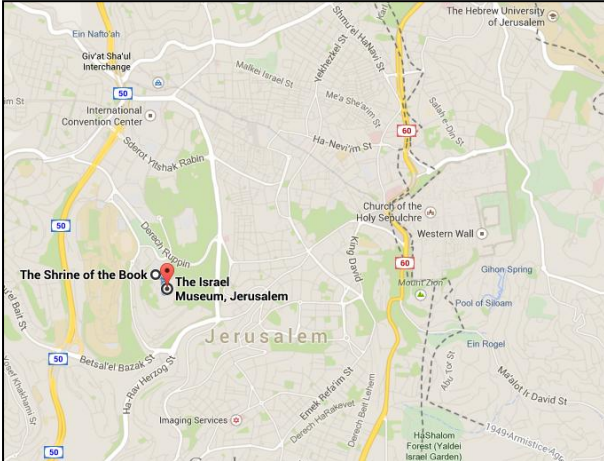


54 Jerusalem Model

Location/Description



The Jerusalem Model is adjacent to the Israel Museum at the southern edge of the Billy Rose Sculpture Garden.

Brief history

In 1966, Hans Kroch the owner of the Holy-Land Motel built a scale model of the city of Jerusalem, based on historical sources, in particular Josephus. He did so in memory of his son Jacob, who was killed in Israel's War of Independence.



Archaeologists (principally Professor Michael Avi-Yonah of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem), historians and architects contributed their expertise to the re-creation of ancient Jerusalem.

The main sources used were writings from the Roman period, construction techniques used in ancient cities similar to Jerusalem, and

archaeological discoveries from Jerusalem itself.

Subsequent excavations in Jerusalem have enabled the model to be refined and updated archaeologically.

In 2006 it was transported to its current location adjacent to the Shrine of the Book and the Israel Museum some 5 kms from its original site at the motel.

In preparation for the move, the model was sawn into 1,000 pieces and later reassembled. The Holyland Hotel spent \$3.5 million on the move.



The detail of the model is remarkable and vantage points surrounding the model allow a real perspective of the layout of Jerusalem during the time of Christ.

Sources:

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