

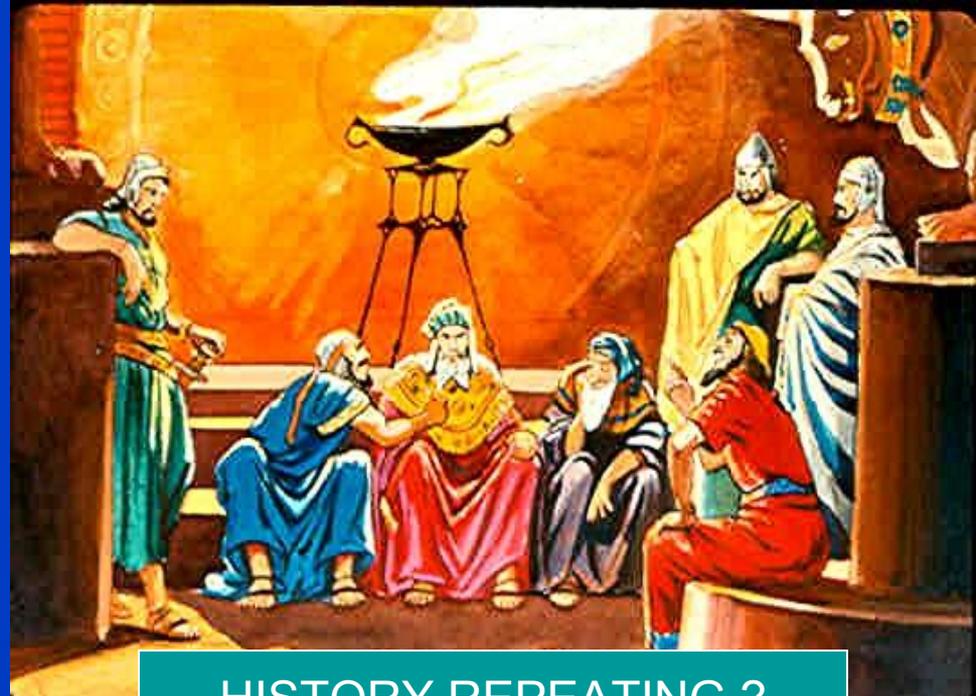
THE REBUILDING BEGINS



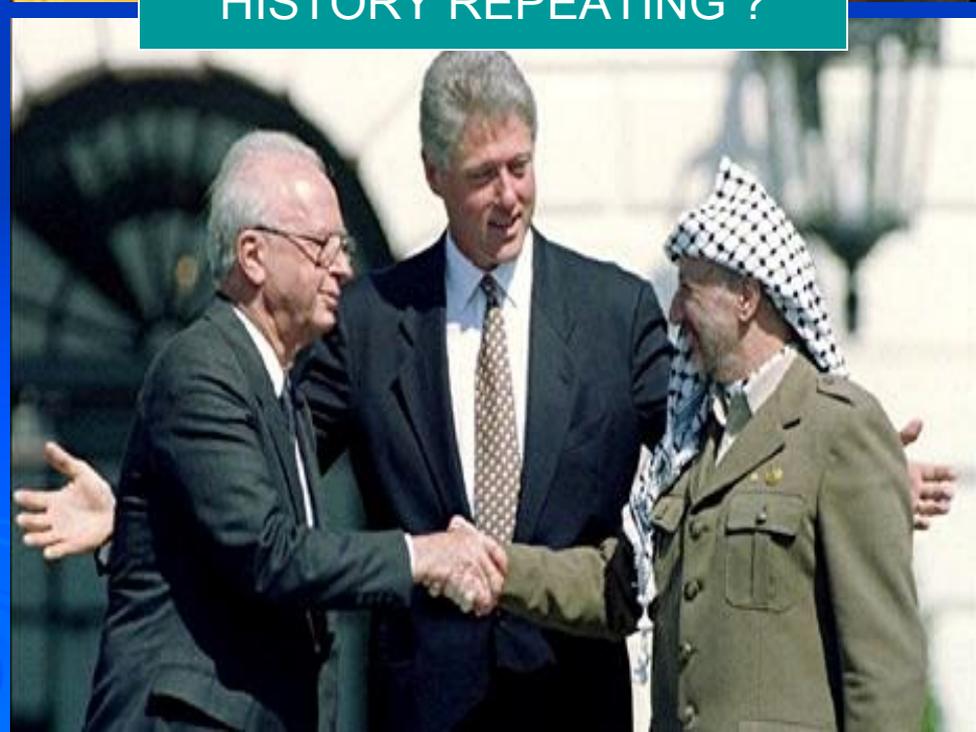
- End of Chapter 2, assessment of wall damage completed
- Nehemiah appealed to the Jewish people on 3 levels:
 - 1) Practical
 - 2) Cultural
 - 3) Spiritual
- Only remaining issue: who would help and who would opt out?

SHARE JERUSALEM?

- After Jewish community agrees to rebuild, 3 local gentile rulers make trouble
- Sanvalat, Toviya and Geshem thought of Jews as lowly and unable to rebuild the wall
- Nehemiah knew his words that the 3 had no claim to Jerusalem wouldn't stop them from trying to claim it
- Today's Israeli leaders are more intent on appeasement than standing their ground and believing God



HISTORY REPEATING ?



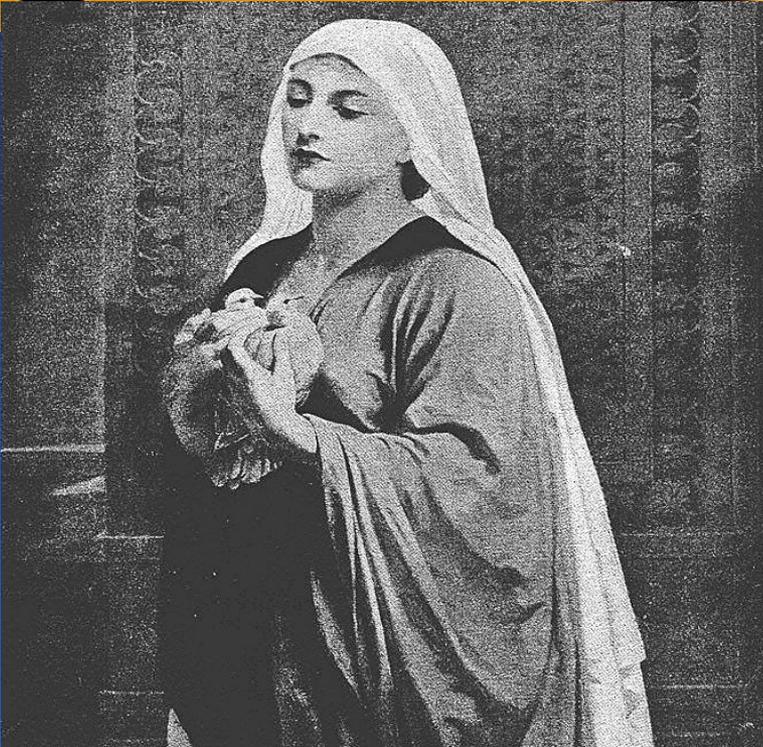
THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH:

BUILDING OUR OUR NEW CHAPEL

UNDER
CONSTRUCTION

NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 3

- Nehemiah usually studied as a prelude to a Church building project or financial rescue!
- Our focus will be the necessary organization and need for each community member doing their part
- **God-Principle:**
- ***Each according to his/her means***
- For sin offering, poor woman only gave a dove, but she was NOT excused from offering something in proportion to her means





- This God-principle applies to tithing as well
- Long term Church study: 20% of people give 80% of a Church's income
- 1 in 5 give NOTHING
- 1 in 20 volunteer time and labor
- Various socio-economic groups contributed to rebuilding the walls based on their ability to do so
- Depending on circumstance giving could be time, labor, or money
- The wall rebuilding moved so quickly that it alarmed Sanvalat, Toviya and Geshem
- A Believer's community will only go so far in achieving God's will as each member responds to contribute proportionately to their ability

WILL A MAN ROB GOD? YET YE HAVE ROBBED ME. BUT YE SAY, WHEREIN HAVE WE ROBBED THEE? IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS. YE ARE CURSED WITH A CURSE: FOR YE HAVE ROBBED ME, EVEN THIS WHOLE NATION. BRING YE ALL THE TITHES INTO THE STOREHOUSE, THAT THERE MAY BE MEAT IN MINE HOUSE, AND PROVE ME NOW HEREWITH, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS, IF I WILL NOT OPEN YOU THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN, AND POUR YOU OUT A BLESSING, THAT THERE SHALL NOT BE ROOM ENOUGH TO RECEIVE IT. - MALACHI 3:8-10



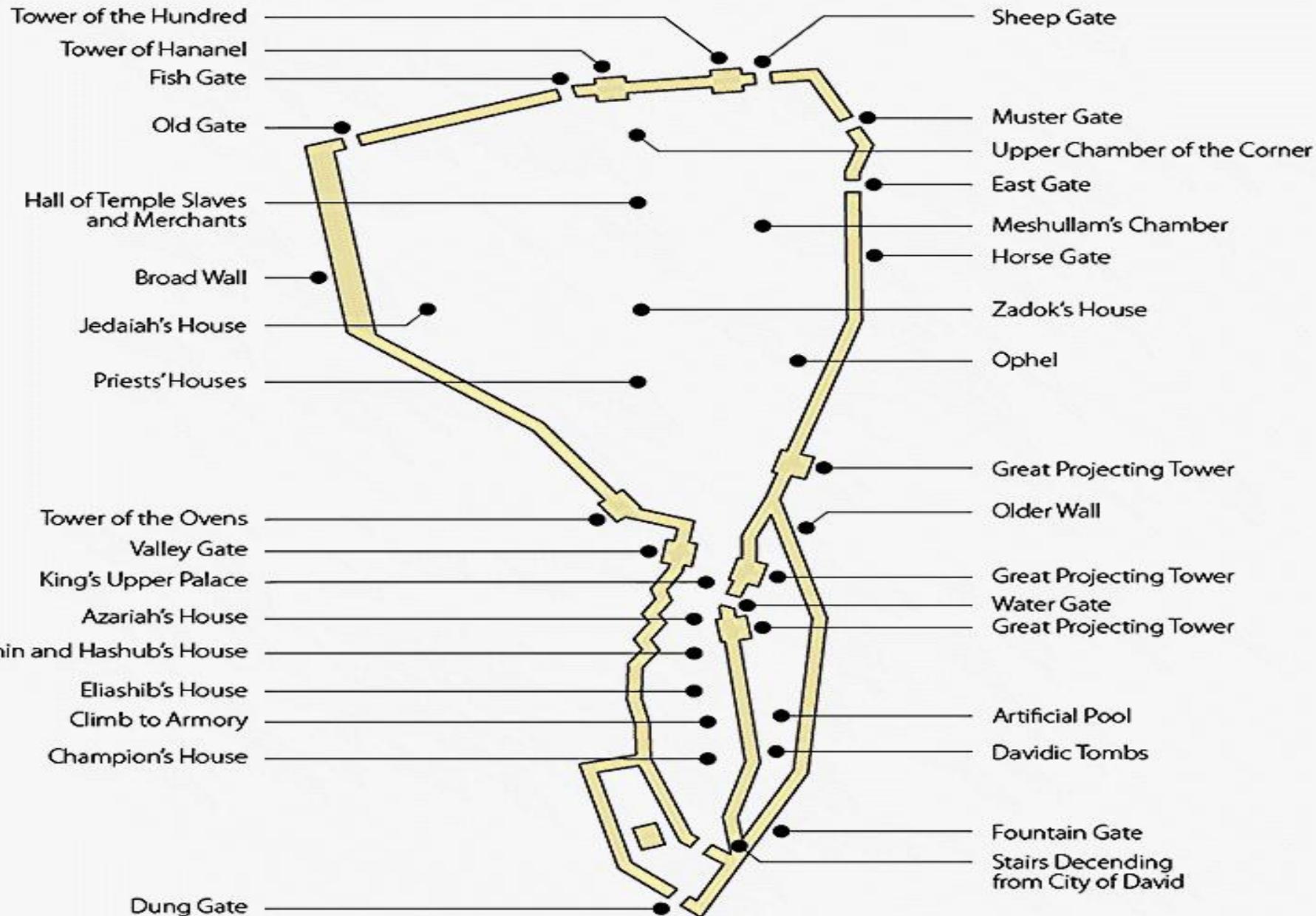
- Participating in the Believer's community is for the sake of your personal well being and your relationship with the Lord
- Contributing to God's community (congregation) is not an option, it is a commandment
- Malachi 3:8 - 10

THE CLIFF-NOTES VERSION



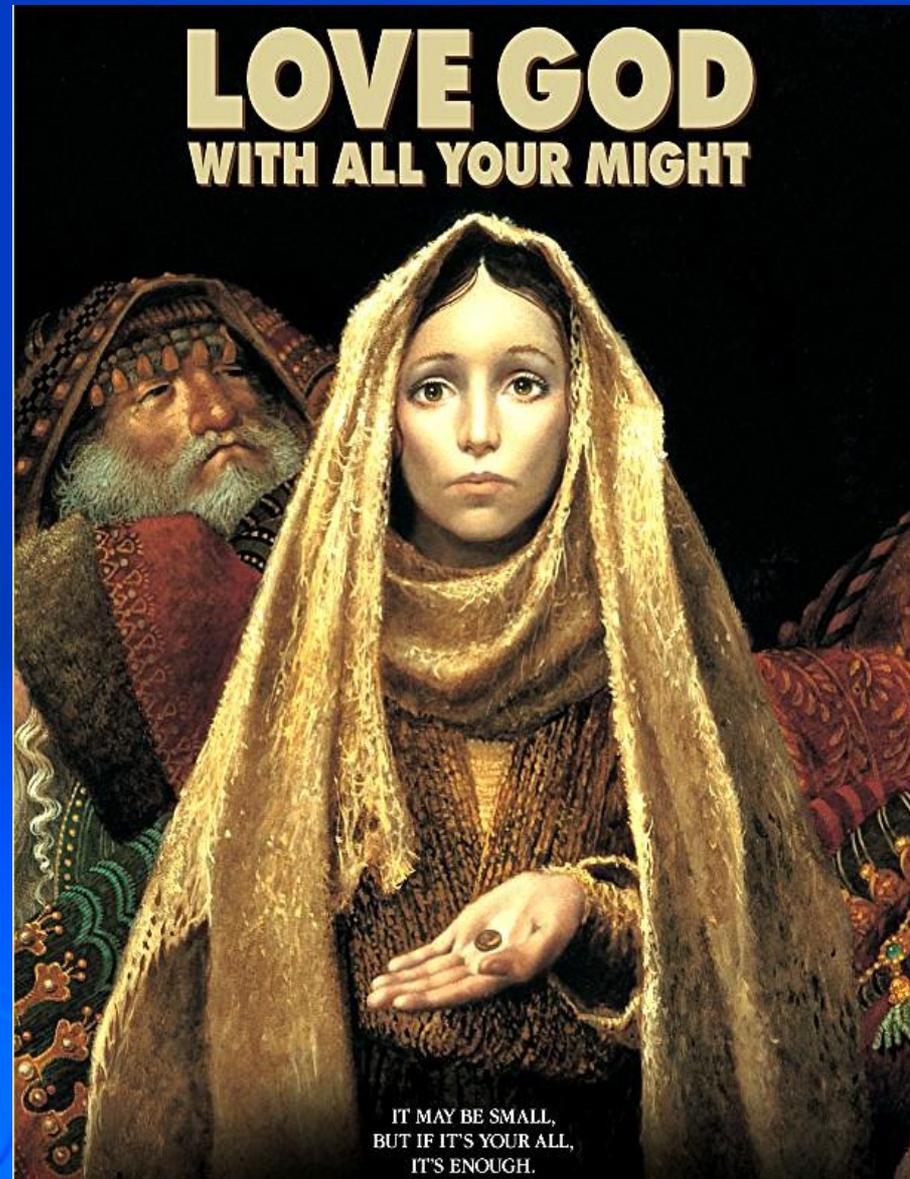
- Work divided up into 40 sections
- Result would be a smaller Jerusalem
- Groups worked on their sections simultaneously
- Some sections of the wall were demolished; some partly destroyed; some mostly intact
- ***Eliashav***, High Priest, repaired the Sheep Gate and 2 Guard Towers
- Sheep herded into Sheep Gate for sacrifice

Jerusalem's Wall in Nehemiah's Day



PEOPLE OF ZANOACH REBUILD 1500 FOOT LONG SECTION

- EACH ACCORDING TO THEIR MEANS
- Zanoach had abundant means, so they rightly took on a bigger task
- Mark 12:41 – 44
- Poor widow giving small amount was what she was supposed to do in God's eyes
- Rich gave a lot, small in comparison to their wealth, so shouldn't be proud



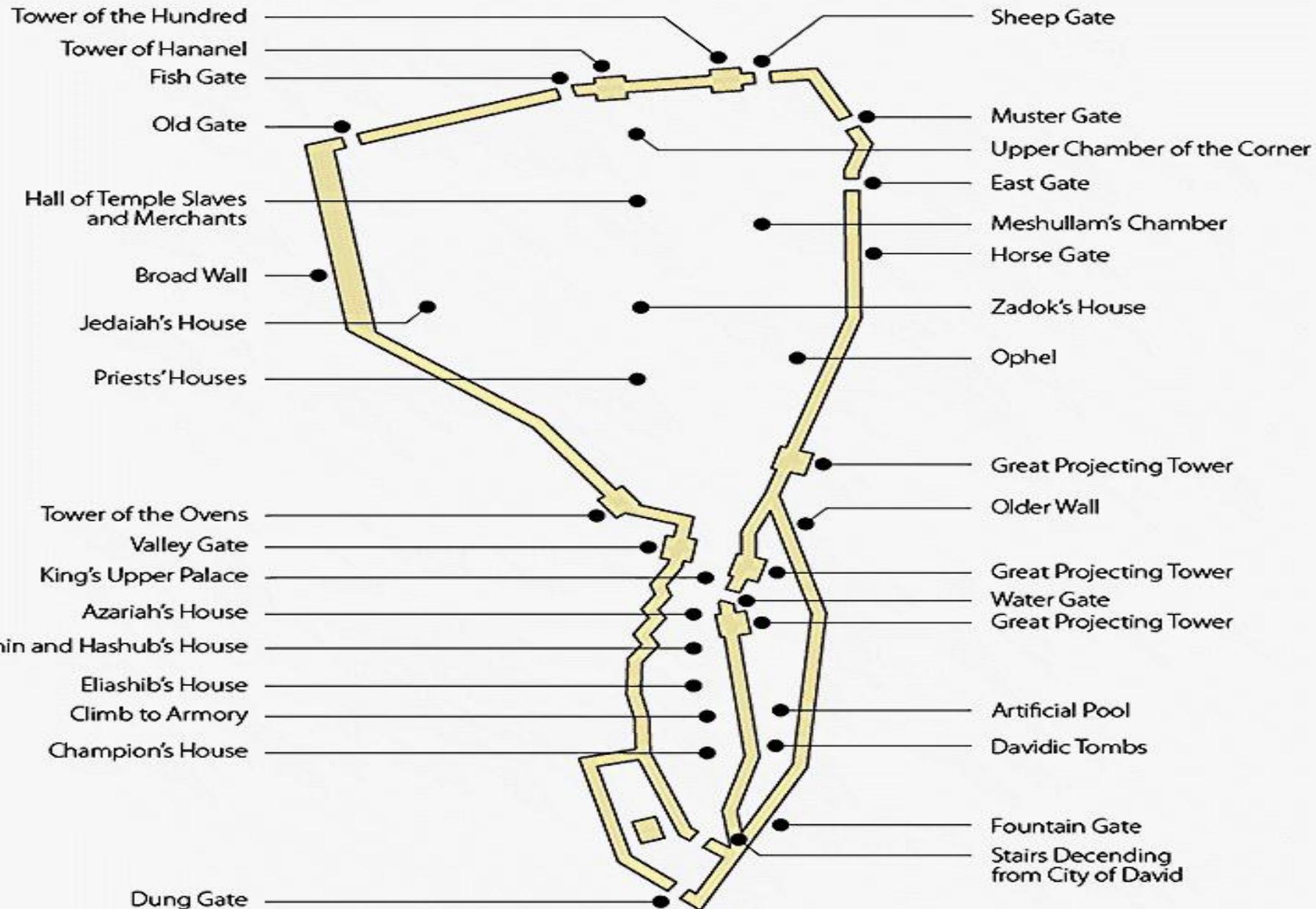
VS. 15

POOL AND STAIRS



- Pool of Shelach must be Pool of Shiloam
- Stairs eventually went up all the way to Temple Mount
- At verse 16, a different wall line starts, that will be new construction.
- Wall goes by Tombs of David, proving their existence

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SANVALAT IS ENRAGED!

- His reaction to the news is greater than when he heard about the hope to rebuild
- Essentially Middle-Eastern face saving
- When Nehemiah heard about the threats, he prayed and asked the Lord to vindicate him
- People were not deterred by the threats
- “Because the people worked with a will”
- Put their hearts and souls into doing God’s will

