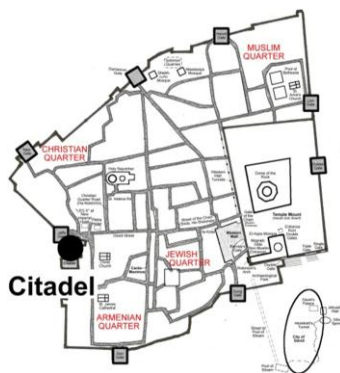
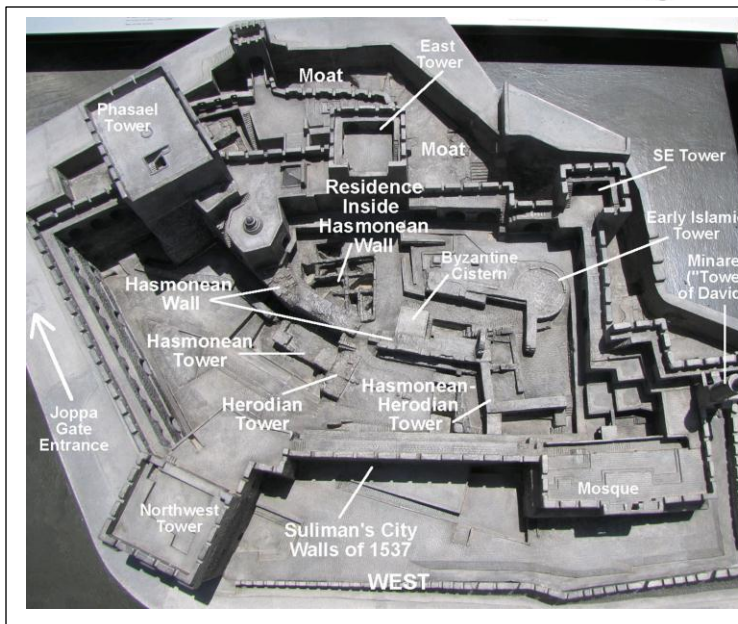


# Citadel

On the west side of the Old City beside the Jaffa Gate are the remains of the Citadel, which served as a fortress to defend the northwest side of the ancient city of Jerusalem. The Hasmoneans were the first to defend this western portion of the city with a wall around 150 BC. Herod built his royal palace and three towers (Hippicus, Phasael and Mariamne) here. Jesus stood before Herod Antipas in this citadel on the night he



was betrayed. The Jewish revolt began here in 66AD when Jewish rebels attacked and burnt the palace, and it was also the headquarters of the Tenth Roman Legion for 200 years after that revolt. The Crusaders and the Muslims used this location also.



Erroneously called the Tower of David is a Muslim minaret located in the Citadel. It is a familiar landmark and



Inside the Citadel