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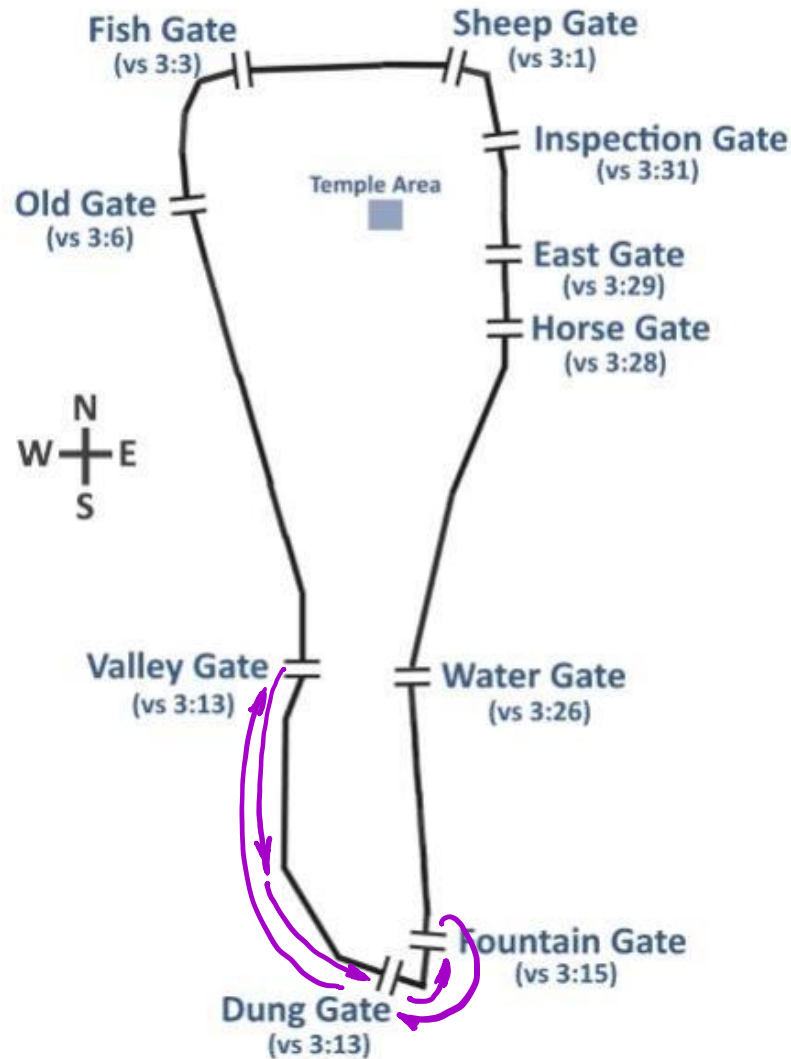
Nehemiah 3

Nehemiah 2:13

So I went out at night by the Valley Gate in the direction of the Dragon's Well and on to the Refuse Gate, inspecting the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were consumed by fire.

Jerusalem's Walls & Gates

In the days of Nehemiah (Nehemiah Chapter 3)



Nehemiah 2:17-20

The Challenge (17)

Then I said to them, “You see the bad situation we are in, that Jerusalem is desolate and its gates burned by fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so that we will no longer be a reproach.”

The Inspiration (18a)

I told them how the hand of my God had been favorable to me...

The Authority (18b)

...and also about the king's words which he had spoken to me.

The Agreement (18c)

Then they said, "Let us arise and build." So they put their hands to the good *work*.

The Enemy (Discouragement) (19)

But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard *it*, they mocked us and despised us and said, "What is this thing you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?"

Faith (20)

So I answered them and said to them, "The God of heaven will give us success. Therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no portion, right or memorial in Jerusalem."

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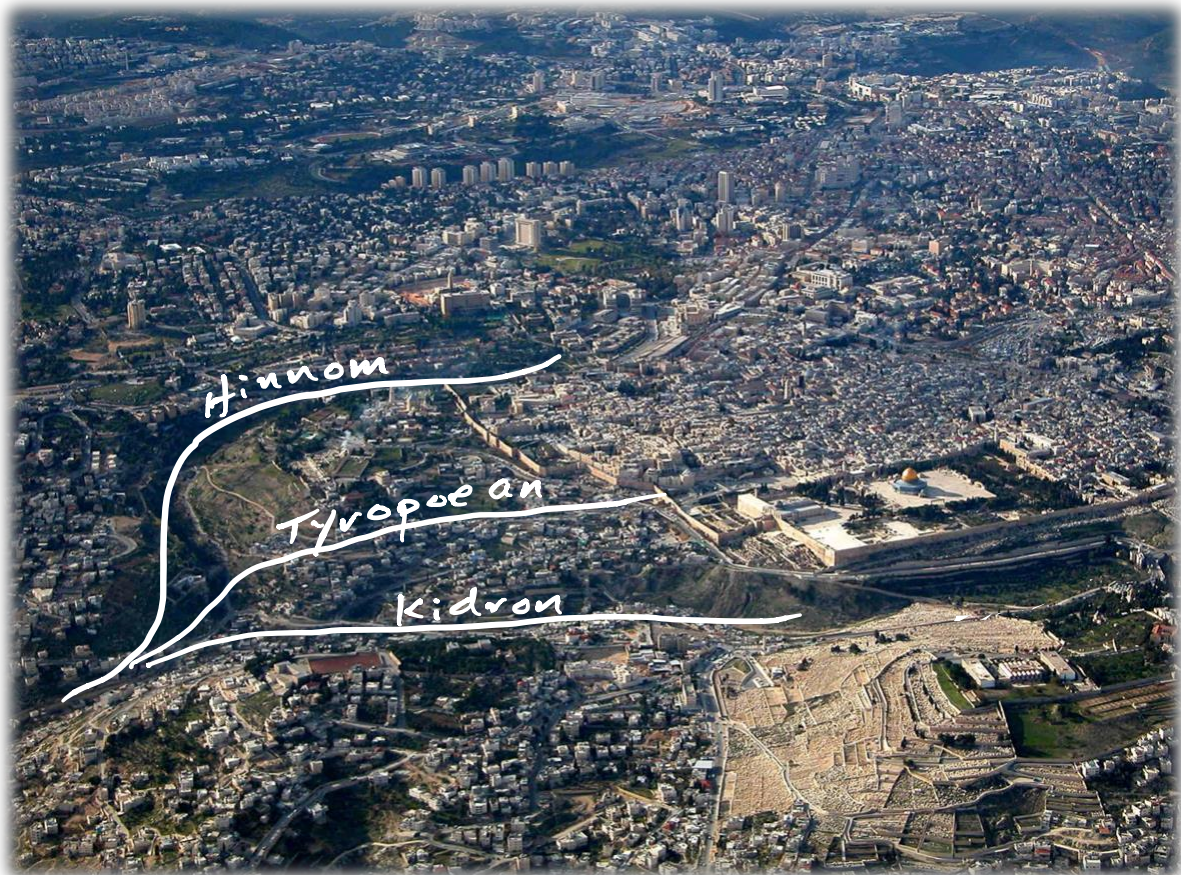
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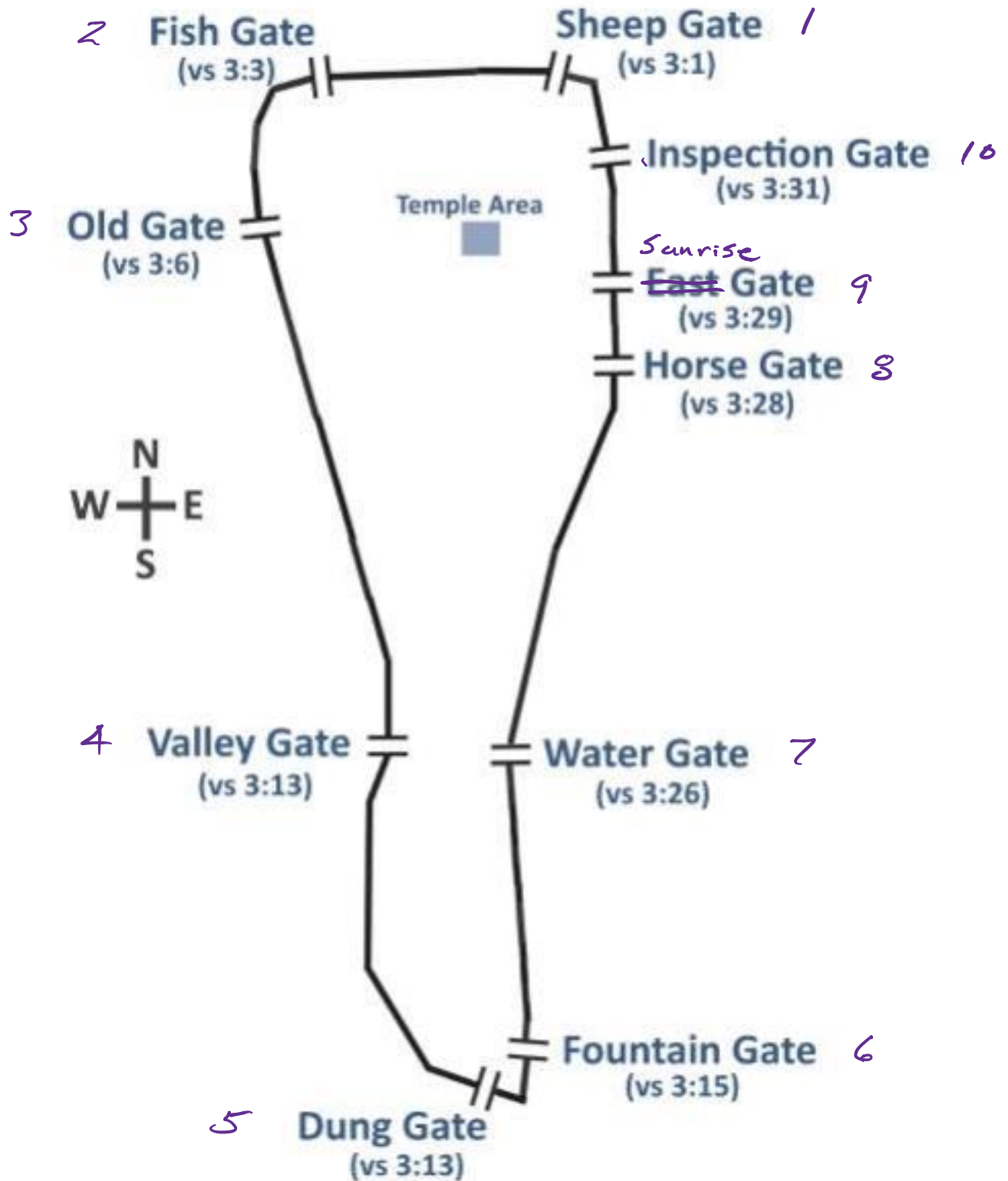






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In the days of Nehemiah (Nehemiah Chapter 3)



Who did the building?

- Priests & Levites (1,17,22,28)
- Men of Jericho (2)
- Goldsmiths, perfumers (8,32)
- City Officials
- Women (12)
- Bachelors (23)
- Temple servants (26,31)
- City guards (29)
- Merchants (32)

Why?

- This work was for everyone!
- The welfare of all relied upon the work of each.
- Each family built their own portion.
- But each family cooperated with their neighbors.
- None of the work was unimportant

Zech. 14

