

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower  
By N. Natan*

---

**“THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON  
COULD NOT STAND  
ON ITS WATER TOWER”**

**-VOLUME E -**

**On the unanimous Recognition  
of the presumed Site of  
the Temple of the Jews,  
by the three Monotheist Religions,  
and by the 19th century Archaeologists**

**>-<**

**Demonstration of this Error,  
with the evident Proofs which have been  
preserved, intact, by the Muslims  
in the Bedrock of the “Haram”**

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower*  
By N. Natan

---

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower*  
By N. Natan

---

## **Note-Synopsis by N. Natan**

- This Book demonstrates that the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem could never have been raised, for precise scientific reasons presented in this Study, upon the Esplanade ("Haram") where the mosques of Al-Aqsa and the Dome of the Rock stand today.

- The work leading to this discovery commenced **when Natan undertook** a detailed study of documents and archives of the "Palestinian Exploration Fund" and other similar European publications of the 19th century, concerning in particular the depth of the foundation rock of the Esplanade of the Mosques ("Haram").

- The archaeologists of the 19th century **during a relatively brief period of about fifty years** were the only scientists to **have ever been able** to explore and establish extremely precise measurements and drawings of the bedrock foundations of the "Haram".

These 19th century archaeological surveys brought to light an extremely complex underground Hydraulic infrastructure :

- These meticulous studies prompted to try to understand the exact functioning of this huge Hydraulic network (capable of holding and circulating about fifty millions liters of waters) that had been built in antiquity by Jewish hydraulic engineers, in the heart of the bedrock beneath the "Haram" :

Giant underground cisterns, which are all interconnected, upstream and downstream by canals and conduits, constitute this huge Hydraulic network engraved in the rock.

- In spite of the meticulous measures carried out by the archaeologists of the 19th century none of their observations mention the topographical levels of the ground bases of the interconnecting cisterns.

Now, the undertaking of any Hydraulic network, in Antiquity, functioning by gravitational flow, was naturally based on the relationship between the topographical levels of the ground bases of the various interconnected cisterns and conduits.

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower*  
By N. Natan

---

- At first view and according to centuries old certitude, the 19th century archaeologists, considered these cisterns as a simple assembly of "static" reservoirs, from which the necessary waters would have been drawn through a traditional well for the ceremonies of the Jewish worship that took place on the surface of the "Haram".
- However, in reality, this procedure would have been contrary to the precise religious Laws concerning Purifying Water, which state that only running and living spring waters could be used and not waters drawn from a static pool.
- These incoherencies, and the observation of the systematic interconnection of all these underground giant cisterns, as that of the consistent design they formed, lead to try to resolve these contradictions with the help of the extremely detailed data transmitted by the 19th century archaeologists (Wilson, Warren, Conder, Schick, among others):
- Therefore, in the present study, the topographical levels at the ground base of each giant Cistern were calculated in minute detail : starting from the surface level of the "Haram" at the vertical to each cistern, minus the thickness of its rock roof, and minus the height of the cistern itself.
- In that way we were able to disclose the evidence that the giant Cisterns were not at all a mere succession of simple static reservoirs, but that they had been intentionally dug out with the view to constituting a vast dynamic network, functioning by gravitation and communicating in successive cascades, flowing downwards, in order, on one hand, to permanently store the greatest quantity of rain waters possible, and, on the other, to provide a source of uninterrupted running spring waters, flowing downwards, towards the area of their final destination use.
- Now, the Worship at the Temple, as we are informed by the Bible (Torah), by Rabbinic literature and by antiquity Jewish writers (such, as for example, Philo of Alexandria, Flavius Josephus or the Qumran Writings) imposed extremely strict laws, concerning, in particular, the supply of uninterrupted living Source Waters required for the Purification of the High Priest and of the thousands of Officiating Priests :  
This Purification by immersion of the body was effected in a Bath (Mikweh) that could not, (and on no account) contain still or drawn water.
- For example the Tractate Yoma of the Talmud (and other Tractates), states that on the Day of Purification of Sins for all Israel (Yom Kippur), the High Priest purified himself in the Bath situated on the Upper Floor of the Parvah Chamber (at the side of the Temple).
- Further, as the purifying living waters had to have gushed forth from a Spring, these uninterrupted living waters were brought, from the region of Etam, by an aqueduct called Etam Aqueduct or Solomon Aqueduct.

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower*  
By N. Natan

---

This Aqueduct penetrated into the rocky subbasement of the Haram at a depth of around seven meters below the surface of the Haram, and on the south outside of the platform of the Dome of the Rock (according to the report of Charles Warren, the 19th century archaeologist, who had explored it).

Since there was no “electricity” in those times it was impossible that running spring waters could rise from a depth of ten meters and flow freely upto the surface of the Haram, in order to be used for their purifying virtues.

- In reality, these running spring waters, circulated in uninterrupted cascades in the underground Hydraulic network, conferring their fecund and purifying power to this whole Hydraulic network, composed of the blended mixture of these uninterrupted running spring waters and of stored collected rain waters.

And all these mixed waters circulated by gravitation in the underground heart of the bedrock of the “Haram”, in a downstream direction.

- And finally these waters, suitable and validated for the Jewish Worship, could spring forth below the Haram, at the surface of the platform where the Temple stood in reality, supplying the various purification baths, including the Mikweh of the High Priest situated at the upper floor of the Parvah Chamber, and including the great bronze Bath (the ‘Brazen Sea’) situated in front of the Temple and destined for the required Purification of the Priests.

- The great bronze Bath was in addition supplied by a canal that passed through the Temple of Herod (*Tractate Middoth*). This passage through the Temple of the running spring waters had probably been conceived by the Priest-Architects in order to increase the sanctifying power of these spring waters destined for the Purification of the Priests.

- In this regard it can be noted that the Palestinian Rabbis of the *Talmud of Jerusalem*, (but banished from Jerusalem) clearly indicated that the great bronze Bath was **directly** supplied by the continuous fecundating flow from the Etam Aqueduct.

- On the other hand, some centuries later, the oriental Rabbis of the *Talmud of Babylon*, probably disconcerted by the flagrant contradiction between the undeniable topography of the supposed site of the Temple and the real site of the Cisterns in the underground depths of the Haram, had elaborated an incoherent legend, according to which the Jewish Priests (with Herculean strength) had raised and lowered, morning and evening, from a depth of a dozen meters, the great bronze Bath, **weighing around one hundred tons** :

And thus, with, as sole final result, the supply of waters that would have been unclean for the supreme Purification of the Priests in the heart of the Jewish Sanctuary, as these waters would have been waters that had not ‘freely flowed from a spring’ and had therefore been, so to speak, “decebrated”...

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower*  
By N. Natan

---

- Elsewhere, the Judeo-Egyptian writer of antiquity, Aristeas (or Pseudo-Aristeas), indicated in his *'Letter to Philocrates'* that the Jewish Priests could make waters spring out at will - waters under pressure - on the floor of the Temple forecourt in order to cleanse and wash away the blood and remains of the numerous animals sacrificed (sometimes tens or hundreds of thousands).

- The platform of the Temple, according to the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus (who witnessed the destruction of the Temple and whose architectural descriptions could be easily and minutiously "checked" by the Roman military engineers of Titus) was, in reality, a very modest square measuring exactly 180 metres by 180 metres when compared to the surface of the Haram that measures about 500 meters by 280 metres.

- This platform of the Temple, in fact situated below the Haram (which had been the site of the ancient Jewish citadel which overlooked and protected the Temple) was completely razed by the Emperor Hadrian in 135, after he crushed in blood a renewed Jewish Revolt, led by Bar Kokhba and Rabbi Akiba attempting to restore the Temple destroyed by Titus in 70.

In order to ensure the success of a secret strategy, the object being to eliminate any new idea of revolt by the Jews, Hadrian decided to eradicate from the memory of men the real location of the Temple.

With this objective in view, Hadrian expelled all the Jews from Jerusalem with an Edict formally forbidding all Jews to never approach the City under pain of instant death. Jerusalem was then repopulated with new immigrants to colonize the City that became entirely pagan and was renamed Aelia Capitolina.

This interdiction forbidding the Jews (and Judeo-Christians) to approach Jerusalem remained in force for around two centuries, and its application was facilitated by the visual inspection of circumcision of any suspect.

- Thus the platform of the nowadays "Haram" was, in reality, the Esplanade of the ancient Jewish Citadel that overlooked and protected the Temple.

- This horizontal Esplanade was then used for maneuvers (Campus) by the Roman Legio (X° Legio Fretensis) established in the former Jewish capital, and, in the middle of this Campus, a statue of the Roman Emperor was erected, as usual.

- In all probability it is the visual aspect of this devastated esplanade of the ancient Jewish citadel (called Antonia by Herod), that would have incited the new pagan population to assimilate it with the Esplanade of the lost Temple of the Jews; and it appears that it was Christians issued from Gentiles who first mentioned this (Hippolytus of Rome). The Jews in desperate need of a Site for their lost Temple had immediately endorsed this topographical error.

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower*  
By N. Natan

---

- When the Muslims took Jerusalem, Caliph Omar accepted the erroneous Jewish and Christian traditions at their face value and erected the mosque of "Al-Aqsa" in order to commemorate the Koran references of Muhammad to the ancient Temple of the Jews :
- Indeed, before his rupture with the Rabbis of Medina, the new Prophet of the Arabs had directed that the prayers of Muslims should be turned in direction of Jerusalem, as did, at that time, all the Jews of Arabia.
- Muhammad had referred to this Jewish topographical root in *Sura XVII "the Sons of Israel"* or "*the Night Flight*" at the beginning of which Muhammad indicates that he achieved the one-way flight–return from Medina to Jerusalem in one night, in order to go to bless the enclosure of the Jewish Temple.
- But after his rupture with the Rabbis of Medina, Muhammad designated the Pagan Kaaba of Mecca as the new focal direction for Muslims' prayers.

---

With the present book is presented a **Plan of the huge underground Hydraulic Installations** constructed beneath the Esplanade of the Mosques "Al-Aqsa" and the "Dome of the Rock", specifying the topographical levels, measurements, which were based on the minutely developed details provided by the 19th century Archaeologists.

This precise Map will enable readers to follow with ease the detailed Demonstration developed throughout the pages of the present Study.

---

Natan

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower*  
By N. Natan

---

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower  
By N. Natan*

---

## PREFACE

(- with a brief Summary of the true History  
of the **real** Site of the disappeared Temple -)

See Detailed History at "Oeuvre intégrale" OnLine

If it can turn out "quite easily" to discover that, actually, the Temple of the Jews in Jerusalem could never, on no account, have stood on the "Haram esh-Cherif " of the Muslims (Esplanade of the Mosques : "Dome of the Rock" and Mosque "Al-Aqsa"), on the other hand, it appears extremely difficult to explain how such a **fundamental error** could set up, develop, take deep root, and fortify up to the point as to become a "never-questionable" Postulate or Dogma consensus, including in the most exacting Scientific and Archaeological Academic Communities :

And this for the following reasons :

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower  
By N. Natan*

---

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower*  
By N. Natan

---

- I -

It appears, indeed, relatively "easy" to demonstrate and to prove that the Temple of the Jews in Jerusalem (that is to say, successively, the first Temple of Solomon, the second Temple of Joshua and Zerubbabel, the third Temple of Herod) could not have stood on the "Haram" (current Esplanade of the Mosques Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa), once that one resorts to a new Archaeological Methodology, that we propose in the present Work, Methodology which consists of two essential Vectors of Reconstitution:

These two fundamental Vectors of Research, for various complex reasons, were not used by the Archaeologists of the 19th century, although they were the only Archaeologists in History who were ever authorized (and this, during a short period of about fifty years) to explore the rocky underground of the "Haram", and were able to conduct and register precise measures.

These two essential Vectors of Research, which were, thus, completely neglected by these 19th century Archaeologists, are :

**(Vector A)** - of a Religious nature, and which rise from the inescapable Regulations of the *Torah (Pentateuch)* ;

**(Vector B)** - of a Geological nature, as the quasi genetic imprints, which have been completely and accurately preserved in the immutable underground bedrock of the "Haram" :

These two Vectors of this innovative methodology, implemented in the present Work, emerge in the following way:

- **Vector (A) of a Religious nature** -

The Imperative Religious Obligation to make circulate, on the surface of the Jewish Sanctuary, Waters ritually validated by **the Essential Flow of Live Waters, issued directly from Springs** - this incessant imperative Flow not being able, neither to be stored in any kind of container, nor handled by means of any kind of container, as for the Waters to be delivered to the Purifying Basins ("Mikveh").

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower  
By N. Natan*

---

This essential permanent Flux of Living Waters came from the Springs known as "Etam", located in the area which is between Hebron and Bethlehem.

These Spring Waters were transported by Aqueduct to Jerusalem, and constituted the only means of **Supreme Purification** which was required as imperative prerequisite for any procedure of the Worship in the Jewish Temple.

Concerning this **Purification**, which was required within the Sanctuary, this permanent **Flow of Living Waters originated from Springs** was obligatory for the principal following categories :

- a/- This permanent Flow of Live Waters was intended, initially, and first of all, for the Purification of the High Priest, which took place in two Basins ("Mikweh"), located **within** the Herodian Sanctuary, that is to say ::

- a Basin ("Mikweh"), **on the upper storey of the Parvah Chamber**, in the north,  
- another Basin ("Mikweh"), **on the upper storey of the Water Gate** in the south ("Gate" being, also, a Building).

This Purification of the High Priest was performed **by total Immersion of the body in Waters** which were imperatively to have been validated by an **uninterrupted Flow of living Waters issued from Springs**, and which could not have been stored.

This Purification of the High Priest had to take place within the Sacred Territory of the Sanctuary, because this supreme Purification constituted the essential condition for the validity of all the Worship in the Temple and for the Purification of All Israel.

Thus, for example, once the year, the Day of Kippur, the Great Forgiveness which would be possibly granted by the Eternal to All Israel, depended on the exact compliance of the High Priest to these Laws of Purification, applied in their supreme degree.

- b/- This unceasing Flow of living Spring Waters was intended, in the second place, for the daily Purification of the Priests (sometimes thousands), during the course of the Worship, Those ritually validated Waters, were brought, by a Channel which flowed through the **interior of the walls** of the Temple, to the vast Brazen Laver, located towards the south, between the Temple and the Altar of Sacrifices.

On this very particular subject of the Brazen Laver which was thus supplied with Waters made sacred by their passage **inside the Temple**, and in order to try to put in conformity the Biblical Precepts and the relentless reality of the topography of the Haram, an Aggadic Legend, extremely laborious and totally unrealistic, was fabricated by certain Rabbis of the Talmud of Babylon :

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower  
By N. Natan*

---

In total contradiction with the Rabbis of Palestine (*Talmud of Jerusalem*), the Rabbis of Babylon explained in their comments (*Gemara*) that this monumental Water container, the Brazen Laver (called also "Brazen Sea") which weighed **a hundred tons**, would have been immersed, each evening, at about ten metres of depth, in a sheet of water stagnant (that is to say non-valid for Purification of Priests) and that, each morning, this hundred tons of waters, would have been winched up by one or some Priests (endowed, probably, with a strength more than Herculean...)

- **c/-** This continuous Flow of living Spring Waters was intended, in third place, for the Purification of Pilgrims, in the various Mikwehs (Mikwaoth) who were located within the Herodian Sanctuary (like, for example, in the Room known as "Lepers Chamber").

- **d/-** This continuous Flow of living Waters was intended, in fourth place, for the Purification of various Objects and Furniture of Worship, and the Purification of the Altar of Sacrifices.

- **e/-** This continuous Flow of living spring Waters was finally intended for the Purifying washing of the carcasses and the cleansing of cut out pieces of sacrificed animals, for the Purifying washing and cleansing of the stalls and various utensils of the great sacrificial "Butchery" of the Temple (which could imply the ritual immolation of tens of thousands of animals on great Solemnity occasions).

- **f/-** In addition, an ancient Judeo-Egyptian Text, entitled "*Letter from Aristeas to Philocrates*", and which described de visu, inter alia, the Ceremonial at the Temple of Jerusalem, indicates that the Jewish Priests made, at will, gush forth abundant waters under strong pressure to the very surface of the Temple Court, in order to evacuate swiftly blood and trash of the innumerable animals sacrifices.

**- Vector (B) of a Geological nature -**

**The necessary Geological Investigation of levels** in altitude of the foundation rocky grounds (= floor surface) of the gigantic Cisterns dug in the bedrock of the "Haram", and the necessary Geological Investigation of levels in Altitude of the underground Channels and Conduits which inter-connected all these Cisterns into a vast united Hydraulic Network within the impermeable bedrock of the Haram, have never been undertaken by the 19th century Archaeologists.

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower*  
By N. Natan

---

Although these 19<sup>th</sup> century Archaeologists have been, up today, the only Scientists who ever had such unique opportunity to carry out this absolutely necessary Study :

In fact, as revealed and described in the present Book, the vast Hydraulic System, installed, upstream from the disappeared Jerusalem Temple, in the bedrock of the Antique Jewish Citadel (nowadays "Haram") which overhung and protected the Temple, consisted of Cascades of gigantic underground Cistern-Tanks, able to contain, store and deliver, broadly, **fifty million Liters of Waters.**

These giant Cisterns, on one hand, collected and stored rain waters, and, on the other hand, interconnected, between them, an uninterrupted Water Flow which was to run out permanently towards downstream, i.e. towards the Sanctuary:

Indeed, during this unceasing race towards the Jewish Sanctuary, **ALL the Waters** had, gradually, to be, IMPERATIVELY "validated and fertilized" by the Flow of Purifying Waters issued from the Sources and brought by the "Etam Aqueduct", in order to render progressively all the stored rain waters rigorously valid for the exacting Worship.

The 19<sup>th</sup> century Archaeologists, for various reasons, were so much hypnotized by the internal Platform of the Dome of the Rock as constituting the obvious and irrefutable Site of the Temple of the Jews, that **none of these Archaeologists** did have the simple scientific reflex to record the levels in altitude of the foundation rocky floors of the giant Cisterns and the levels in altitude of the underground channels and conduits in the "Haram" that they had the unique opportunity to explore and study.

Furthermore the 19<sup>th</sup> century Archaeologists did not have the obvious scientific reflex to place the levels of altitude of the foundation rocky floors of the giant Cisterns in comparison with the level of altitude of the Etam Aqueduct, and, more specifically, to place them in comparison with the **level of the Site which would hence result, inevitably, necessarily and mathematically, for the precise location of the obviously disappeared Platform of the vanished Sanctuary of the Jews.**

Now, in Hydraulic Technology of Antiquity, which did not have any source of domesticated energy, it was always the level of Altitude of the rocky floor of any Aqueduct, or of any network of Aqueducts, as well as the levels of Altitude of the rocky floors of the receiving Cisterns, which determined the obliged slope allowing the flow of waters by simple gravitation towards their destination.

And this slope sought, or authorized by the solid rock, allowed the engineers in Hydraulics of Antiquity to specify with precision the characteristics of all the elements which would be set up by the technicians, to create the required Hydraulic System.

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower*  
By N. Natan

---

Thus, being completely inhibited by the Dogma (transformed into a Postulate quasi-scientific) which stipulated that the Temple of the Jews stood, at one time, upon the internal Platform of the Dome of the Rock, the 19th century Archaeologists did not even consider the possibility of envisaging :

- that the extremely sophisticated Hydraulic System, that they were discovering, arranged in underground cascades in the bedrock of the Haram, could have been deliberately and scientifically conceived and devised, so as to be precisely able to store Waters upstream from the Temple.
- And that this Underground Hydraulic System had also been rigorously devised so as to allow these Waters to flow downstream, while being constantly, religiously "validated" with Spring live Waters.
- And therefore to consider, simply, the evidence that the Sanctuary of the Jews could never actually have stood upon the "Haram" (Esplanade of the Mosques "Dome of the Rock" and "Al-Aqsa"), but could only have stood on a Platform, located forcibly downstream from the "Haram".

Indeed, this disappeared Platform had been completely erased by the Emperor Hadrian, in 135, after having crushed ruthlessly the last Revolt of the stubborn Jews in 135 EC.

To some extent, concerning specifically the disappeared Temple of the Jews, the 19th century Archaeologists underestimated the general level of ceaseless innovation of the Hydraulic Technology in Antiquity, although Archaeology, in addition, discover astonishing examples of antique Hydraulic accomplishments, all over the world in places of ancient blossoming Civilizations.

Therefore, the ancient underground Hydraulic System installed in the Bedrock of the Haram, was considered, from the start, by the of the 19th century Archaeologists, as a **Static Hydraulic System**, composed of various Wells for "hauling waters".

But, actually, the Hydraulic System of the Temple of the Jews could only be conceived, devised and installed, by complying with Biblical Requirements which could not be circumvented, i.e. forcibly, as an innovative **Dynamic Hydraulic System**.

In addition, the 19th century Archaeologists, when admiring the very vast space of the "Haram", hastened to forget, to some extent, that Flavius Josephus, the Jewish Historian, issued from a family of Priests and who had witnessed the destruction of the Temple in 70, and who had glorified unceasingly all its vanished splendours, nevertheless, had specified, with the highest degree of accuracy, that the **square Platform** which supported the Temple, did measure, very modestly, 180 meters by 180 meters [ compared to the huge rectangle of

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower*  
By N. Natan

---

the "Haram" which measures lengthwise 500 meters (approximate) by 280 meters wide (incompressible) ].

Nevertheless, and very fortunately, these same 19th century Archaeologists were, as a whole, so much meticulous and so talented, that their measurements carefully recorded, allow, within the framework of the present Study, to calculate, and to reconstitute, with a rather high degree of accuracy, the levels of altitude of all the floor foundations of this grandiose antique Hydraulic System, which has been miraculously preserved, up to the present day, in the bedrock of the "Haram" (ancient Jewish Citadel).

And it is, therefore, thanks to their irreplaceable statements and records, that one can, finally, discover and understand this gigantic and complex underground Hydraulic System : This antique innovative Hydraulic System constituted a permanent reserve, unceasingly renewed, of about fifty million liters of Waters :

**This innovative Dynamic Hydraulic System** actually, had been specifically designed to supply, through a perpetual Flow, **and downstream from the Haram**, the disappeared Platform of the Jewish Temple, with, on one hand, necessary waters under pressure for cleansing and evacuating the blood and dejections of tens of thousands of sacrificed animals, and, on the other hand, and very specifically, with the essential and perpetual **Live Purification Waters, issued directly from Sources**, and without which the exacting Jewish Worship in the ancient Temple could not have been able to take place in the Face of the Eternal.

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower*  
By N. Natan

---

- II

After the Roman Armies of Titus destroyed, in 70, the Temple of the Jews in Jerusalem, Emperor Hadrian, in 135, in turn, crushed down in blood the last Revolt of the Jews against the Romans led by Bar Kokhba and Rabbi Akiba who wanted to restore the Temple of Jerusalem.

Hadrian then made radically disappear the Platform, which had supported the Temple so that the Jews could not, any more, find the least trace of its location, and try again and again to rebuild it.

And, in order that no one could ever testify to the site of this disappearance, all Jews and Judeo-Christians were banned and driven out from Jerusalem, and absolute defense was made to any Jew to approach the Jerusalem region, under penalty of immediate death.

This rule remained in force with the utmost strictness, during two centuries, the visual checking of the circumcision making it possible to immediately detect any possible intrusion of a Jew.

In addition, after having entirely emptied Jerusalem of its inhabitants Hadrian repopulated Jerusalem with Pagan settlers.

As for the Platform of the Jewish Citadel, which formerly overhung and protected the Temple, and which had been increased considerably by Herod under the name of Antonia fortress, this vast horizontal esplanade had become the maneuvers ground, "Campus", of the significant Roman garrison, which had been installed in Jerusalem when Titus conquered Jerusalem, that is to say, initially, the "Xth Legio Fretensis".

As a result, when the Muslims seized Jerusalem, in 638, Caliph Omar, relying on erroneous Christian and Jewish traditions, considered that this platform constituted the genuine Site where had stood, at one time, the ancient Temple of the Jews.

Indeed, Muhammad, during a dozen years, until his rupture with the Rabbis of Medina, had constantly directed the Muslim Prayer towards this Site of the Temple of Jerusalem, as did, at that time, all the Jews in Arabia.

After his decisive and sanguinary rupture with the Rabbis of Medina, Muhammad issued that the direction of the Muslim Prayer would be, from now on, towards the former pagan Kaaba, which Muhammad proclaimed, then, as having been built in Mecca by Abraham and his illegitimate son, Ishmael.

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower  
By N. Natan*

---

And, to assert his Prophetic stature, like Jewish Prophets, Muhammad declared, in a suitable Revelation of *Sura 17*, "*The Sons of Israel*", that he had made a "*Night Flight*", which had enabled him, in one night, to fly to Jerusalem, to bless there the Enclosure of the remote Jewish Temple, "*Al-Aqsa*", and to fly back to Medina.

Consequently, it is on the Platform of this ancient Jewish Citadel of Jerusalem, supposed to have been the Platform of the disappeared Temple of the Jews, that Caliph Omar decided to build Mosque "*Al-Aqsa*" .referring thus to the indication given by Muhammad in *Sura 17* "*The Sons of Israel*".

But in order to avoid that the Muslim prayer may be directed unintentionally towards the ancient location of the Jewish Temple, but only towards the Mecca Kaaba (southwards), Caliph Omar cautiously decided that the Mosque Al-Aqsa would be built at the extreme south-west of the Haram : Unfortunately, this site is in reality mostly built upon the Tyropoeon valley which lies west of the Haram...That is how Caliph Omar was induced in a double topographical error.

Thereafter, Caliph Umayyad of Damascus, Abd-el-Malik, decided to divert the Muslims from the Worship of Kaaba in Mecca, which was, then, controlled, by a "rebellious" Caliph. Abd-el-Malik, thus, made build, next to Mosque "Al Aqsa", the "Dome of the Rock", in order to found there a circumambulatory cult, which could supplant the ancestral cult, fulfilled around the Kaaba in Mecca.

The "rebellious" Caliph of Mecca was indeed eliminated, after the Kaaba had been bombarded by the Umayyad army and destroyed (and there after would be rebuilt).

Thus, the Esplanade of the antique Jewish Citadel, which overhung and protected the Temple of Jerusalem, became, for the three Religions resulting from the Sacred Scriptures of the Jews, the undeniable Site where, formerly, the Temple of Solomon had stood.

This topographical Postulate was never brought into question by the 19th century Archaeologists, although they had been the only researchers, who had the unique possibility of exploring and of demonstrating, with a scientific meticulousness, the irrefutable evidence, that the Temple of Solomon could not, -on no account-, have stood upon this ancient Jewish Citadel Platform, in the bedrock of which, actually, was dug and hidden the gigantic Water Tower allowing the regulatory Worship in the Jerusalem Temple, located therefore forcibly downstream.

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower*  
By N. Natan

---

Indeed, the bedrock of Haram conceals in its bosom, and until today keeps, jealously preserved by the devotion of the Muslims, the innovative System of gigantic cascades of "Water Towers", which were able to provide ceaseless Purifying Waters to the vanished Jerusalem Temple, which was, therefore, located, by abiding laws of Hydraulic Gravitation, downstream from this vast underground System, and whose Platform had been thoroughly erased from Judaic Topography and from Collective Memory, by Hadrian in 135.

The ambition of the present Work is to restore this historical Reality, dodged by Hadrian, but fully and invincibly attested by indelible imprints preserved in the inalterable rock.

*The Temple of Solomon Could not Stand  
On its Water Tower*  
By N. Natan

---