

ROCK SOLID EVIDENCE

Following the 1967 war between Israel and Jordan, a vast reconstruction program was undertaken in the Israeli capital. As this developed, so did remarkable archaeological discoveries which agree with the Bible. One of those was the unearthing of *"The Broad Wall"*.



This wall, or more specifically its foundations, is 7m (22 ft) thick, and 65 m (215 ft) long and dates back to the time of King Hezekiah in the 7th century BC.

It was built to extend Jerusalem and allow refugees to shelter from the Assyrian invaders. Just as someone said to Amos the prophet, *"Go, you seer! Flee to the land of Judah, there eat bread and there prophesy"* (Amos 8:12), so many refugees were fleeing to the Southern capital. But

space was a problem, and so King Hezekiah, *"built another wall outside"* (2 Chron.32:5) to accommodate the overflow.

In fact, Isaiah the prophet had revealed this in graphic detail: *"You numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses you broke down to fortify the wall"* (Isaiah 22:10). One travel guide to Jerusalem says, *"On the building next to the exposed wall, a clearly visible line indicates what archaeologists think was the original height of the wall. Also visible are the remains of housing from the same period, demolished to make way for the wall, as described in the Book of Isaiah (22:10)."* (D.K. Travel Guide).

This wall was later repaired by Nehemiah in 445 BC and it is amazing to think that his men reinforced what we now see with our own eyes. In fact, his book actually uses the term *"...the Broad Wall"* twice (Nehemiah 3:8; 12:38).

So archaeology again uncovers material evidence that corresponds perfectly with the Biblical account. How long will some people remain ignorant that the Bible is a historical book? How long will they continue to ignore its vital message for us today? Surely such evidence makes us more accountable to God to take His Word seriously. Do you?

As the disciples of old said, *"Come and see."* (John 1:46)