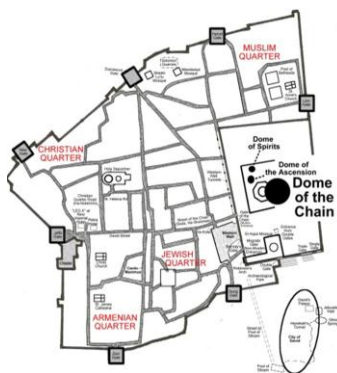


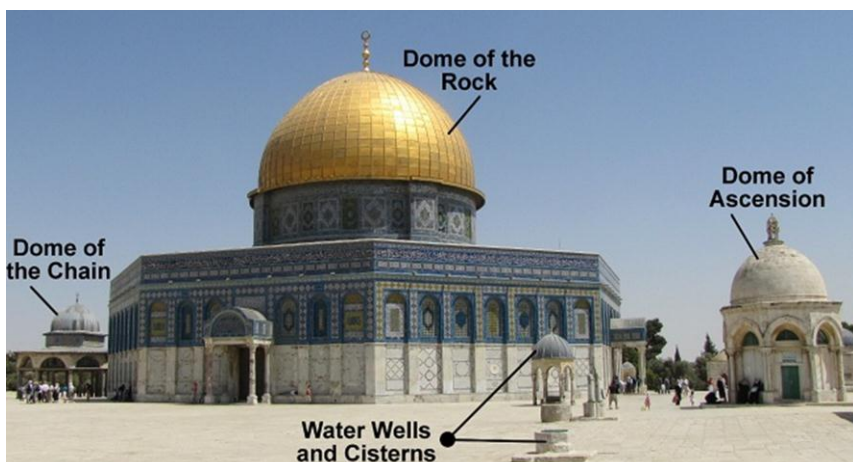
# Dome of the Chain

The Dome of the Chain was built during the Ummayyad dynasty by the caliph Abd al-Malik in 691 AD. It remains in its original condition unaltered by restorations. It is not a mosque, but a place of prayer. Crusaders converted it into a chapel after falsely identifying it as the place of the martyrdom of James.

This is how the Dome of the Chain received its name according to an ancient legend recorded by the 1400's author Muiadir al-Din:



“Among the wonders of the Holy House is the chain, which Solomon, son of David, suspended between Heaven and Earth, to the east of the Rock, where the Dome of the Chain now stands. The chain had one characteristic. If two men approached it to solve a point of litigation, only the honest and upright man could take hold of it; the unjust man saw it move out of his reach.”



Dome of the Chain sets in the location of the altar of burnt offering.



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