

Matthew 24/Mark 13/Luke 21

Prophetic Utterances
of Jesus

Part 2



Review

- Background (Context)
 - Triumphal entry – **Coming kingdom** (Mk 11:10)
 - Parable of Tenants - **Devine judgement to come upon the nation of Israel.** (Mk. 12: 9-11)
 - Woes on teachers of the law and Pharisees (Matt. 23: 30-36) – **Judgement to come upon this generation**
 - Jesus weeps for Jerusalem – (Matt. 23: 37-39) – **“Your house left to you desolate”**
- Not one stone will be left on another” (vs-2)

Review (Cont.)

- Vs. 3-4 Two questions:
 - When will these things happen?
 - What will be the sign they are about to be fulfilled?
- Matt 24: 3 has three questions:
 - When will this happen?
 - What will be the sign of your coming?
 - And of the end of the age?

Review (Cont.)

- Mark 13: 5-13 – False Signs (beginnings of birth pains)
 - Vs 5, 7, 8 and 10 make it clear these are not the sign; but they will occur prior to the sign (of the destruction of the Temple).
 - False Christs,
 - Wars and Rumors of War, Nation against Nation
 - Earthquakes, Famine,
 - Handed Over and Flogged,
 - Gospel Preached to Whole World

Matt 24: 15; Mark 13:14; Luke 21:20

- The Sign (that the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple is about to take place). “When you see:
 - Abomination of [that causes (NIV)] Desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place...” (Mt 24:15);
 - Abomination of [that causes(NIV)] Desolation standing where it (he) should not be...” (Mk 13:14);
 - Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near.” (Lk 21: 20)

Daniel 9

- Daniel questioning 70 years of captivity (to end the desolation of Jerusalem (Jer. 25:11-12))
- 70 sevens (vs 24) to bring about 6 blessings:
 1. Finish (end) transgression (Mt 23:32)
 2. Make and end of sin (offerings) (Heb 8:13)
 3. Make reconciliation (atonement) for wickedness
 4. Bring everlasting righteousness (Rom 3:21-22)
 5. Seal up (complete) vision and prophecy (Is 6:9-11)
 6. Anoint the most holy (place) [Messiah, or us (the new temple) anointed with the spirit] (Act 10:38)

Daniel 9

- 70 sevens (weeks) [70 sabbatical (7) years (heptads) – 490 years]
 - 7 heptads (49 yr) to rebuild the temple and Jerusalem (vs 25)
 - 62 heptads (434 yr) till the public entrance of the Messiah (vs 25);
 - Last heptad (7 yr) bring about the blessings [connected with the Messiah and him being cut off (vs 26)]
 - Vs 27 – The 1 heptad he will:
 - Make a firm covenant with many. (Matt 26:28)
 - In the middle, put an end to sacrifice and grain offerings. (Heb 10:11-18)
 - Afterwards destruction of the city and the sanctuary (vs 26); war and desolations (vs 26);

Daniel 9:27

- LXX - *"And **one week shall establish** the covenant with many; and in the midst of the week my sacrifice and drink offering shall be taken away; **and upon the temple (NIV)** shall be the **abomination of desolation**; and at the **end of the time (the age)** an end shall be put to the desolation."*
- NASB - *and on the wing of abominations will come **one who makes desolate**, even until a **complete destruction**, one that is decreed, is poured out on the **one who makes desolate**."*
- ESV - *And on the wing of abominations shall come **one who makes desolate**, until the decreed **end** is poured out on the **desolator**."*
- KJV –*and for the overspreading of abominations he shall **make it desolate**, even until the **consummation**, and that determined shall be poured upon **the desolate**."*

Abomination

1. **abomination** - a person who is loathsome or disgusting
2. **abomination** - hate coupled with disgust
3. **abomination** - an action that is vicious or vile; an action that arouses disgust or abhorrence

The Abomination that Makes Desolation – the Roman Armies (those who are loathsome and disgusting, and whose coming is abhorred) surrounding Jerusalem (standing around the holy place where they should not be) that will bring its destruction and desolation??

Main Point of Daniel 9

- The Daniel 9 prophecy is about coming of the Messiah and the blessings he brings, followed by the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, leaving them desolate.
- Jesus makes reference to the Daniel's Abomination that makes Desolation as the sign t/hat Jerusalem and the temple are about to be destroyed and made desolate.

Matt 24: 15-28; Mark 13:14-20; Luke 21:20-24

- Warnings for when the sign is seen
 - Those in Judea flee to the mountains (Mt 16, Mk 14)
 - Don't go back in the house to get anything (Mt 17, Mk 15)
 - Don't return from the field (Mt 18, Mk 16) or country (Lk 21)
 - Woe to those pregnant and nursing babes (Mt 19, Mk 17)
 - Pray it won't happen in winter or Sabbath (Mt 20, Mk 18)
 - Unprecedented tribulation, never again (Mt 21, Mk 19)
 - If not cut short, no life would be saved (Mt 22, Mk 20)
 - Don't follow false Christ's into wilderness or inner chambers (Mt 26)
 - They will fall by the sword and be led captive into all the nations and Jerusalem trampled under foot (Lk 21: 22, 24)

Historical Accounts

- Eusebius and Epiphanius say that the Christians remembered and wisely followed Jesus' Council. Not a single Christian perished in the destruction of Jerusalem.
 - Cestius Gallus, Governor of Syria, laid siege to Jerusalem in twelfth year of Nero, but then unexpectedly, without explanation, withdrew.
 - Vespasian was approaching with his army when Nero died. Vespasian was held in suspense until he was finally confirmed as emperor and his son Titus was placed in command of forces in Judea.

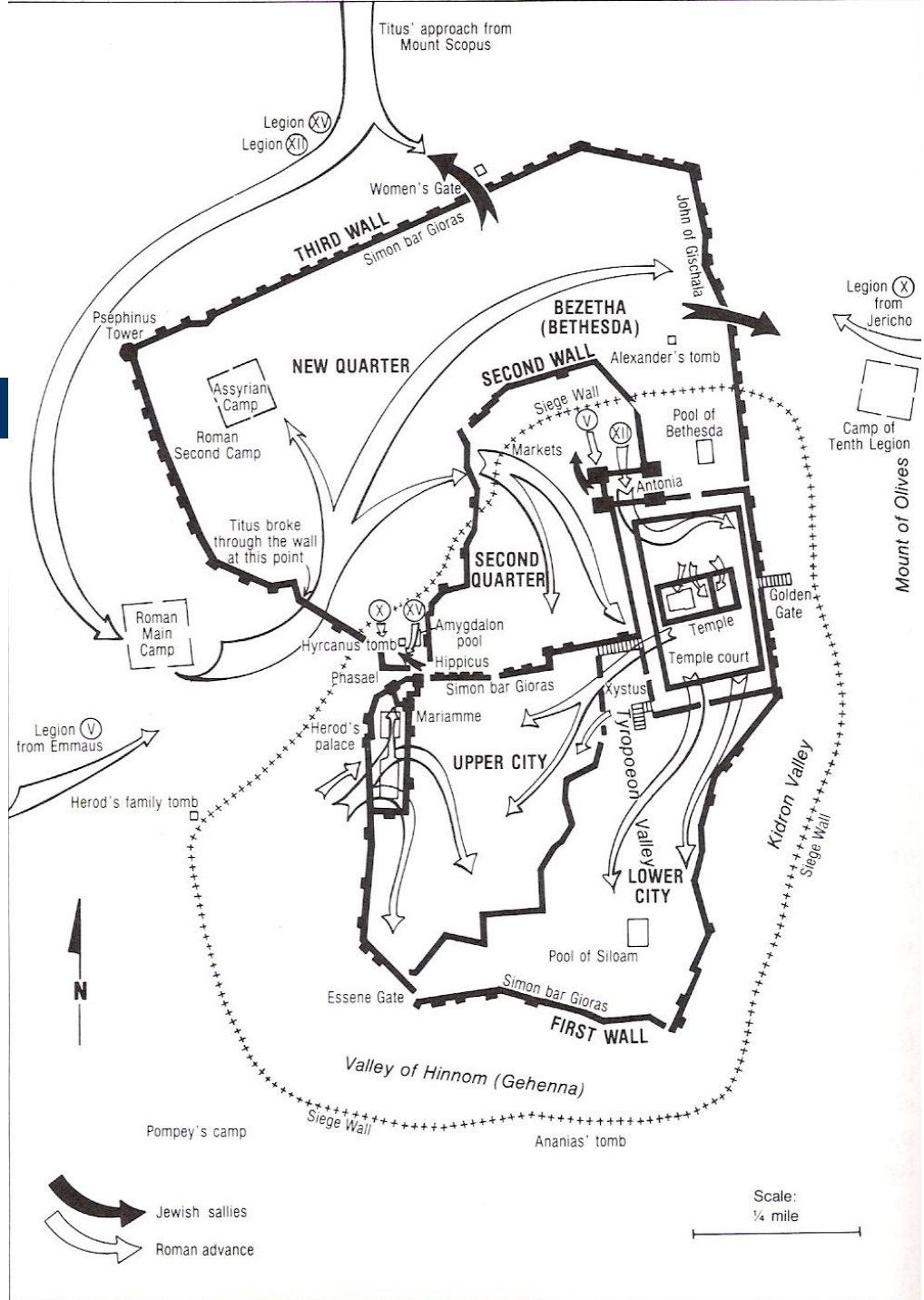
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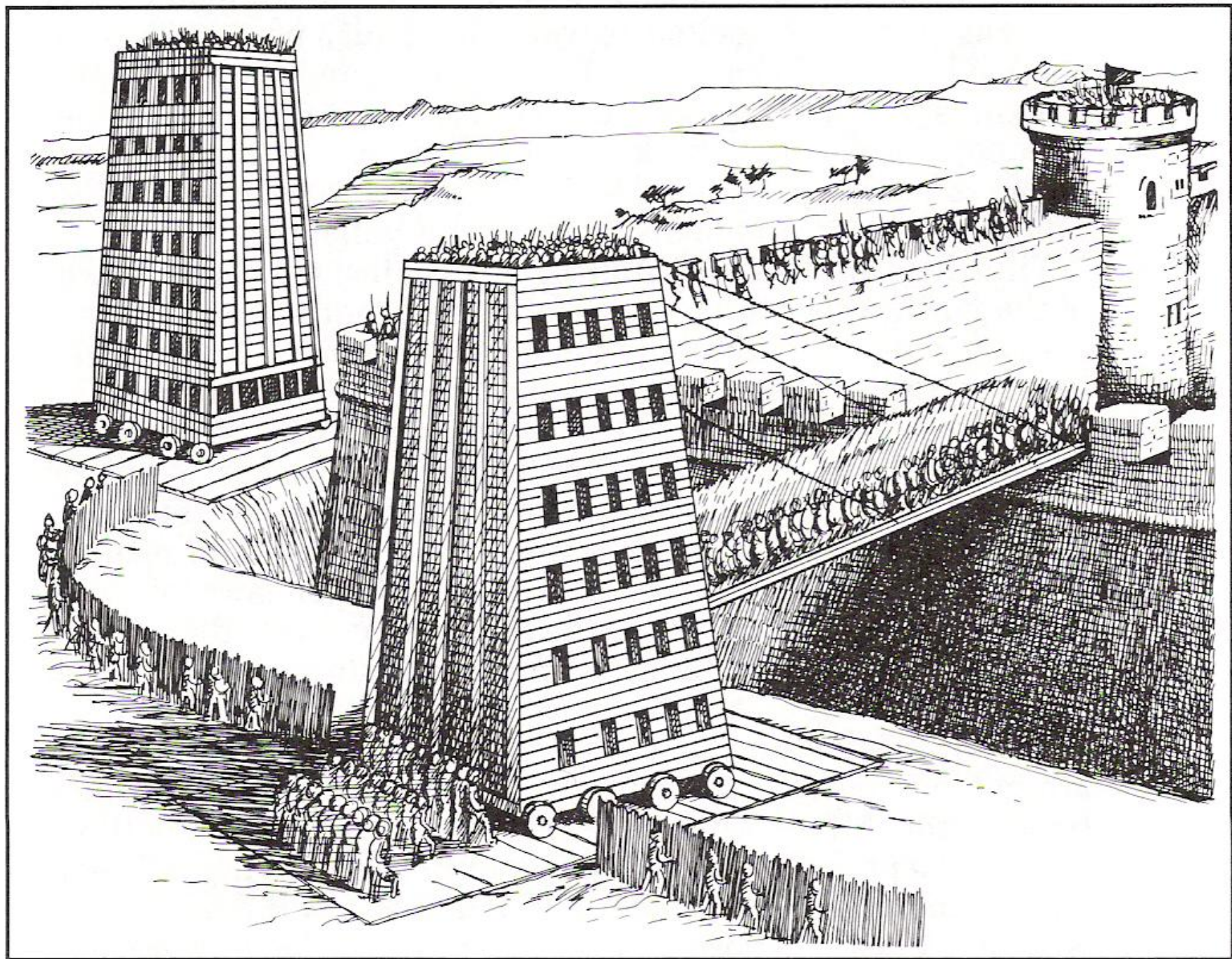
- Titus lays siege to Jerusalem for 143 days.
 - Josephus tells of rape, murder, famine, pestilence, cannibalism within the walls and fire and sword, and all the horrors of war without.
 - Josephus computes the number who perished in the siege at 1,100,000.
 - All would have been destroyed by famine except that the the divisions, mutual slaughters, and desertions within the city eventually allowed the Romans to come in and carry some to captivity.
 - Read Josephus' accounts.

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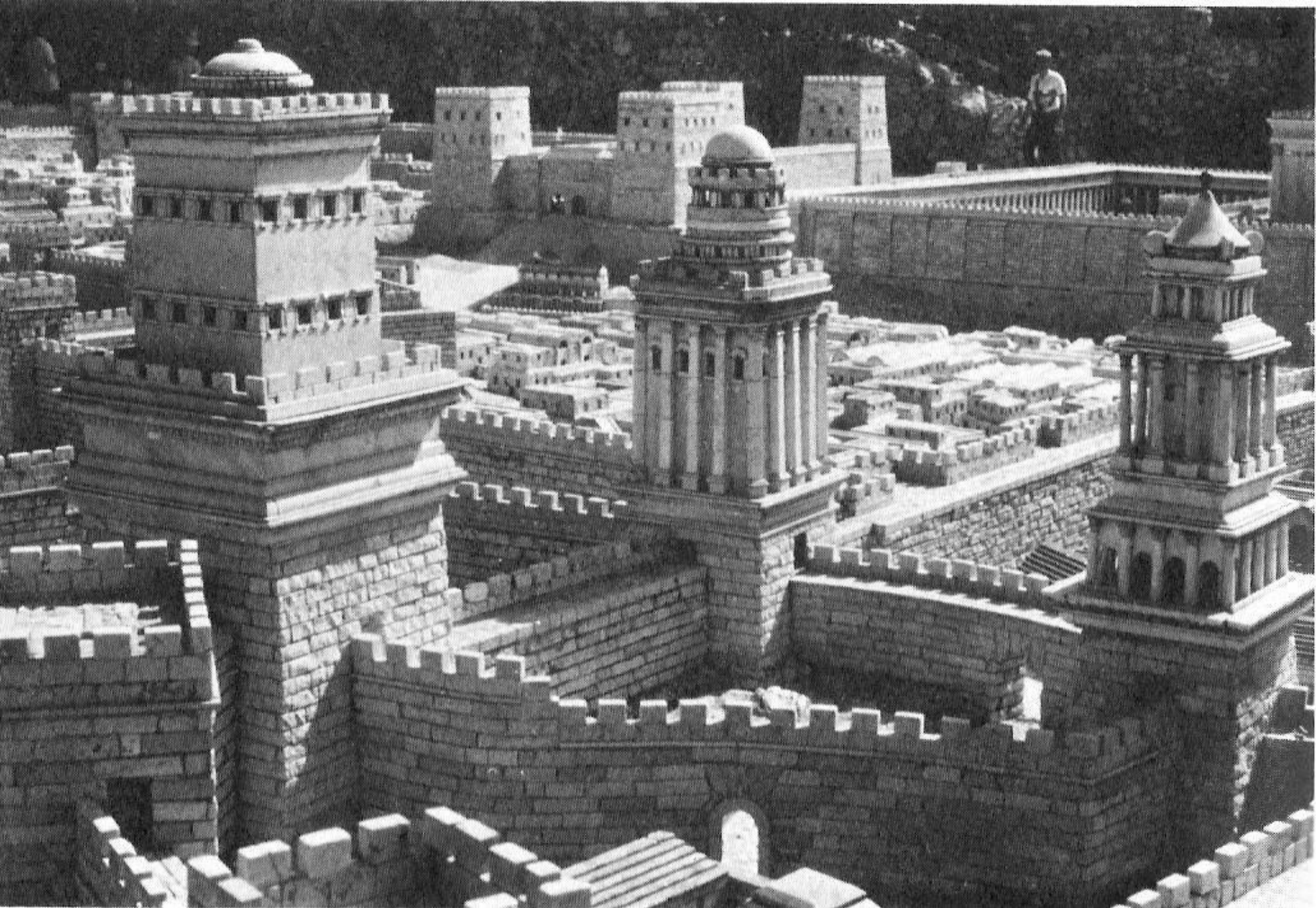
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Roman Siege of Jerusalem, AD 70









The three great towers which guarded Herod's Palace

Daniel 12 Summary

- Vision of Chapt 11 covers history from Alexander the Great through the Ptolemies and Antiochus Epiphanes to Herod the Great. Chapt 12 picks up there.
- Time of distress such as never occurred but those written in the book will be rescued (vs 1)
- “How long will it be until the end of the wonders” (vs 6)
 - Time, Times, and half a time (3 ½ years?) from time of shattering the power of the holy people till all events complete (vs 7)
 - Time between when the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation will be 1290 days (43 even months) (vs 11).
 - Blessed is he who keeps waiting until the 1335 days. (45 more days) (vs 12).