

Site: Western Wall Plaza/Tunnel

Scripture References:

Nehemiah 1:3-4

Ezekial 8:8-10

Historical Significance:

- Large public square situated adjacent to the Western Wall in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. This area is 10,000 square meters and can accommodate up to 400,000 persons per day
- Place of Prayer, reminds us to keep our prayers authentic
- Mondays and Thursdays it is common to see a Bar Mitzvah (they become a son of the Law and transition from childhood to adulthood at 14 years old)
- Holiest spot for Jews because closest they can get to the Temple and the Holy of Holies
- Ritual washing of hands before praying and touching the wall
- Women on right and men on the left to pray and men must cover their heads
- Tradition says that God hears the prayers that are written and placed in the Western Wall, also known as the wailing wall
- The notes are removed twice a year and buried on the Mount of Olives
- The Western Wall Tunnel lets visitors see the entire length of the Western Wall
- The Wall is made of massive stones on the wall 44 feet long, 10 feet high, and more than 12 feet deep.

Things to look for:

- A verse is scratched into the wall above the ruins that paraphrases Isaiah 66 verse 14 which speaks of a time when the Kingdom of the Messiah will provide mercy to his servants and justice to his enemies.
- Herod's signature relief on the massive stones
- Washing stations before praying

What does this site teach us about God?

God hears our prayers

