

Mount Moriah: The location of God's Chosen One

Judaism, Islam and Christianity



Binding of Isaac: Genesis 22



אֱלֹהִים-God

22:1 God put Abraham to the test, saying to him, "Abraham." He answered, "Here I am."

22:2 "Take your son, your favored one, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the heights that I will point out to you."

22:4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place from afar.

22:9 They arrived at the place of which God had told him. Abraham built an altar there; he laid out the wood; he bound his son Isaac; he laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

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יהוה-God's
Proper Name

22:10 And Abraham picked up the knife to slay his son.

22:11 Then a messenger of יהוה called to him from heaven: "Abraham! Abraham!" And he answered, "Here I am."

22:12 "Do not raise your hand against the boy, or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your favored one, from Me."

22:13 When Abraham looked up, his eye fell upon a ram, caught in the thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in place of his son.

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22:14 And Abraham named that site יהוה-yireh, whence the present saying, "On the mount of יהוה there is vision."

22:15 The messenger of יהוה called to Abraham a second time from heaven,

22:16 and said, "By Myself I swear, יהוה declares: Because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your favored one,

22:17 I will bestow My blessing upon you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven and the sands on the seashore; and your descendants shall seize the gates of their foes.

Binding of Ishmael in the Quran



The Islamic holiday, *Qurbani Id* (or *Id Al-Adha*), is known as the “Sacrifice Festival.” Muslims celebrate this “great feast of sacrifice” on the tenth day of the last month of the Muslim year. According to their doctrinal scheme, this day celebrates the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son by Hagar, *Ishmael*.

Binding of Ishmael in the Quran

As-Saffat 37:100-108



And when [the child] had become old enough to share in his [father's] endeavors, the latter said: "O my dear son! I have seen in a dream that I should sacrifice thee: consider, then, what would be thy view!" [Ishmael] answered: "O my father! Do as you are commanded: you will find me, if God so wills, among those who are patient in adversity.

Binding of Ishmael in the Quran

As-Saffat (61st Surha) 37:100-108



But as soon as the two had surrendered themselves to [what they thought to be] the will of God, and [Abraham] had laid him down on his face.

We called out to him: “O Abraham, you have already fulfilled [the purpose of] that dream- vision!” Thus, verily, do We reward the doers of good: or, behold, all this was indeed a trial, clear in itself.” And We ransomed him with a tremendous sacrifice and left him thus to be remembered among later generation. “Peace be upon Abraham!”

Temple on Mount Moriah

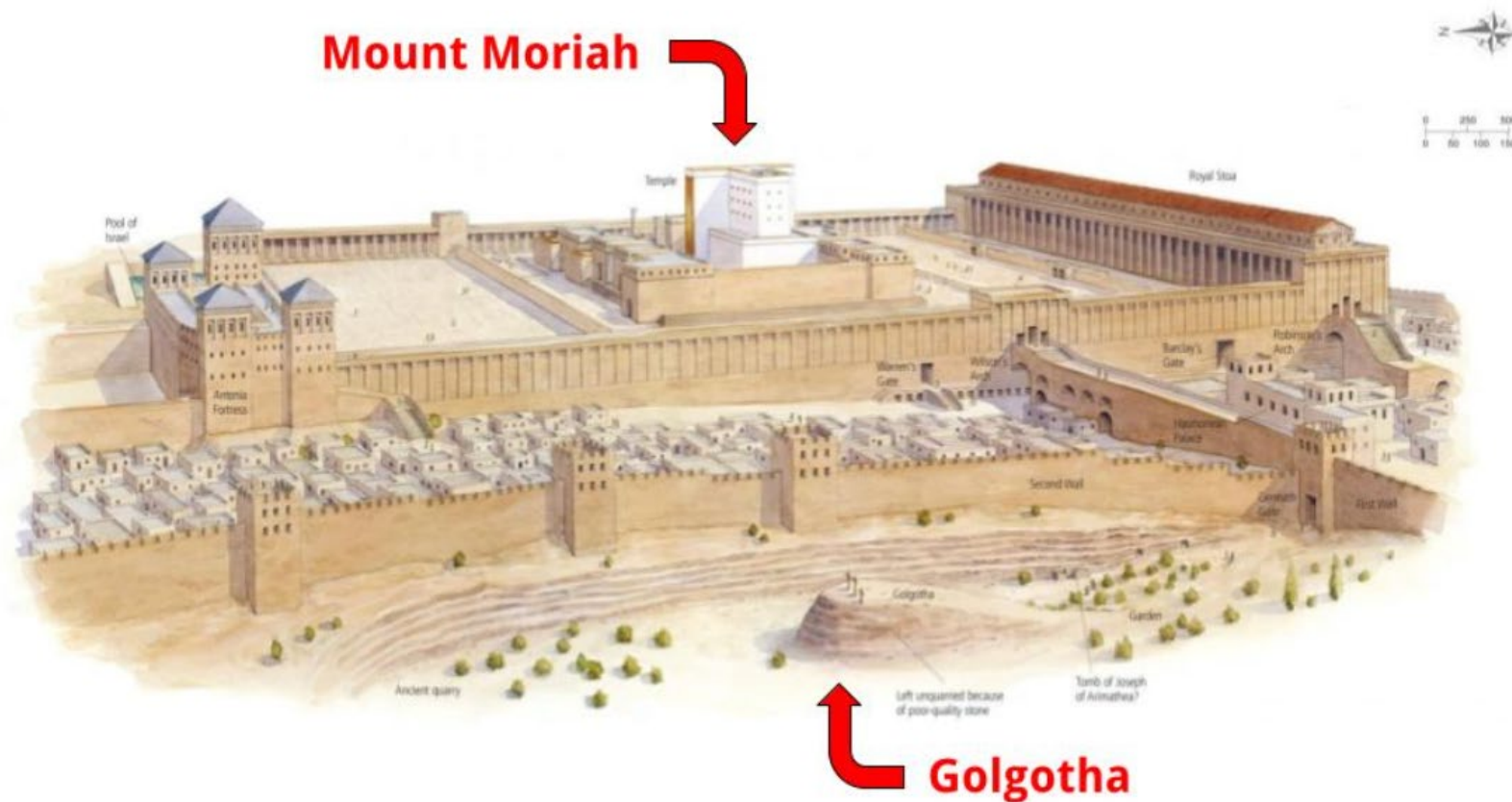


[2 Chronicles 3:1](#), Solomon built the first temple on Mount Moriah

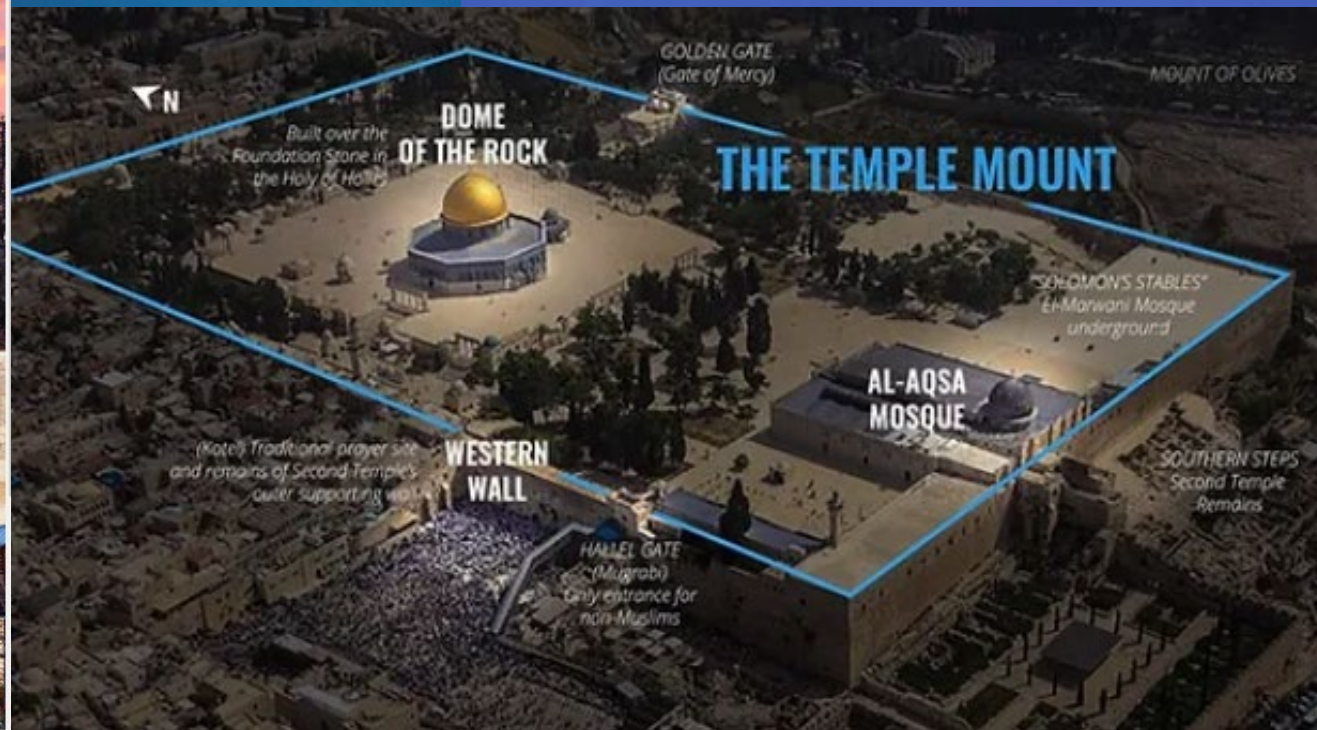
Built around 957 BCE and destroyed 587 BCE

II Temple built 516-350 BCE and destroyed 70 CE

Mount Moriah in Christianity



Jesus' crucifixion was near Mount Moriah, but we can be sure it didn't take place on Mount Moriah.



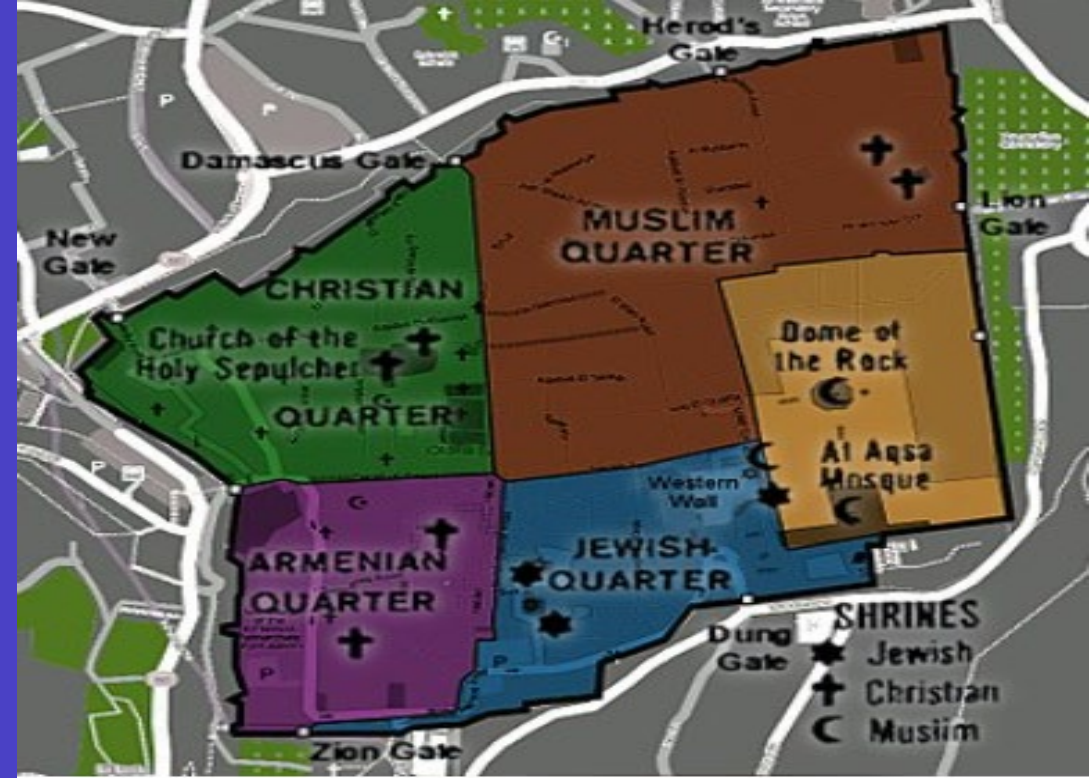
Modern Religious Importance of Jerusalem

Monotheist Religion Holy Sites:

- Western Wall, Temple Mount, & Holy of Holies
- Al-Masjid al-Aqsa (3rd most holy site in Islam), Dome of the Rock
- Church of the Holy Sepulchre (resurrection location)

Jerusalem

The Holy City



**If I forget
thee, O
Jerusalem let
my right hand
whither, let
my tongue
cleave to my
palate**

Psalm 137



Jerusalem- How it Belongs to Us & Many

Jewish Homeland

- God's Promise to Ancestors
- Temple and Western Wall
- Judea
- City of David

World Heritage Site

- Israel allows Christians and Muslims to pray and visit the Old City of Jerusalem.
- Al-Aqsa is under the authority of the Muslim Waqf and overseen by the Jordanian authorities.
- UNESCO Heritage Site



**Oseh shalom
bimromav
Hu ya'aseh
shalom aleinu
V'al kol
Yisrael
V'imru: amen.**

**May peace bless us, Israel,
and the entire world.**

