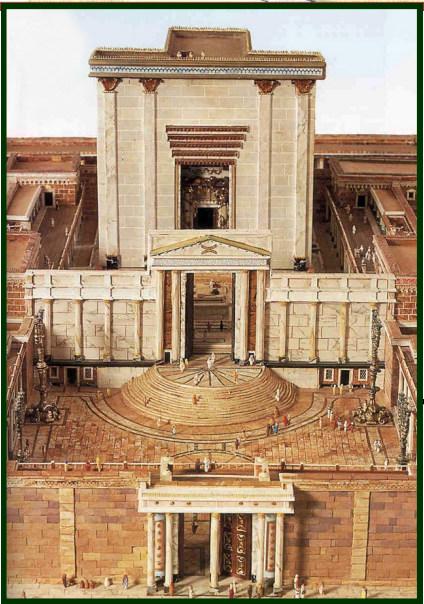


1. Holy of Holies
2. Holy Place
3. Court of Priests
4. Court of Jewish men
5. Court of Jewish women
6. The separation wall
7. Court of Gentiles

Inscription of Temple Warning (discovered in 1871): "No outsider [non-Jew] shall enter the protective enclosure around the sanctuary. And whoever is caught will only have himself to blame for the ensuing death" (cf. Acts 21:17-28; Eph 2:14; Josephus *Antiquities* 15.417).



The Temple Mount and Jewish purity.

Mishnah Kelim 1.6-9

6. There are ten degrees of holiness. **The land of Israel is holier than any other land ...**

7. **The walled cities [of the land of Israel] are still more holy**, in that they must send forth the lepers from their midst ...

8. **Within the wall [of Jerusalem] is still more holy**, for there [only] they may eat the Lesser Holy Things and the Second Tithe. **The Temple Mount is still more holy**, for no man or woman that has a flux, no menstruant, and no woman after childbirth may enter therein. **The Rampart is still more holy**, for not Gentiles and none that have contracted uncleanness from a corpse may enter therein. **The court of the Women is still more holy**, for none that had immersed himself the selfsame day [because of uncleanness] may enter therein ... **The Court of the Israelites is still more holy**, for none whose atonement is yet incomplete may enter therein... **The Court of the Priests is still more holy**, for Israelites may not enter therein save only when they must perform the laying on of hands, slaughtering and waving.

9. **Between the Porch and the Altar is still more holy**, for none that has a blemish or whose hair is unloosed may enter there. **The Sanctuary is still more holy**, for none may enter therein with hands and feet unwashed. **The Holy of Holies is still more holy**, for none may enter therein save only the High Priest at the time of the [Temple] service