

# The Temple in Jerusalem

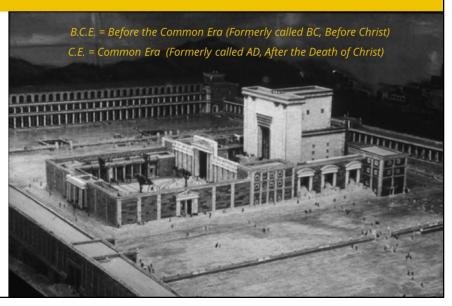
The Temple Mount
The Dome of the Rock

Welcome to the lecture on the great Temple in Jerusalem, the Temple Mount, and the Dome of the Rock.

### THE FIRST TEMPLE - TEMPLE OF SOLOMON

Model of Temple Mount before its destruction by the Romans in 70 C.E.





The Temple in Jerusalem is one of the more important architectural building complexes that has ever been built. Though it is now an Islamic Mosque, the foundations, one of outer walls, underground passages were part of a vast complex of buildings that were all part of the Jewish Temple which stood on the site for centuries.

It was originally built by King Solomon in the 10<sup>th</sup> Century BCE (Before the Common Era). It was destroyed first by the Babylonians in the year 586 BCE. The Second Temple was begun in 535 BCE and completed somewhere around the year 516 BCE.

# THE JERUSALEM TEMPLE - The Second Temple

Renovated by

King Harod the

Great around

20 B.C.E.



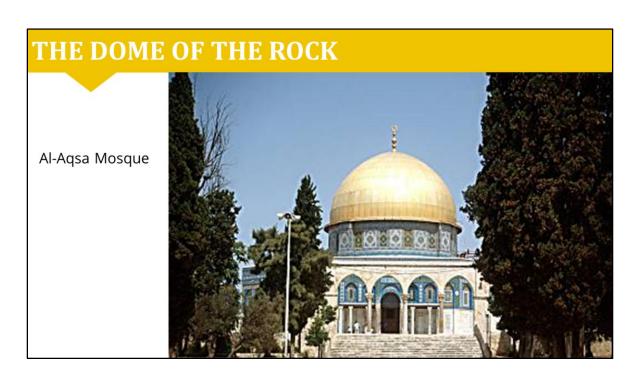
The Second Temple was renovated by King Harod the Great around the year 20 BCE (Before Common Era). It was destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE (Common Era) and was never re-built. The photos in this slide depict what scholars believe the Temple looked like. There are many biblical and other historic documents to substantiate that.

## THE DOME OF THE ROCK

The Western
Wall in the
foreground
(the Jewish
Wailing Wall)
with the Dome
of the Rock
behind and
above it.



In the 7<sup>th</sup> Century CE (Common Era), the Temple Mount became an Islamic Shrine now known as the Dome of the Rock.



The gold dome is the Al-Aqsa Mosque itself.

# Rock in the foreground believed to be where the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven

This third photo is an interior view of the Mosque with the Rock in the foreground believed to be where the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven.

### THE DOME OF THE ROCK



The significance of this site and what has taken place in religious history since the construction of the First Temple is an amazing story. I encourage you to find out more by doing further research. The next item in this module is called "Webliography". It has a host of links to websites for that very purpose.