

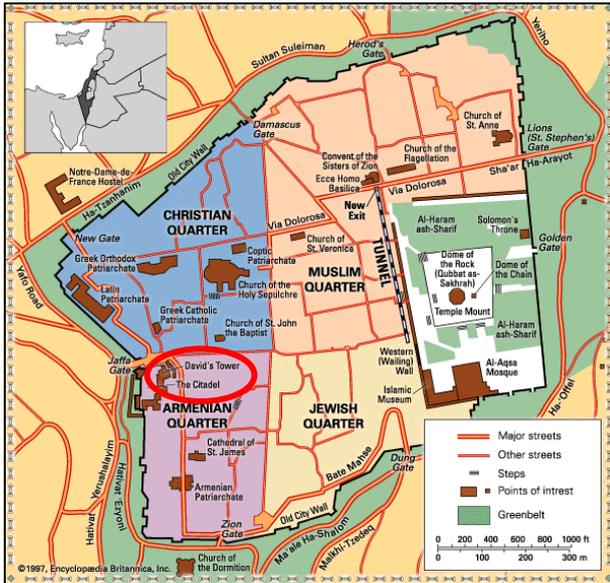
51 Tower of David

Names (also known as)

Herod’s towers, Jerusalem citadel

Location/Description

Located beside the Jaffa gate which separates the old city from the new city.



towers was replaced by a more massive one and called the tower of David by the Christians of the time who believed it to be the site of David’s palace. In 1187 Saladin captured the tower and in 1260 the Mamluks destroyed it, only to rebuild it later. In 1541 the Ottomans further rebuilt it and it stood as a garrison for 400 years.



During WWI General Allenby captured Jerusalem and to commemorate the event he stood on a platform outside the tower of David. In 1948 it was used by the Arabs as a military base to watch over the Jewish part of the city until the end of the 6 day war in 1967.

Scriptural references

Not mentioned in Scripture, however it does bring us into the old city of Jerusalem. Here one can walk in the footsteps of men such as Christ and Paul and look forward to the time when Yahweh will favour Zion.

It is now a major cultural and historical site of the city and is shared by all faiths. However we know that there is but one faith that God has decreed will stand in this place forever. In that place there will a grand building with four towers and within its walls the throne of David. Then all mankind will share one faith and the knowledge of Yahweh’s glory will cover the entire earth as the water’s cover the sea.

Famous characters

- Jesus Christ
- David
- Paul



Brief history

During the reign of the Hasmoneans around 150 BC a settlement was built in this area. Later during the reign of Herod, three large towers were built, the largest of these was named Phasael after his brother, the 2nd was named Miriam after his wife whom he later had killed. The third was named Hippicus after one of his friends. These towers remained standing after Jerusalem’s defeat in AD 70 to show the Roman’s respect to the strength of the city and became a place to house the garrison there. In the 5th century one of the

Sources:

Wikipedia; Fodor’s guide to Israel; Frommer’s guide to Israel

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