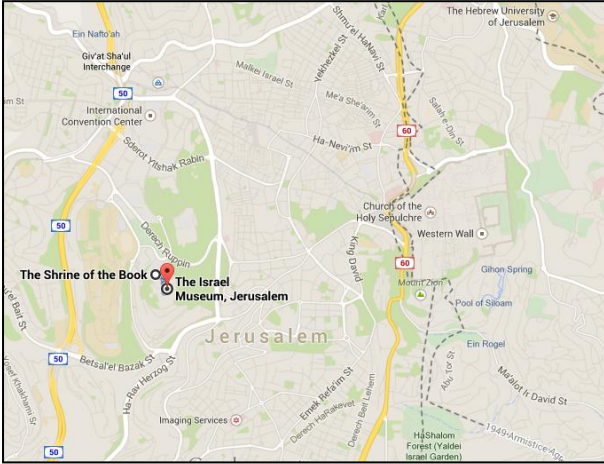


55 Israel Museum

Location/Description



The Israel Museum is situated on a hill in the Givat Ram neighbourhood of Jerusalem, near the Bible Lands Museum, the Knesset, the Israeli Supreme Court, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

An urn-shaped building on the grounds of the museum, the Shrine of the Book, houses the Dead Sea Scrolls and artifacts discovered at Masada.



Brief history and features

The building was founded in 1965 to house both archaeological and art/cultural exhibits. Remarkable finds from both within Israel and cultural and archaeological exhibits from as far away as Yemen, Iran and Europe display the natural and cultural history of the nation.

Numerous highlights of Biblical interest are contained within the museum including the following:

- The "house of David" inscription found by Gila Cook at Tel-Dan - the first extra Biblical evidence of the kingdom of David.
- The Pontius Pilate inscription found at Caesarea.
- A copy of the Lachish inscription from Nineveh with graphic detail of the fall of Lachish.
- The ossuary from the house of Caiaphas.
- The Heliodorus stele confirming the delegation from the Ptolemies to gather tax - Daniel 11:20.
- The tomb of Herod the great from Herodium (A feature and possibly not a routine exhibit).
- A human foot with evidence of crucifixion from the time of the siege of Jerusalem.
- The gate from Hatzor.

On special display is currently an exhibit styled; "A hoard from the foot of the temple mount".



Sources:

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