

Site: Masada

Scripture References: Psalm 31:1-3

Historical Significance:

1. In 37 BC King Herod built an 18' high wall around the perimeter of Masada. He also built 2 winter palaces on top of the rock fortress.
2. In 73 AD, Masada, the last stronghold held by the Jewish Zealots, was captured by the Romans. According to the Jewish historian, Josephus, the remaining zealots at Masada preferred killing themselves to becoming slaves in Rome.

Things to look for:

1. Herod's Western Palace
2. Herod's Northern Palace
3. Zealot's living quarters
4. Large bathhouse
5. Storerooms
6. Ritual baths
7. Synagogue
8. Roman siege ramp

What does this site teach us about God?

1. No place on earth is secure apart from the hand of God.
2. Only God is our Masada, our stronghold.