psalm 132:13–14

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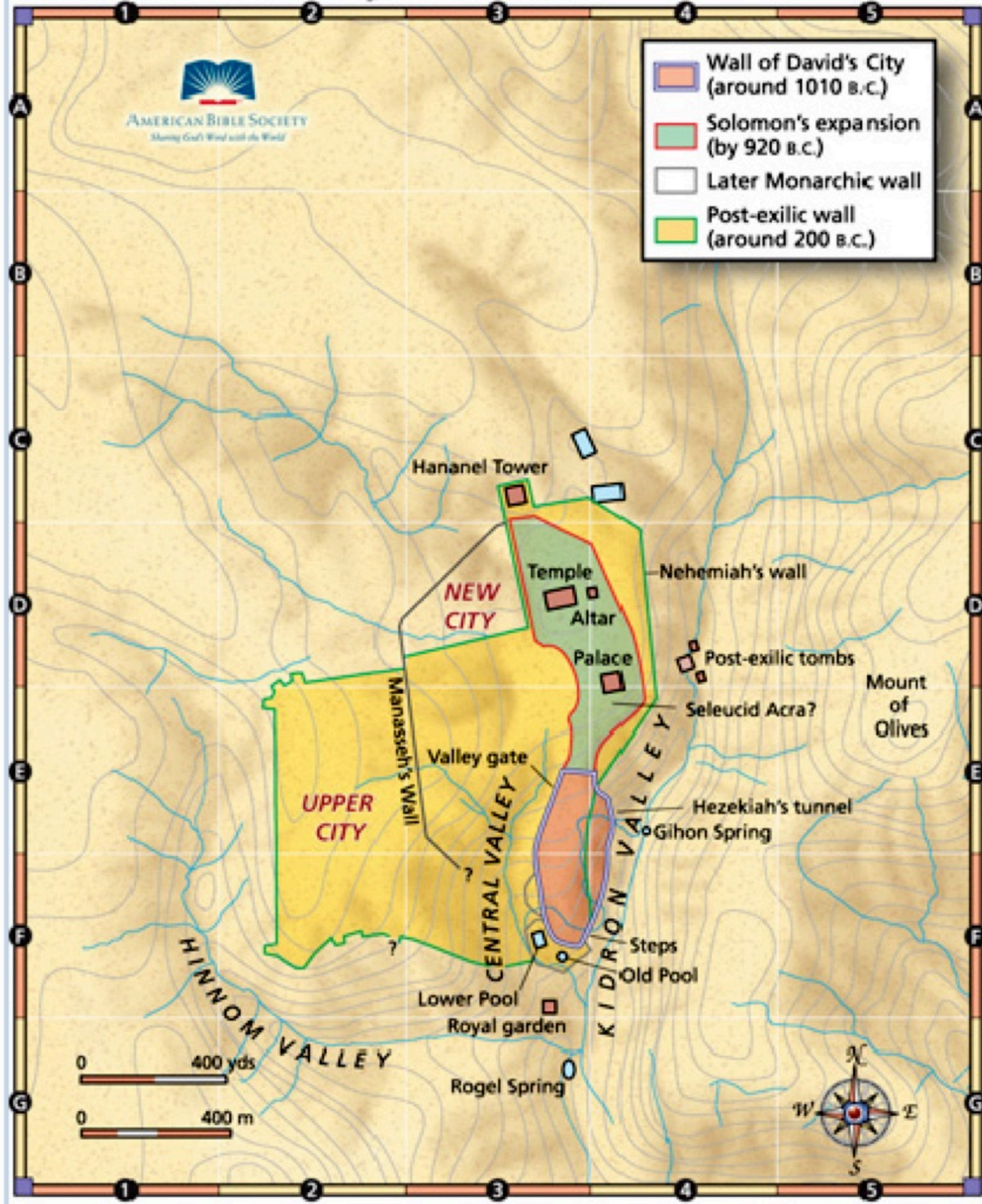
14 “This is *My resting place forever*;
Here I will dwell, for I have desired
it.

6 but I have chosen Jerusalem that
My name might be there, and I
have chosen David to be over My
people Israel.'

2 Chronicles 6:6

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Jerusalem in Old Testament Times, The Growth of David's City, 960 to 44 B.C.





"Jebus"

("trodden down")

A mocking pagan name
for the place God set
for His name to dwell.

Zion:

"stronghold"

"A monument/ pillar"

The place of returning

and rest

Contending for a
Stronghold of Peace
involves whatever sacrifice
is necessary to secure it
for future generations.

Strongholds of Peace are established by those who believe God's Presence is worthy of any sacrifice.

Our "Jerusalem" is the
geographic territory God
has established us to
build a stronghold for His
Kingdom.

Identify your "Zion."

Is it a Stronghold of
Peace yet?

What's God's strategy to
make it so?