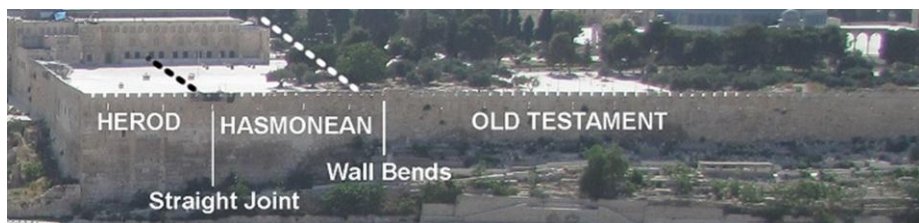
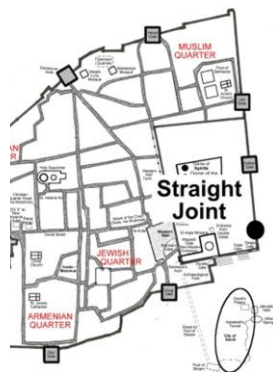
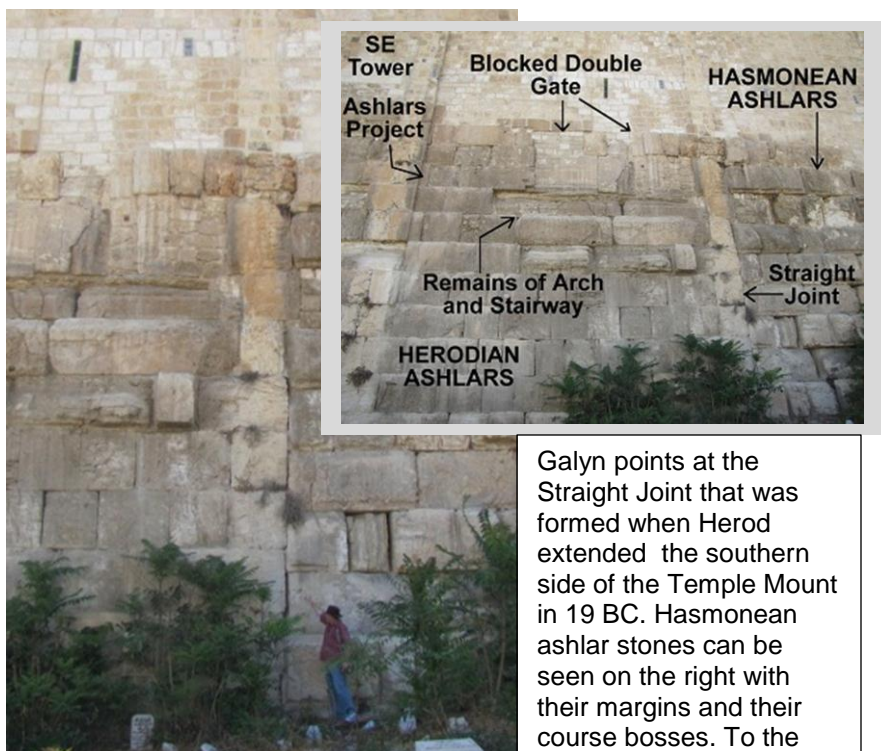


Straight Joint

On the SE end of the Eastern wall it is clear where the Hasmoneans added on to Solomon's walls since there is a slight bend in the wall at this location. It is also very clear where Herod added onto the Hasmonean walls since the blocks do not overlap *but instead have a straight joint where Herod's ashlar blocks butt up against the Hasmonean blocks. The dotted white line across the surface of the Temple Mount indicates where Solomon's platform (500 by 500 cubits) would have ended.*



The dotted black line across the surface is how far the Hasmoneans extended the Temple Mount to the south.



Galyn points at the straight joint.

Galyn points at the Straight Joint that was formed when Herod extended the southern side of the Temple Mount in 19 BC. Hasmonean ashlar stones can be seen on the right with their margins and their course bosses. To the left are Herodian ashlar with smooth bosses.