



CITY OF KING DAVID

The City of David is one of Jerusalem's most active archaeological sites. The oldest part of Jerusalem, it was a settlement during the Canaanite period. King David captured the city over 3,000 years ago and brought the Ark of the Covenant here as a declaration of a united Israel and Jerusalem as its capital.

It is within walking distance from the Old City of Jerusalem and the Western Wall, and is one of the most exciting sites in Israel. Visitors from all over the world come to see the strongest physical connection between the stories of the Bible and reality, the place where the Holy City started.

Today the City of David is an archeological park that tells the history of Jerusalem, its wars and hardships, its prophets and kings, and the history of the Jews during Biblical times. The remains of the city are present in the ancient stones and the thousands of shards that cover the pathways between the buildings. Among the archeological ruins are large elaborate houses that bear witness to the high social status of the city's residents. Warren's Shaft leads to the tunnel that was used to transport water from the Gihon Spring outside the city, next to the remains of one of several towers used to defend the well. It is thought that King Solomon was anointed and crowned king of Israel at this site. Among the ruins found in the city were personal seals for signing letters and documents bearing the names of their owners. These were the effects of people who are mentioned in the Bible.

