

This Week's Developments

July 25- 31, 2021

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Israel accuses Iran over deadly oil tanker attack

BBC News, July 31, 2021



EVENT

Israel has accused Iran of being behind an attack on an oil tanker in which two crew members - a British national and a Romanian citizen - were killed. The MV Mercer Street, operated by the London-based company Zodiac Maritime, was off Oman's coast in the Arabian Sea when the incident occurred on Thursday. The company, which belongs to Israeli shipping magnate Eyal Ofer, said it was working to establish what had happened. But Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid on Friday blamed "Iranian terrorism". "Iran is not just an Israeli problem," Mr Lapid said in a statement, adding: "The world must not be silent." However, details of the attack on the Liberian-flagged, Japanese-owned tanker remain unclear. Iran has not yet commented on the allegations. The incident appears to be a serious escalation in tensions in the region, and some reports suggest that a drone was involved. A spokesperson for the UK government said it was also trying to "urgently establish the facts".

COMMENT

There is an undeclared "shadow war" between Israel and Iran and it appears to be hotting up. There have been several attacks in recent months on both Israeli and Iranian-operated vessels, with both countries trading accusations and denials. But this attack marks a significant escalation with its human casualties. Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid called for a tough response. This marks the first time that Iran has used a drone to attack an Israeli merchant vessel. An Iranian TV channel reported that the attack was in retaliation against an Israeli strike last week that killed a number of Iranians in Syria. We know that Iran has a part to play in the initial inner ring war around Israel – events this week lead us a step closer to that happening...

BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will stir up the Medes [Iranians] against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

(Isaiah 13:17-18)

America will be forced to rely on unpredictable ally for Afghanistan airstrikes

The Times, July 27, 2021



EVENT

Launching airstrikes with no combat aircraft left in Afghanistan is an expensive logistical challenge for the US, whose nearest base is now more than a thousand miles away. All of this was straightforward when the US had a full range of ground-attack aircraft in Afghanistan, including armed surveillance MQ-9A Reaper drones, as well as forward air controllers on the ground and in the air pinpointing the targets. Now General Frank McKenzie of Central Command has to make do with an “over-the-horizon” force operating from Qatar, the UAE and the USS Ronald Reagan carrier, moved from its forward base in Japan to the Gulf. The US has only one realistic flight-path option: through Pakistani airspace. Talks with Islamabad appear to have led to a deal but a refusal of permission in future would leave America out of options and its allies in Kabul firmly on their own.

COMMENT

Biden has announced that all US troops are to leave Afghanistan by August 31st. It marks the official end to the US military mission against the Taliban that started after the September 11 attacks back in 2001. Despite losing nearly 2500 troops, America has not won this war. The Taliban who are still there and jubilant are taking back territory. The US doesn't want the Taliban back in power so is now forced to launch strikes from Qatar and the UAE. These are gulf Arab nations in the south. They are part of the territory of the king of the south – Sheba and Dedan mentioned in Ezekiel 38. America is therefore leaving the north and being forced into the south – as the Bible said it would. The withdrawal of America from Afghanistan changes the military balance and this might well embolden those in the north (Russia / Turkey) to make military moves themselves.

BIBLE QUOTE

Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

(Ezekiel 38:13)

Is Putin's next big chance to take Ukraine now?

Atlantic Council, July 27, 2021



EVENT

Russian President Vladimir Putin recently published an opinion essay “On the historical unity of Russians and Ukrainians.” He argues that Russians and Ukrainians are one people, that Ukraine has fake borders, and that the West has established an anti-Russia project to instill fear in Ukrainians. So is Putin preparing for a new incursion into Ukraine? In April, Russia amassed over 100,000 troops on Ukraine’s eastern border. Russian forces blockaded parts of the Black Sea, and it restricted airspace near the Russian occupied Donbas and Crimea. A new incursion may occur during the Tokyo Olympics. Over the next two weeks, millions of viewers around the world will tune in. He may use this as his window of opportunity while the world is distracted. This would not be the first time Putin has relied on sporting events to meddle abroad. For more than a decade, Russia’s overseas adventures have coincided with various sporting events.

COMMENT

In 2008 while the world was watching the Beijing Olympic games Russian units advanced on Georgia. Heavy fighting commenced, and the international community was caught by surprise. Russia occupied Abkhazia and South Ossetia. These regions remain occupied. During the summer of 2010, millions of soccer fans tuned into the FIFA World Cup. Russia decided to cut its natural gas to Belarus. During the 2012 Olympics Russia ramped up its involvement in the Syrian conflict. While the world was distracted by the 2014 winter Olympic games in Sochi, a large unidentified military force invaded Crimea and then annexed it. We wait to see if Putin uses these Olympic games to make a move somewhere...Putin uses subterfuge to achieve his goals.

BIBLE QUOTE

He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power. This verse is speaking about Gog

(Daniel 8:25 NIV)

Vatican comes clean over property empire

The Times, July 26, 2021

Arrayed in purple and scarlet
with a golden cup in her hand



EVENT The Vatican has revealed that it owns 5,251 properties across Europe before the trial of a cardinal accused of frittering away donations on a block of flats in Chelsea. In its first public budget, the Vatican said it controlled 4,051 properties in Italy and 1,200 across London, Paris and Geneva and Lausanne in Switzerland, which together generated a profit of €15 million last year. The Vatican ventured into the property market using money handed to it in 1929 by Mussolini as compensation for its loss of papal territory to the Italian state. Since then property dealing by prelates has been shrouded in secrecy and punctuated by occasional scandal. Bishop Nunzio Galantino, 72, head of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Holy See (Apsa) gave hints about the Vatican's property portfolio this year, revealing that the London properties were valued at €108.5 million and the 737 Paris properties €600 million.

COMMENT The National Post wrote the following a few years ago under the headline "Wealth of Roman Catholic Church impossible to calculate... There is no doubt, however, that between the church's priceless art, land, gold and investments across the globe, it is one of the wealthiest institutions on Earth." In Avro Manhattan's famous book "The Vatican Billions" he says "Jesus, the founder of Christianity, was the poorest of the poor. Roman Catholicism, which claims to be His church, is the richest of the rich, the wealthiest institution on earth." This super rich, super corrupt organisation which has sadly under the banner of "Christianity" misled billions of people is mentioned in the Bible. It is the false Babel religion sat on 7 hills (Rome) in Revelation 17. The woman is arrayed in gold, and precious stones and pearls – she is decked in immense WEALTH!

BIBLE QUOTE And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (Revelation 17:4-5)

Summer of disaster: Extreme weather wreaks havoc worldwide

Los Angeles Times, July 24, 2021



EVENT

Extreme weather this summer has flattened rural communities in Germany with floodwaters, triggered deadly mudslides in India and sparked heat waves and fires that can be seen from space in the Western United States and Canada. Floods have also wrought damage in parts of New Zealand, Nigeria and Iran. Scientists have been warning for years that rising temperatures will make dry conditions for wildfires more common in some parts of the world and, in other places, trap more moisture in the atmosphere, leading to heavier rainfall during storms. Those conditions could cause more volatile events like the downpour over London on July 12, when about a month's worth of rain fell on parts of the British capital, leading to flash floods that paralyzed some streets and forced the partial closure of its Underground rail system. More unprecedented heat waves also could be in store, like those experienced in the Pacific Northwest, where hundreds of people are believed to have died from the extreme heat.

COMMENT

A succession of record-breaking natural disasters have swept the globe in recent weeks. There have been serious floods in China and western Europe, heatwaves and drought in North America and wildfires in the sub-Arctic. Some scientists are beginning to worry they might have underestimated how quickly the climate will change. It is clearly so difficult to predict the weather and what might happen. The Earth's climate is complex, dynamic and chaotic, involving interactions and energy flows between the land, ocean and atmosphere. The earth is a complex natural machine which mankind is interfering with - partly due to the sheer numbers of people but mainly due to mankind's greed and insatiable lust for more. Creation is groaning under the weight of a sinful population. It is only the removal of sin from the earth that will restore it...

BIBLE QUOTE

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

(Romans 8:22-23)

Missing Wall of Biblical Jerusalem Discovered

Bible History Daily, July 29, 2021



EVENT

Earlier this month, the Israel Antiquities Authority announced the ground-breaking discovery of the eastern section of Jerusalem's Iron Age wall. The wall, stretching along the eastern slope of the Kidron Valley, was uncovered in the City of David Archaeological Park, a short distance from the Temple Mount. Stamps seals and other objects found along the wall allowed the excavators to date the wall to the Iron Age, indicating that it was likely part of the fortifications built by King Hezekiah (Isaiah 22:9), as he prepared for the Assyrian invasion (c. 701 B.C.E.). This also would have been the very same wall that was ultimately destroyed during the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem about a century later (2 Kings 25:10). Although two other sections of the wall were discovered in the 1960s and 70s, the two sections were separated by a large gap, which led some archaeologists to suggest that they were not actually part of Jerusalem's Iron Age fortifications. Rather, it was thought that the identified walls were pieces of larger buildings. This recent discovery, however, finally connects the two sections, proving conclusively that Jerusalem was heavily fortified during the Iron Age

COMMENT

Every single archaeological find backs up the veracity of the Bible. Nothing is ever discovered that says the Bible is wrong. The Bible is a factual and historical work of complete truth. But of course it is much more than that. It is not just another history book. It is God's Word to each one of us (if we would listen) that explains His entire plan and purpose with the earth and with people who decide to accept what He says. All God wants us to do is TRUST what he tells us. All the evidence says that we should!....

BIBLE QUOTE

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes. All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them. Psalm 118:8 is calculated to be the central verse of the entire Bible. It is better to trust in God than man. Surely that is the central theme of the whole Bible... (Psalm 118:8-10)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

DebkaFile Review (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence)

2021-07-31 Israeli Airstrikes in Syria Escalate Tension w- Russia; Prophetic Implications- - Watchman Newscast

2021-07-25 Iran 2.11 Water crisis spurs violence in Khuzestan, anti-govt protests rage - Oneindia News - YouTube

2021-07-25 Iran 3.24 Violence escalates in water-shortage protests in Iran's Khuzestan - Drought - YouTube

2021-07-25 Iraq 3.53 Why Iraq's great rivers are dying - Climate Change - West Asia water crisis - YouTube

2021-07-25 Iraq 9.56 Vox - Why Iraq's great rivers are dying - YouTube

2021-07-25 Russia, exasperated, moving to curtail Israeli strikes in Syria - The Times of Israel *Pdf version *DebkaFile

2021-07-25 The REAL Meaning Behind Israel's Recent Archaeological Revelations - Watchman Newscast LIVE - YouTube

2021-07-25 Israel Launches Airstrike on Iranian Arsenal; Lebanon Rockets Fired at Galilee - Watchman Newscast - YouTube

2021-07-09 U.S. Soldiers Wounded in Rocket Attack as Iran INTENSIFIES Proxy War - YouTube 12.24 min

2021-07-09 Israeli Archaeologists Uncover ANCIENT Building Near Jerusalem's Western Wall - YouTube 8.36 min

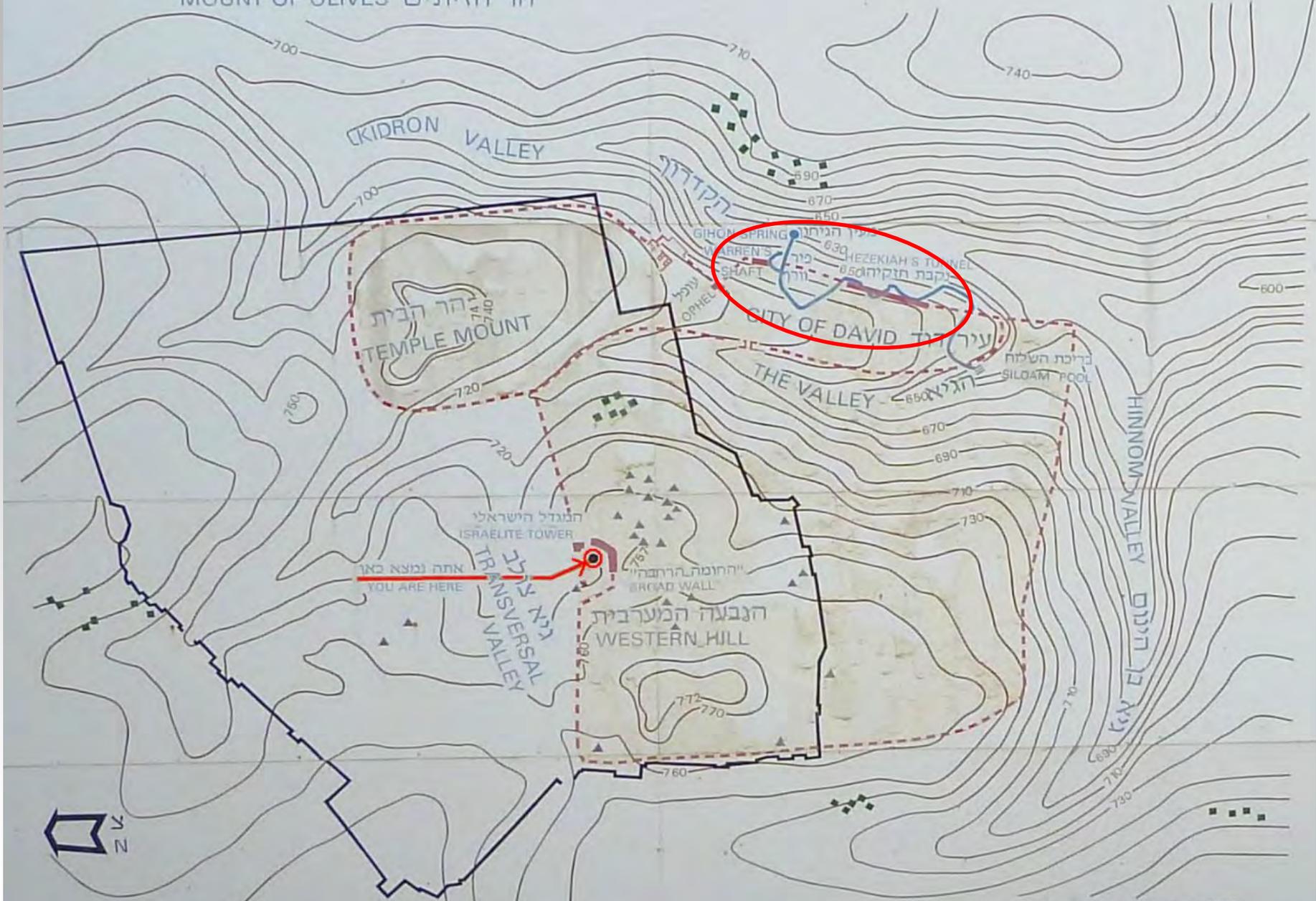
2021-07-08 U.S. Forces in Iraq TARGETED with Rocket Barrage & Explosive Drones - YouTube 11.04 min

2021-07-07 Iran Accuses Israel of Nuclear Plant Attack; US Thwarts Drone at Baghdad Embassy - YouTube 10.36 min

2021-07-02 Future of War- Cyber is the new nuclear - YouTube 9.39 min



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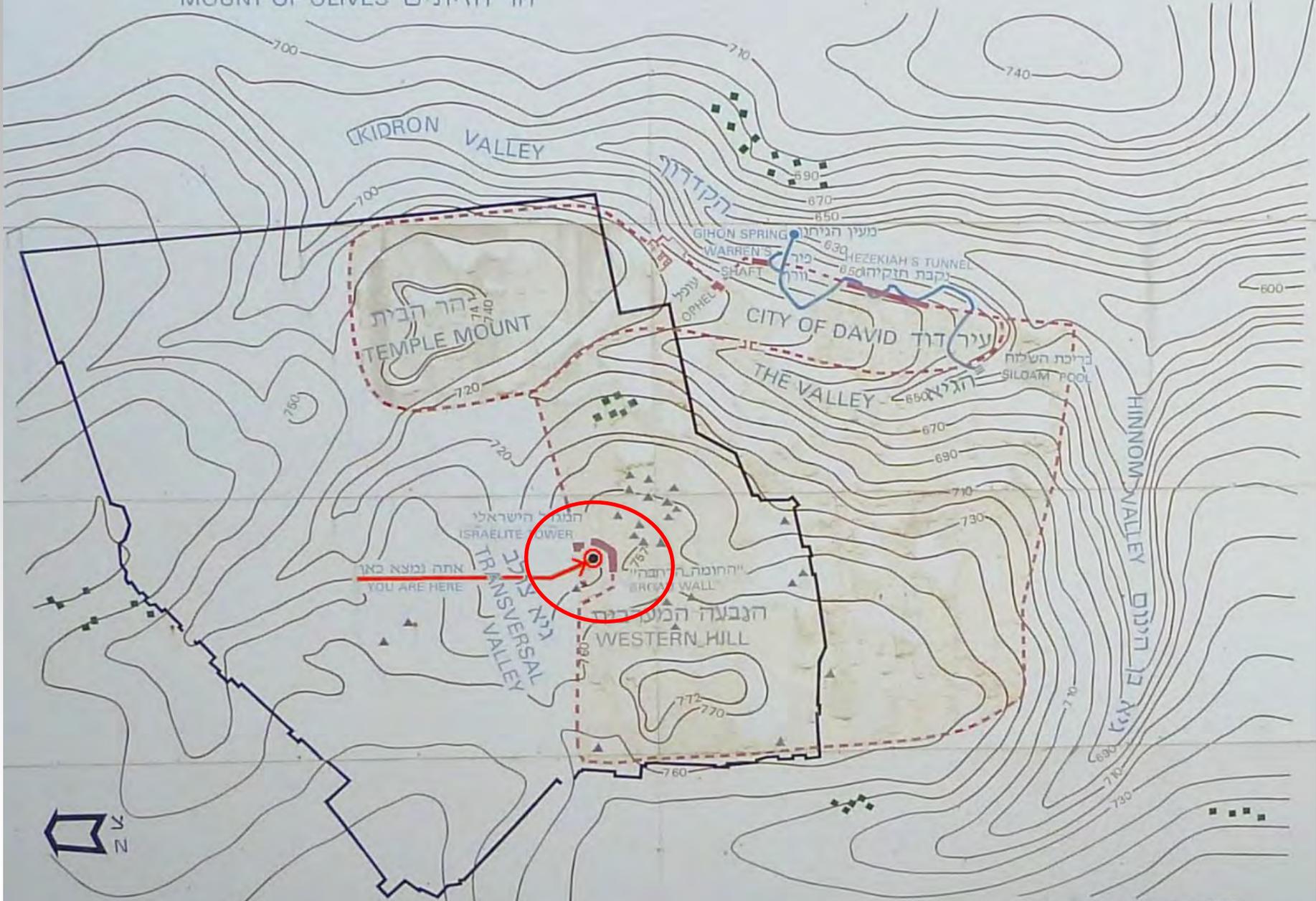


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 חומה מתקופת בית ראשון ———
 קו חומה משוער מתקופת בית ראשון - - -



הר הזיתים MOUNT OF OLIVES



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גובה משוער של החומה
ESTIMATED HEIGHT OF WALL



החפצים באתר הם תוצאה של חפירה
במסגרת תוכנית החומות החדשה

