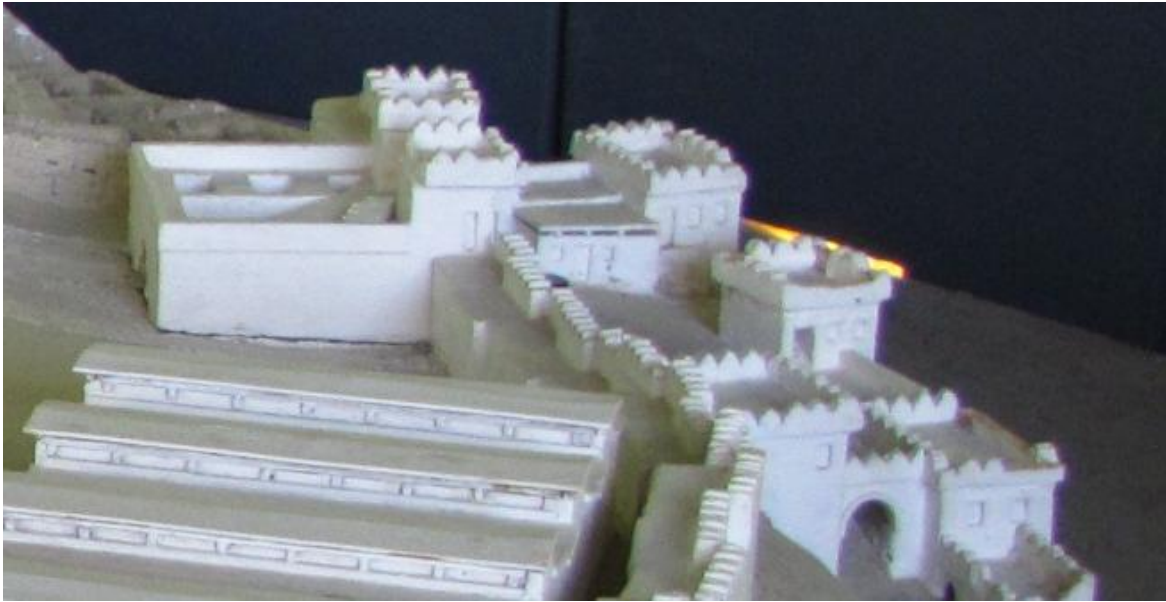


Ancient Gates



“And this is the account of the forced labor that King Solomon drafted to build the house of the Lord and his own house and the Millo and the wall of Jerusalem and Hazor and Megiddo and Gezer.”

- 1 Kings 9:15

- GEZER
- HAZOR
- MEGIDDO
- ASHKELON
- DAN
- JERUSALEM
- SODOM



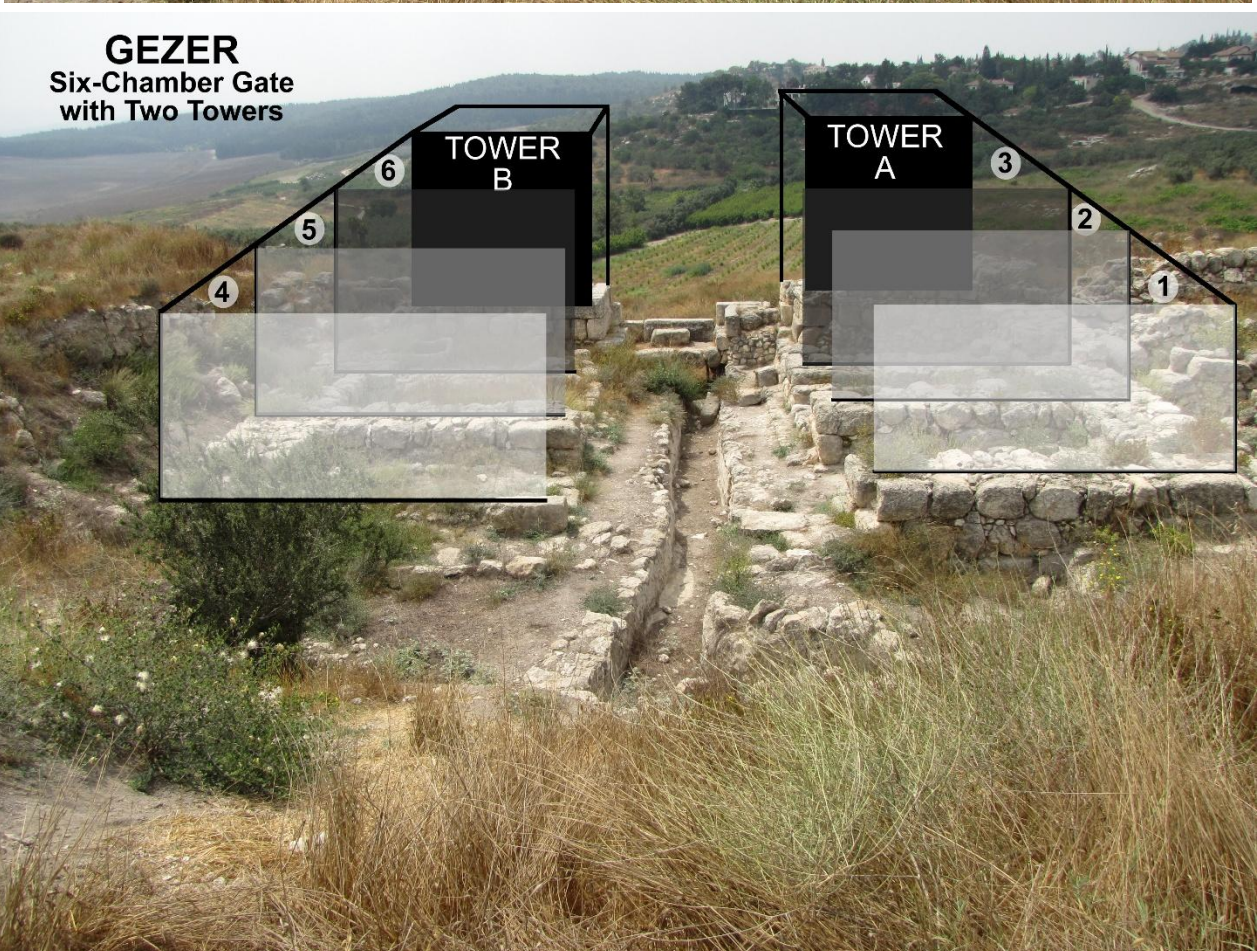
1 Kings 9:15

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חֹמַת	וְאֵת	הַמִּלּוֹא	וְאֵת-	בֵּיתוֹ	וְאֵת-	יְהוָה	בֵּית
the wall	and	the Millo	and	his own house	and	of Yahweh	the house
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gā-zer.	wə-’et-	mə-gid-dow	wə-’et-	hā-šor	wə-’et-	yə·rū-šā·lim;
גֶּזֶר	וְאֵת-	מֶגִּידוֹ	וְאֵת-	חָצֹר	וְאֵת-	יְרוּשָׁלַם
Gezer	and	Megiddo	and	Hazor	and	of Jerusalem
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GEZER

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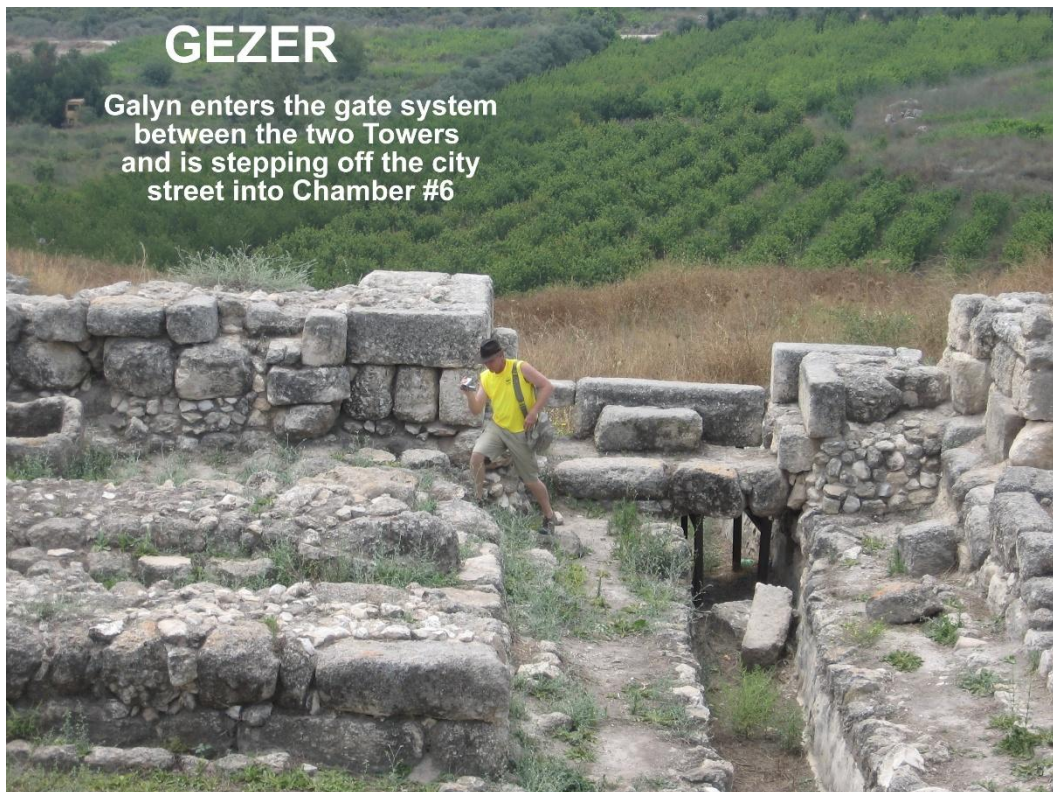


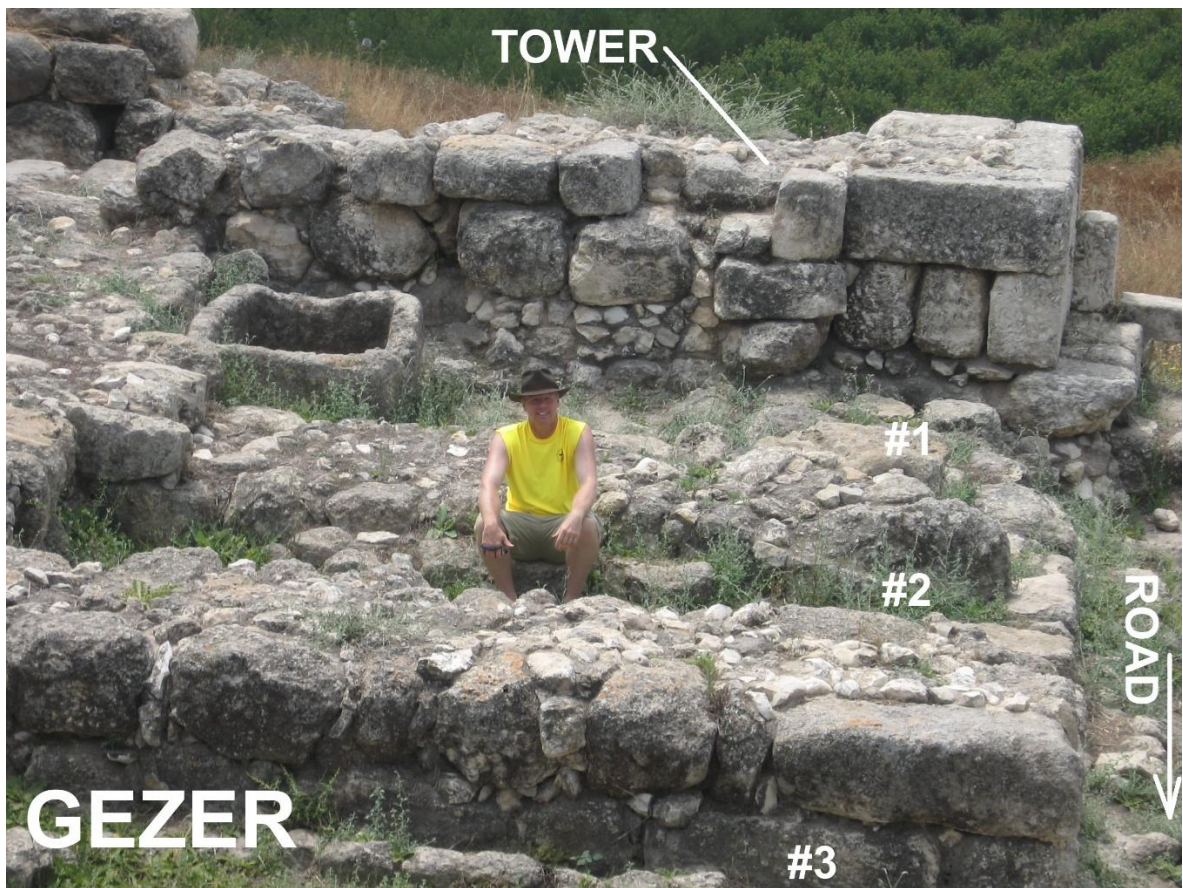
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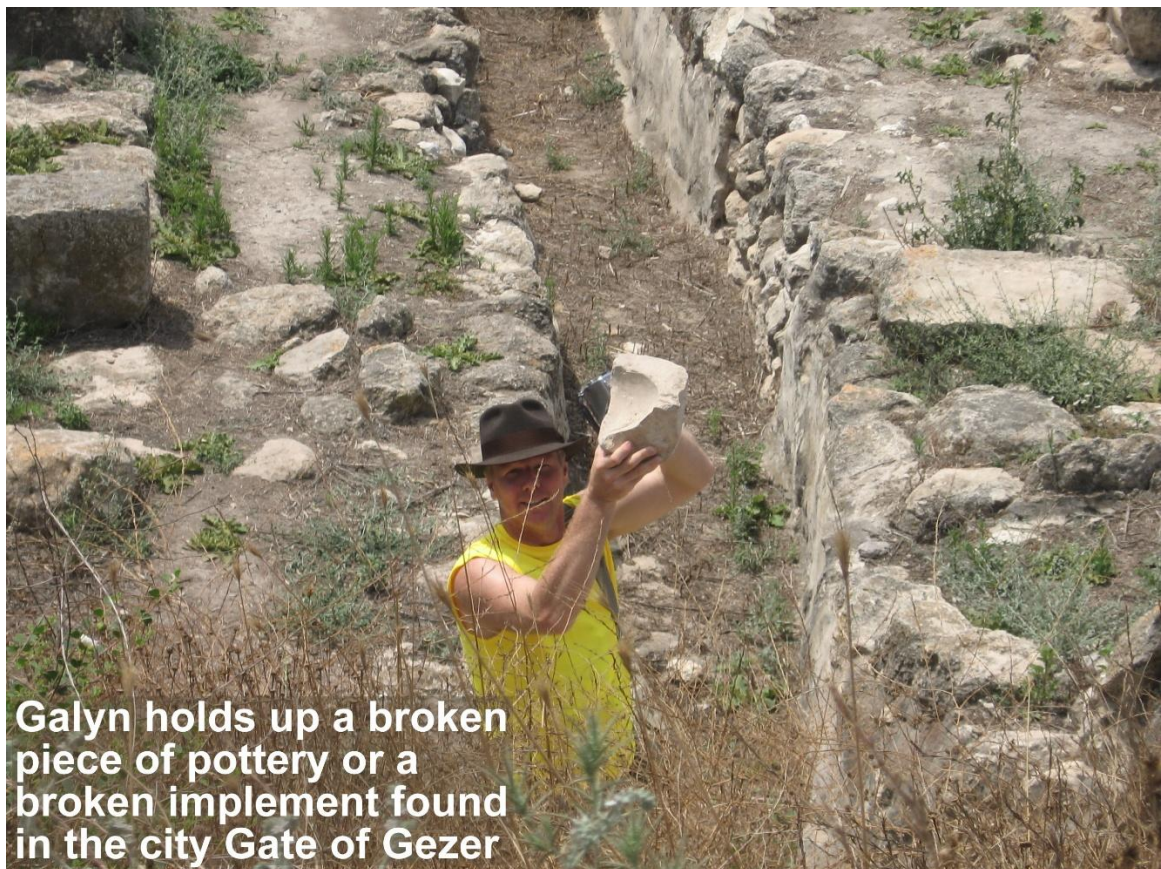
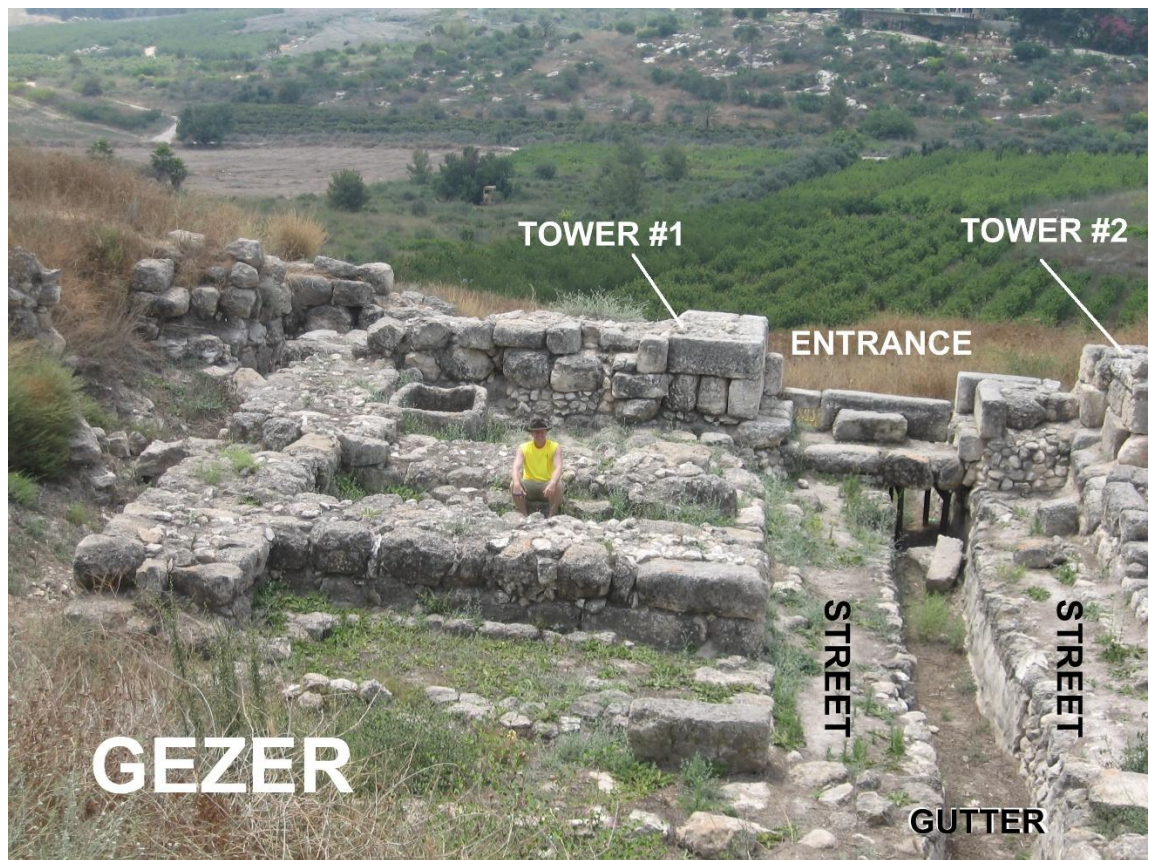


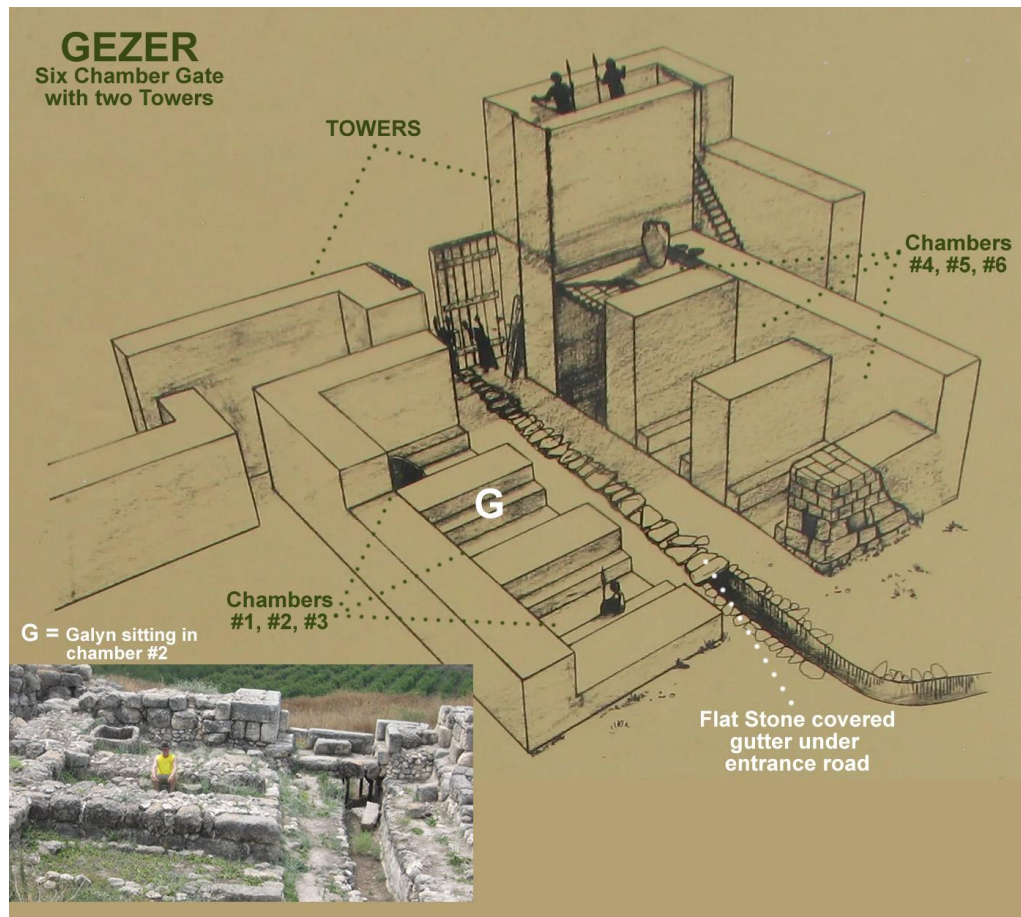
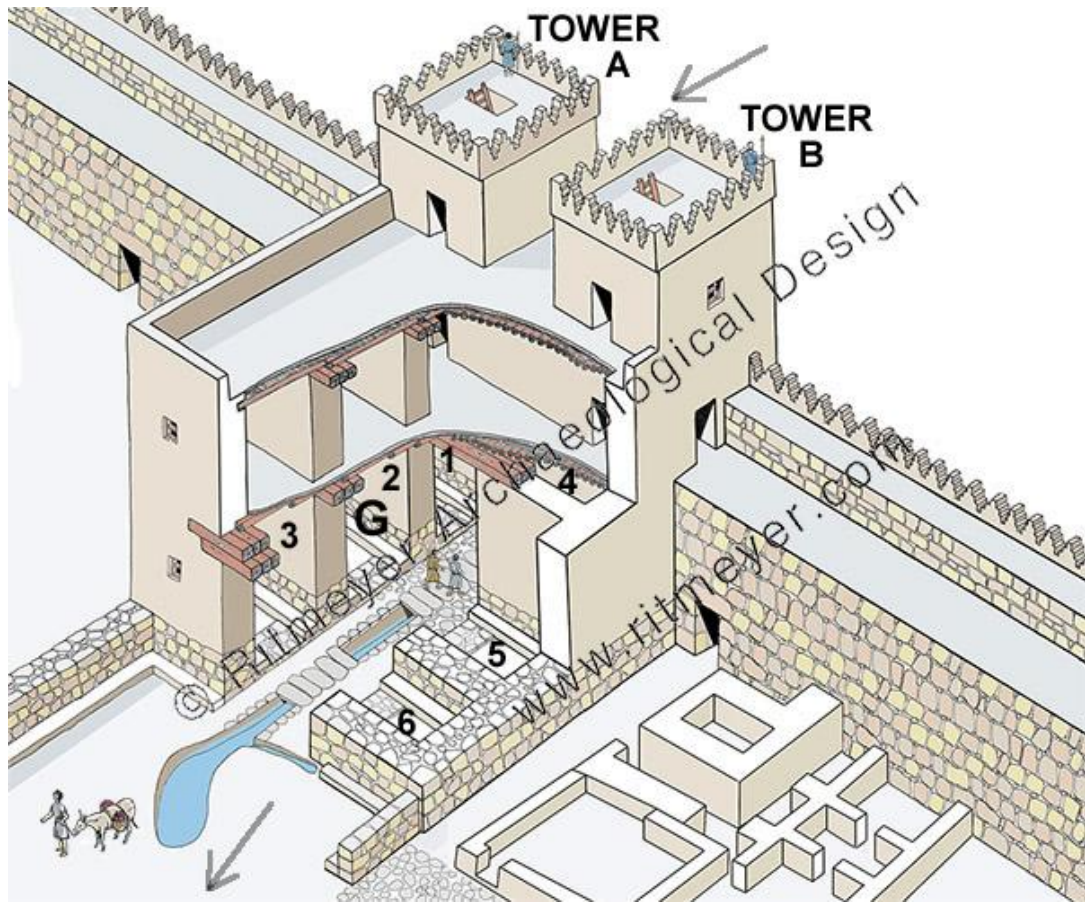
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Galyn enters the gate system between the two Towers and is stepping off the city street into Chamber #6

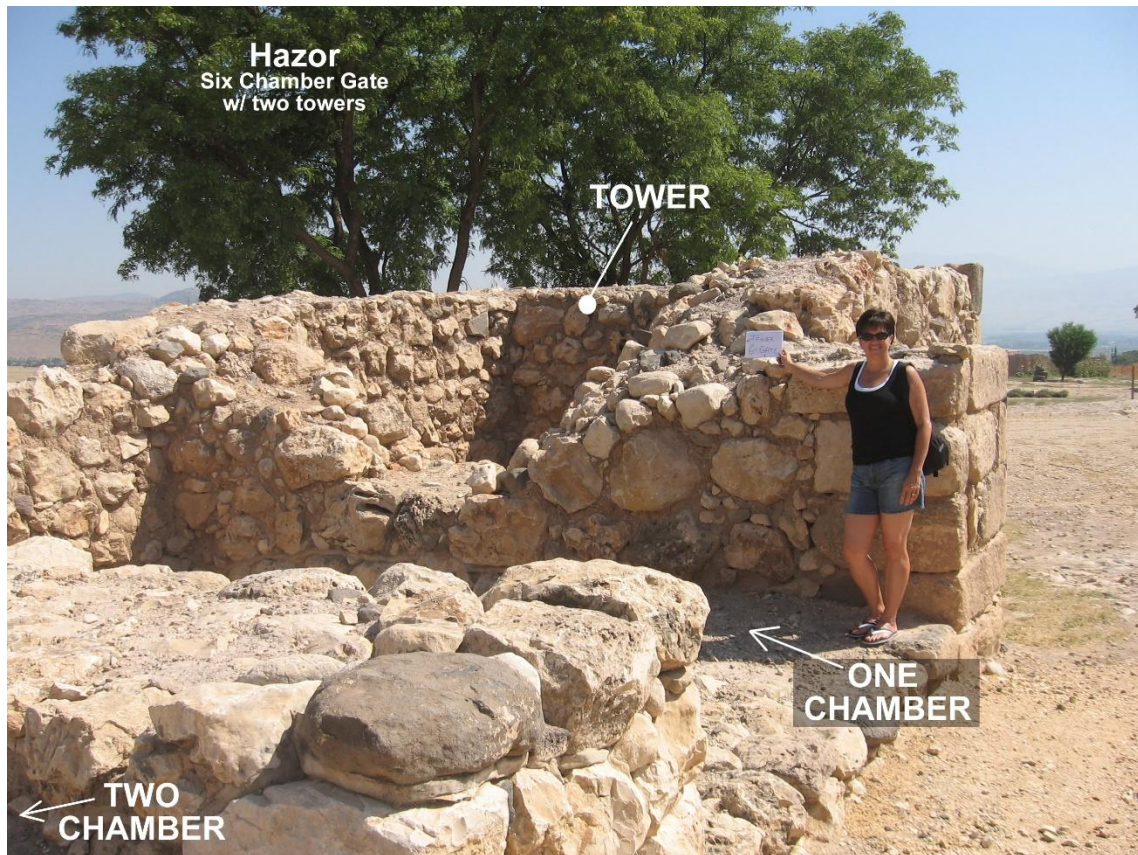


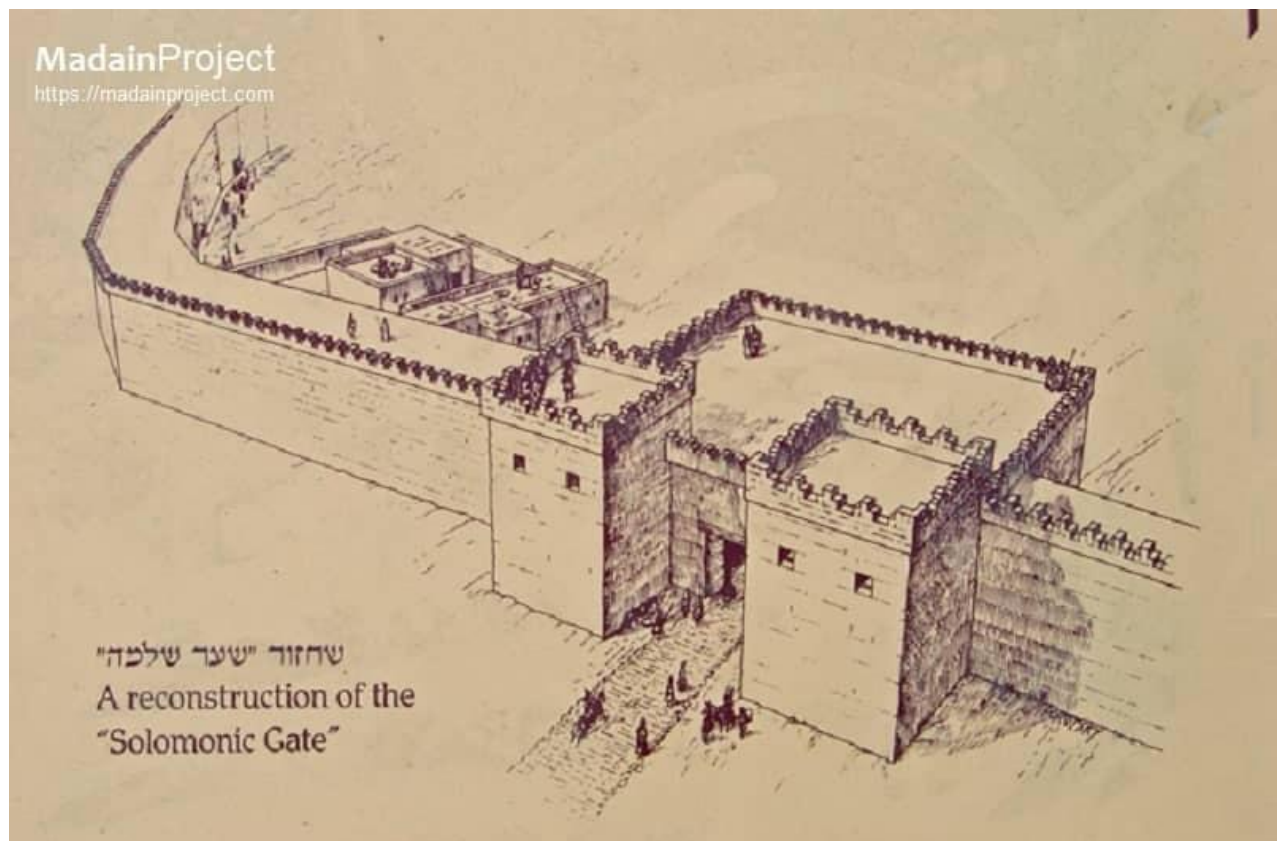




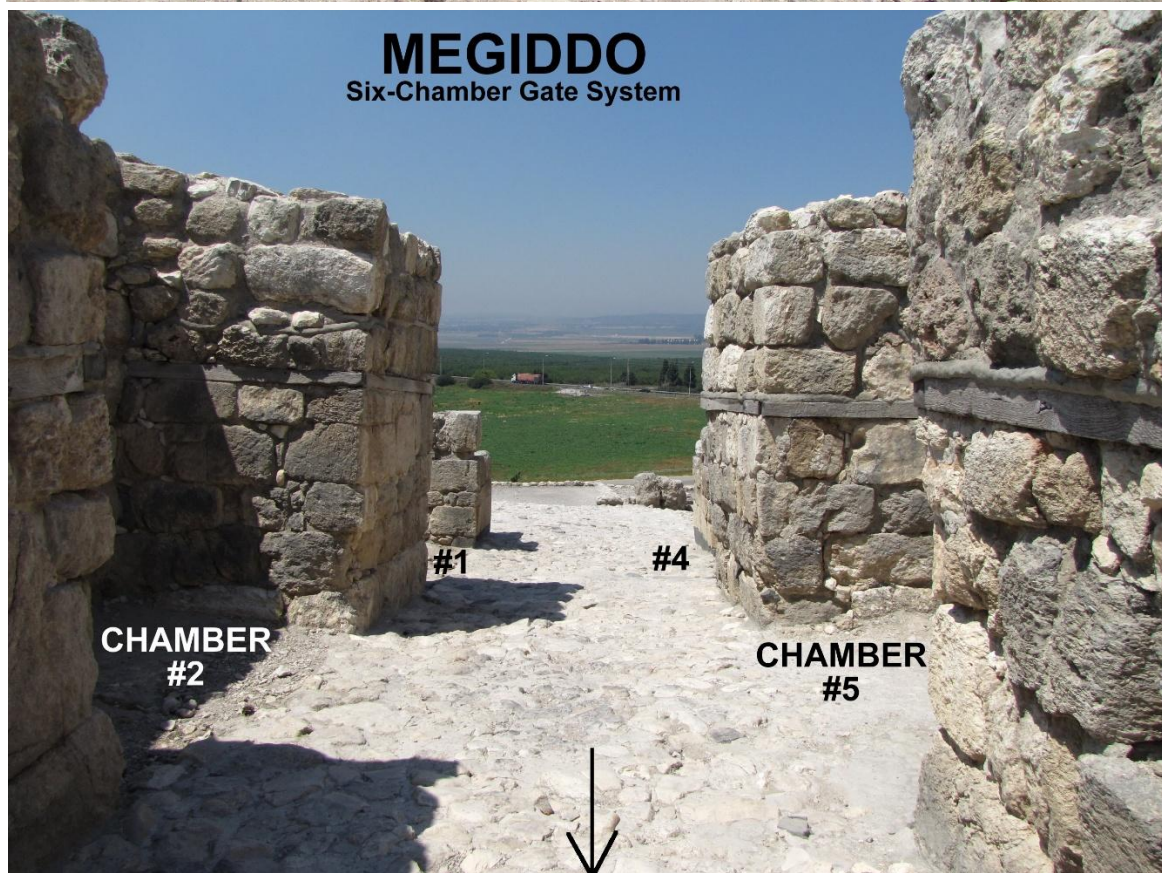
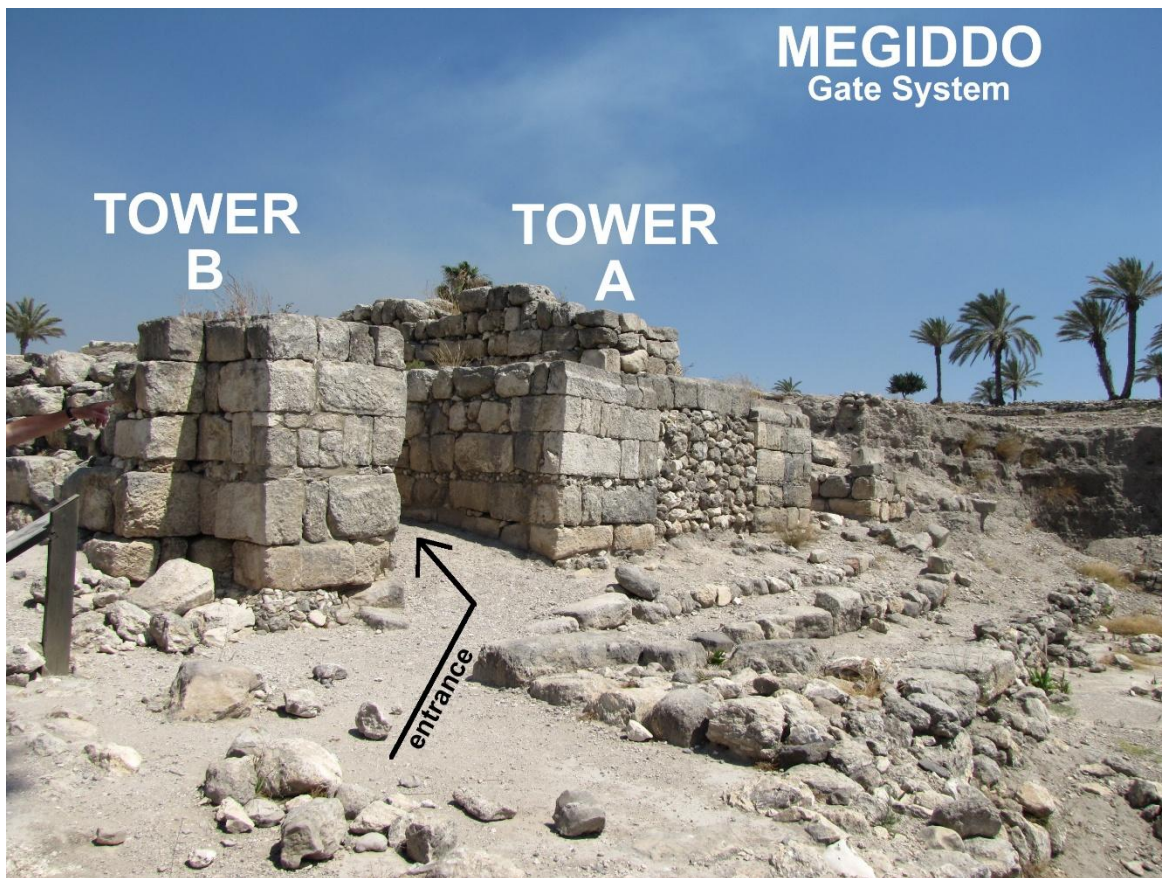


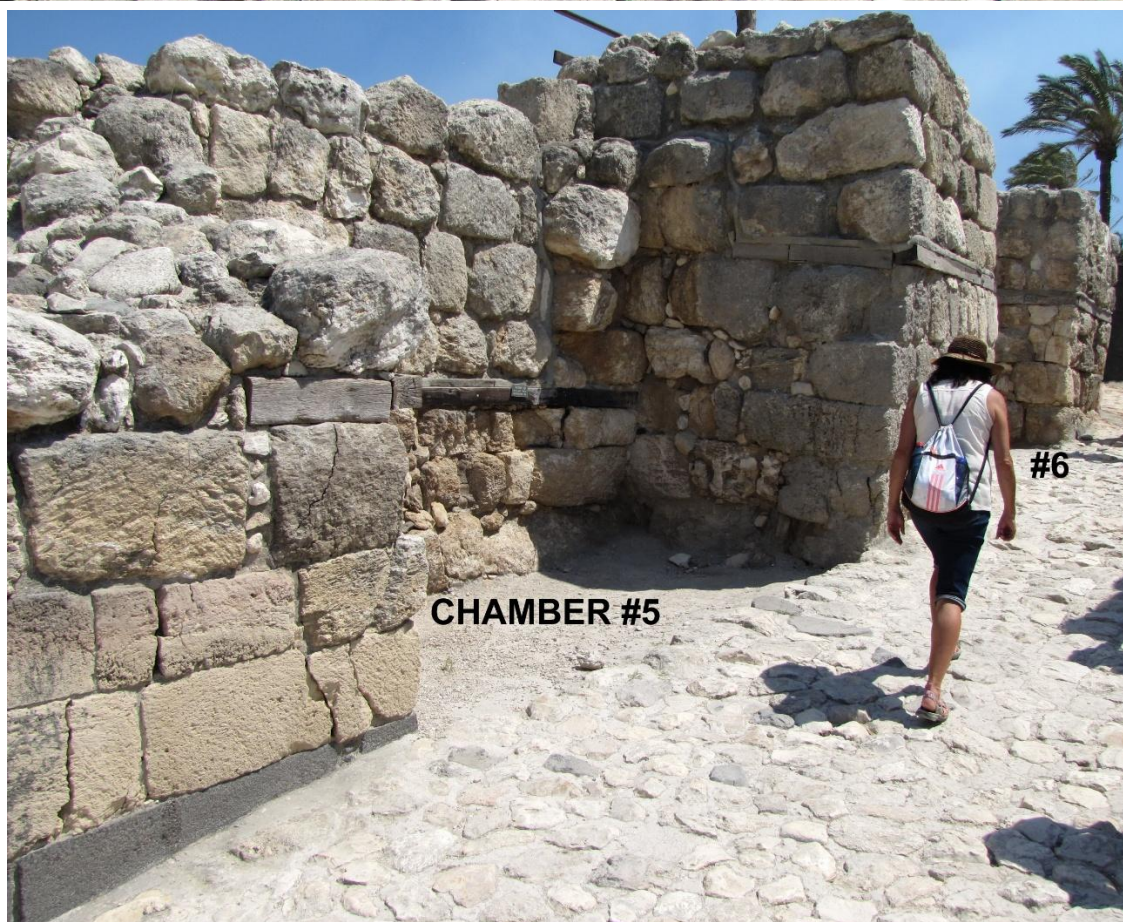
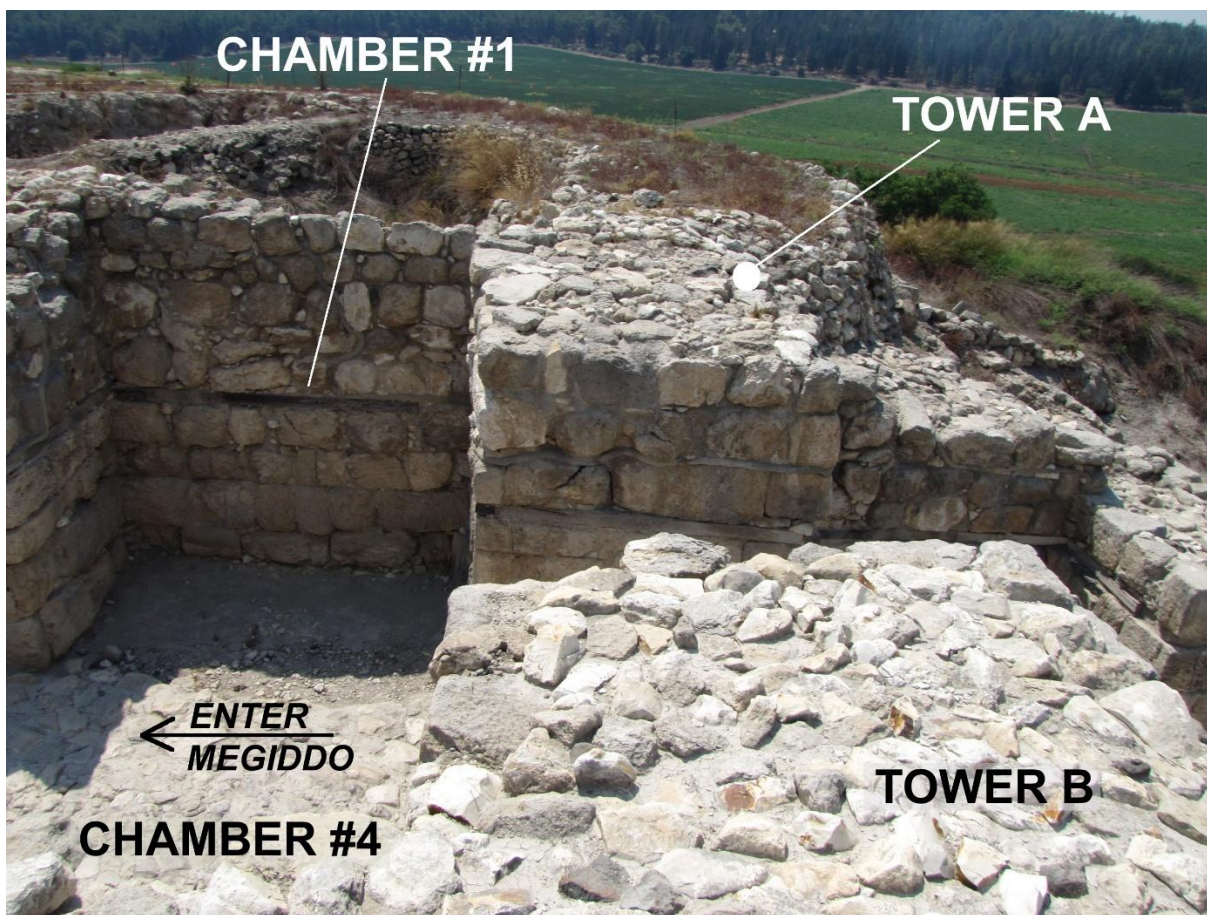
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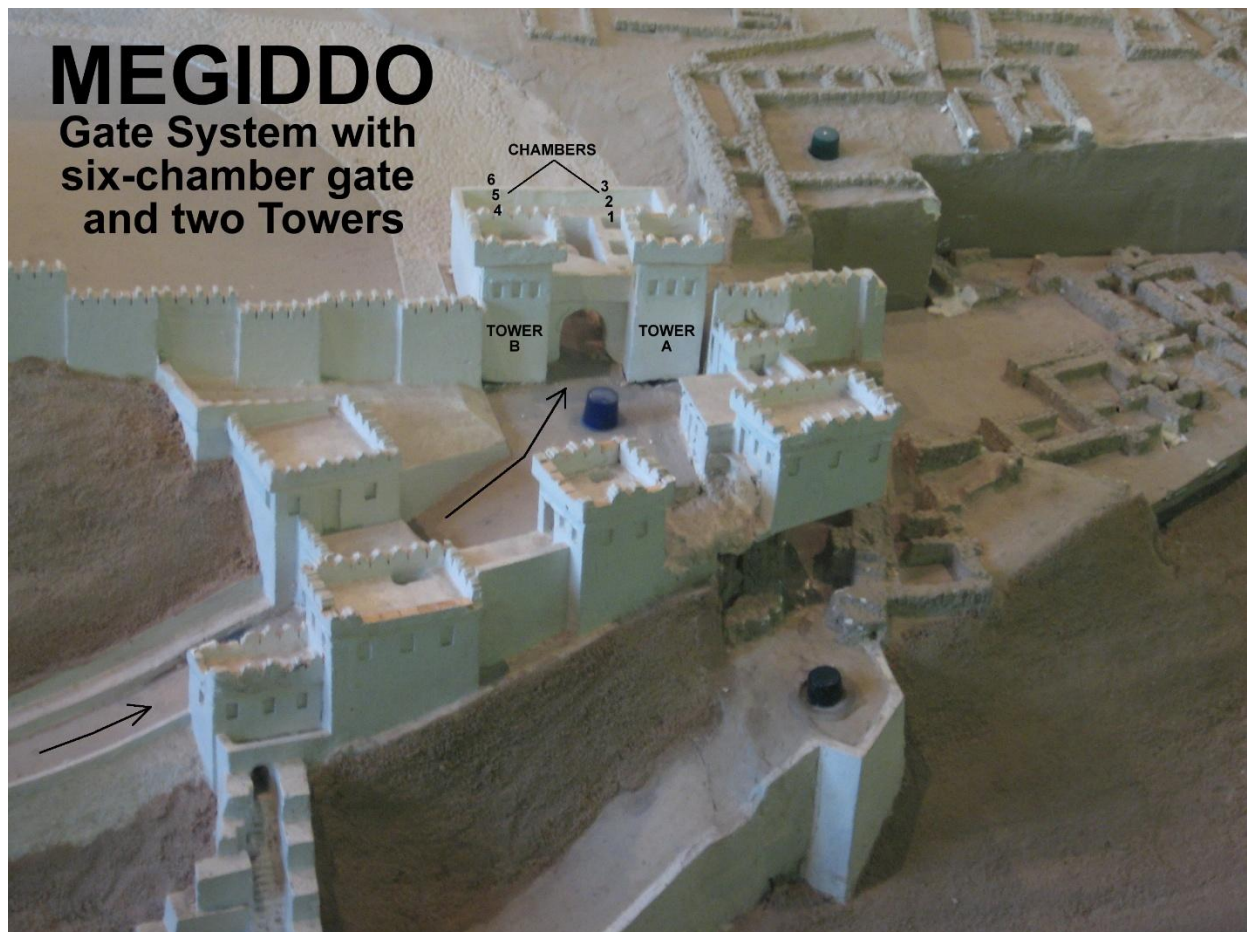
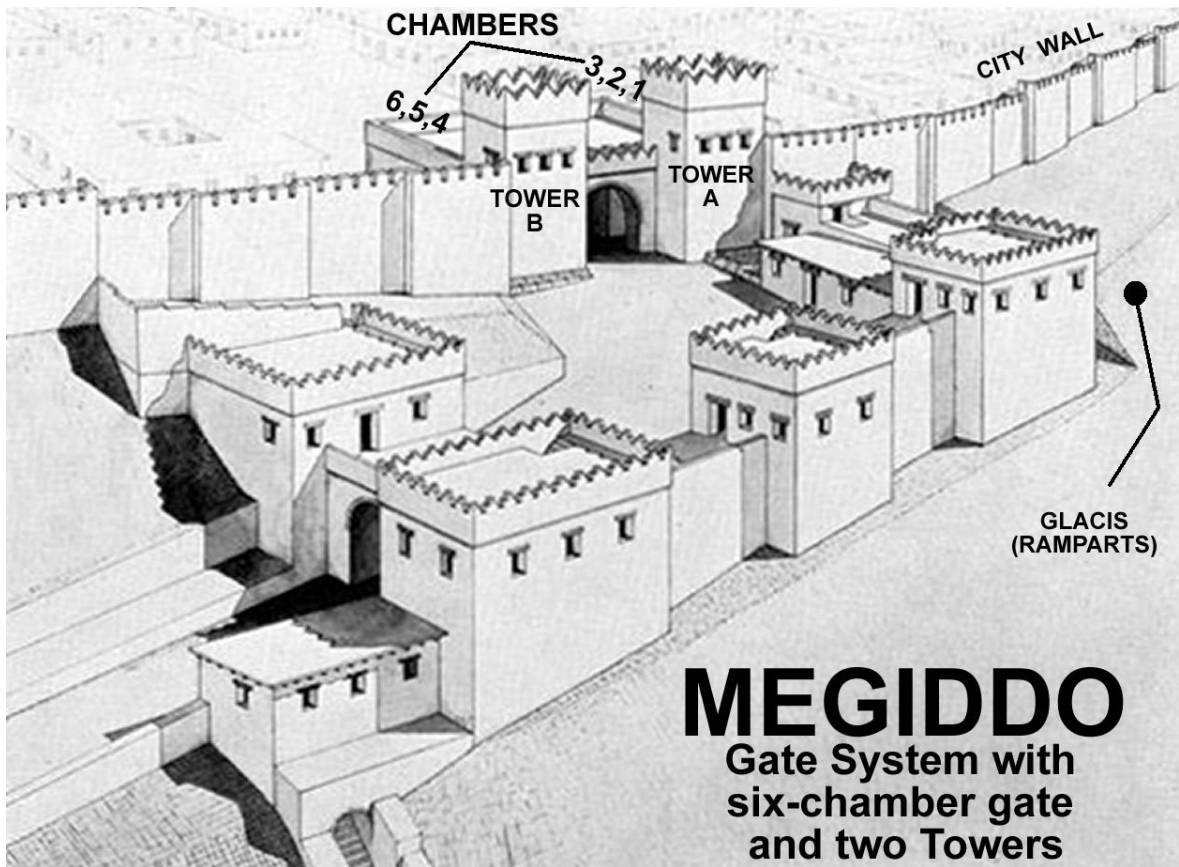


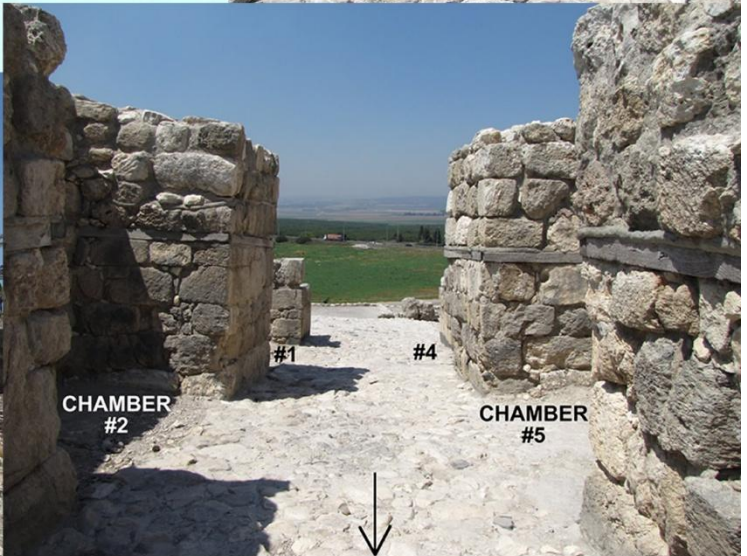
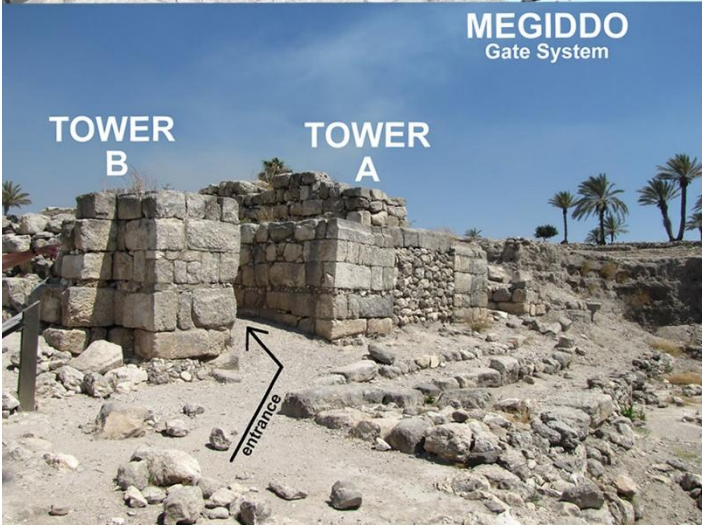
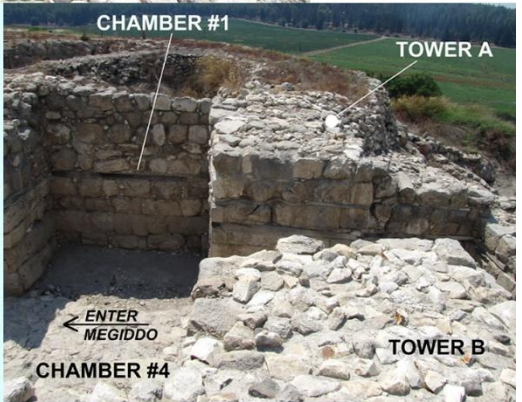
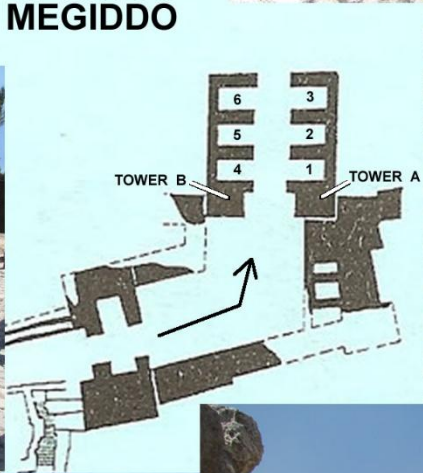
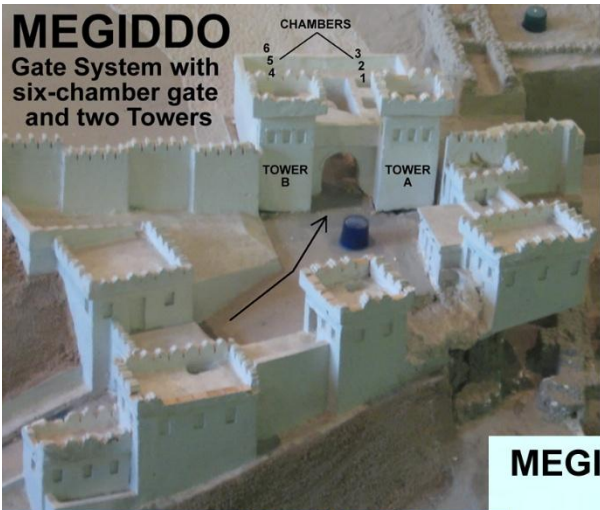


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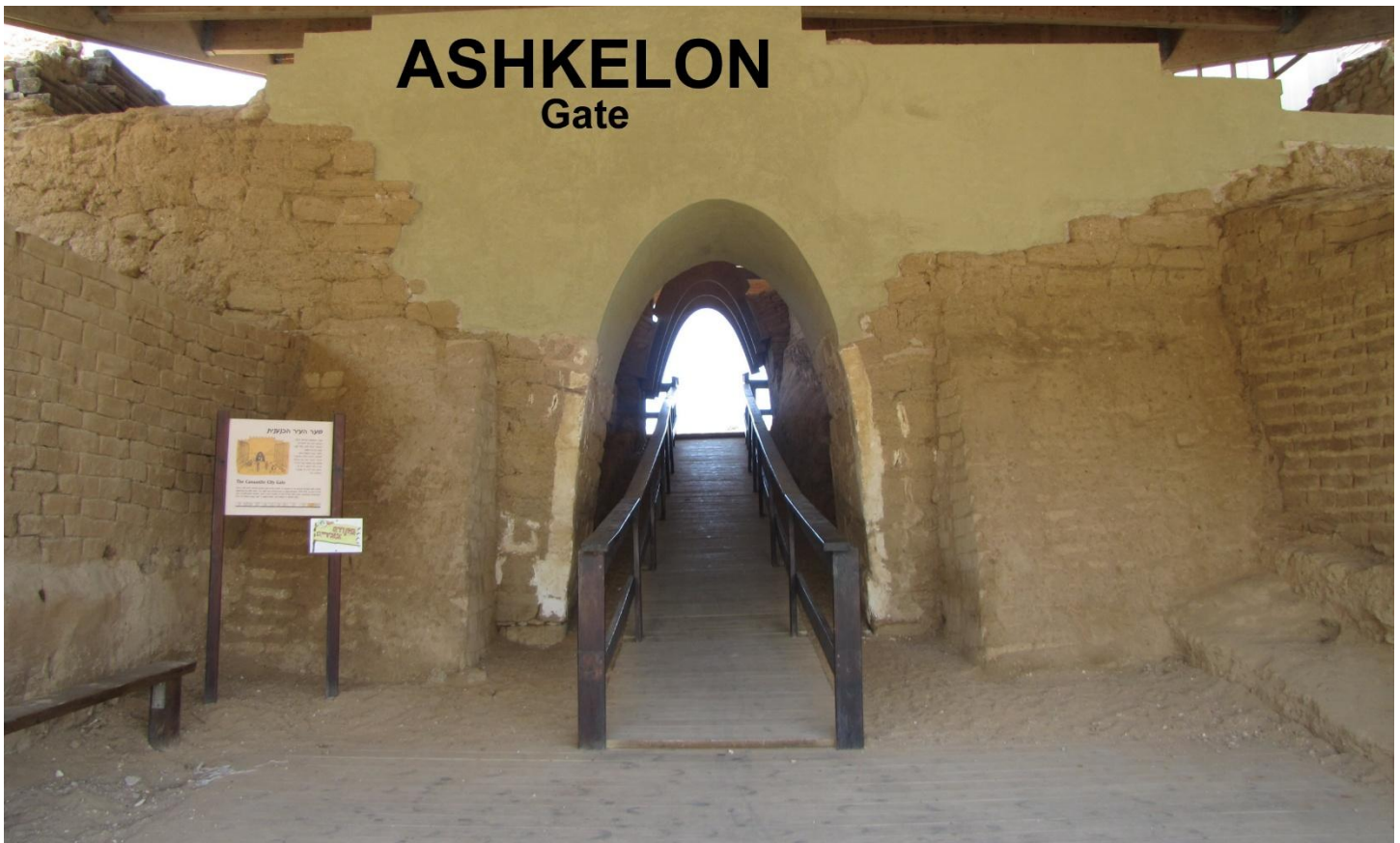








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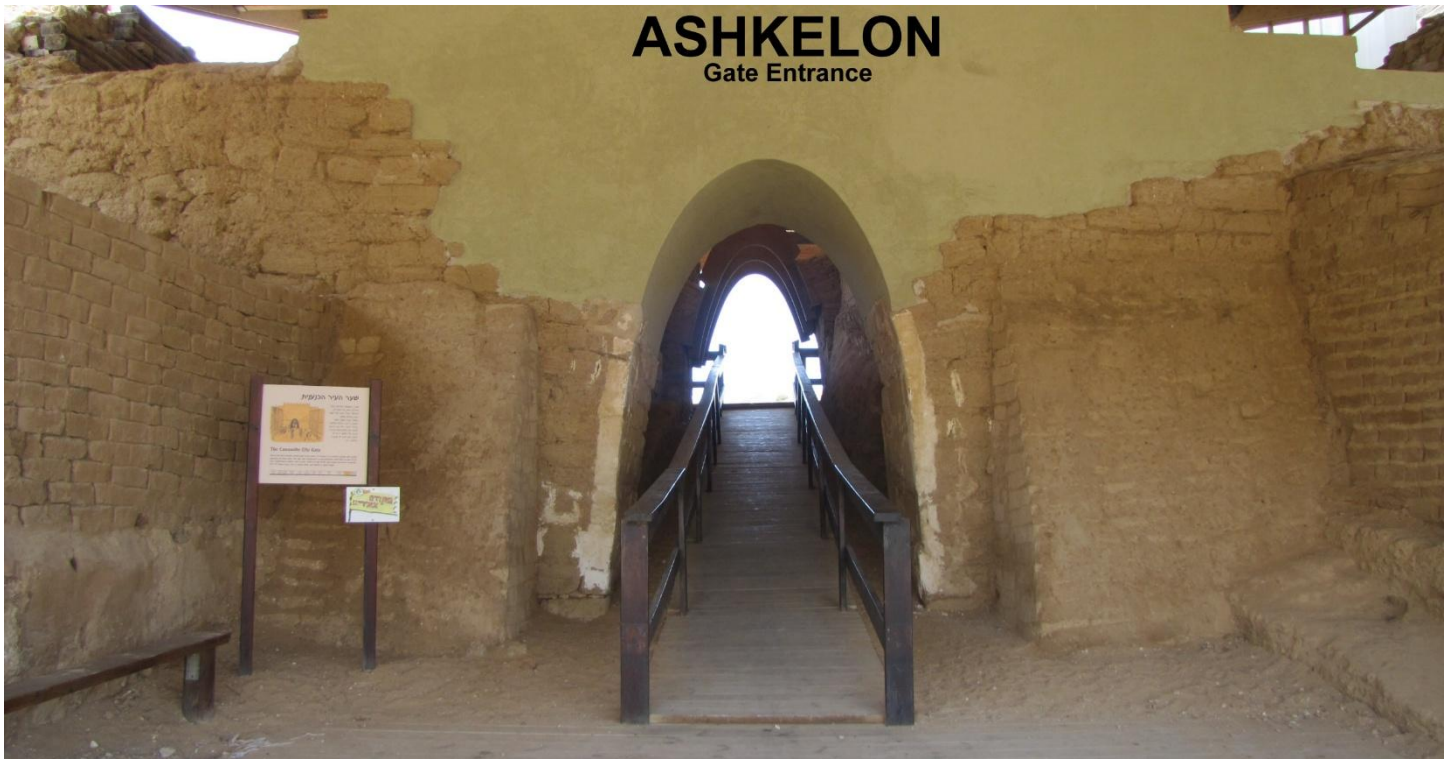


ASHKELON
Gate Entrance
left side (east side)



ASHKELON
Gate
original mud bricks
left side (east)

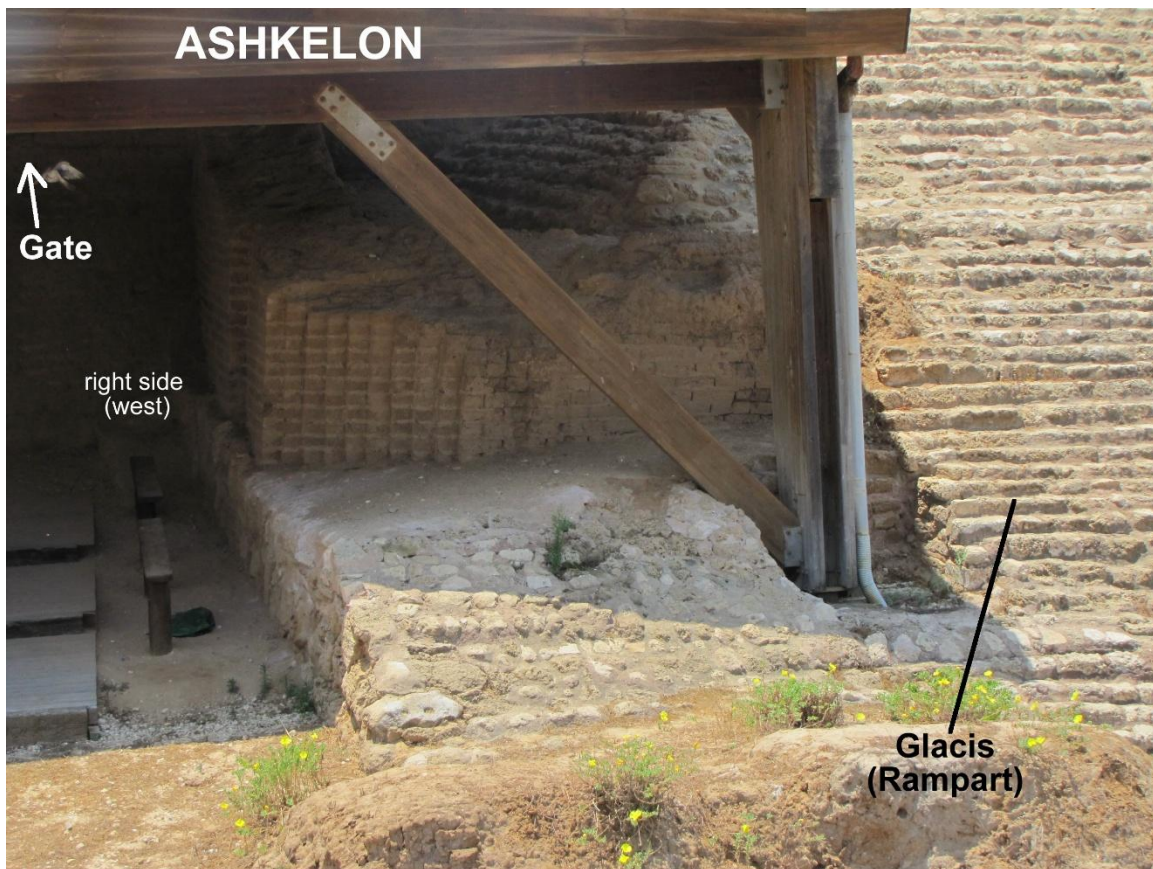


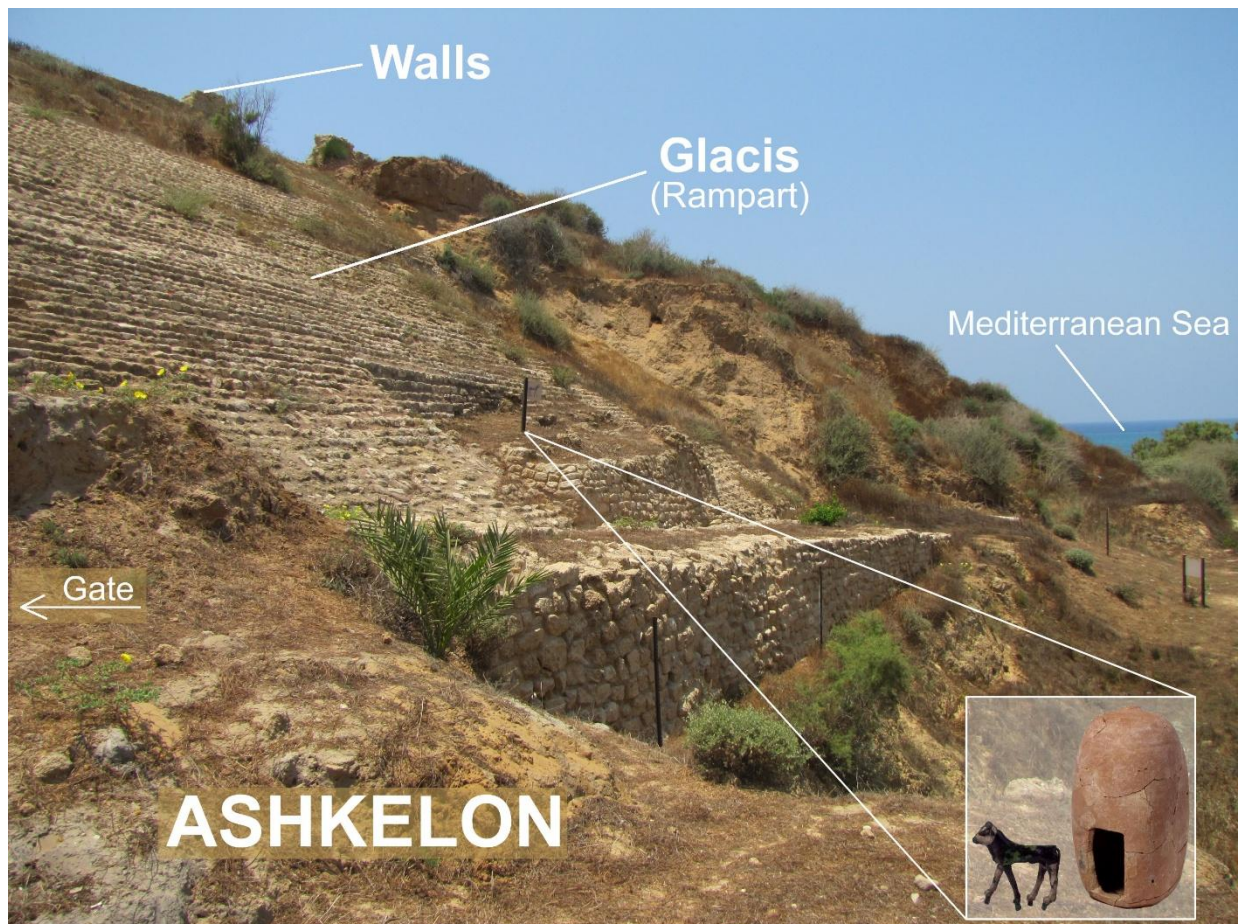
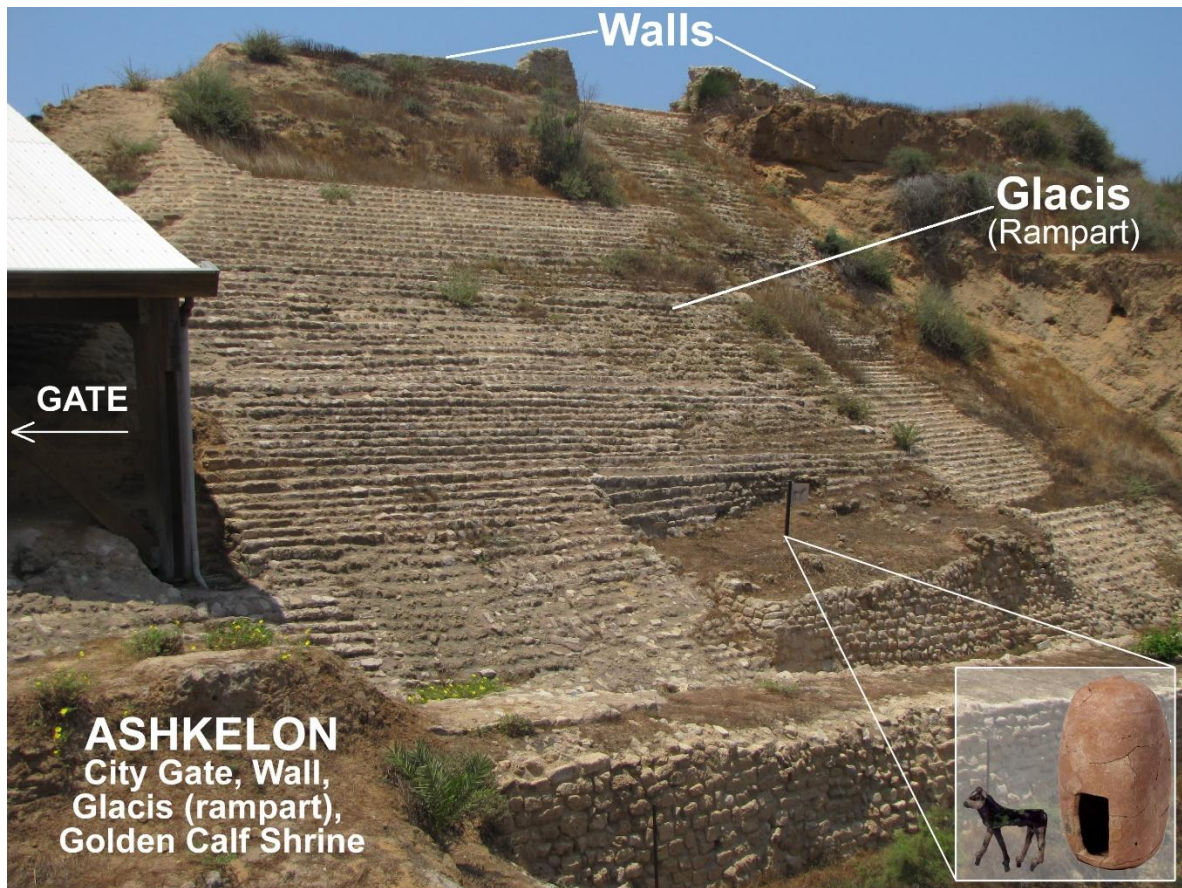


ASHKELON
Gate Entrance



ASHKELON
Gate
original mud bricks
right side (west)





Ashkelon by the
Mediterranean Sea



שער העיר הכנענית



שער הקשתות הקדום ביותר בעולם; הוא בנוי מסדרון מקומר ובכל קצה שלו ישנו פתח בצורת קשת. השער נבנה בשנת 1850 לפסה"ל לערך כחלק ממערר ביצורי העיר. הוא בנוי ברובו מלבני בוצ' ומעט אבני כורכר. אורכו של השער כ-15 מ', רוחבו יותר מ-2 מ' וגובהו כמעט 4 מ'.

The Canaanite City Gate

This is the most ancient arched gate in the world. It consists of an arched corridor with arched openings on both ends. The gate was constructed in approximately 1850 BCE as part of the city's fortification system, and is built mostly of mud bricks with some calcareous limestone. It is 15 meters long, over 2 meters wide, and almost 4 meters high.

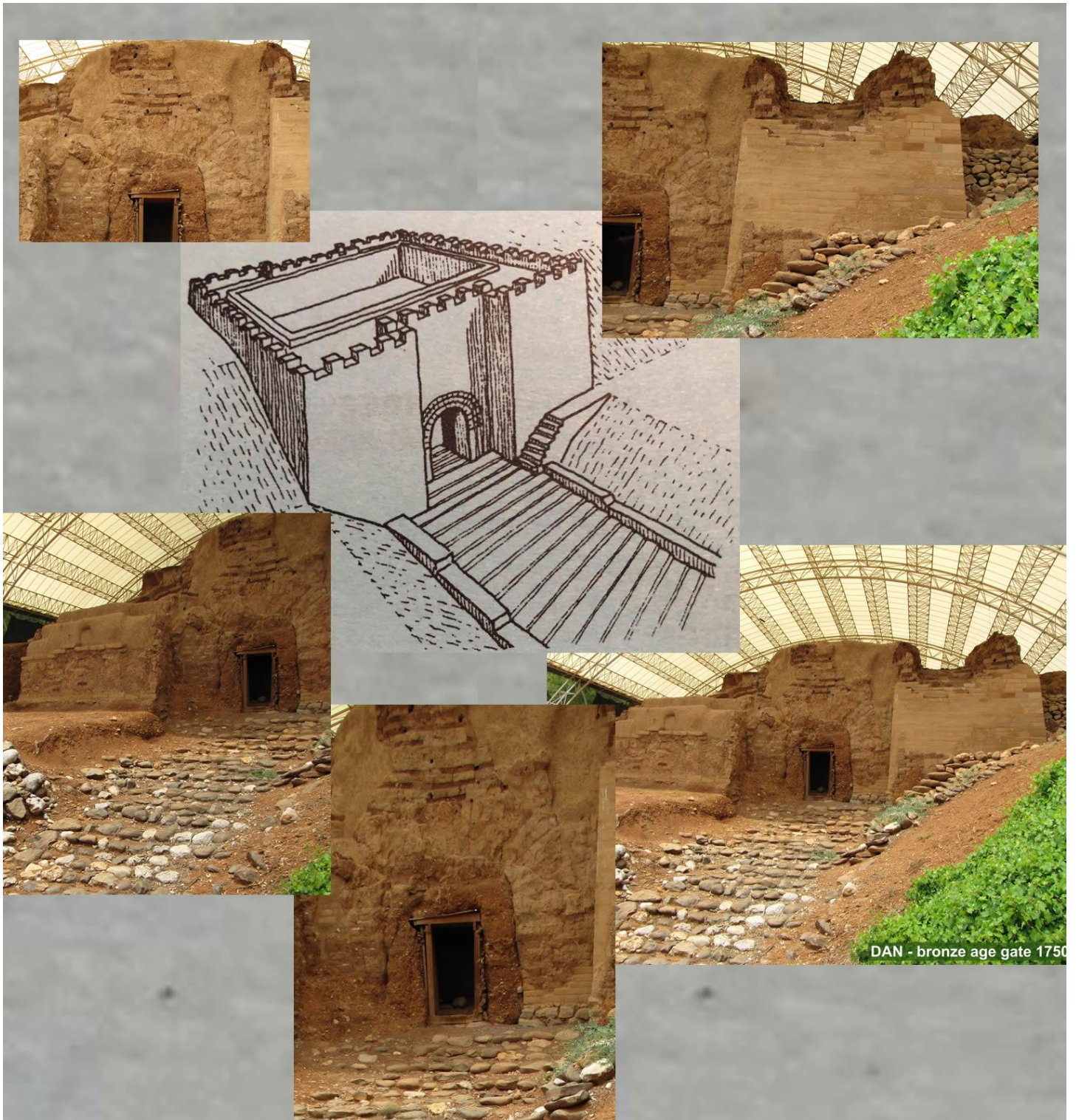




MEDITERRANEAN SEA at ASHKELON



DAN #1 - 2000 BC





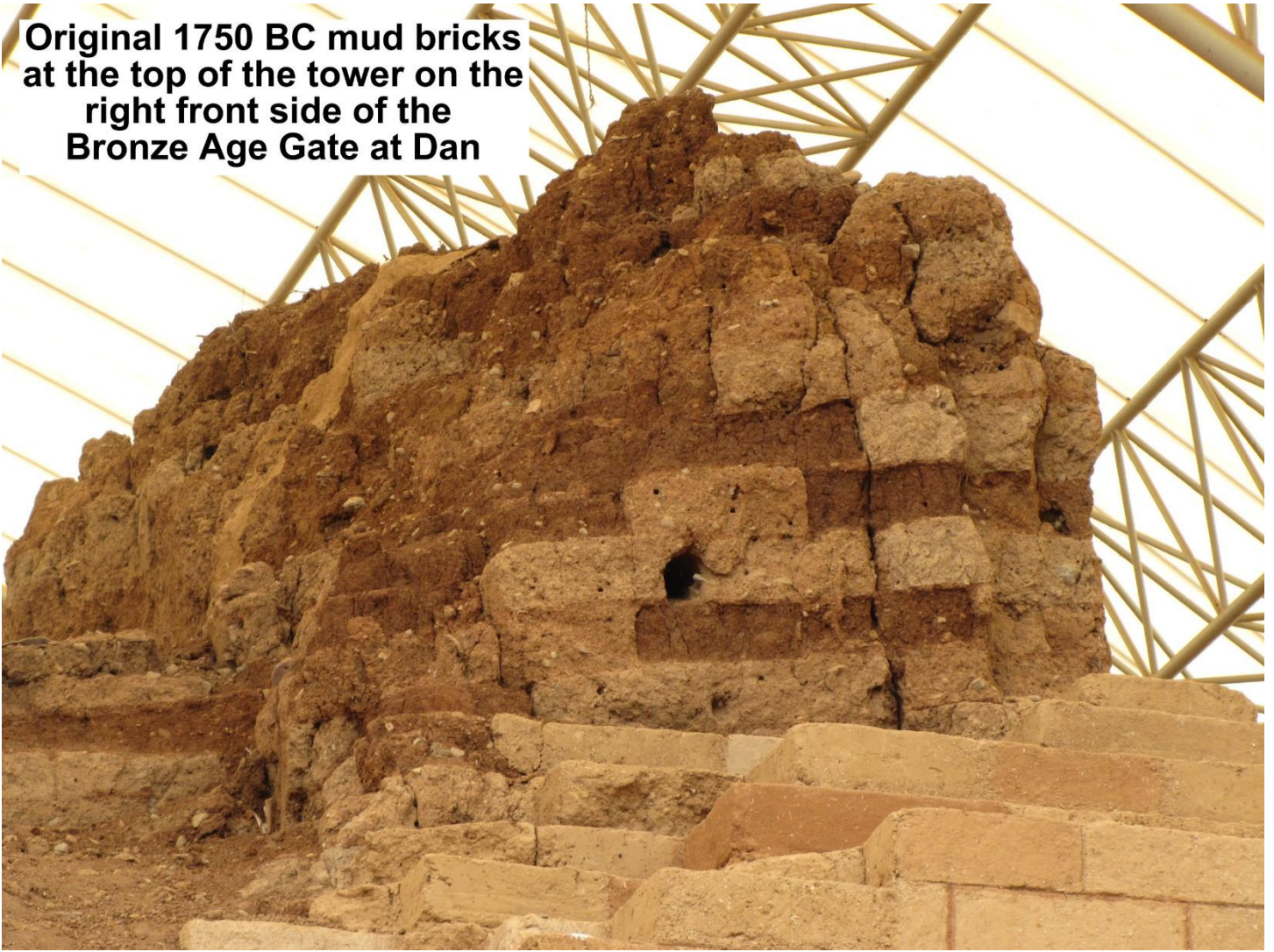
Front of the Bronze Age Gate at Dan. The arch made of original mud bricks can be seen going up and over the narrow entry way into the ancient city cut through the ancient fill left from when the Israelites buried this gate to reinforce their defenses. Inside this gate are two more arches for passage into the city that help support this gate



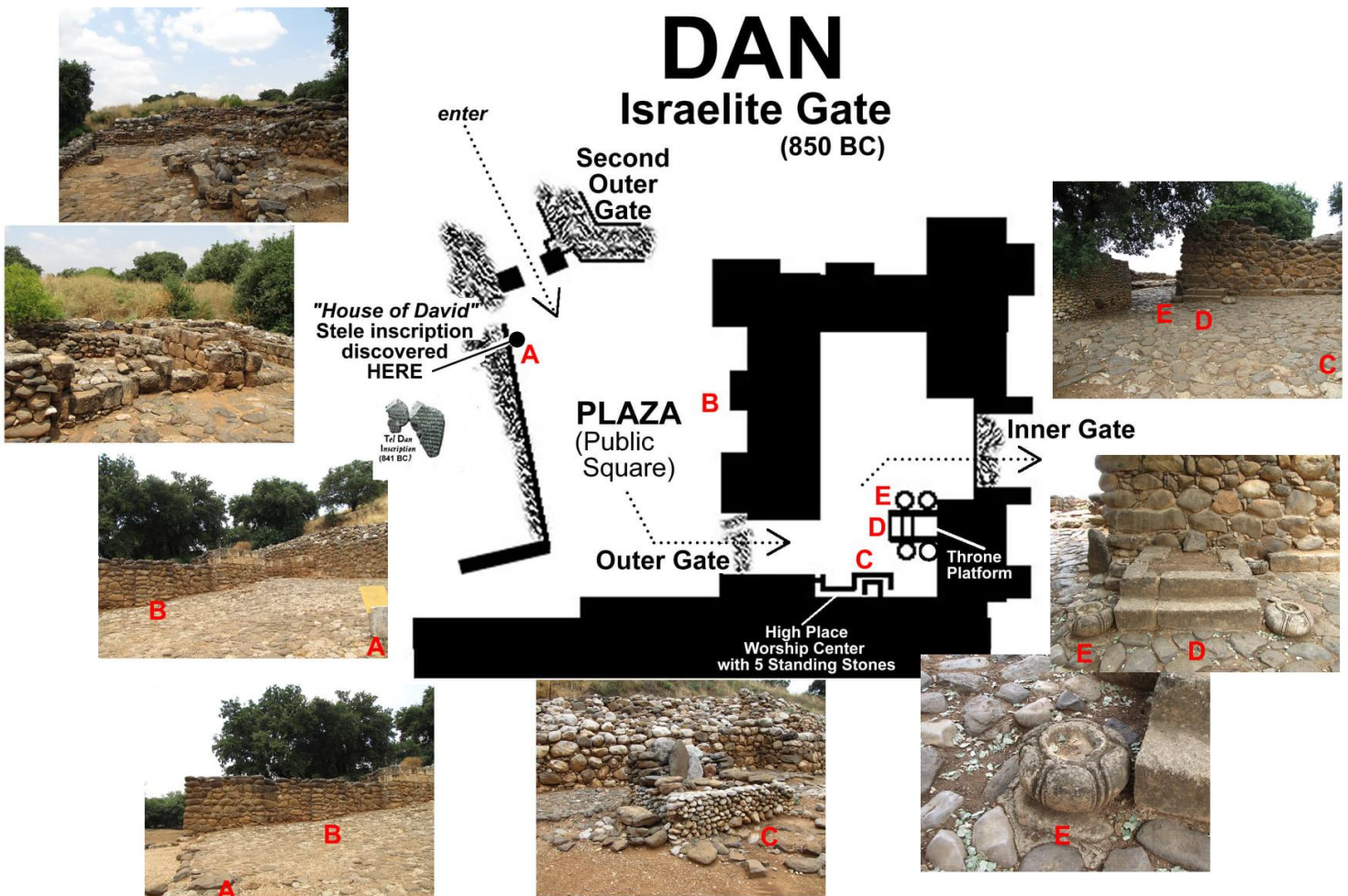
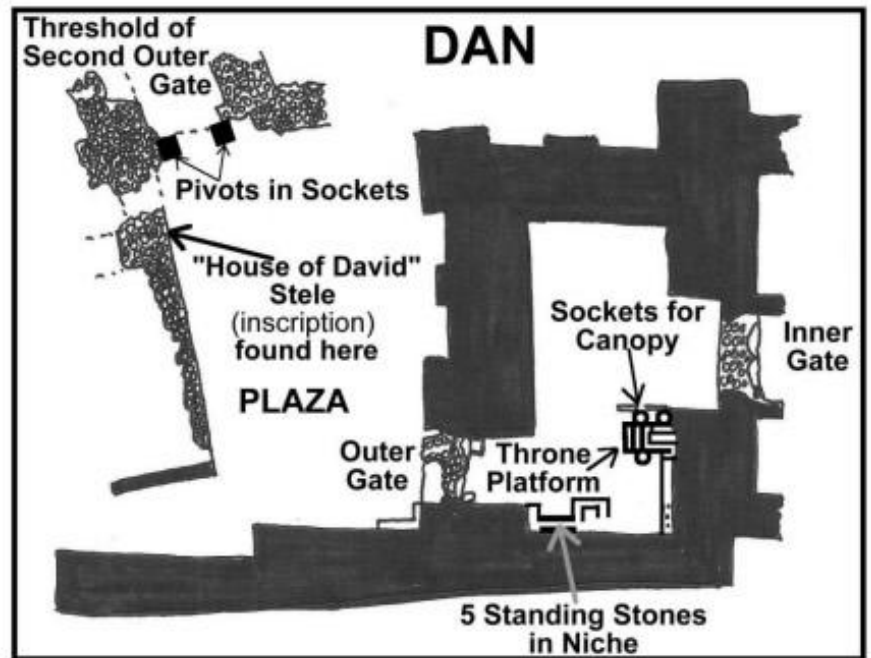




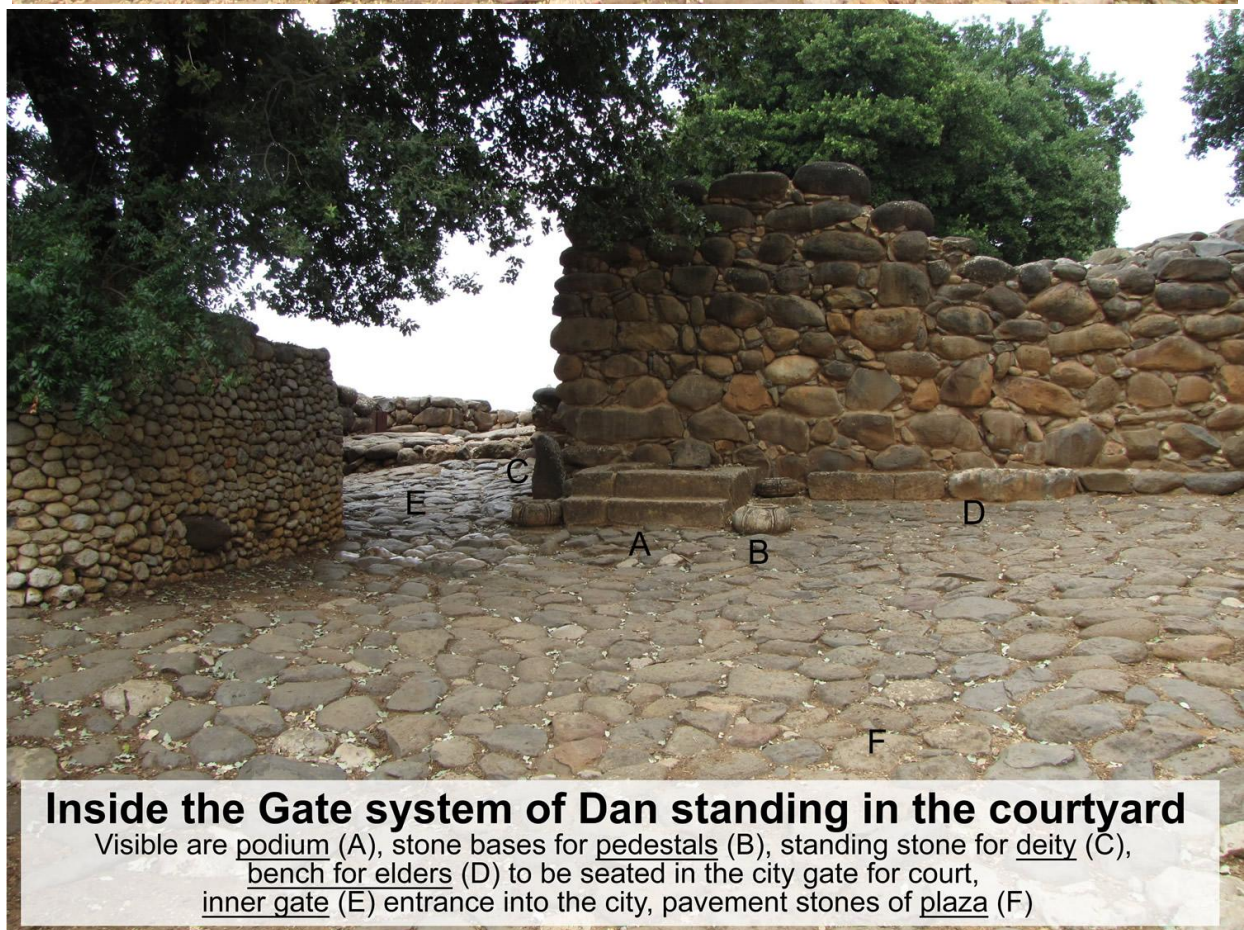
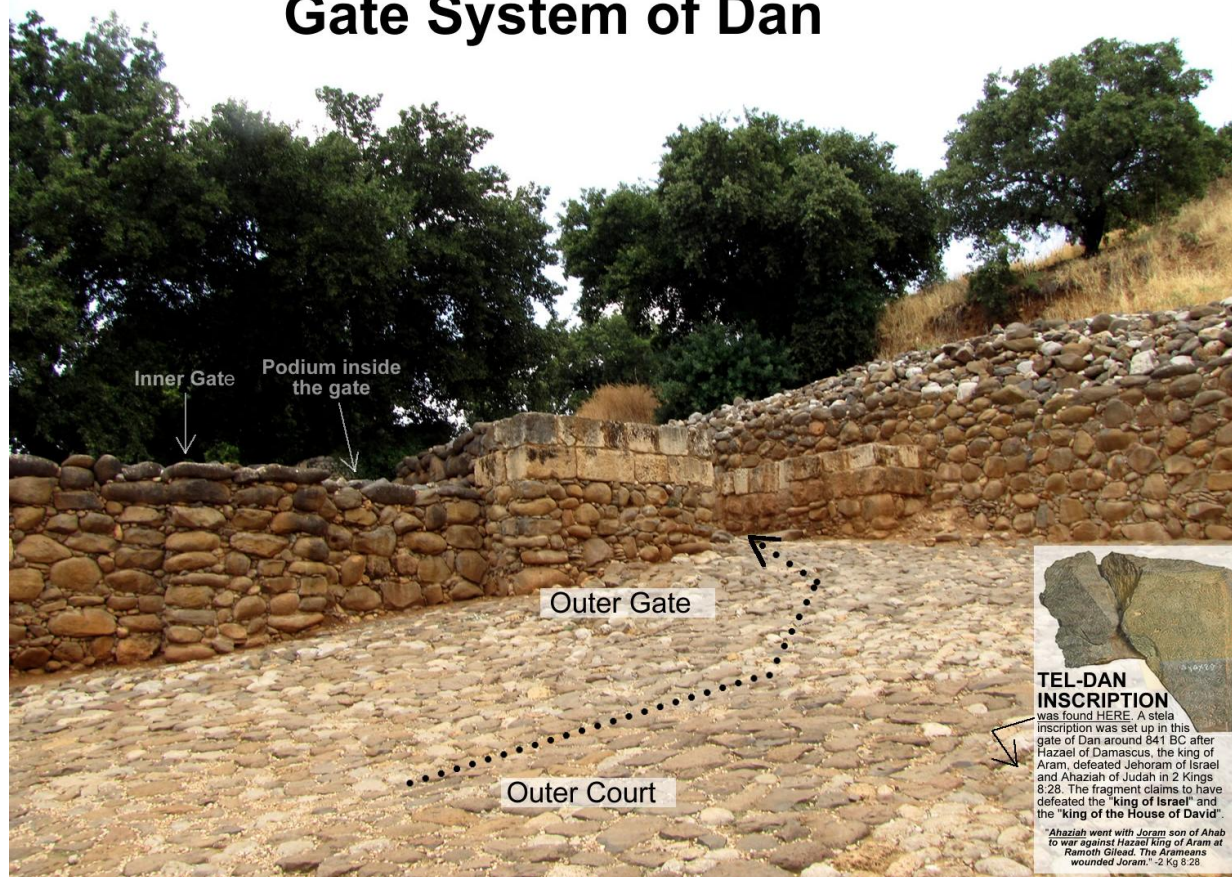
**Original 1750 BC mud bricks
at the top of the tower on the
right front side of the
Bronze Age Gate at Dan**

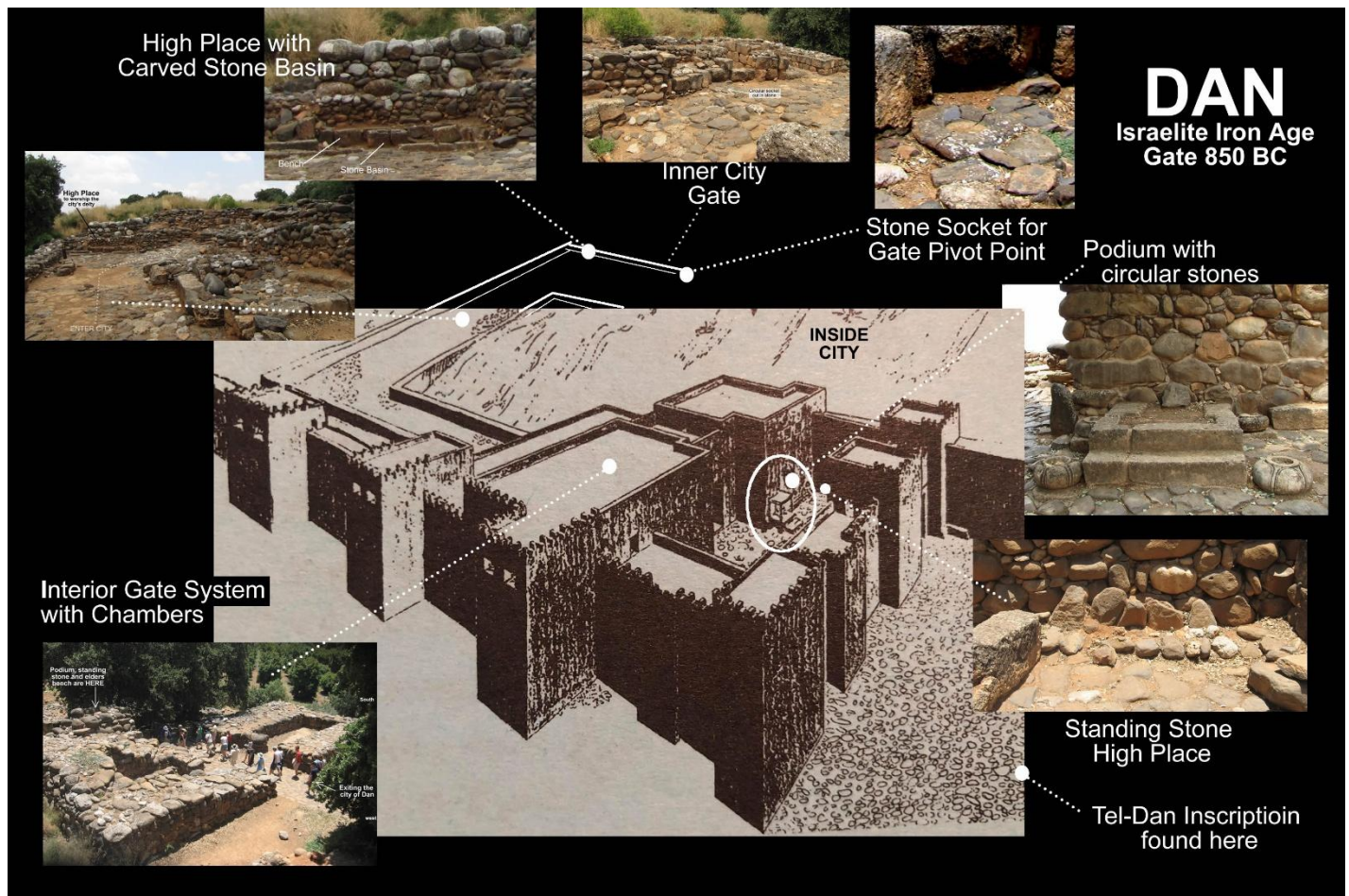


Dan #2 - 1000 BC



Gate System of Dan







Podium (A) for the judgment seat of city king, ruler or judge to make decisions and settle legal cases in the city gate of Dan.
 Four circular stone bases (B) for wooden posts that supported the canopy that covered the "throne".
 The standing stone (C) representing the deity is left of the podium.
 The stone bench (D) where the city elders would sit is to the right.
 The inner gate (E) leading into the city is left of the standing stone.



Inside the city of Dan near the interior gate.



High Place of Worship

- used when entering the city of Dan to worship the city's false god
- carved, hollowed out stone basin in center
- benches set around perimeter of this high place

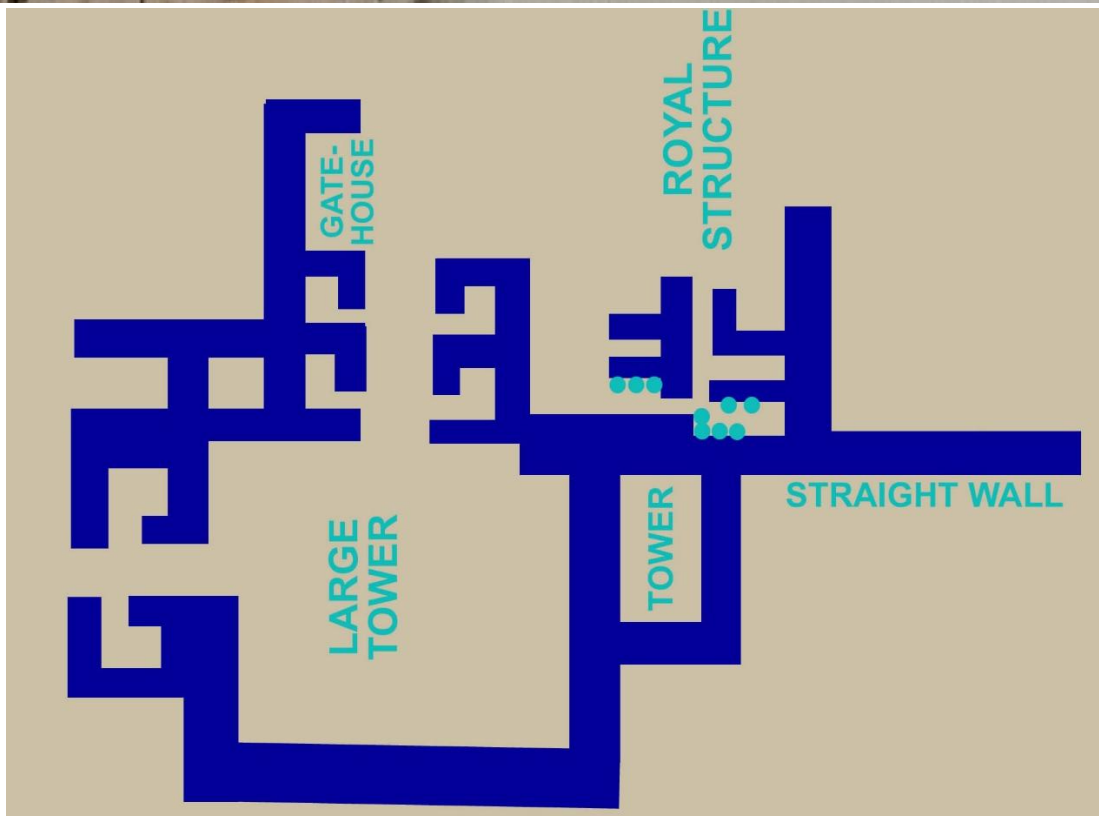
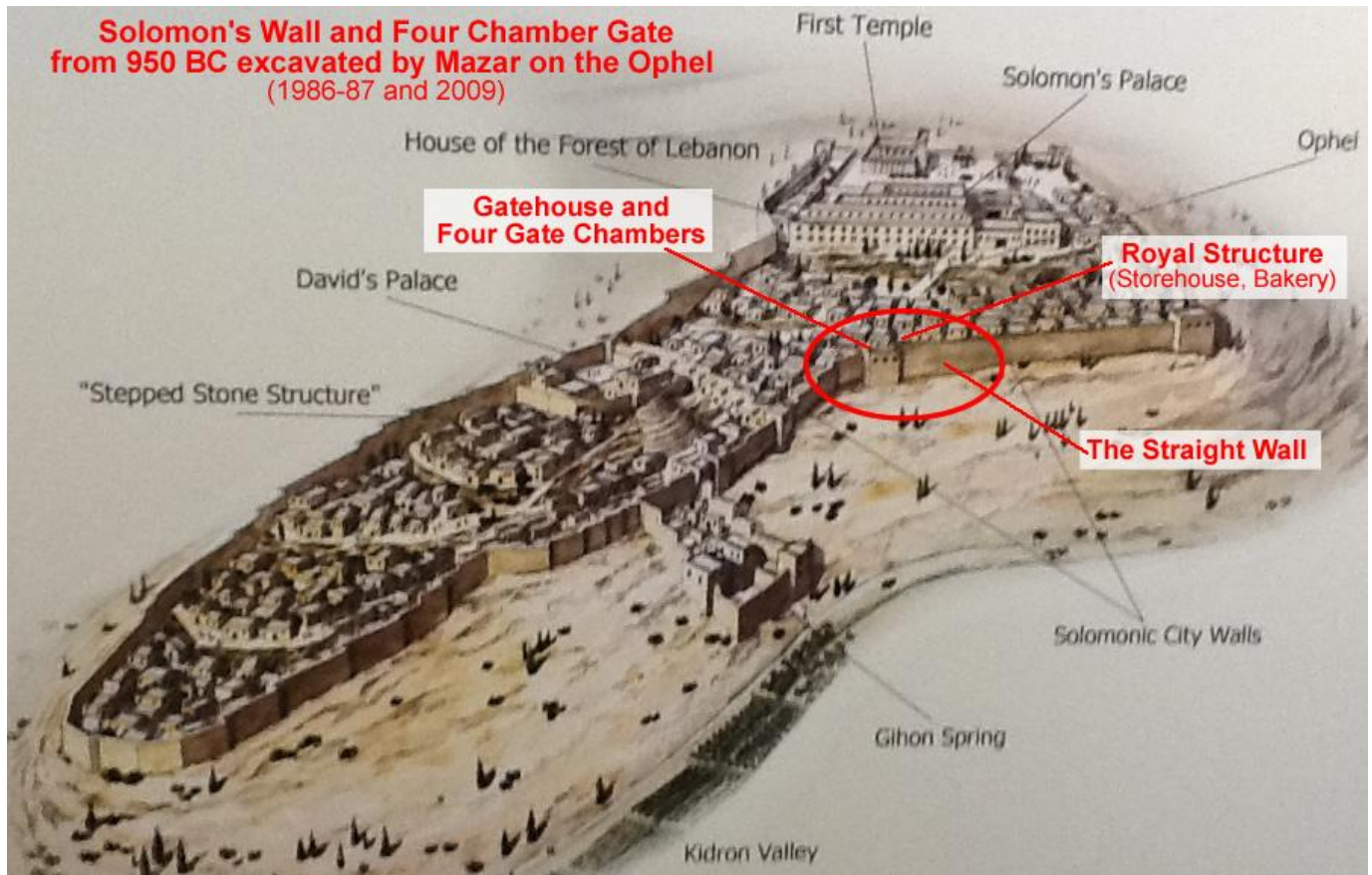


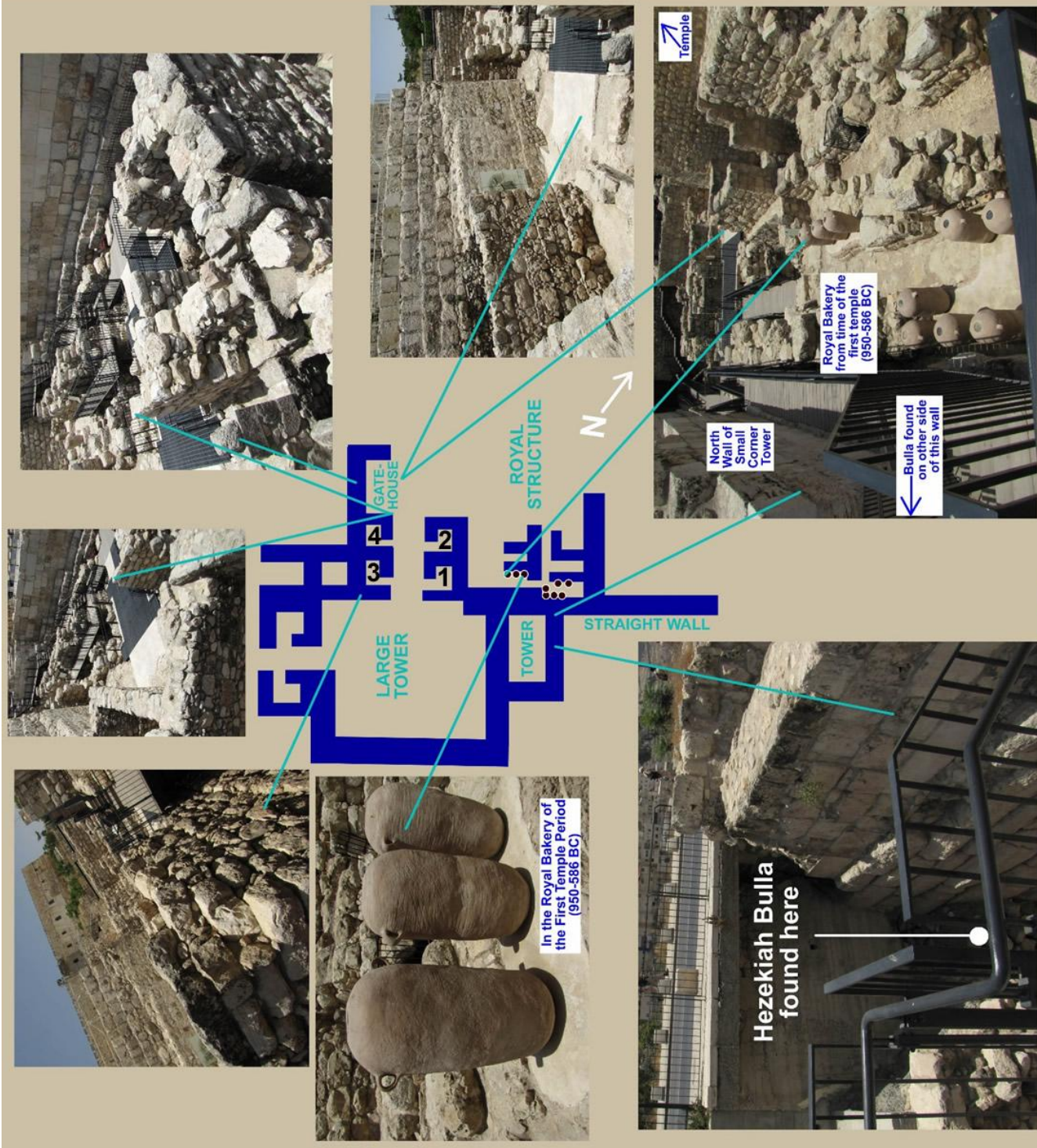
The final and most inner gate of the city with the final series of chambers.
 Note a socket cut out of stone where one of the sides of the gate doors would have pivoted



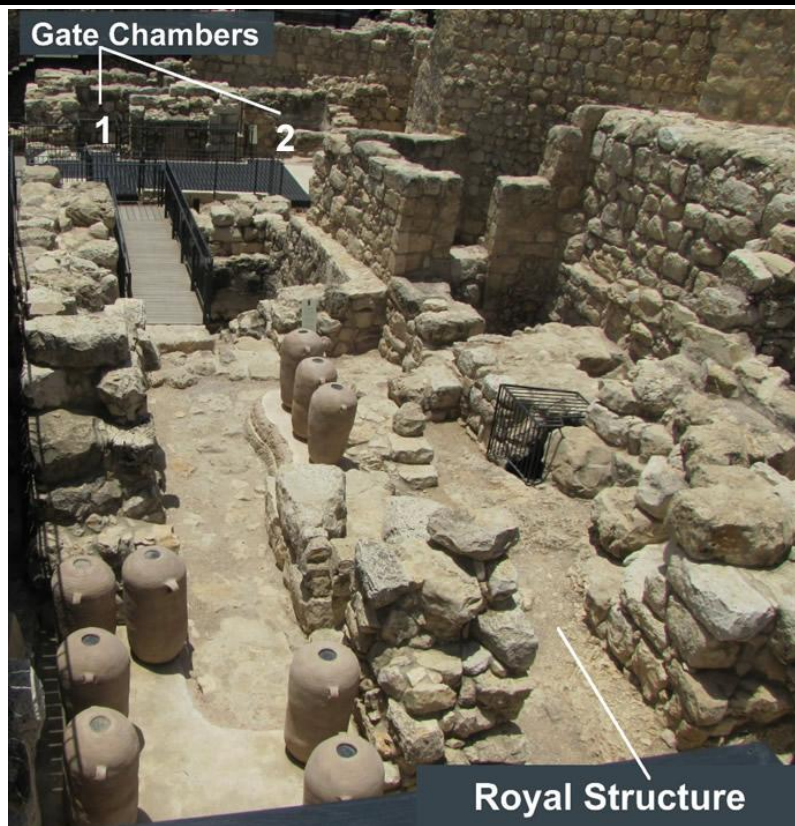
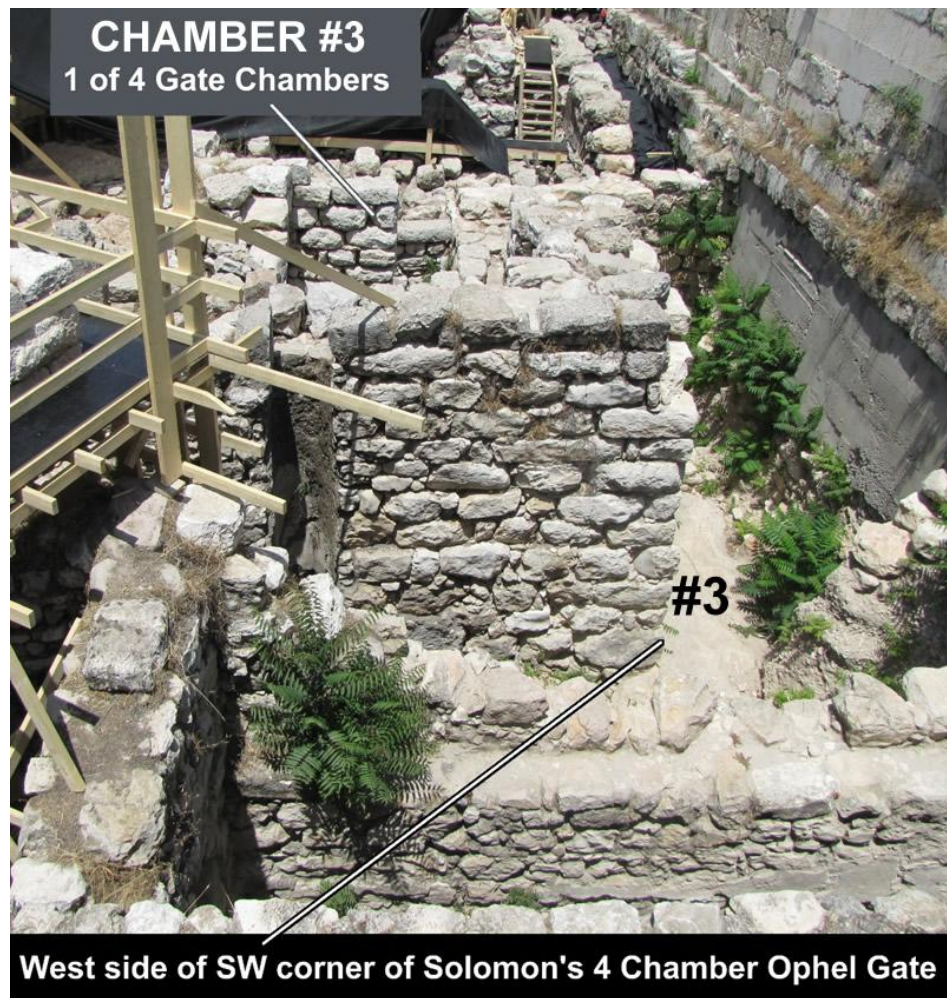
Standing Stone Niche in Gate at Dan used by citizens, visitors to worship the gods.
"He (Josiah, king of Judah) broke down the high places of the gates." - 2 Kg. 23:8

JERUSALEM





Solomon's Wall with Old Testament Gates and Towers

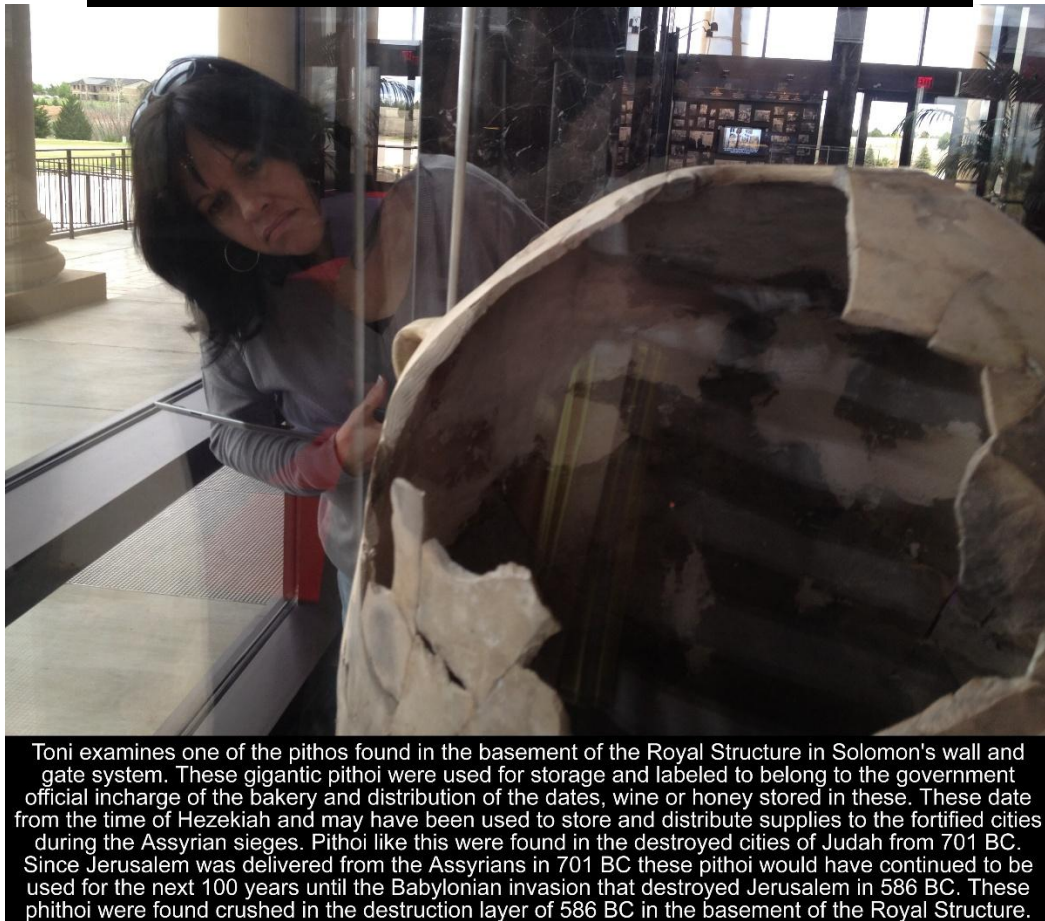




One of the Chambers of Solomon's Gate System

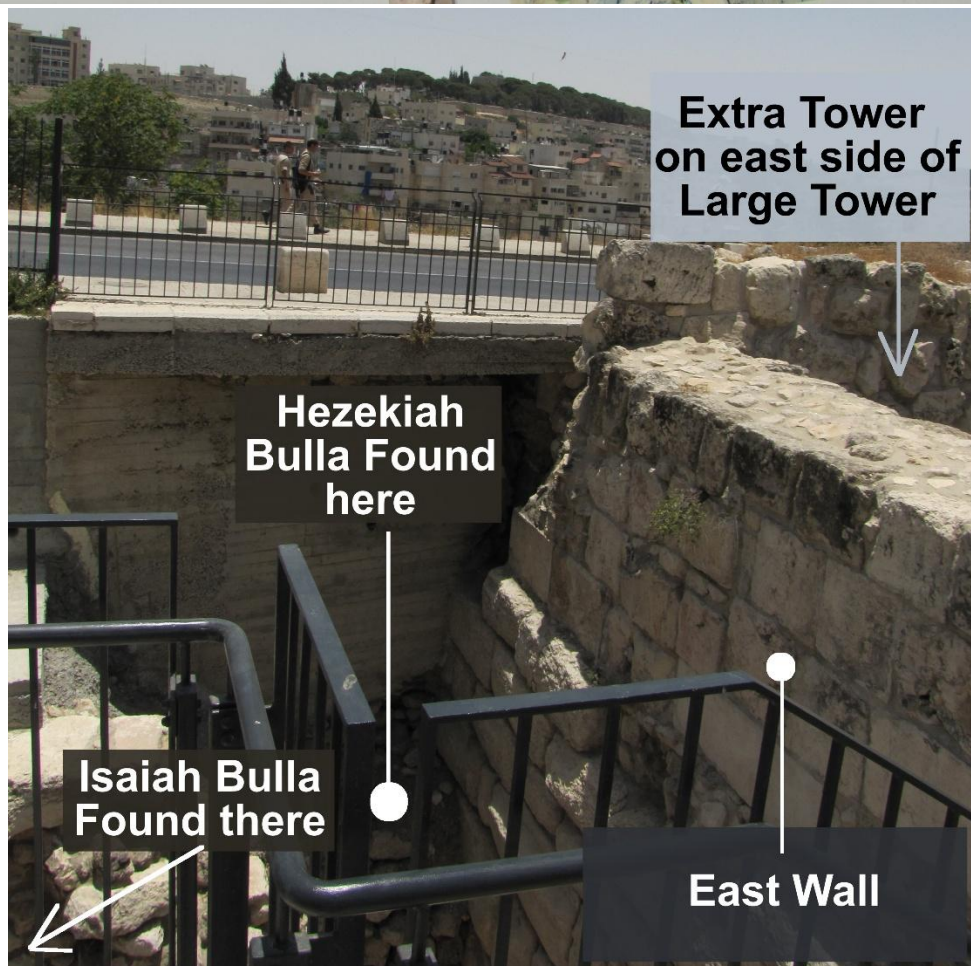
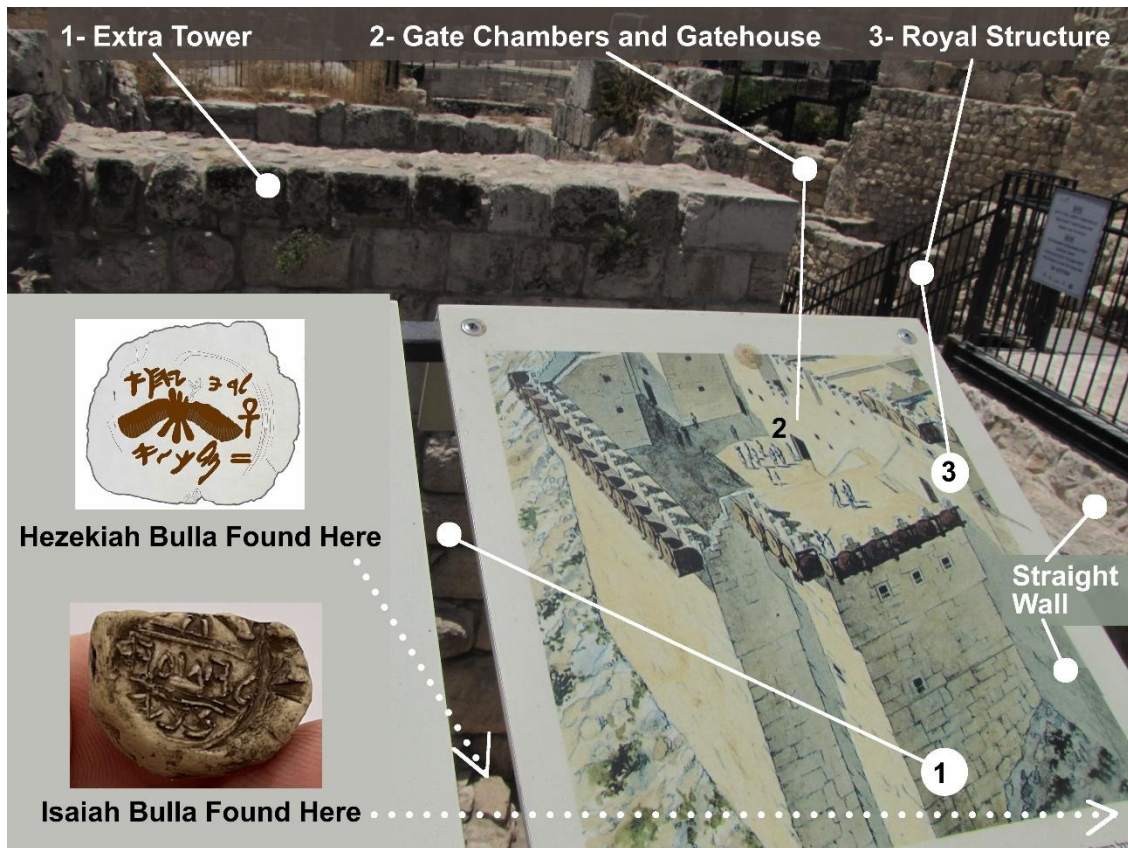
The "Horse Gate", Nehemiah 3:28:
"Above the Horse Gate, the priests made repairs, each in front of his own house."





Three Pithoi (large storage vessels) setting in the Royal Structure in what was a Royal Bakery during the days of Solomon's Temple (950-586 BC)





ISAIAH BULLA

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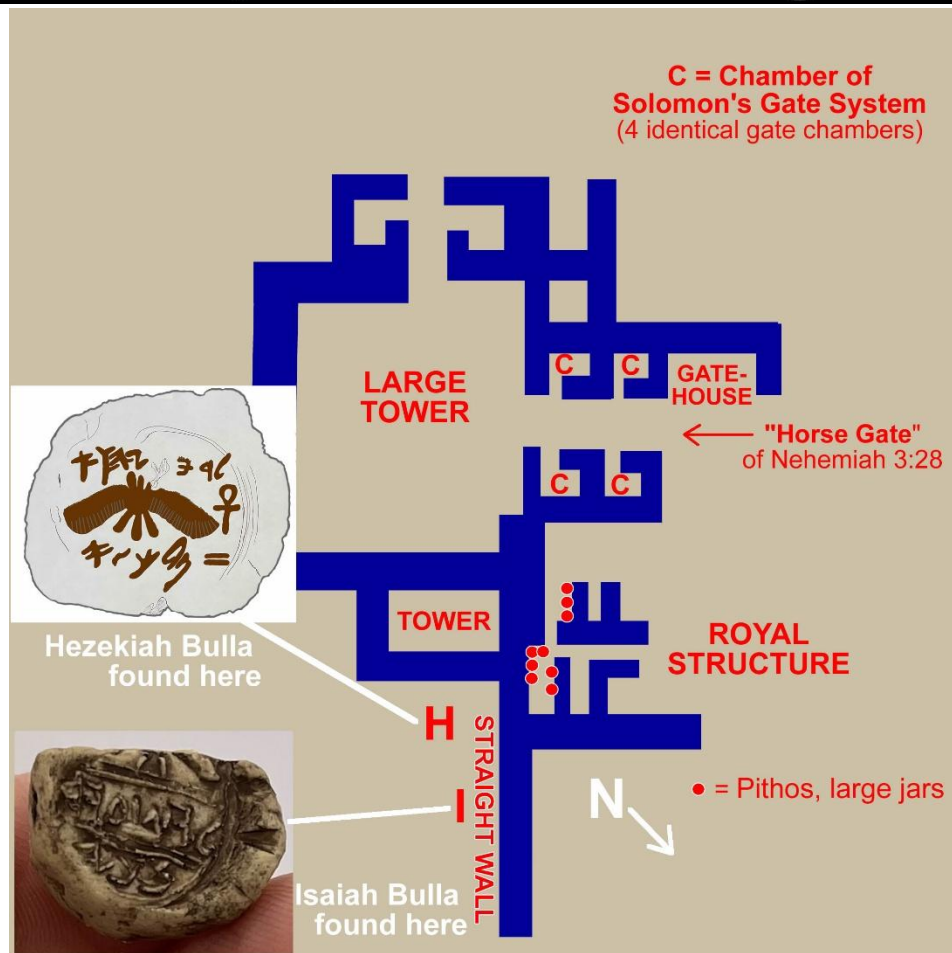
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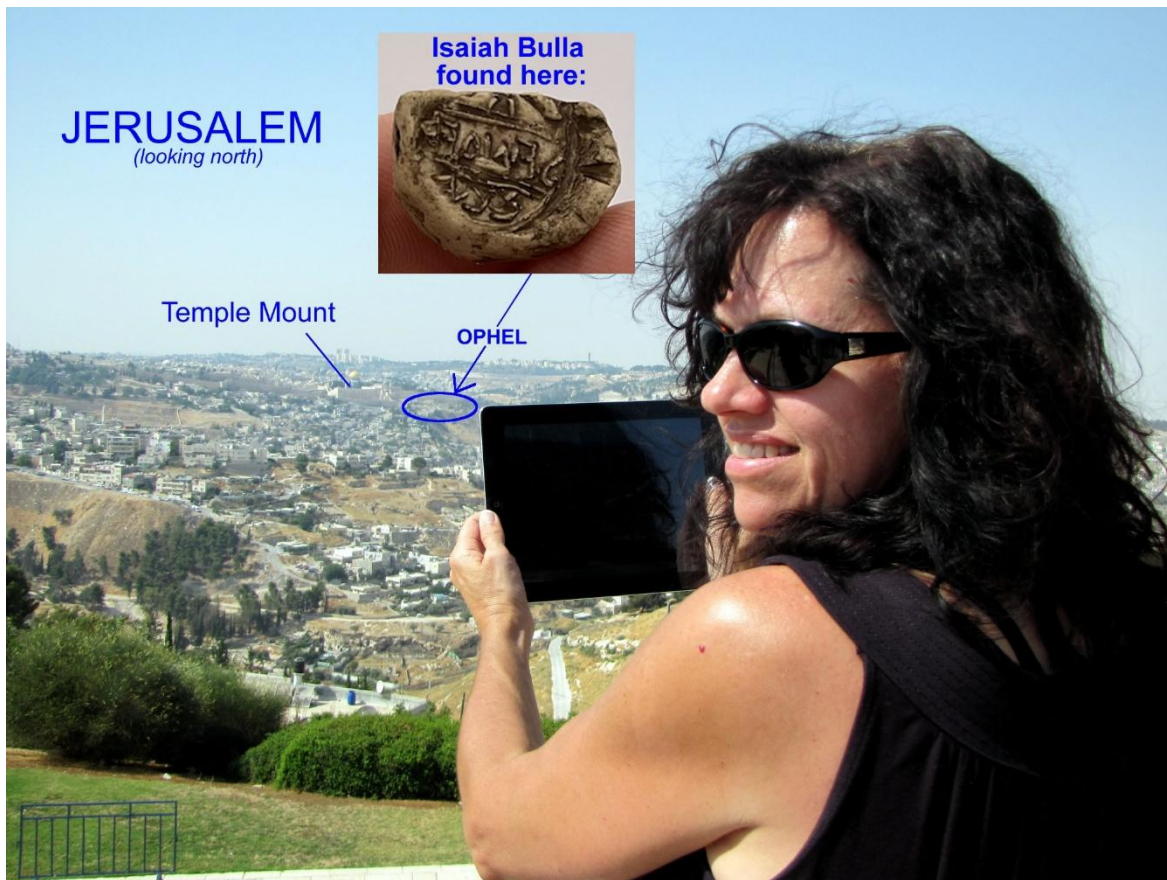
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“Belonging to
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Ahaz king of Judah”





SODOM

