

48 Cardo

Names (also known as)

Cardo Maximus

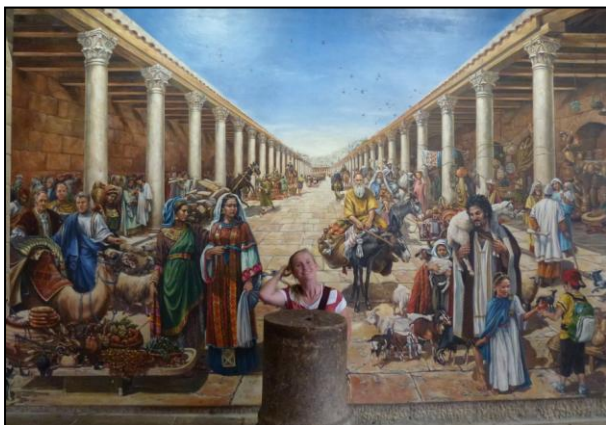
Etymology

The cardo was the "hinge" or axis of the city, derived from the same root as cardinal.

Location/Description



The Cardo Maximus was the main north-south running street in ancient Roman cities, as opposed to the Decumanus Maximus; which was the main east-west street. The Forum was normally located at the intersection of the Decumanus and the Cardo.



A mural in the Jerusalem Cardo illustrating what they looked like in ancient times

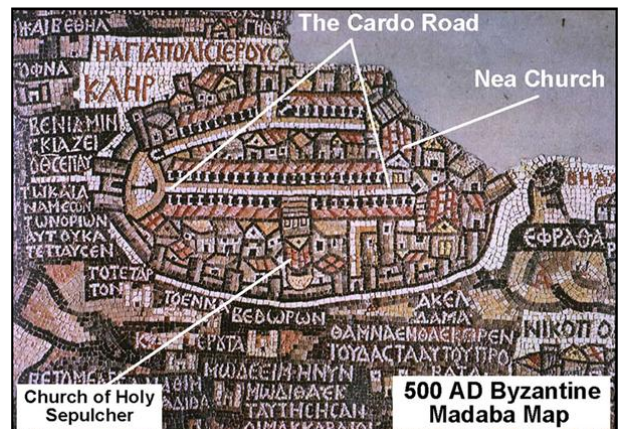
Scriptural references

None

Brief history

The one in Jerusalem was built after 130 AD when Hadrian defeated the Jewish rebellion led by Simon Bar Kochba and razed Jerusalem. He then built the city Colonia Aelia Capitolina, which was named for the pagan Roman trinity (Jupiter, Juno, Minerva). The Cardo began at the modern day Damascus gate and went south from there. It was made 73 feet (22 metres) wide (size of a

modern 6 lane highway), and was lined with tall columns. In the 6th century with Rome turning to Christianity, Justinian extended the Cardo southward to connect it to key religious sites such as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Zion Gate. 500 feet (152 metres) of the street were uncovered in the 1970s, 8 feet (2.5 metres) below the modern street. It has been restored and a section of it is now a modern day shopping area. Below is a picture of a Byzantine mosaic found in Madaba, Jordan that archaeologists used to find where the Cardo was located in 2nd century Jerusalem.



There are also Cardos in Sepphoris, Banias, Bethshan and other places. One of the abominations of desolation set up in the city of our King brought it to be known as the city of a pagan trinity, yet we hope to join our King in making it a beautiful and pure manifestation of Yahweh's glory in the age to come.



Sources:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardo>

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