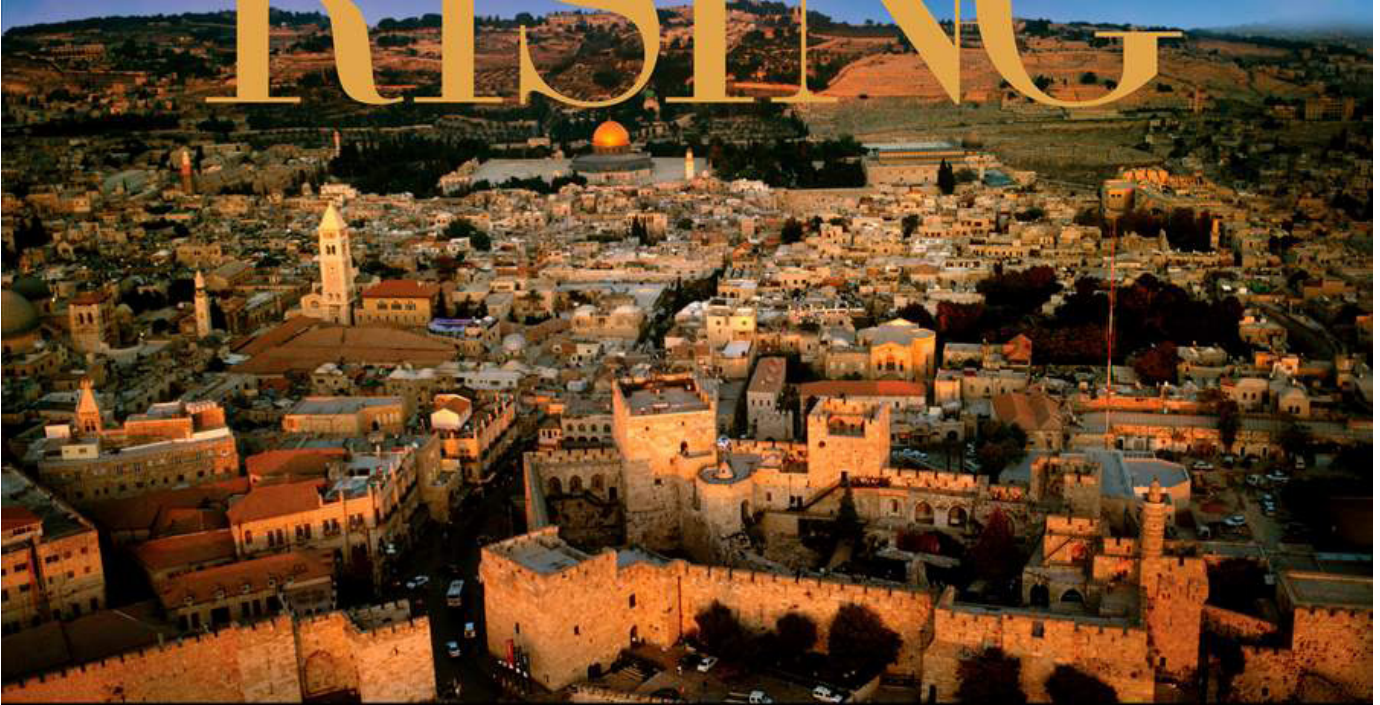


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# JERUSALEM RISING



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## WHY JERUSALEM?

One of the most ancient and historical cities in the world, Jerusalem has captured the hearts and minds of the nations for three millennia. Originally it was a small and isolated mountainous city, built on one of the smallest hills in the Judean range at the point where the Kidron, Tyropoeon, and Hinnom valleys join. As mentioned before, the city held little strategic value positioned away from ancient trade routes. Even today, it has little, if any, natural resources and only a meager water source. At best, its location is unimpressive. Yet it has continued to find itself at the center of world plans, goals, and conflicts.

While it was more than three thousand years ago that King David made Jerusalem Israel's capital, he was not the first to capture the city. One of its early historical mentions is in the Scriptures, where the book of Judges mentions that the tribes of Judah and Benjamin both fought the Jebusites for control over the city. Yet Israel wasn't able to hold it until King David conquered and finally subdued the Jebusites, securing Jerusalem and making it his capital.

This act likely contributed to Israel's love for David. His childhood home was in Bethlehem, a mere five miles away, and as king and military leader

over Israel, he could have established a comfortable capital city in his hometown. Instead, he chose to live on the front lines with his warriors, risking his own life to ensure the city remained Israel's capital. Since then it has remained on the front lines throughout history, even struggling to retain its Jewish identity. Midway through the twentieth century, Winston Churchill quipped, "You ought to let the Jews have Jerusalem; it is they who made it famous" (quoted in Evelyn Shuckburgh, *Descent to Suez* [New York: W. W. Norton, 1987], 251).

Yet King David was not the only one who chose Jerusalem. Around the same time, it was becoming clear that the Lord had also chosen it to be more than a mere earthly city:

*The LORD appeared to [David's son Solomon] at night and said: . . . "I have chosen and consecrated this temple [in Jerusalem] so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there."*

2 CHRONICLES 7:12, 16, EMPHASIS ADDED

*The LORD, the God of Israel, says: . . . "I will give one tribe to [Solomon's] son so that David my servant may always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city where I chose to put my Name."*

1 KINGS 11:31, 36, EMPHASIS ADDED

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From the time of Moses, God said he would bring Israel to the place he had chosen for his name to dwell forever. Perhaps this was not simply symbolic or metaphorical but literal as well. In the Hebrew language, the combinations of letters that form words have meaning, and the letters themselves often represent specific words. The twenty-first letter of the Hebrew alphabet is the letter shin (ש), and in Jewish tradition, it represents the word *El Shaddai*, one of the names of God.

We find this letter in many traditional and religious settings relating to the Torah (the first five books of

the Bible, written by Moses) and to God. It can be seen on mezuzahs (little boxes holding tiny scrolls of specific Scriptures, fastened to the doorposts of Jewish homes) and on phylacteries (small boxes with specific Scriptures, often worn on the arms and above the foreheads of religious Jews while praying). It's also the shape the high priests made with their hands while extending their arms to bless the people of Israel.

As you can see, the shin is a significant letter in Judaism. When looking at old aerial photos or a topographical map of Jerusalem, it's evident that the city's three valleys naturally form the crude shape of

YEAR	PERIOD	LAND NAME	EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE LAND
<b>UNDER FOREIGN RULE</b>			
539–332 BC	Persian Empire, return of exiles, Second Temple	Judah/Jerusalem	Ezra; Nehemiah; Zechariah; Haggai
332–142 BC	Greek Empire	Judah/Jerusalem	1 Maccabees 1:29-39
<b>JEWISH INDEPENDENCE</b>			
142–63 BC	Hasmonean Dynasty	Judah/Jerusalem	1 Maccabees 14:5-12
<b>UNDER FOREIGN RULE</b>			
63–37 BC	Roman Empire	Judah/Jerusalem	
37–4 BC	Roman Empire/Herod	Judah/Jerusalem	
4 BC–AD 70	Roman Empire/procurators	Judah/Jerusalem	Flavius Josephus
70–136	Roman Empire/Jewish expulsion	Aelia Capitolina	Pliny the Elder
136–306	Bar Kochbah Revolt/ Roman Empire	Palestine/ Aelia Capitolina	Dio Cassius
306–614	Byzantine Empire	Palestine/Jerusalem	Helena; Paula of Bethlehem; St. Jerome
614–628	Neo-Persian/Sasanian Empire	Palestine/Jerusalem	
628–638	Byzantine Empire	Palestine/Jerusalem	Sophronius
638–1099	Multiple Muslim/Arab caliphates	Palestine/Jerusalem	Mukaddasi
1099–1291	Crusades	Palestine/Jerusalem	Nahmanides
1291–1516	Mamluk Sultanate	Palestine/Jerusalem	Niccolò of Poggibonsi
1516–1917	Ottoman Empire	Palestine/Jerusalem	Alphonse de Lamartine; Mark Twain
1917–1948	British Mandate	Palestine/Jerusalem	Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook
1948–1967	Kingdom of Jordan	Transjordan/ Jerusalem	David Ben-Gurion; Shmuel Yosef Agnon
<b>JEWISH INDEPENDENCE</b>			
1967–present	Israel	Israel/Jerusalem	Yehuda Amichai

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### Topographical Relief Map of Jerusalem, 1934–39 (ACC—Views of the City)

North at the top. This relief map is believed to be one created by Ernest Beaufort of the American Colony community.

a shin, making the argument that God’s name really does rest forever among Jerusalem’s hills and valleys, just as the Lord spoke through the prophets.

Whether or not one recognizes the shin in the hills and valleys of Jerusalem, this isn’t what makes the city unique. No other people group has the history of its capital city foretold in ancient writings. Jerusalem has no equal—from the city’s conquest, destruction, and enduring desolation to its revival as a world player and prophesied seat of power for a King who will rule the earth. Furthermore, according to these

prophecies, the Creator calls the physical location of Jerusalem “home” and will personally dwell there with his people. For 1,900 years after the Romans burned the city and region—and most significantly after the decline of the Byzantine period in the fourth century—history clearly demonstrated that Jerusalem was indeed a barren wasteland. Yet dramatic changes have taken place over the last half century. Let’s look at what the ancient prophecy in Zechariah 8 says about what is coming and see whether there is a connection.

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## *Dome of the Rock*

*The image on the left is Girault de Prangey's daguerreotype; the image on the right is the actual view in 1844.*



One of the more well-known shrines in Jerusalem, the Dome of the Rock, was built in the late seventh century, within the first sixty years of the founding of Islam. Ironically, the structure was originally based on Byzantine church and palace construction. It is situated over what many consider to be a rock called the Foundation Stone, where according to Jewish tradition, God created Adam, Abraham almost sacrificed Isaac, and the First and Second Temples stood. See today's comparison on page 135.

THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPHERS IN JERUSALEM |





## *Jerusalem from Mount Scopus*

*The top photo is Girault de Prangey's daguerreotype; the bottom photo is the actual view in 1844.*

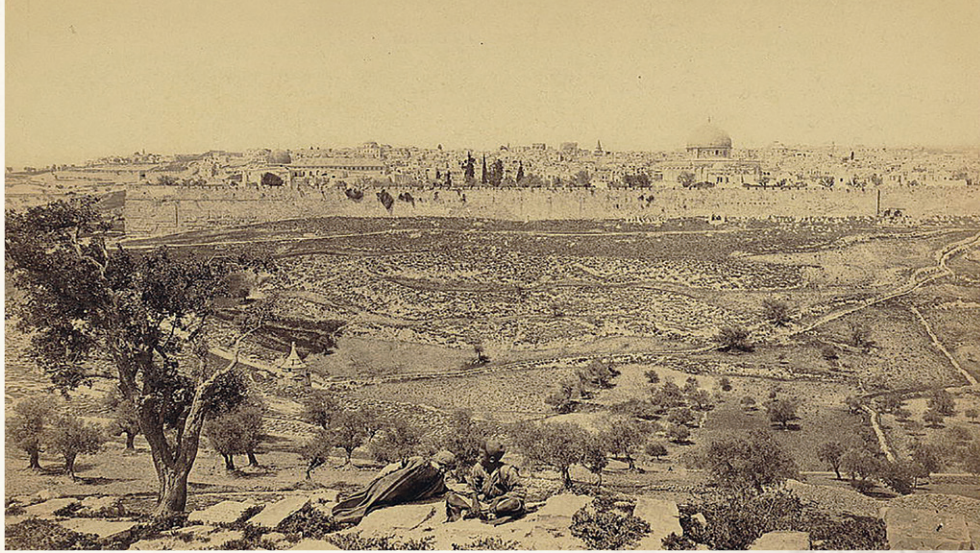


One of the most revealing shots from this early time period shows the size and dimensions of Jerusalem in 1844. The same year, an Ottoman Empire census recorded over fifteen thousand people living in Jerusalem, with more than seven thousand inhabitants being Jewish. This photo was taken from Mount Scopus, where the primary Roman command post under Titus was located during the siege of Jerusalem and the Temple's destruction in AD 70. Today it is where Hebrew University stands. See today's comparison on pages 186–87.



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### *Temple Mount from the Garden of Gethsemane*

*The rugged landscape and Old City from the view of the Garden's sparsely planted olive trees.*

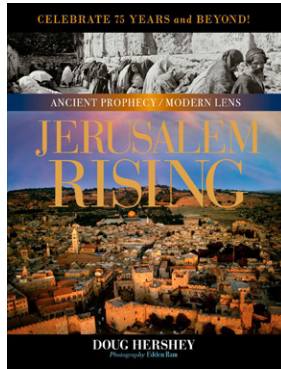


### *Eastern Gate from the Temple Mount*

*The inside view of the Eastern Gate from the Temple Mount complex, partially buried in dirt and cactus.*

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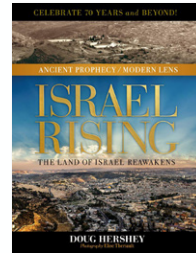


## Jerusalem Rising

Thousands of years ago, the prophet Zechariah foretold that the once-revered city of Jerusalem would again shake off its dust and be revived in peace and security. He predicted it would not only become a center of thriving life and seat of international influence but also the place where God himself will return to dwell.

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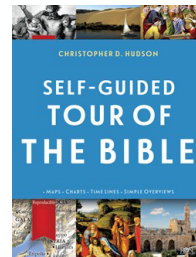
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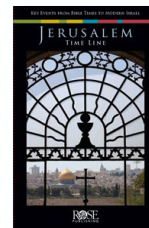
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