

# Archaeology vs. Development The Israeli Experience

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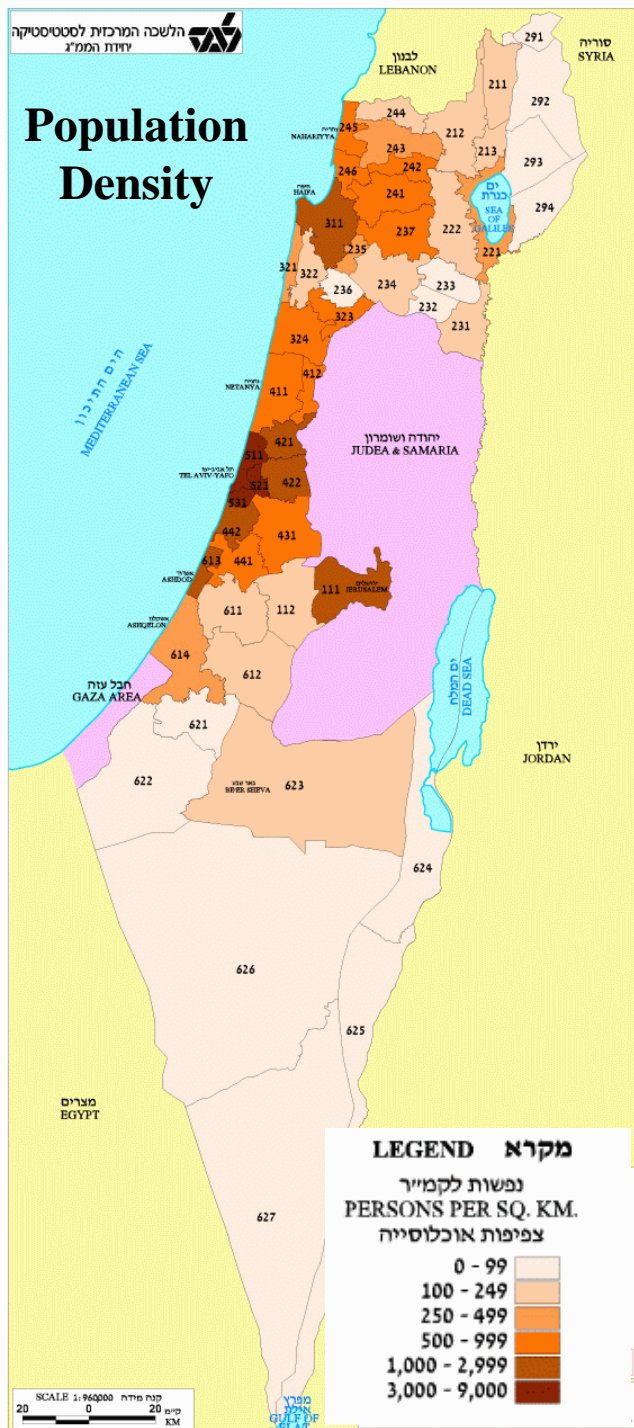


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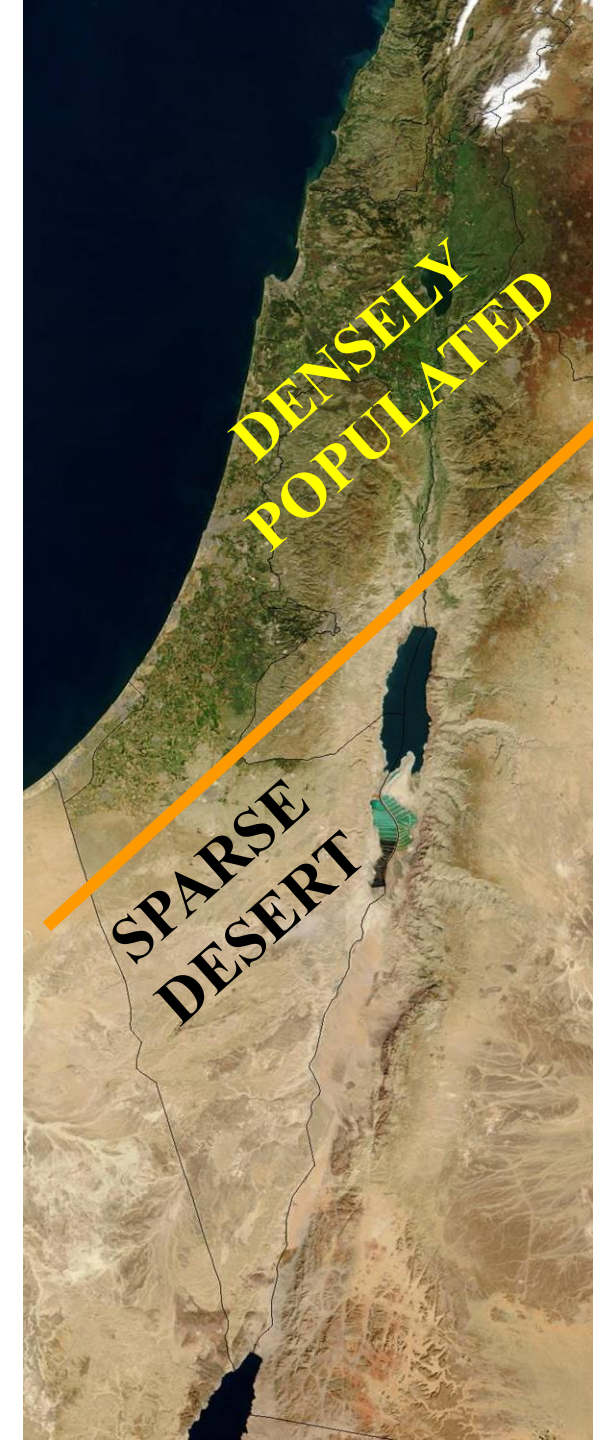
# ISRAEL

Space is tight –  
only 22,072 km<sup>2</sup>  
(half desert)

Development for -  
Population:  
~ 9 million  
Growth Rate: 2.0%  
Density: 377/km<sup>2</sup>

vs.

Preservation of -  
~ 30,000  
Archaeological Sites





**Jerusalem**

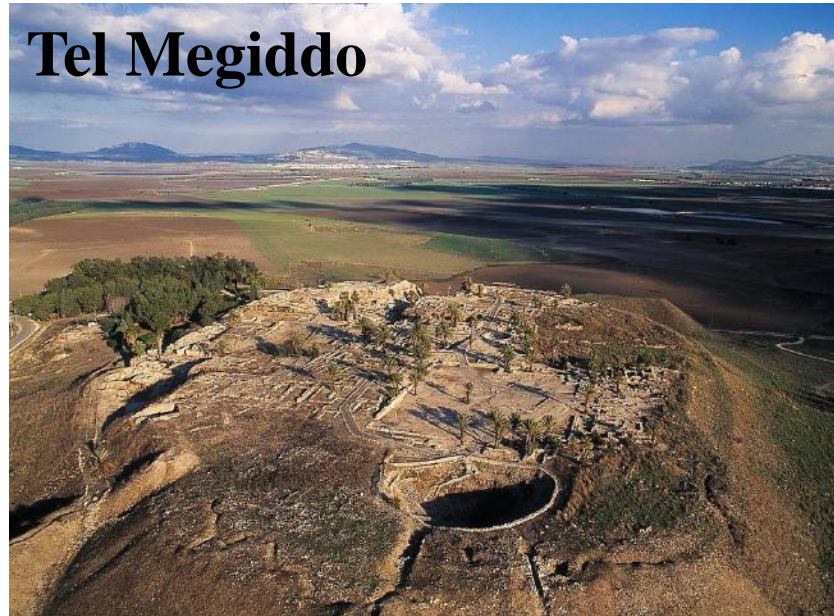


**Carmel Caves**



**Ancient Terraced Agriculture**

**Tel Megiddo**



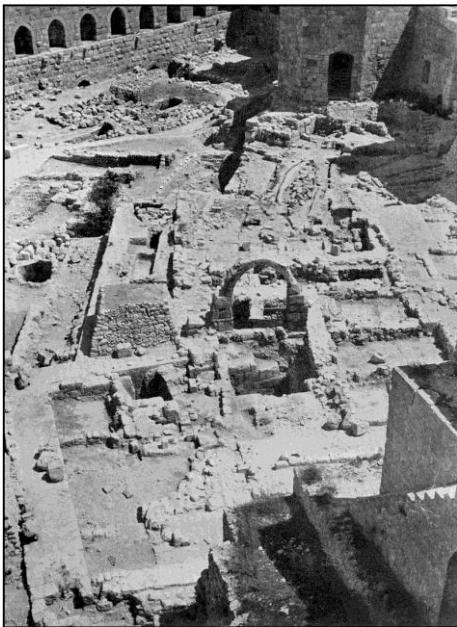




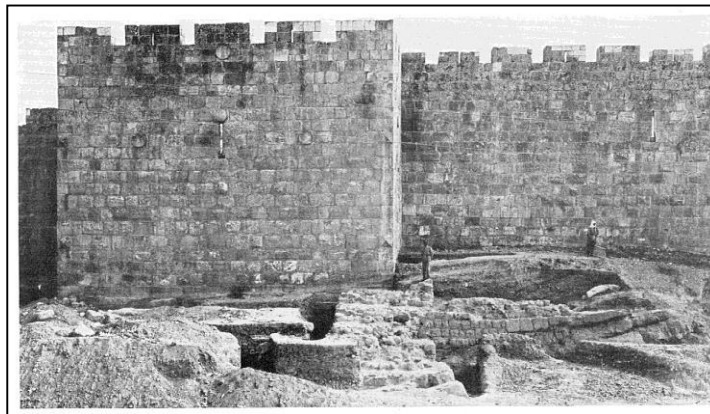
# The Israeli Law of Antiquities - 1978



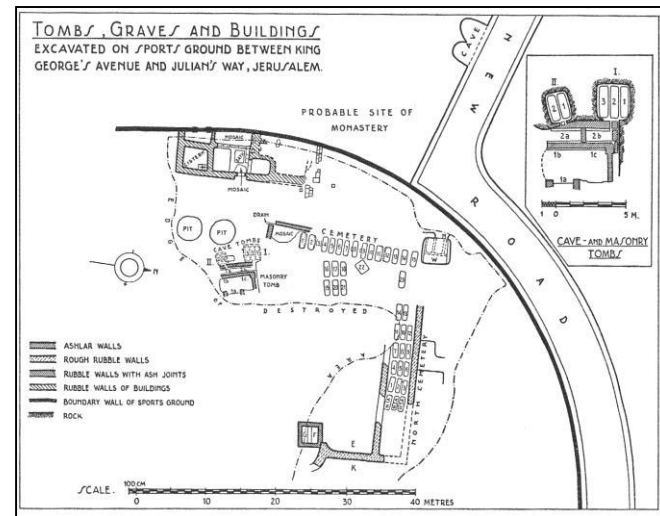
- 29.(a) A person shall not carry out, or allow to be carried out, any of the following on an antiquity site, save with the written approval of the Director and in accordance with the conditions thereof:
- (1) building, paving, the erection of installations, quarrying, mining, drilling, flooding, the clearing away of stones, ploughing, planting, or interment, the dumping of earth, manure, waste or refuse, including the dumping thereof on adjoining property, any alteration, repair or addition to an antiquity located on the site, the dismantling of an antiquity, the removal of part thereof or the shifting thereof; writing, carving or painting; the erection of buildings or walls on adjoining property;
- (2) any other operation designated by the Director in respect of a particular site.



**Citadel**



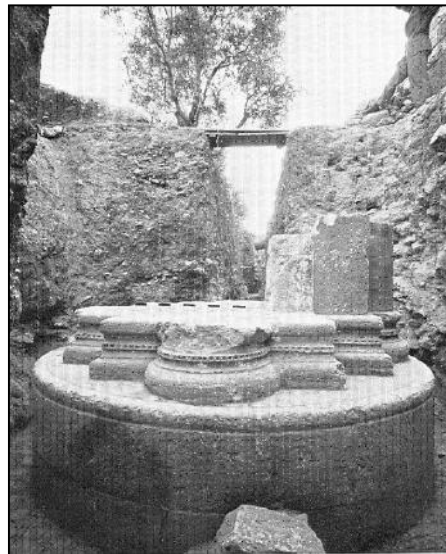
**Damascus Gate**



**YMCA**



**Lions Gate**



**Gethsemane**

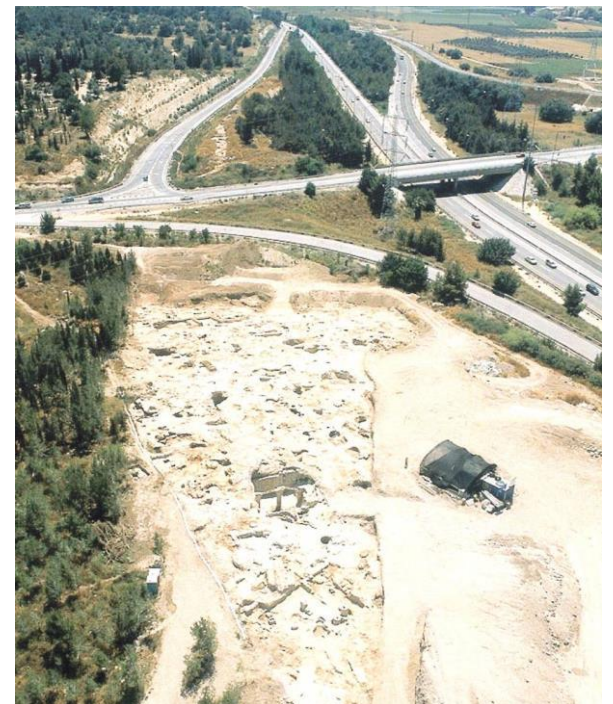
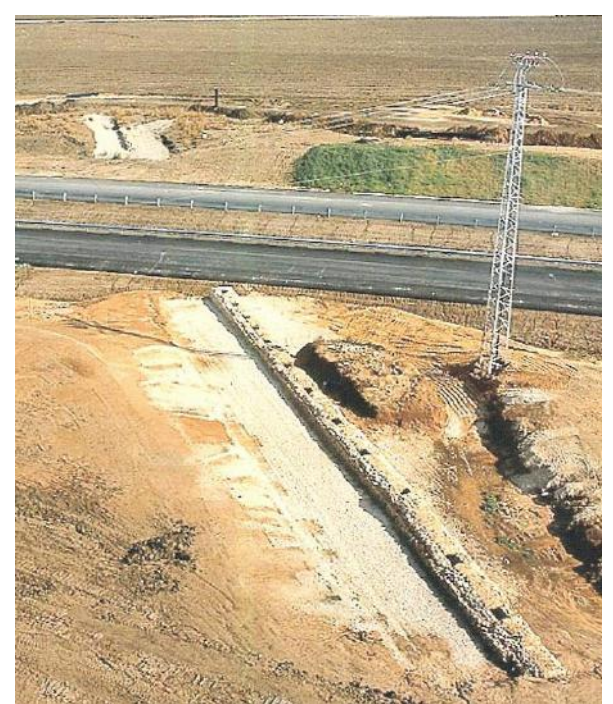
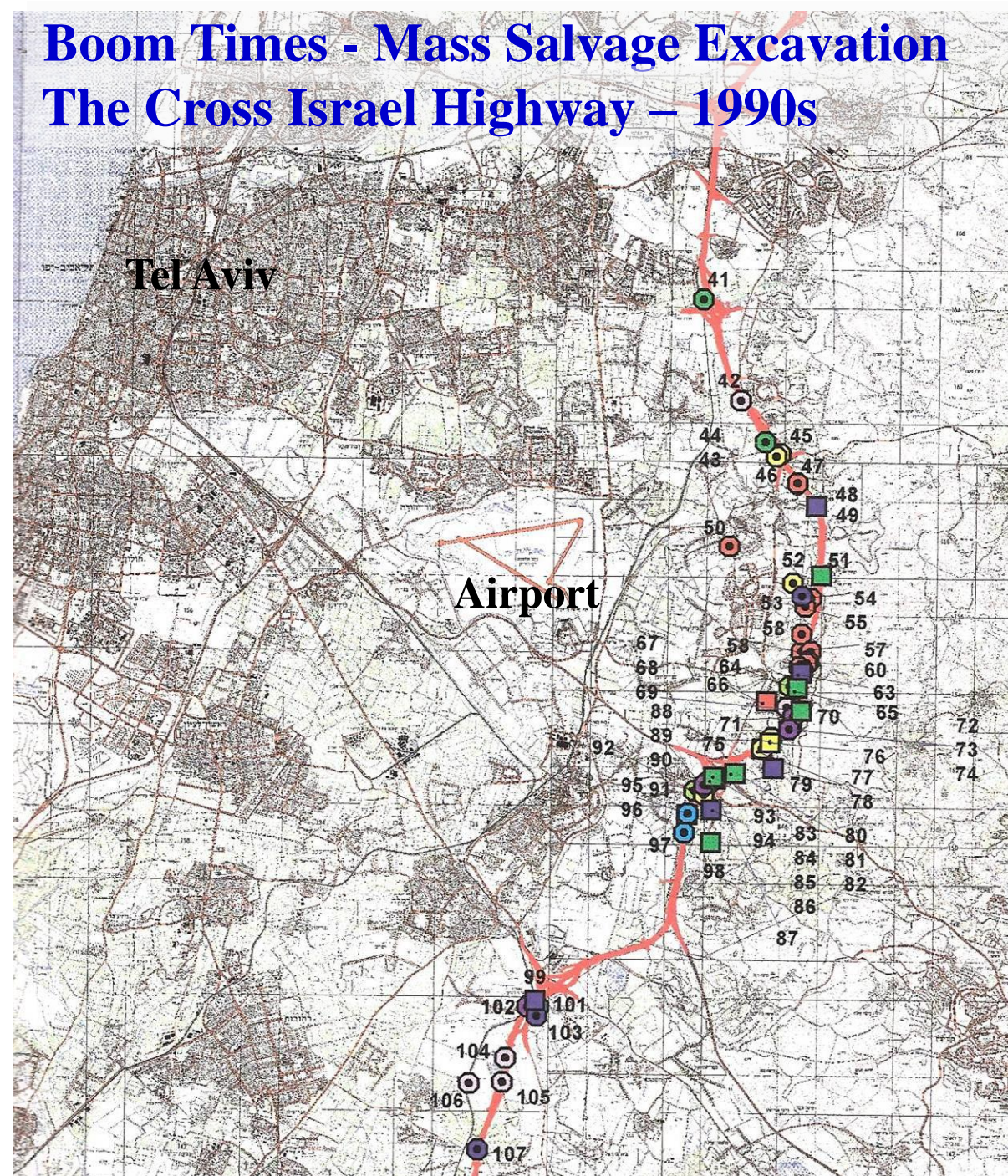


**The Third Wall**

**Pre-Independence Excavations Following  
Development in Jerusalem**



# Boom Times - Mass Salvage Excavation The Cross Israel Highway – 1990s



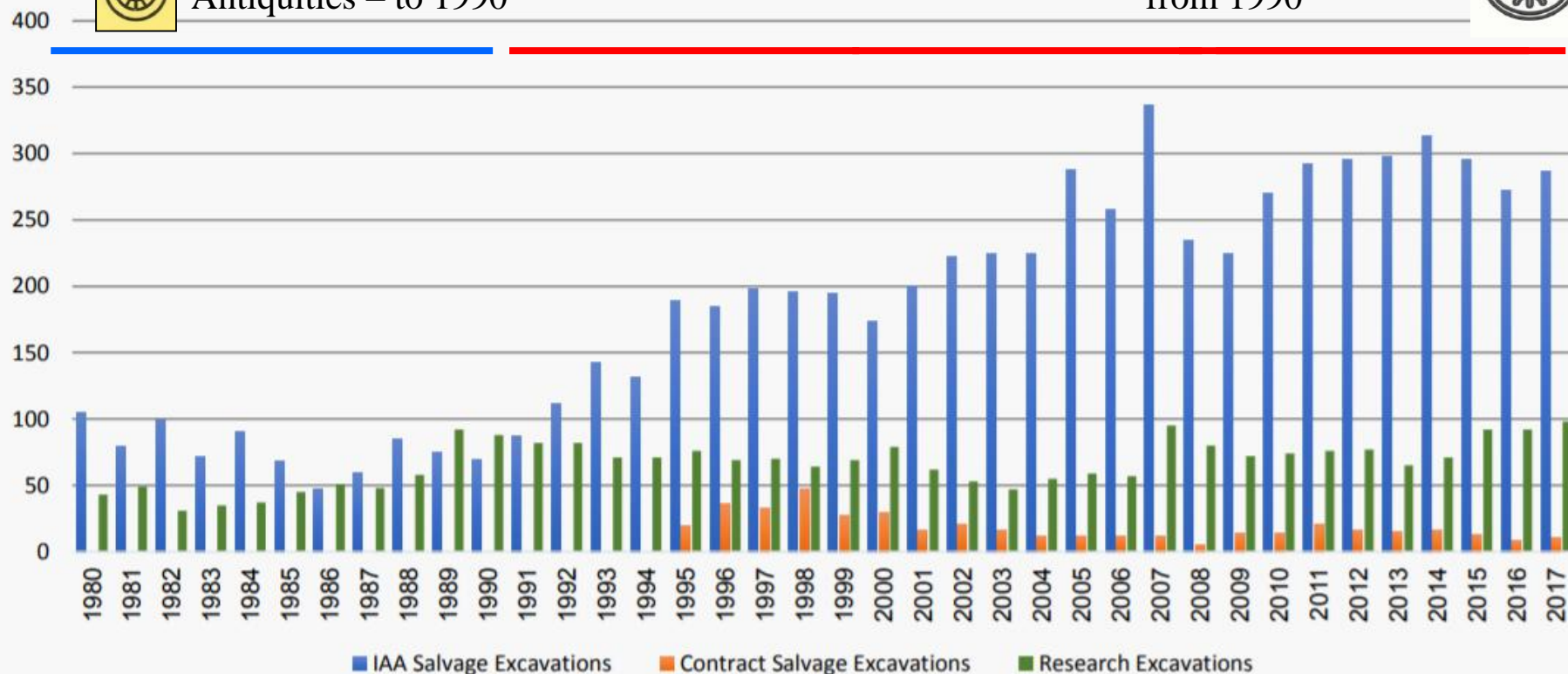


# Annual Licences Issued for Excavation in Israel



Israel Department of  
Antiquities – to 1990

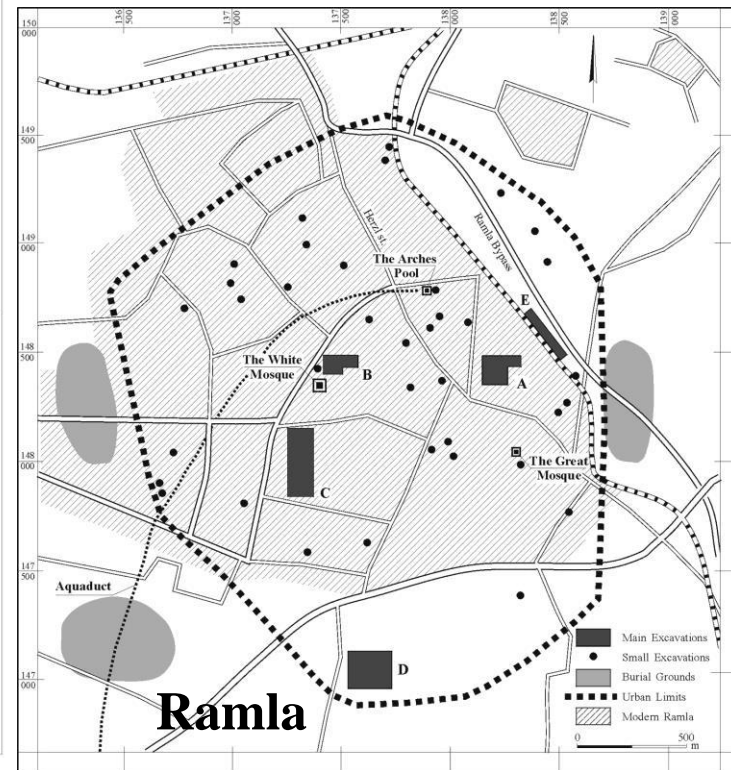
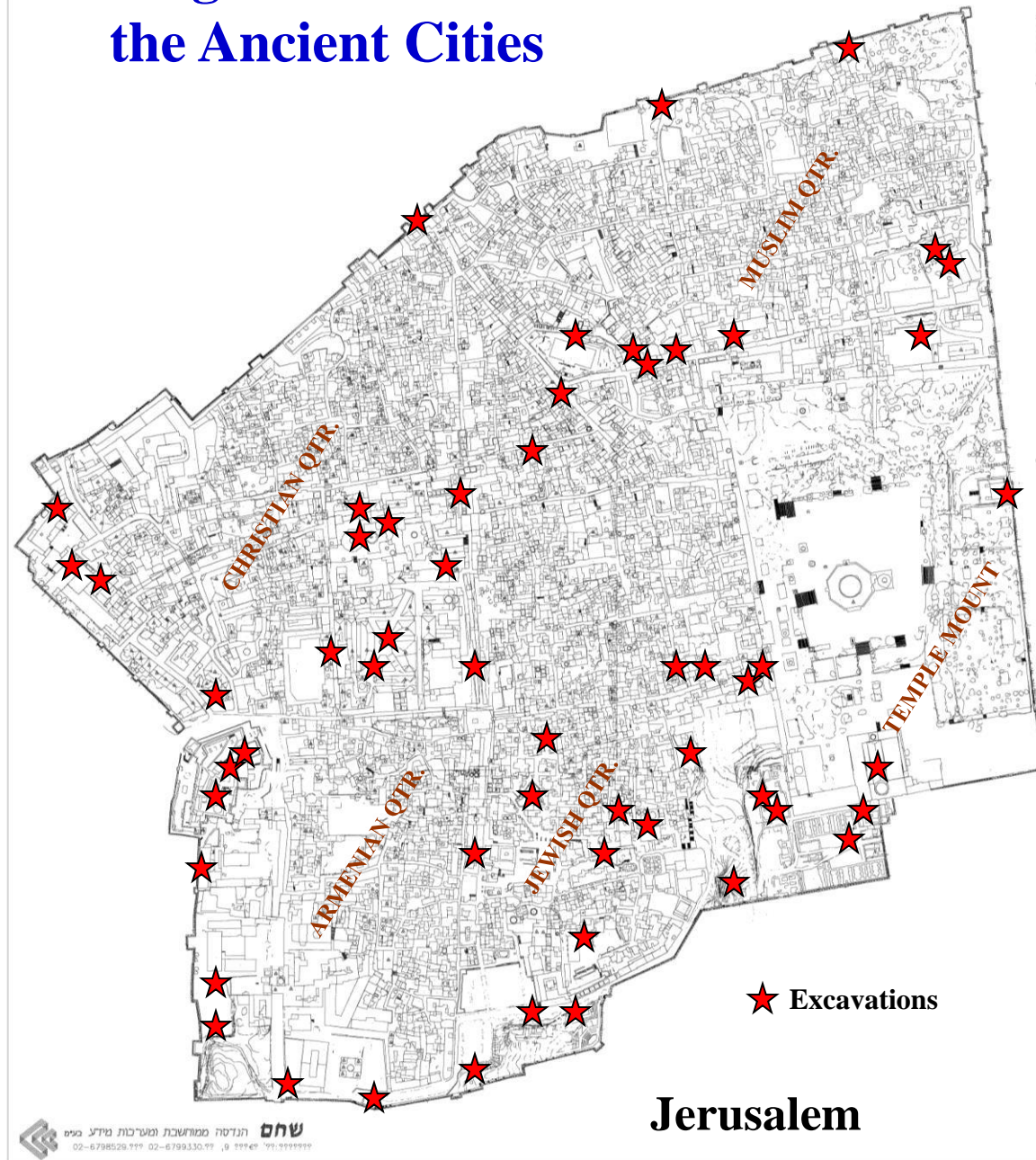
Israel Antiquities Authority -  
from 1990







# Salvage Excavation in the Ancient Cities

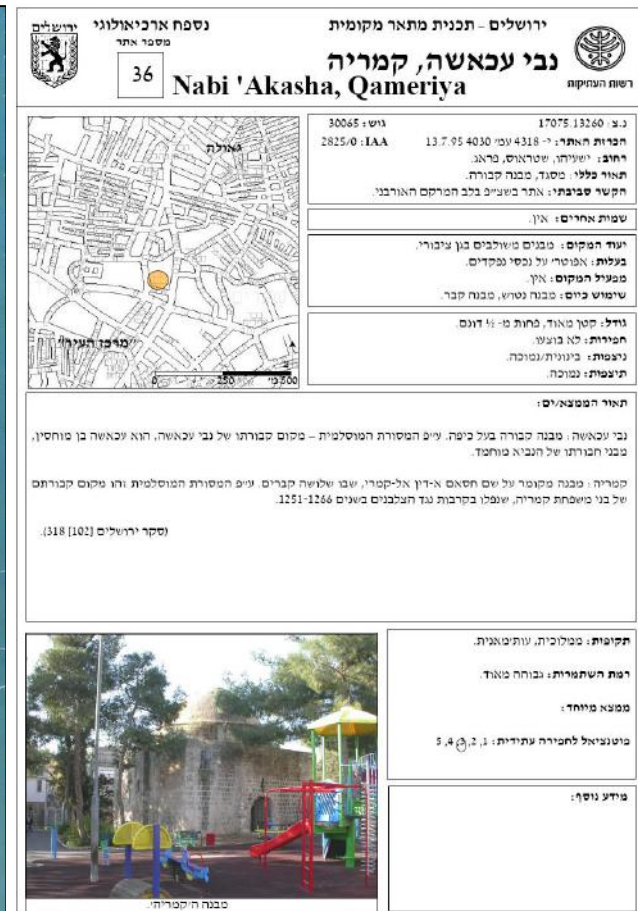
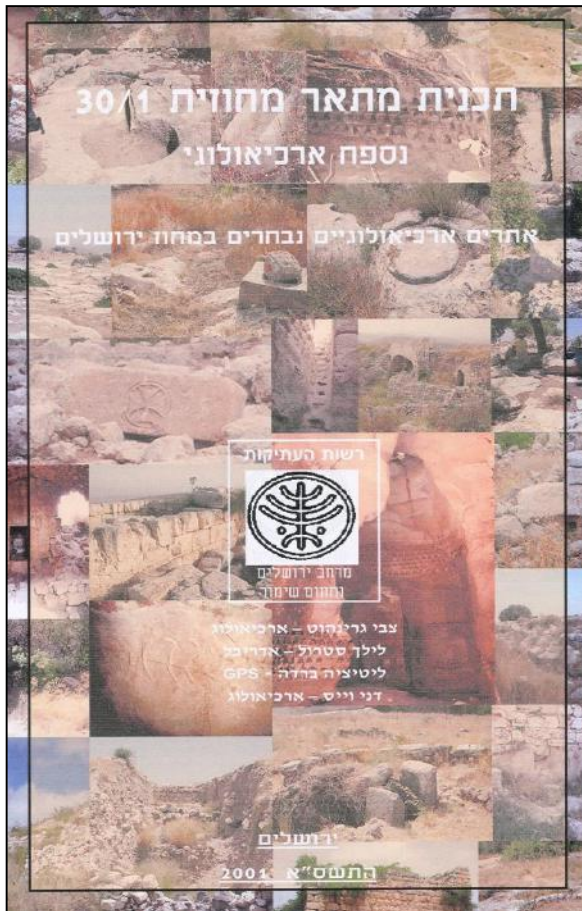








# Guidance for Archaeological Policy and the Preservation of the Built Cultural Heritage in Master Plans

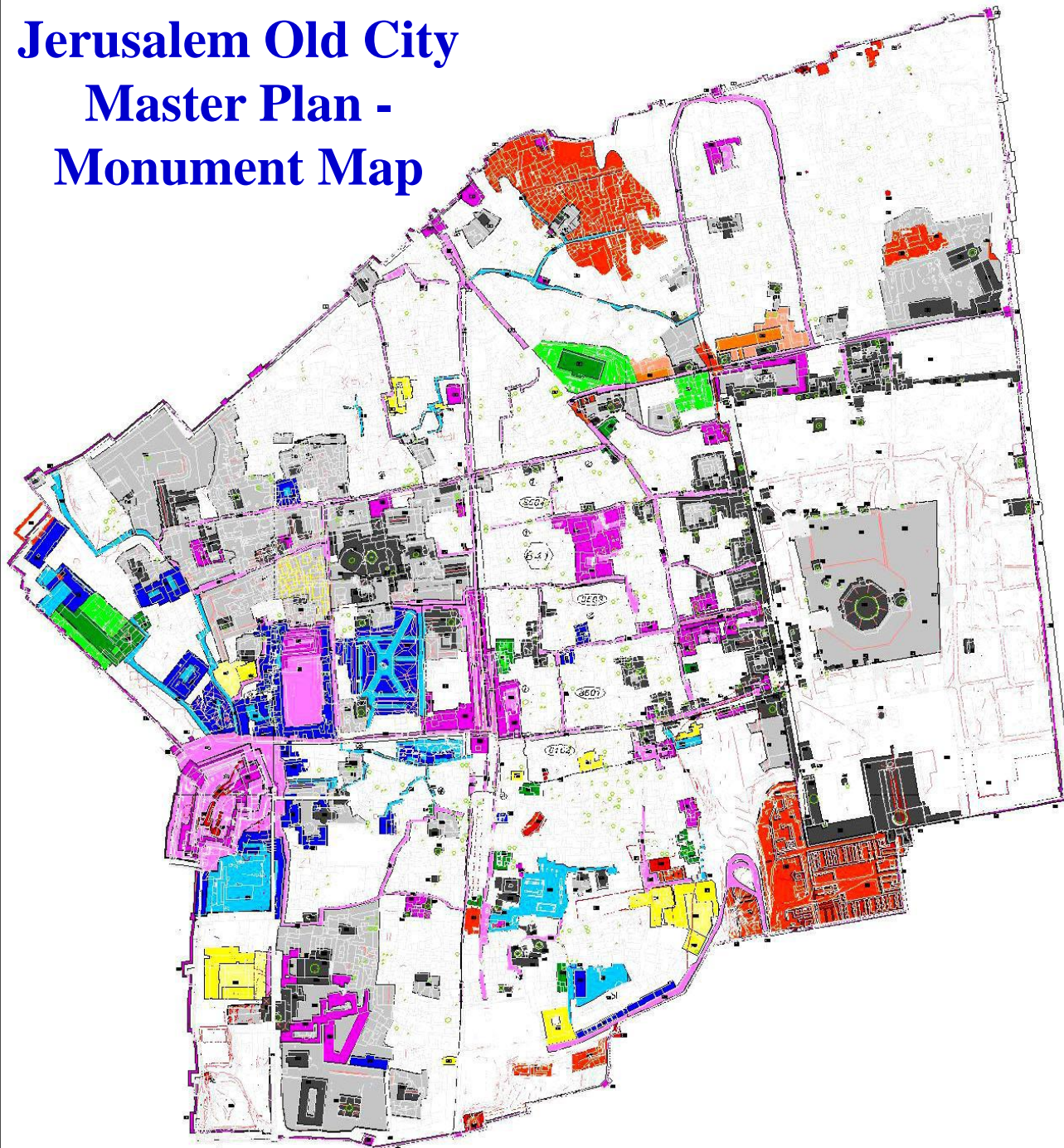


## District Master Plan for Jerusalem District Jerusalem City Master Plan 2000 Jerusalem Old City Master Plan



# Jerusalem Old City

## Master Plan - Monument Map



- 900 sites defined within the Old City (1 km<sup>2</sup>).
- Sites categorised by type, date, period, current use, registration criteria.
- Provision of basic living standards for 38,000 residents of the Old City.
- Planning through the understanding that there are elements of heritage that must remain unchanged.
- Providing planning solutions for the major religious centres and access to them – Temple Mount / Haram el-Sharif, Western Wall, Holy Sepulchre.







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**THANK YOU**

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