Nehemiah 3:8-21

Nehemiah 3:8 – "Next to them Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, repaired. Next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, repaired, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.



- 1. "Goldsmiths" *tsaraph* meaning "to smelt, refine, test"
- 2. "Perfumers" is *raqqach* meaning "ointment maker" or "perfumer"
- 3. Both the goldsmith and perfumers occupations could be put on hold while the walls were being repaired.
 - a. Their products were not in demand at this time
 - b. Their business would improve and be more secure with the completion of the wall

3:9 – "Next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, ruler of half the district of <u>Jerusalem</u>, repaired.

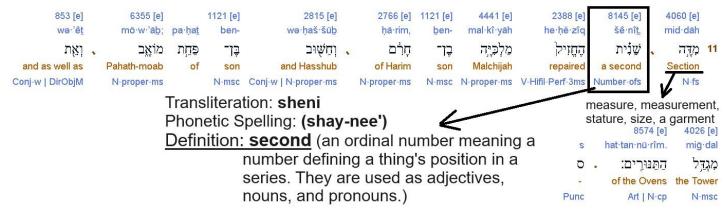


3:10 – "Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired opposite his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabneiah repaired.





3:11- "Malchijah the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of Pahath-moab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens.



- 1. Malchijah builds his second section of the wall, but there is no mention of his first section.
 - a. In 3:21 Meremoth is mentioned the same way, but his name is also mentioned in 3:4.

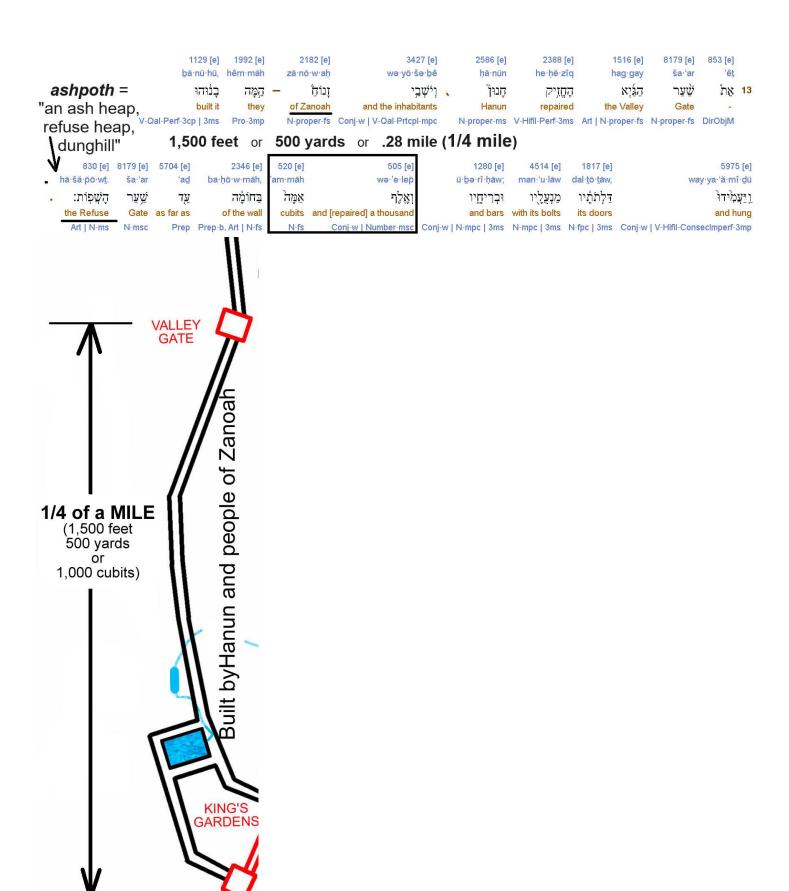
3:12 – "Next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, ruler of half the district of <u>Jerusalem</u>, repaired, he and his daughters.



sar = "chieftain, chief, ruler, official, captain, prince"



- 1. "and his daughters" is from *ubenowtaw* or /ū·bə·nō·w·tāw/ which occurs 5x in the Hebrew OT.
 - a. Genesis 46:15 "...his sons and his daughters [numbered] thirty-three."
 - b. Numbers 21:29 "...as fugitives, And his daughters into captivity,..."
 - c. Deuteronomy 32:19 "...of His sons and daughters."
 - d. Nehemiah 3:12 "...made repairs, he and his daughters."
 - e. Job 1:13 "...when his sons and his daughters were eating..."
- 3:13 "Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and repaired a thousand cubits of the wall, as far as the Dung Gate.



DUNG GATE 3:14 – "Malchijah the son of Rechab, ruler of the district of <u>Beth-haccherem</u>, repaired the Dung Gate. He rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.





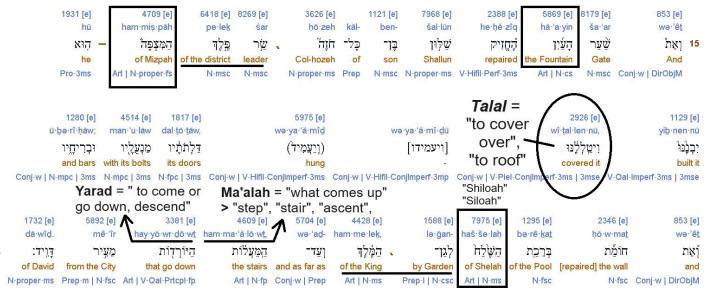


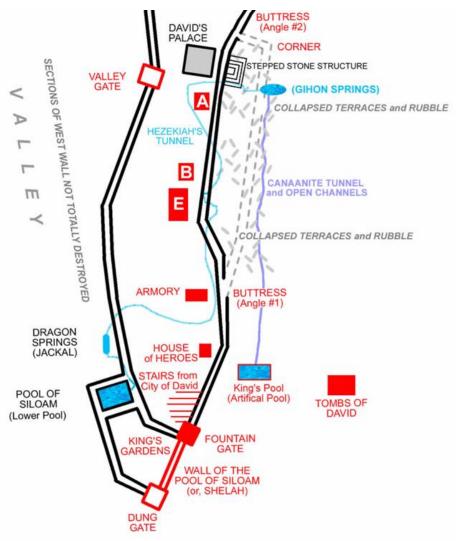
The FIVE DISTRICTS of the province (satrap) of Judah

of the Wall
Nehemiah 3
Nehemiah 4:7

The two large districts (Jerusalem, Keilah) are divided into halves with a leader for both. The three smaller districts (Beth-haccherem, Mizpah, Beth-zur) each have one leader.

3:15 – "And Shallum the son of Col-hozeh, ruler of the district of <u>Mizpah</u>, repaired the Fountain Gate. He rebuilt it and covered it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. And he built the wall of the Pool of Shelah of the king's garden, as far as the stairs that go down from the city of David.





3:16 – "After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, ruler of half the district of <u>Beth-zur</u>, repaired to a point opposite the tombs of David, as far as the artificial pool, and as far as the house of the mighty men.

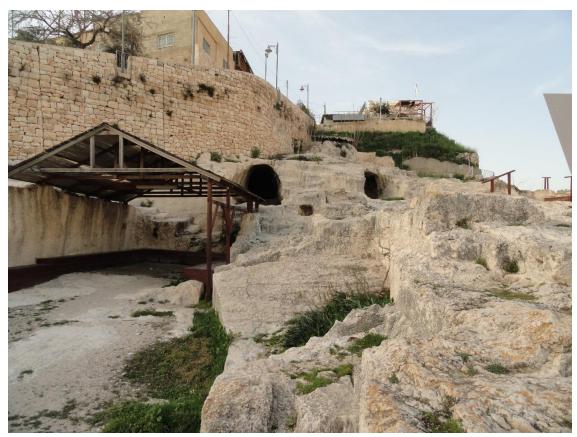


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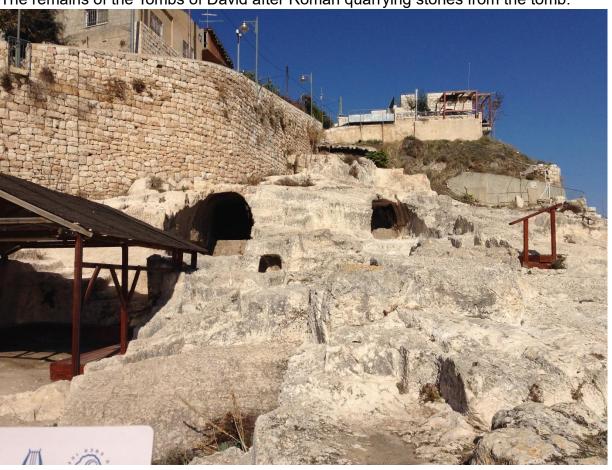


ABOVE: Looking north from outside the Dung Gate in the Hinnom and Kidron Valley intersection. Looking up the Kidron Valley on the east side of Jerusalem. BELOW: Same view but closer to see the Tombs of David.





The remains of the Tombs of David after Roman quarrying stones from the tomb.





Standing above the Tombs of David looking SE into the Kidron Valley at the south end of Jerusalem.

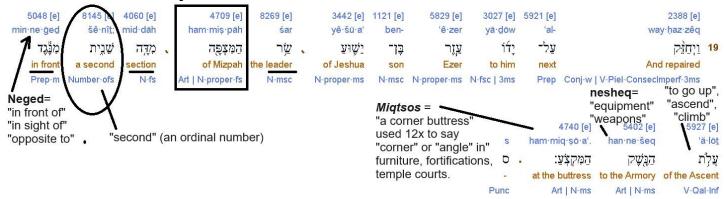
3:17 – "After him the Levites repaired: Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him Hashabiah, ruler of half the district of <u>Keilah</u>, repaired for his district.



3:18 – "After him their brothers repaired: Bavvai the son of Henadad, ruler of half the district of Keilah.



3:19- "Next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, ruler of <u>Mizpah</u>, repaired another section opposite the ascent to the armory at the buttress.



- 1. Shallum is the ruler of the district of Mizpah in 3:15
- 2. Ezer is the ruler of the city of Mizpah here in 3:19.

3:20 – "After him Baruch the son of Zabbai repaired[g] another section from the buttress to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.



1. Some translations translate and include "vigorously repaired"

3:21 – "After him Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired another section from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib.

