

WHO IS JESUS?

A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

30: DOES GOD UNDERSTAND UNFAIRNESS? (PART 2)

JOHN 18:1-40

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I. THOUGHTS ON LIFE'S UNFAIRNESS

God makes at least three powerful promises regarding unfairness:

1. I will hold the unjust accountable

All of us must appear in front of Christ's judgment seat. Then all people will receive what they deserve for the good or evil they have done while living in their bodies.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (GWT)

2. I will make everything right in the end

Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD.

Romans 12:19 (NLT)

3. I understand what it is like to endure unfairness

He was hated and rejected; his life was filled with sorrow and terrible suffering. No one wanted to look at him. We despised him and said, "He is a nobody!" He suffered and endured great pain for us, but we thought his suffering was punishment from God. He was wounded and crushed because of our sins; by taking our punishment, he made us completely well...He was painfully abused, but he did not complain...He was condemned to death without a fair trial. Who could have imagined what would happen to him? His life was taken away because of the sinful things my people had done. He wasn't dishonest or violent, but he was buried in a tomb of cruel and rich people.

Isaiah 53:3-5,7,8-9 (CEV)

II. AN OVERVIEW OF JOHN 18:1-40

1. Jesus is betrayed and arrested (v.1-3)

2. Jesus addresses Judas and the soldiers (v.4-6)

But Moses replied, "When I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' So what can I tell them?" God said, "I am who I am. You must tell them: 'The one who is called I AM has sent me to you.'"

Exodus 3:13-14 (TEV)

"People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.

Acts 2:22-24 (NLT)

People who were knocked down by the awesome presence of God

- Abraham (Genesis 17:3)
- Joshua (Joshua 5:14-15)
- Ezekiel (Ezekiel 1:28)
- Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:1-6)
- The Apostle John (Revelation 1:17)

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.

Revelation 1:17 (NIV)

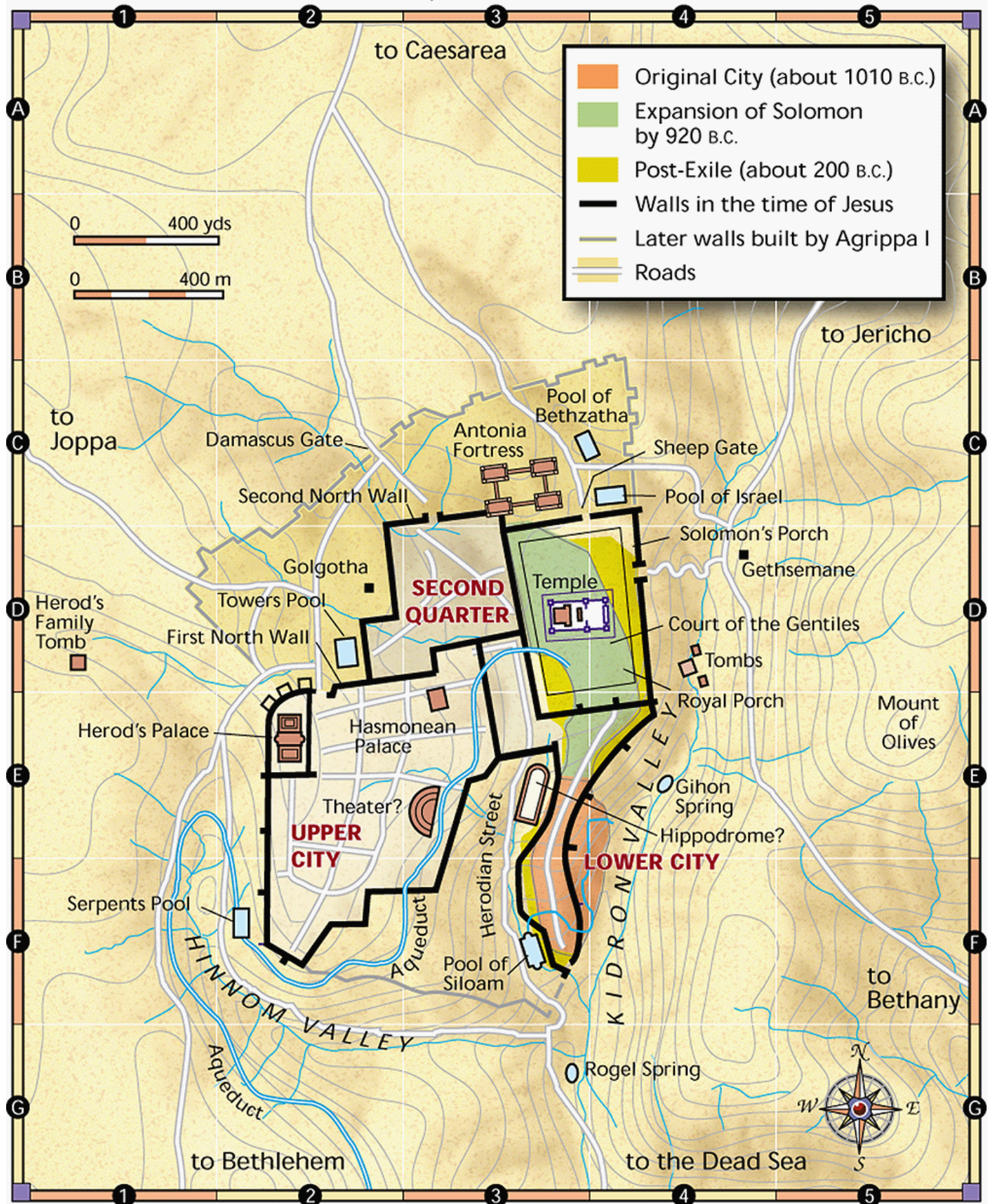
3. Peter cuts off the ear of high priest's servant (v.10-11)

4. Jesus is taken before Annas and Peter's first denial (v.12-24)

5. Peter's second and third denials (v.25-27)

6. The first Roman trial before Pilate (v.28-38)

Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus, Around A.D. 30



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MODEL OF THE FORTRESS OF ANTONIA OVERLOOKING THE TEMPLE

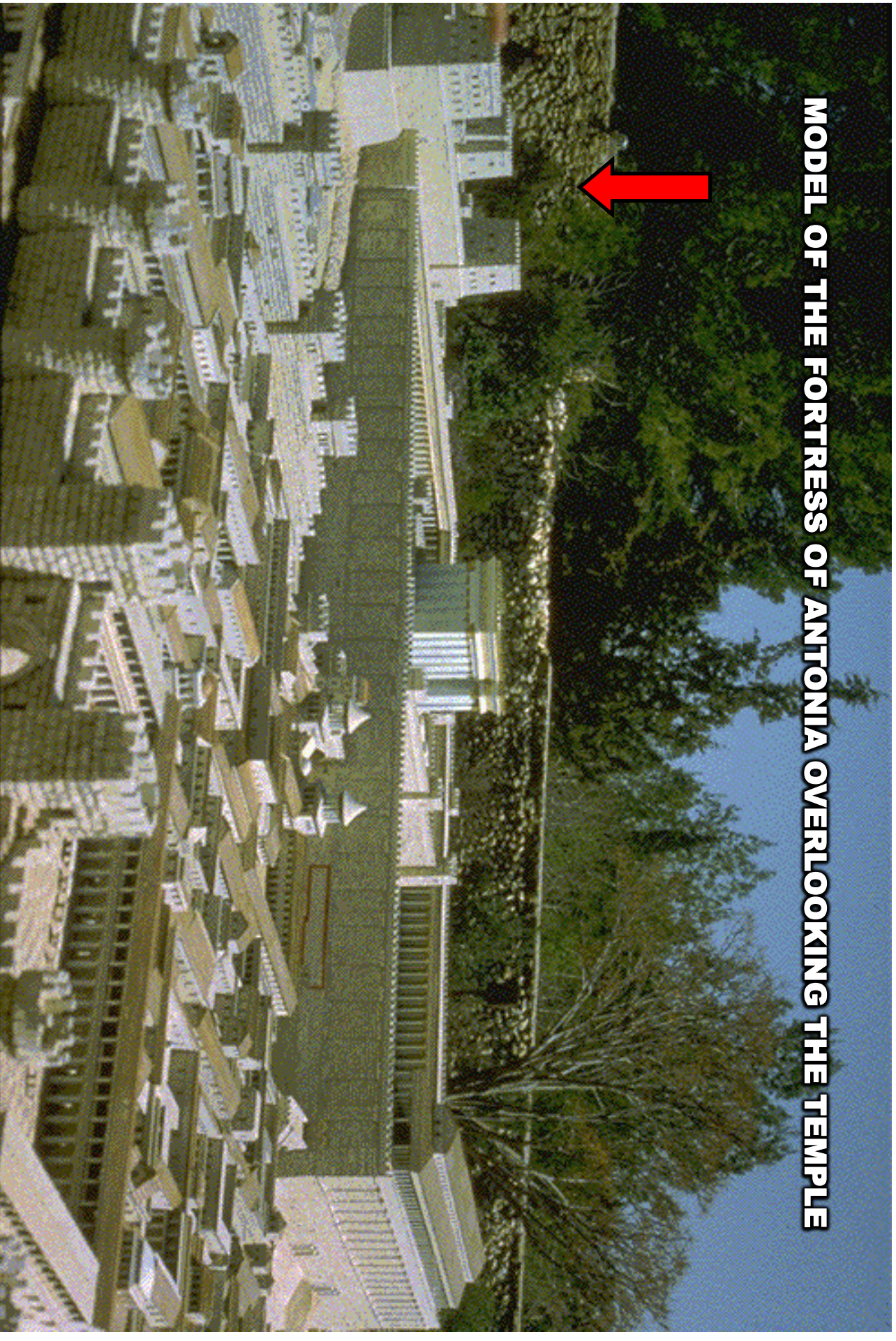


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