

Glossary

Ashlar – a six sided stone cut to be stacked without mortar. Often with a faced front, boss and margin chiseled

Casemate Walls – two thinner, parallel walls with empty space between them. It was faster and cheaper to build, plus the inhabitants could live in the space until a time of war when the space would be quickly filled in with debris and stone to strengthen the wall.

Decantation Pool – a pool used to pour off the wine without disturbing the sediment.

First Temple Period – the time of Solomon's Temple (970-586 BC)

Fresco - a technique consists of painting in pigment mixed with water on a thin layer of wet, fresh (hence the name) lime mortar, plaster or wax.

Glaci –an artificial slope of earth constructed against a city's wall to keep any potential assailant climbing a steep, slippery slope while under the fire of the defenders.

Lisan – (in Dead Sea) - a piece of land that separates the north and the south basins of the Dead Sea. It is Arabic for "tongue." The peninsula is located in the territory of the country of Jordan. It separates the northern section of the Dead Sea from the shallow southern part.

Odeon - A type of theater in ancient Greek culture that is smaller than the dramatic theater. It is usually roofed. Poets and musicians performed their arts here and often contended for prizes.

Ostrakon – (Ostraca) - a piece of broken pottery scratched with words

Quay – a structure parallel to a bank of water to use as a landing place where ships load and unload.

Shephelah – the foothills next to the coastal plain or lowlands

Tel - The word 'tel' is from the Arabic language, meaning mound or mount. Natural and cultural disasters such as earthquakes, fires, and war knock down buildings and walls leaving cities in piles of rubble. There is often no way to remove all the debris so the cities are left as mounds that are eventually covered with grasses, brush and other growth. This mound of remains is called a tel. In many cases people built right on top of the ruins.

Wadi – (Nahal) - the bed or valley of a stream that is dry except during the rainy season