The Hour has Come: John 17

When Jesus had spoken these things he lifted his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come! Glorify your son, that the son may glorify you. Just as you gave the son sovereignty over all flesh, in order that he may grant ageless life to all whom you have entrusted to him. This is that everlasting life – knowing you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you entrusted to me.

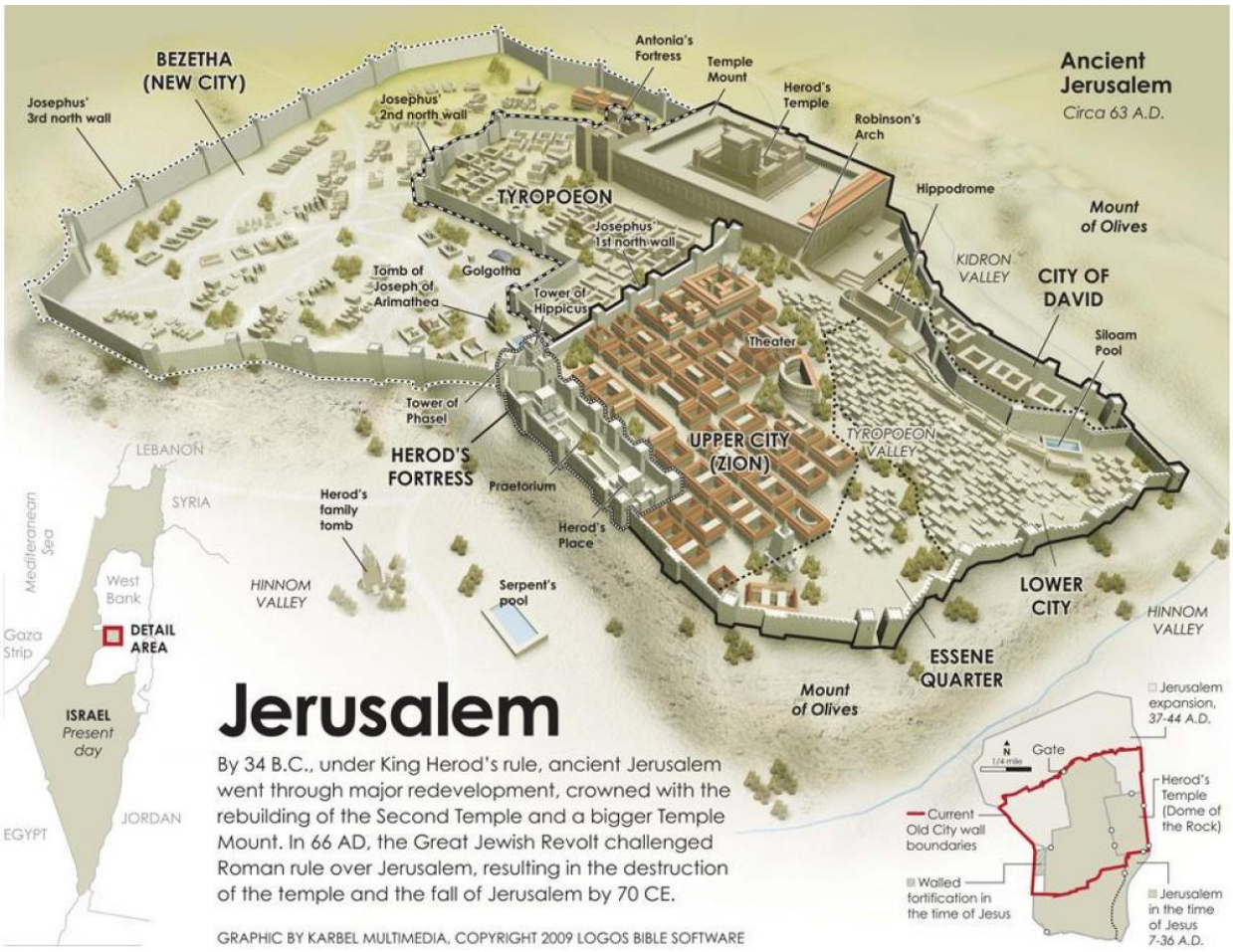
Now glorify us together, Father, with the glory which I had with you before creation existed. I manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the created realm; They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. They have come to understand everything you have given to me is from you. The teachings you committed to me I have given to them; and they received them and have come to truly know that I flowed forth out of you – they believe that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for all creation, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All that is mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

I am no longer to be in this created realm, but they remain in this creation. Keep them in your name—the name you have given me—so that they may be one, just as we are one. While I was with them, I watched over them in your name, and not one was lost (destroyed – ruined), except that son of perdition, to fulfill the scriptures. But now I am coming to you, and I am speaking about these things in the world so that they may have my full gladness within themselves. I have given them your word, and the world loathes them, for they are not of this creation just as I am of this realm.

I am not asking you to remove them from this world, but that you keep them from Evil. They are not of this creation just as I am not of this creation. Purify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you commissioned me into this world I am sending them into the world. For their sakes I purify (ἁγιάζω present active - *make holy, consecrate, sanctify*; things set apart for sacred purposes - *dedicate*) myself, so that they may be purified (participle perfect passive) in reality. I do not ask on their behalf alone, but for those who will believe in me through their word; that they may be one (as you Father are in me and I am in you, that they may be in us – then the world will believe that you sent me.

The glory you have given to me I give to them; so that they may be one, just as we are one; I in them, and you in me, that they may be absolutely in oneness, that creation may know that you sent me, and love them, just as you love me. Father, my desire is that they, whom you gave me, may be where I am, so that they may behold my glory, which you gave to me, for you loved me before the founding of the cosmos.

O righteous Father, although the world has not recognized you, I have known you; and these know that you sent me; and I have made your name known to them I will make it known; that the love that you have in me may be in them, as I may be in them.



Jerusalem

By 34 B.C., under King Herod's rule, ancient Jerusalem went through major redevelopment, crowned with the rebuilding of the Second Temple and a bigger Temple Mount. In 66 AD, the Great Jewish Revolt challenged Roman rule over Jerusalem, resulting in the destruction of the temple and the fall of Jerusalem by 70 CE.

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