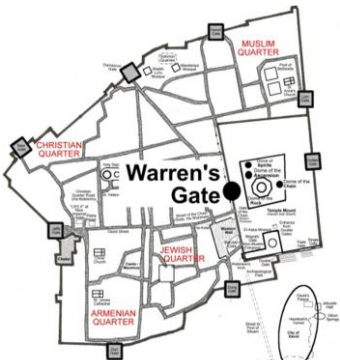


Warren's Gate

Warren's Gate was one of four entrances into the Temple Mount from the west side. It is located about 150 feet into the Western Wall Tunnel. On the other side of this now blocked gate is a tunnel and a staircase that lead up to the surface of the Temple Mount. After the fall of the Byzantine Empire (Christians), the Muslim conquerors allowed the Jews to pray in this tunnel, and the Jews created a synagogue here at the base of the stairs below the

Temple Mount. But, in 1099 the Crusaders (Christians) destroyed the synagogue, which the Jews had called "the Cave", and turned it into a cistern. This was the closest gate to the Holy of Holies. This northernmost gate of Herod's Temple is known today as Warren's Gate, discovered by Charles Warren, the British archaeologist who worked in Jerusalem under an association called the Palestine Exploration Fund in the 1800's.



Above is a place of prayer at a point in the Western Wall tunnel that is the closest location to the Holy of Holies available to the Jews. About 15 steps back to the right and down a flight of stairs is Warren's



Herodian lintel of Warren's Gate

