

*DIGGING JERUSALEM:
Tales of the First and Second Temples*

Under One Tent
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- A. Defining Terms
 - 1. Timeline of periods covered
 - 2. What were our names, and when?

- B. Tales of the First Temple Period: Finds from the City of David (Ir David)
 - 1. The Millo: evidence of Davidic/Solomonic Presence?
 - 2. 'The Large Stone Structure': Davidic/Solomonic Palace?
 - 3. Solomon's Temple: Indirect but intriguing evidence
 - 4. Hezekiah's water tunnel, the Broad Wall, and seals (ca. 700 BCE)
 - 5. What the tomb tells: Ketef Hinnom burials (ca. 600 BCE)
 - 6. The final days: Ahiel's house, his toilet, and what they tell (586 BCE)

- C. Tales of the Second Temple Period:
 - 1. The Early Temple: what we don't know
 - 2. Herod dismantles the Early Temple and builds a third
 - 3. Where the top priests lived: Herodian Mansions
 - 4. Benjamin Mazar's excavations around the Temple Mount
 - 5. The final days: the Burnt House Museum and Jerusalem's fall, 70 CE

- D. The Problem of Politics: Whose Jerusalem Is It, And Why?
 - 1. The Waqf defies non-excavation rule on the Temple Mount
 - 2. Waqf excavation dump goes to Temple Mount Sift Project
 - 3. Israeli tunnels and their consequences
 - 4. Desperately seeking common ground: Emek Shaveh

E. Read All About It: More Learning Suggestions

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