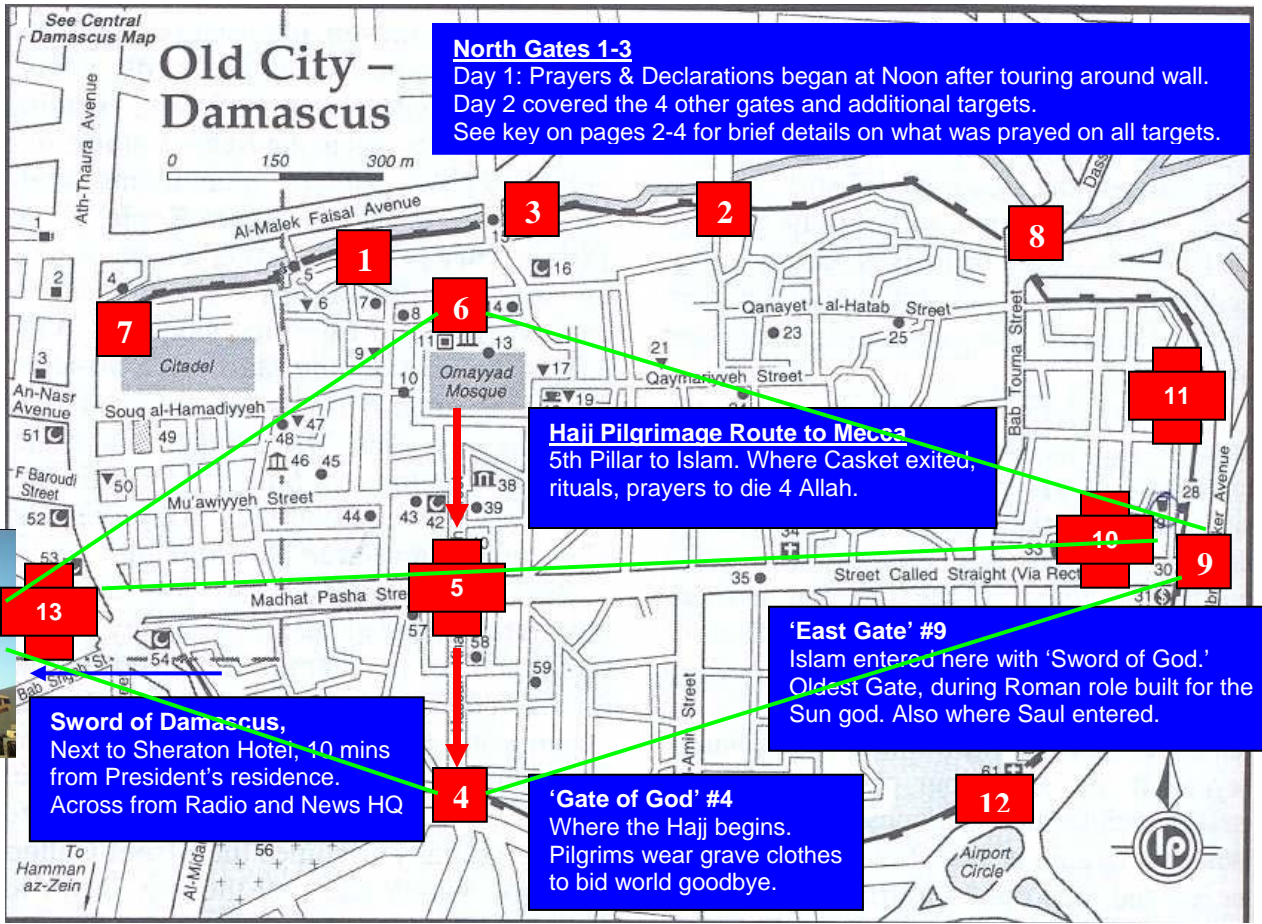


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SHUTTING THE GATE OF GOD WHERE THE HAJJ STARTS
AND BREAKING THE DOUBLE TRIANGLE
(ISLAM: One of five pillars of Islam & SYSTEM OF THE BEAST)



4 = Gate Around City Wall **11** = Additional prayer targets

Prophetic Word given to Martha from Cindy Jacobs: (Excerpt) Take the keys and lock the gate of god where the hajj starts in Syria>

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Planning day in Jordan

Upon our arrival in Syria we were met by our friends Firas and Dima who were so gracious to us and got us to every place God had sent us.

On the first night we knew we were in a den of vipers, believe me there was no sleeping. **The Lord gave us Isaiah 59 about crushing the eggs in their nest.** Also got Isaiah 10 about God reaching his hand into the nest and plundering wealth. Islam is tied to the debt structure and System of the Beast. We executed God's judgment written.

*Please especially pray for the Church there, for the precious young couple Firas and Dima. They have never seen a miracle, or met anyone like us, but they have been commissioned as watchman on the wall, the fire of God released, and the mustard seeds of reformation planted. They are excited to hear of the global outpouring and to see it in Damascus. **God is bringing reformation and resurrection life to the 1st century church, to do more than we can think or ask!** The overall theme was shutting the gate of God where the Hajj starts, breaking the spirit of death that entered through ancient gates and releasing the Spirit of Life. As we walked the city of Damascus which was once a stronghold for the Gospel of Jesus until Islam took over we asked God to intervene and the Spirit of God invade this city once again.*

*Also below is a brief synopsis of the 7 gates and key areas that we prayed into. . **Note:** for every gate and church, there are two mosques. They were like 7-11's on every street corner. **We wrote the Name of Jesus on every gate and COMMANDED THE FALSE SOUND of the Islamic 'calls to prayer'** which blasted and could be heard like a siren everywhere to fall on deaf ears. We released the Sound of Heaven. The word Bab = Gate – There were bronze plaques on every gate giving date of construction and who built them, along with meanings.*

1

Northern Gate: 'Gate of Deliverance' (Bab al Faraj)

Two Purposes: Economic and Mislead the Enemies

- Bound Destruction at Noon Day, Ps 91
- Dealt with sorcery, deception, witchcraft, evil eye, and Babylon Spirit
- Declared Disclosure and executed Ez 27:18 (Merchants sinking)
- Released Terror of God, against men of war and those who cause terror in the land of the living, Ez 32

- Gave title to Firas' and Dima's church to break the spirit of robbery (Debt structure) and also to speak a blessing into the city.

2

Northern Gate: 'Gate of Peace' (Bab as-Salama)

- Declared peace between brothers (Ishmael/Isaac)
- That they would receive the sonship of the Father (Salvation)
- Issued a decree that the promise of sons and daughters of the Most High would now arise!
- Released love of God to flood the streets and to break the sound in streets in the Islamic call to prayer.
- Dealt with false peace and released fear of God.
- Bought bananas from Muslim merchants as they watched, demonstrating God's peace & love desired between brothers.

3

Northern Gate: 'Gate of the Garden' or 'Orchards' (Bab al-Faradis)

Garden originally grew there. Muslims believe Damascus is the site of the Garden of Eden In Roman times, built and dedicated to the god Mercury. All the gates were dedicated to suns, moon and stars etc.

- Executed Amos 1:1-15
- Dealt with Mercury, god of commerce and communication
- Dealt with witchcraft, deception and wealth at this gate as well. It was located in a dark, dungy place of a market area...

4

Gate of God: 'Small Arab Gate' (Bab al Jabiya)

- Martha received a word from Cindy Jacobs to shut the Gate of God where the Hajj starts. We shut this gate!!! We need to continue to pray that God's army be stationed here and forbid this demonic ritual to continue. The gate God shuts no man can open!
- Martha took keys and we shut it, including the key to the gems (finances).
- Annulled Covenant of Death, and agreement with the grave will not stand (Is. 28:18)
- Prophesied crumbling to take place at this gate.
- Proclaimed Ancient of Days, King of Glory to come in, strong and mighty in Battle. Key of David. Children would take a sling shot to shoot down the giants. Also that the love of God waking up sleeping giants.



5

Leyline: Juncture at Straight Street and Street leading to the Mosque.

- Pleaded blood covenant of Jesus.
- Broke leyline, and declared that children of Ishmael would turn right on the road straight towards Jesus. Acts 9:11 – Scales would fall from their eyes, and they would stop persecuting Jesus the Christ, The Son of the Living God.



6

Main Mosque: Umayyad (*Considered Holier than Dome of the Rock*)

- Took Communion here outside a police box to commemorate blood covenant of Jesus
- Birds everywhere: Executed Isaiah 59. and Mk 4:4
- Inside the Mosque broke spirit of death and released resurrection-life
- Released fear of the one true God (where head of John the Baptist sat), also Jesus' ministry of signs wonders and miracles. Proclaimed in the prayer room to 'Prepare ye the way for the Lord.' Dima refused to wear her mandated head covering

7

Citadel

- Jesus chief cornerstone. Government upon His shoulders. Also proclaimed this at Gate of God.
- At Saladin's monument, removed the mantle of conqueror, the same person who brought the 'sword of God' against Israel, and defeated the Crusaders and took Jerusalem. Same ancestry who brought Islam into Syria. We declared this mantle of conqueror would be put on the Church of the Living God as we are more than conquerors.
- Redeemed 'seat of ruler' in every area government and marketplace for the crusaders for Christ. Firas and Dima, our friends there, were ironically former directors of Campus Crusade for Christ in Damascus. We prophetically declared that they would be representative of this and that the Citadel would be a place of training and equipping for the Kingdom of God.

8

'Thomas' Gate' (Bab Touma)

- Broke spirit of religion and tradition especially from Greek Orthodox, Armenian, Methodist and Protestant Churches. These traditions make the Word of God to no effect.
- Geneva Based World Counsel of Churches crusading to bring churches against Israel, decreed that eyes of the false watchers be crushed, and God would call forth true watchmen on the walls of Damascus.
- Called Church to return to its first Love, Resurrected 1st century Church. Called forth Holy Spirit invasion. Reformation, transformation, and revival! Released fire of God and laid hands on Firas and Dima.

9

'Eastern Gate' (Bab Sharqi) - Entry way to Road Straight

'Sword of God' first entered, also named Khalid ibn al Walid from Mecca (592 –642) 1st among 3 to enter Islam. Gate also dedicated prior during Roman rule to the god of the Sun, Moon, and Stars.

- Turned gate to S-O-N, and shut gate away from the Sun god. Wrote Name of Jesus.
- Proclaimed Gates of Hell shall not prevail.
- Prophetic Act: took hijab (filled with eggs) - threw on ground and crush as in Is 10. Declared plots to be revealed against Israel. Make crooked ways straight.



*** We saw that women and the Church with Life and Power are also key in helping to usher in reformation and turn many away from Islam. We planted mustard seeds everywhere as several felt to do this in releasing our faith for the seeds of reformation. One of the team had a vision about wearing beautiful colorful transparent head scarf and taking it off on the Street Straight. (In Islam, the opaque black hijab or Burka hiding the neck, ears and jewels is the only option). We saw many women wearing long trench coats in 90 degree weather. Dima said it was just within the last 5-7 years that women in Syria have switched from the full Burka that only reveal the eyes to the hijab that show the face. The first night we heard a demonic sound of worship over the land with words that said, 'Burka, glorify the Burka. It's a raining day, Alleluia....women are going to take their place.' We certainly reversed. this!**



Leyline: 'Straight Street' *between the 'Sword of Damascus' Monument and Eastern Gate where Sword entered.*

- Prophetic Act: removed head scarf /veil that was worn into Syria for 2 days by one of the team.
- Declared Saul to turn into many Pauls and that veil over mind to be removed.

- Proclaimed freedom and liberty to the daughters of the Most High King. Declared they would bruise the head of Islam.
- Shredded Islamic Hijab (like a small swim cap worn under scarf to hide hair) The white one representing the Islamic wedding hijab.

11

Ananias House and/or Chapel of Ananias

This house was converted into a chapel that seats probably 15-30 people and preserved after Islam took over in 635 in exchange for St. John the Baptist Church, now the Umayyad Mosque.

- Called for apostolic reformation. Signs, wonders, and miracles.

12

Gate of St. Paul's [Chapel] (Bab Kishan)

Built a Greek Catholic Church over the gate.

- Proclaimed New Covenant with Israel Jer 31: 31 – Luke 22:20
- Called forth Ancient of Days to sit in this gate
- Declared God's people to come forth and execute judgment and to enter a place of wisdom and strategy.
- Came against Prince of the Air, declaring this position is no longer his. Eph 2:2 in times past – before Jesus – although it still works in the children of disobedience unless we bind this power and forbid it to work.



13

Sword of Damascus - The logo or symbol of Damascus.

- Khalid's sword made of special sharp metal and iron cutting through the Roman armor and defeating the Christian crusaders.
- Logo goes back to Treaty of Hudaibiyyah in 628 where Khalid accepted Islam and personally apologized for his previous actions to Muhammad and began to fight for Islam from then on. Muhammad made and then referred to Khalid as "The Sword Of Allah" After Treaty of Hudaibiyyah in 628
- Replaced with Sword of Spirit, Sharper than any two edged sword. -Executed Is 17. Oracle against Damascus –God bring those that will covenant with you and Marry the land into Blood Covenant with Jesus
- Proclaimed those who draw the sword will die by the sword.

- Divider of Soul and Spirit ushering salvations to all descendants of Abraham. Released Spirit of Life.



It is so interesting when God shows you something on the spot that needs to be done. We came upon the statue of Saladin, who is even today the champion of Islam. We read an article written by a magazine author who interviewed the Syrian President, Bashar Assad. The President has a battle scene of the Horns of Hittin which is where the Muslims defeated the Crusaders. He asked the president about this and recalled the story of Saladin defeating the Crusaders and the president corrected him and said no this is where the East defeated the West. This is what they believe and this is why they say they will rule the world. Saladin is still viewed as the champion of Islam.

As I stood there the Lord impressed on me to remove the mantle he was wearing as a conqueror and put it on the Church where it belongs. Romans 8:37 - We are more than conquerors. 5245 = more=3528 (to change or turn over as with a plow) to conquer, overcome, to more than conquer, utterly defeat.



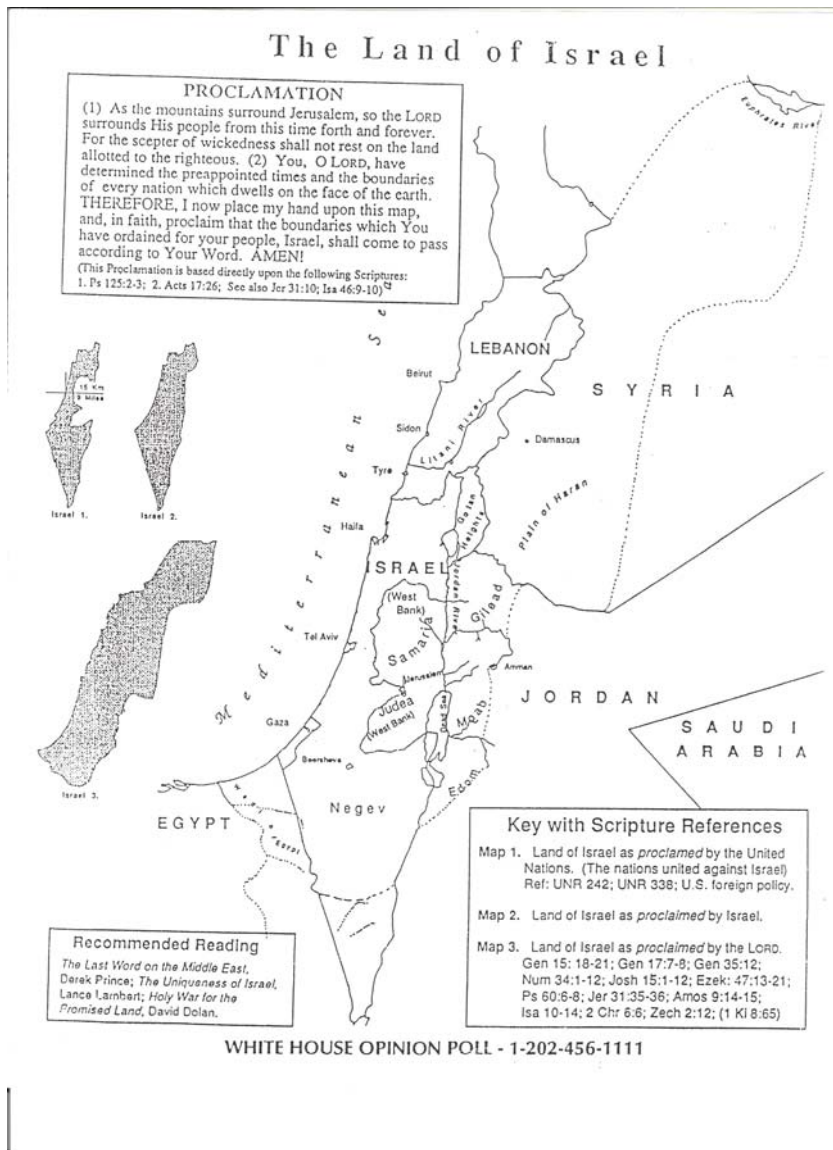
The interesting thing about all this is I have had two very distinct dreams about the Horns of Hittin which is in Israel and knew we were to go there. As we stood there I knew we were on a highway of War and at a gate that needed to be shut.

While in Israel this time we stayed with the guide and his wife that I have used many times while in Israel. He was a Lt. Col in the Israeli army, so I began to talk with him about what we did and knew we were on a highway of war and at a gate of war. He showed me the route the armies of the enemies of Israel had used in several of the wars and it was right through this pass. Historically all the wars came from the North and also prophet Jeremiah said that the troubles will start from the North - the Assyrians and Babylonians, the Greeks, the Romans, the Muslims, the Crusaders, the Turks, the Mongols. (Exceptions are the Philistines who settled in the west coast, and the Egyptians in the 15 Century BC, and Napoleon and the British Mandate) modern day wars 1948 Syria, Jordan, and Iraq. In 1973 Syria and Iraq and 1991 Gulf War 39 Missiles from Iraq. In 1982 and 2006 war with Lebanon.

We commanded this gate closed until God uses it when he draws them into the valley of Armageddon to execute judgment on the enemies of Israel.

Also as we traversed these lands we were calling God's borders into divine alignment. While in Jordan we visited Mt. Nebo, the site where Moses was allowed to view the Promised Land.





Article on Horns of Hittin

The Horns of Hittin was the gateway thru which Muslims entered Israel and brought an end to the Christian era in Jerusalem.

This battle was led by Saladin, Muslim warrior and Ayyubid Sultan of Egypt, the great opponent of the Crusaders who was of Kurdish descent. He was born in 1138 in Tikrit, Iraq as son of the Kurdish chief Ayyub. Tikrit is also where Saddam Hussein was born, and it is said that Saddam wanted to become the modern day Saladin.

In 1164 Saladin began to show his military and strategical qualities over the next years under three campaigns against the Crusaders who were established in Palestine. In 1171 Saladin ended the Fatimid era in Cairo whereupon he united Egypt with the Abbasid Caliphate and nominally restored the authority of the Abbasid Caliphate. In 1174 Saladin used the opportunity to extend his power

base and conquers Damascus which had long been the frontline centre of resistance to the Crusader presence in Jerusalem. This became his forward base and from there he initiated the line of Ayyubids after his family name. The line of Ayyubids later took the form of separated dynasties in Damascus and Cairo. Saladin completed the unification of Syria, securing strategic depth for a vigorous campaign against the Crusader forces.

In 1187 he lured King Guy of Jerusalem into the disastrous battle at Hittin in Galilee near Tiberius in present day Israel. The Battle of Hittin took place on Saturday, July 4, 1187 between the Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem led by King Guy and the forces of the Ayyubid dynasty led by Saladin. The Muslim armies under Saladin captured or killed the vast majority of the Crusader forces, removing their capability to wage war. This caused the mass destruction of the Christian army and brought the fall of Jerusalem to the Muslim forces. As a direct result of this battle, Islamic forces once again became the eminent military power in the Holy Land, reconquering Jerusalem and several other Crusaders held cities. It is said that within a short time, Saladin had conquered almost the whole Kingdom of Jerusalem. He exalted the grandeur of Mohammed's law and showed that, in the event, its might exceeded that of the Christian religion.

There is a mural depicting the Battle of Hittin in the Damascus office of the present day President Hafez al-Assad of Syria. Kenneth Stein of the New York Times wrote in an article several years ago that while he was standing in the President's office in front of this mural, he commented to the Syrian President that this was where the Muslims soundly defeated the Christians. According to the article, the Syrian President said with a teasing smile, "No, this was where the Arabs defeated the West."

Prayer Targets within Damascus -

T1. Overview – Old City ‘Where the Hajj starts’

Center of Spiritual, Economic, Cultural, and Military Power in the Middle East

- **[Religion]** For Islam, the hajj route from Damascus to Mecca is the oldest pilgrimage route that predates Islam. The gates of Damascus provide some linkage to this ancient stronghold and tie to Islam. [See Separate First Report on the Hajj and the Coffin, the 7 Gates are listed below] However, the below are also key gate areas that dominate the city.
- **Umayyad mosque**- The Grand Mosque of Damascus, also known as the Umayyad Mosque, is one of the largest and oldest mosques in the world. Located in the old city of Damascus, Muslims consider it to be one of the holiest mosques, than the Dome of the Rock Mosque in Jerusalem. **In 2001, the Pope was the first to visit a mosque, and spoke outside the Shrine of John the Baptist's head which is still inside.** According to legend, Herod sent it to Damascus to prove to the Romans that John was dead. The Pope called for mutual forgiveness, and a “new way of presenting our two religions, not in opposition.” Interesting with respect to the coffin, *"Muslim women go to that tomb and make supplication to God to the grace of St John the Baptist if they cannot get pregnant, or if they need money or want a child cured,"* said Farouq Akbik, a spokesman for the Grand Mufti, Syria's top Islamic leader (BBC 2001). Also, in the centre of the courtyard, there is an ablution fountain that is said to mark the midway point between Istanbul and Mecca. This is a key layline.
- **Street Called “Straight” (Via Recta)-- Paul** was on the road to Damascus when he received a vision, was struck blind and as a result converted to Christianity. Acts 9:10-19. This road runs as the dividing line between East [**Bab Sharqi**, the Roman gate of the Sun] & West [Arab Gate of the Water Trough, **Bab al-Jabiye**] of the old city. Again, another layline.
- **[Military]** Conquest over the land in 635. “Sword of Damascus” or “Sword of God” ultimately ending Roman Rule and signifying Islamic rule and reign. [See below on history. *There is the ‘Sword of Damascus’ Monument that we can visit*]
- **[Government]** The local administration of Damascus is closely tied to the national. The governor of Damascus plays a role even in national affairs, and most important issues of Damascus are dealt with by the national administration. In brief, the Assyrians, the Persians, the Greeks, the Romans and others variously ruled, until the Muslim Arabs captured the city in A.D. 635 and established it as a citadel of Islamic culture and empire. There were many wars to control the administration including with the Crusaders. Outside the Umayyad Mosque lies the tomb of Saladin, who drove out the Crusaders.
- **[Economic]** Trade routes from southern Arabia, Palmyra, Petra, and the silk routes from China all converging on it. The city satisfied the Roman demands for eastern luxuries. Damascus still holds traditional handicrafts up, such as high quality textiles, silk cloth, leather goods, filigreed gold, silver objects, inlaid wooden, copper, and brass articles. Damascus is well connected to the rest of the country with highways, as well as with Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan. [*Bab al-Faraj Gate & markets area on the Street named Straight*]
- **[Culture]** One of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities, and reports run back at least 3,500 years. Considered *an important center of Greco-Roman culture* from 64 BC. However, from 661 to

750 the city became the centre of Islam, when the Caliph used it as centre of administration. It is often referred to as the "pearl of the East".

- **[Media]** 3 daily newspaper are published from Damascus, all closely controlled by the Syrian state. A larger number of magazines, as well as much of Syria's book publication are issued from Damascus.

T2. The walls and gates of Damascus

There are seven extant city gates, the oldest of which dates back to the Roman period. These are, clockwise from the north of the citadel:

1. **Bab al-Faraj** ("*the gate of deliverance*"), **two functions**; the first was **economic** and the second was to **mislead the enemies attacking the city**
2. **Bab al-Faradis** ("*the gate of the orchards*", or "*of the paradise*") , In Roman age, there were plenty of water and gardens which used to surround the gate
3. **Bab al-Salam** ("*the gate of peace*"), all on the north boundary of the Old City
4. **Bab Tuma** ("*Touma*" or "*Thomas's Gate*") in the north-east corner, leading into the Christian quarter of the same name, In the 14th century, following the occupation of Antioch and Alexandretta by Turkish troops, the borough of Bab Tuma became the seat of the Greek-Orthodox and Greek-Catholic Churches for the Northern Middle-East.
5. **Bab Sharqi** ("*eastern gate*") in the east wall, the only one to retain its Roman plan
6. **Bab Kisan** in the south-east, from which tradition holds that Saint Paul made his escape from Damascus, lowered from the ramparts in a basket; this gate is now closed and a chapel marking the event has been built into the structure, Paul recounts in the Bible that it was through a window that he escaped from a certain death (2 *Cor 11,32-33*).
7. **Bab al-Jabiya** at the entrance to Souk Midhat Pasha, in the south-west. It is situated in the west of the city along the same line of the eastern gate, and they both have a similar design.

Two other areas outside the walled city also bear the name "gate": Bab Mousalla and Bab Sreija, both to the south-west of the walled city.

T.2b. SPECIFIC GATE: # 5 **Bab Sharqi** ("*eastern gate*") Oldest Gate from the Roman rule.

- This is the gate Islam entered.
 - The Muslim leader Khalid ibn al-Walid (592-642) from the Quraish Mecca tribe entered Damascus through this gate in the Rashidun. He is also known as the **Drawn Sword of God, God's Withdrawn Sword**, or simply **Sword of God** --- one of the two famous Arab generals of the Rashidun army during the Muslim conquests of the 7th Century
- Treaty of Hudaibiyyah in 628
Khalid accepted Islam and personally apologized for his previous actions to Muhammad and began to fight for Islam from then on. When he apologized, Muhammad told him that when you become a

Muslim, all your previous sins are washed away as if you are a newborn, but Khalid still insisted of repentance which Muhammad made and then referred to Khalid as "The Sword Of Allah" After Treaty of Hudaibiyyah in 628, there was a peace agreement for ten years between Muslims and Quraish of Mecca.

- Khalid was received by his elder brother Walid bin Walid and was **first among the three men to enter Islam**
- The Treaty of Hudaibiyyah initiated a **truce between the Muslim forces in Medina and the Quraishi forces in control of Mecca.**

SIDE NOTE: The Quraish are a branch of the "Arabized Arabs". **Arabized Arabs** (قبرعتسمل ابرعلا): *They allegedly originated from the progeny of Ishmael and were also called 'Adnanian Arabs. The hajj pilgrimage route of Damascus to Mecca dates back to this pre-Islamic era.*

The Quraish had become a prominent tribe in Mecca **before the birth of Muhammad** and essentially ruled the city. Before Muhammad's birth, the tribe had split into different clans, each with different responsibilities. There were some rivalries among the clans, but these became especially pronounced during Muhammad's lifetime. Some clan leaders did not appreciate Muhammad's claim of prophethood and tried to silence him by putting pressure on his uncle, Abu Talib. Many of the clans also began to persecute the followers of Muhammad, for example by boycotting them. This response led Muhammad to initially send some Muslims to Ethiopia, and later would lead to his own emigration to Medina

- Khalid bin Walid placed the main body of his corps under the command of Raafe bin Umair at eastern gate and him self established a headquarter short distance away from the eastern gate in a monastery which as a result became known as *Dair al Khalid* i.e., monastery of Khalid.

Military and Police Headquarters today are at the Eastern Gate.

Additional Side Note on Religion:

- The majority of Damascenes - about 75 % - are Sunni Muslims. It is believed that there are more than two thousand mosques in Damascus, the most famous one being the Umayyad Mosque.
- There are some Christian districts, such as Bab Tuma, Kassaa, and Ghassani, with many churches, most notably the ancient St. Paul's Church.
- Syria has 1.2 million Christians, about 10% of the population. Christianity came early to Damascus. This was where according to the Bible Acts 9:1, Ananias, an early Christian disciple, was asked to "go to the street which is called Straight and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus (St Paul) so that he might be able to touch him and restore Saul's sight." Thereupon, Saul, a persecutor of the Christian, became convinced of the divinity of the religion, became the apostle of the non-Jews.
- The supremacy of Christianity in Damascus lasted till the conquest of Damascus by the Muslim Army of the Arabs, who converted the great church of St John the Baptist into a mosque.
- Today's Damascus has a fairly large Christian population, and it is even surprising to know that they are divided into so many denominations - Greek Orthodox, Greek Catholic, Syrian Orthodox, Syrian Catholic, Maronite, Armenian Orthodox, Armenian Catholic - many of which have only slight theological differences.