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1 ¶ Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.

3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralysed.

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5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

7 "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no-one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

8 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."

9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,

10 and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat."

11 But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

12 So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?"

13 The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."

15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

16 So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him.

• *What does a 3 year mission plan look like?*

Founder, Values
<i>Vision</i>
<i>Mission</i>
<i>Strategy</i>
<i>Objectives</i>
<i>Detailed tactics</i>

Creator, Character

*Expressed in creation,
covenants, scripture,
conscience*



Vision

*A people in relationship
with Him*

Mission

*To deliver those willing to
become holy and His
forever*

Plan

*Come to earth to win a
people via salvation*

Objectives

*Demonstrate who God is.
Prepare a leadership to be
His who will lead others
to Himself. Do the
salvation work*

Tactics

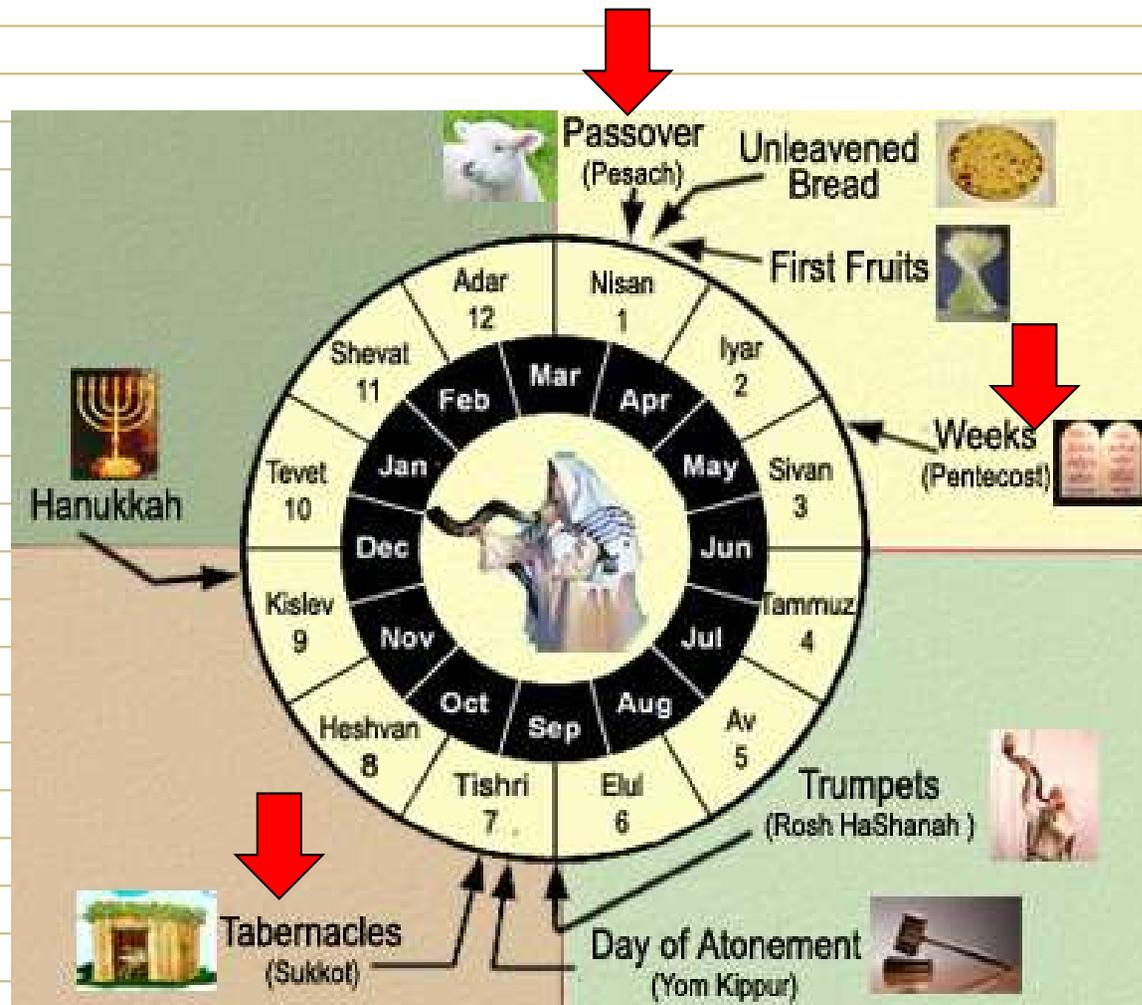
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Forerunner. Teaching.
Signs..*

The Sequence up to this Sign



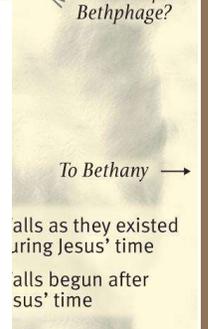
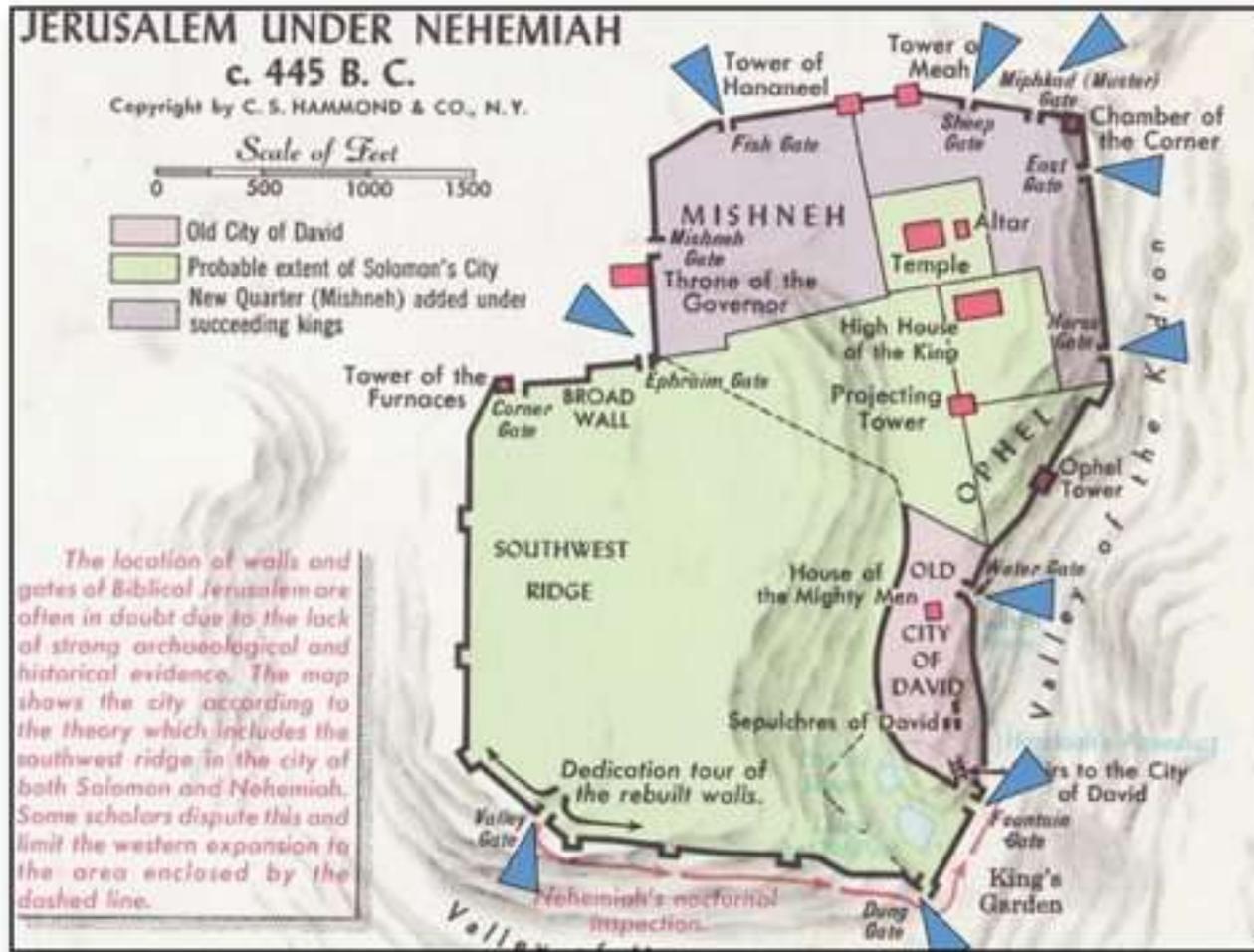
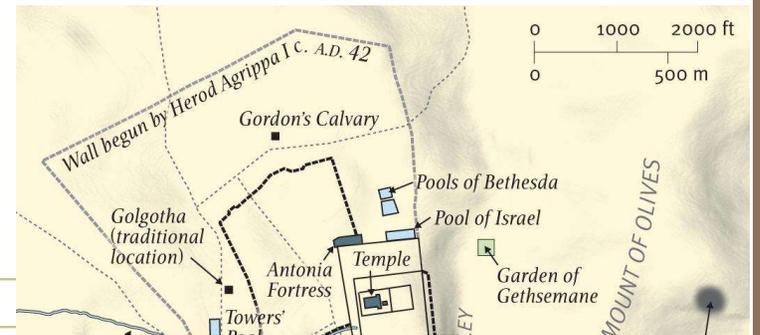
The Situation

• The feast of the Jews



The Situation

• The Sheep Gate



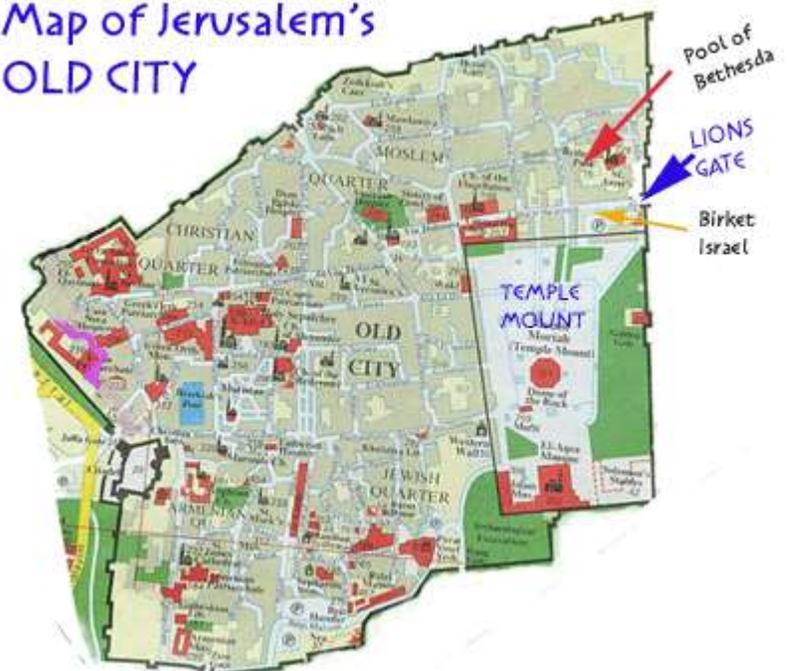
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The Situation

• Bethesda Pool



Map of Jerusalem's
OLD CITY



The Sign

• Why this man?



The Sign

- Why one man?



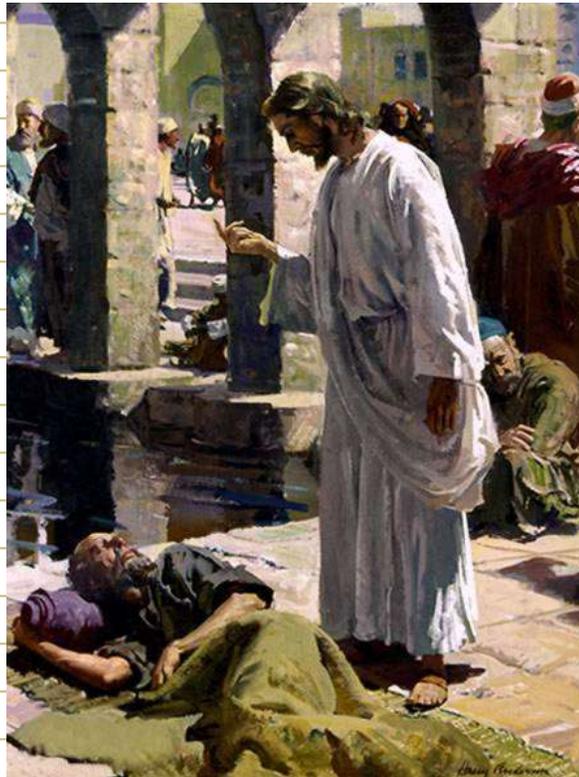
The Sign

• Do you want to get well?



The Sign

*•Get up. Pick up
your mat and walk!*



The Sabbath

•Ex 20:10

•Do no work

•Jer 17:21

•Do not carry any load

•Neh 13:15



The Sabbath

• *Neh 13:15*



15 ¶ In those days I saw men in Judah treading winepresses on the Sabbath and bringing in grain and loading it on donkeys, together with wine, grapes, figs and all other kinds of loads.

And they were bringing all this into Jerusalem on the Sabbath. Therefore I warned them against selling food on that day.

Men from Tyre who lived in Jerusalem were bringing in fish and all kinds of merchandise and selling them in Jerusalem on the Sabbath to the people of Judah.

The Stages of Faith

- God seeks a people for Himself*
- He presents Himself to each one uniquely*
- He continues to act for a positive response*
- Provides His Word for us to follow*
- He calls us to a sanctified life*
- He works through us to bear witness
to how He called us*
- He saves and keeps those of faith in Him!*