

That The World May Know – The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah - Session 5: The City of the Great King – Jerusalem

God Preserves His Holy City

During King Hezekiah's reign over Judah, he prepared for attack by Assyria, a pagan nation that in 722 BC destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel.

1. What kind of king was Hezekiah?
2 Chronicles 29:1 – 11
2 Chronicles 29:32 – 36
2 Chronicles 31:1 – 8
2 Chronicles 31:20 - 21
2. What did Assyria do during the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah's reign?
Isaiah 36:1
2 Kings 18:13 - 16
3. What had Hezekiah done to prepare for the Assyrian attack against Jerusalem?
1 Kings 20:13 - 22
2 Chronicles 32:1 – 5
4. How did Hezekiah respond to the Assyrians' ultimatum?
Isaiah 37:14 – 20
5. How did God deliver His people?
2 Chronicles 32:20 – 23
6. As you consider how God saved Jerusalem, what lessons can you learn about God and the problems we face today?

Jesus Heals at the Pool of Bethesda

The Pool of Bethesda was located just north of the Sheep Gate (Tadi Gate) on Jerusalem's northern wall. The Pool of Bethesda was believed to have healing powers.

1. Who would come to the pool and why?
John 5:1 – 7
2. When Jesus came to the pool, what was His response? What did He do?
John 5:6 – 9
3. What did the man do? How do we know that he did not know who Jesus was?
John 5:11 – 13
4. After being healed, where did the man go? Why do you think he went there?
John 5:8 – 14
5. Have you ever experienced an unusual blessing from God that at first you did not realize came from Him?
6. When God provides for us in miraculous ways, what message do you think He is trying to convey?
John 5:6 – 14

Jesus Heals in the Lower City

1. During Jesus' day, the Lower City was home to most of the common people. What had King Hezekiah done years earlier to bring fresh water into this part of the city?
2 Kings 20:20
2 Chronicles 32:30
2. What happened at the Pool of Siloam, which was located in the Lower City and filled by the water flowing through Hezekiah's tunnel?
John 9:1 – 12
3. Apparently the blind man was near the temple when Jesus saw him. In order to reach the Pool of Siloam, he would have had to walk down many steps. Why did Jesus put mud on the man's eyes and then ask him to walk down such a long, difficult path?
John 8:58 – 9:1
4. Jesus required the blind man to demonstrate faith and obedience which resulted in his healing. How does God ask us to demonstrate our faith and obedience when He accomplishes His work in our lives?
5. Why is it important for us, like the blind man mentioned in John 9:1 – 12, to step out in faith when we ask God to work in and through us?

Jesus Creates a Stir in the Upper City

Herod built his palace in the Upper City, located on the Western Hill (Mount Zion) in the highest section of Jerusalem. The 5-acre palace had beautiful gardens, fountains, and accommodations for hundreds of guests. In the vicinity of the palace are several mansions believed to have been the homes of priestly families and wealthy nobility. The Romans burned these houses in AD 70 but evidence of their splendor remains. They help us picture the wealth of the Jewish religious leaders, who were so threatened by Jesus that they wanted to have Him killed.

1. When was the news of the arrival of Jesus, King of the Jews, first heard in the Upper City? How did the people of that district respond?
Matthew 2:1 – 18
2. After Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, what did the chief priests and religious leaders who lived in the mansions in the Upper City do?
John 11:38 – 53
3. The Sadducees gained wealth and power by controlling the temple's functions. Why did they feel so threatened by Jesus?
John 11:47 – 48
4. Where did Peter go after Jesus was taken prisoner?
Luke 22:54 – 56
John 18:12 – 24
5. What were some of the differences between the Sanhedrin and Jesus? Why do you think wealth and power were able to corrupt the Sanhedrin?
John 11:45 – 53

Jesus Takes His Ministry Outside the City Walls

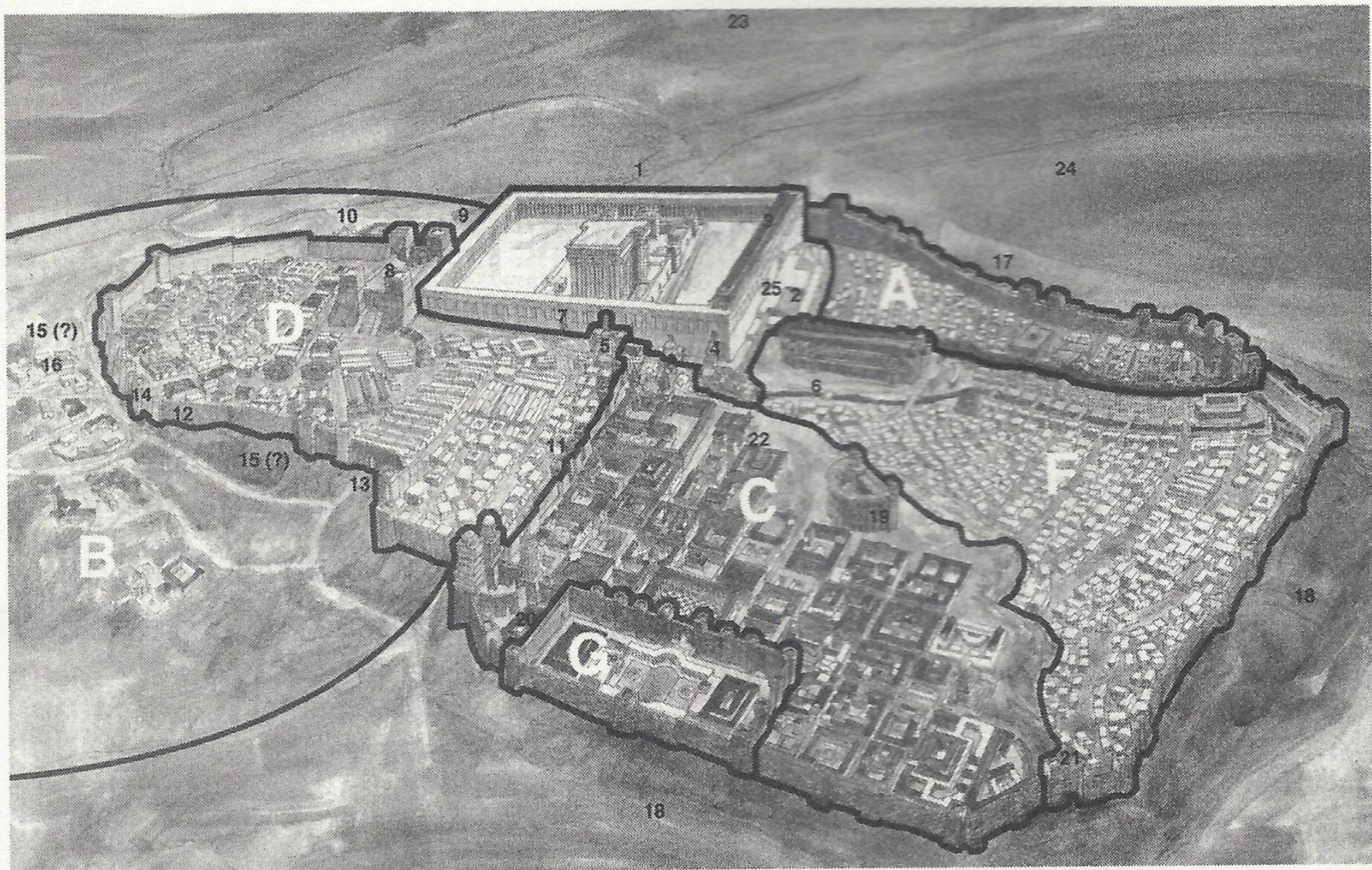
By going through the Garden Gate, people leaving Jerusalem during Jesus' time could reach the area called the New City—the area where the city was expanding to the north. Just outside the Garden Gate was an old quarry where people were taken to be stoned.

1. After the Jewish leaders decided to have Jesus put to death, where was He taken?
Matthew 27:1 – 31
2. Where did the soldiers take Jesus to be crucified?
Matthew 27:32 – 40
John 19:17 – 42
3. What routinely happened outside the city walls? What does “going outside the camp” seem to mean?
Numbers 5:1 – 4
Hebrews 13:11
4. What does it mean that Jesus went “outside the city” and faced total rejection in order to die for our sins?
Leviticus 20:20 – 22
Hebrews 13:11 – 12

References

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2 Samuel 15	Joel 3
2 Samuel 24	Zechariah 14
1 Kings 2	Matthew 2
1 Kings 6	Matthew 5
1 Kings 7	Matthew 10
1 Kings 15	Matthew 18
1 Kings 20	Matthew 23
2 Kings 18	Matthew 24
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2 Chronicles 3	Luke 24
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2 Chronicles 29	John 9
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2 Chronicles 33	John 19
Nehemiah 2	Acts 1
Nehemiah 3	Hebrews 13
Nehemiah 12	James 3

Districts of Jerusalem



A	David's City	1	Eastern Gate	8	Antonia	15	Golgotha (?)	21	Essence Quarter
B	New City	2	Southern Gate	9	Tadi Gate	16	Garden Tomb	22	Mansions
C	Upper City	3	Royal Stoa	10	Pool of Bethesda	17	Spring of Gihon	23	Mount of Olives
D	Business District	4	Robinson's Arch	11	First Wall	18	Hinnom Valley	24	Kidron Valley
E	Temple Mount	5	Wilson's Arch	12	Second Wall	19	Theatre	25	Huldah Gates
F	Lower City	6	Tyropoeon Street	13	Garden Gate	20	Citadel and Herod's palace		
G	Herod's Palace	7	Warren's Gate	14	Towers (Damascus) Gate				