

# Masada

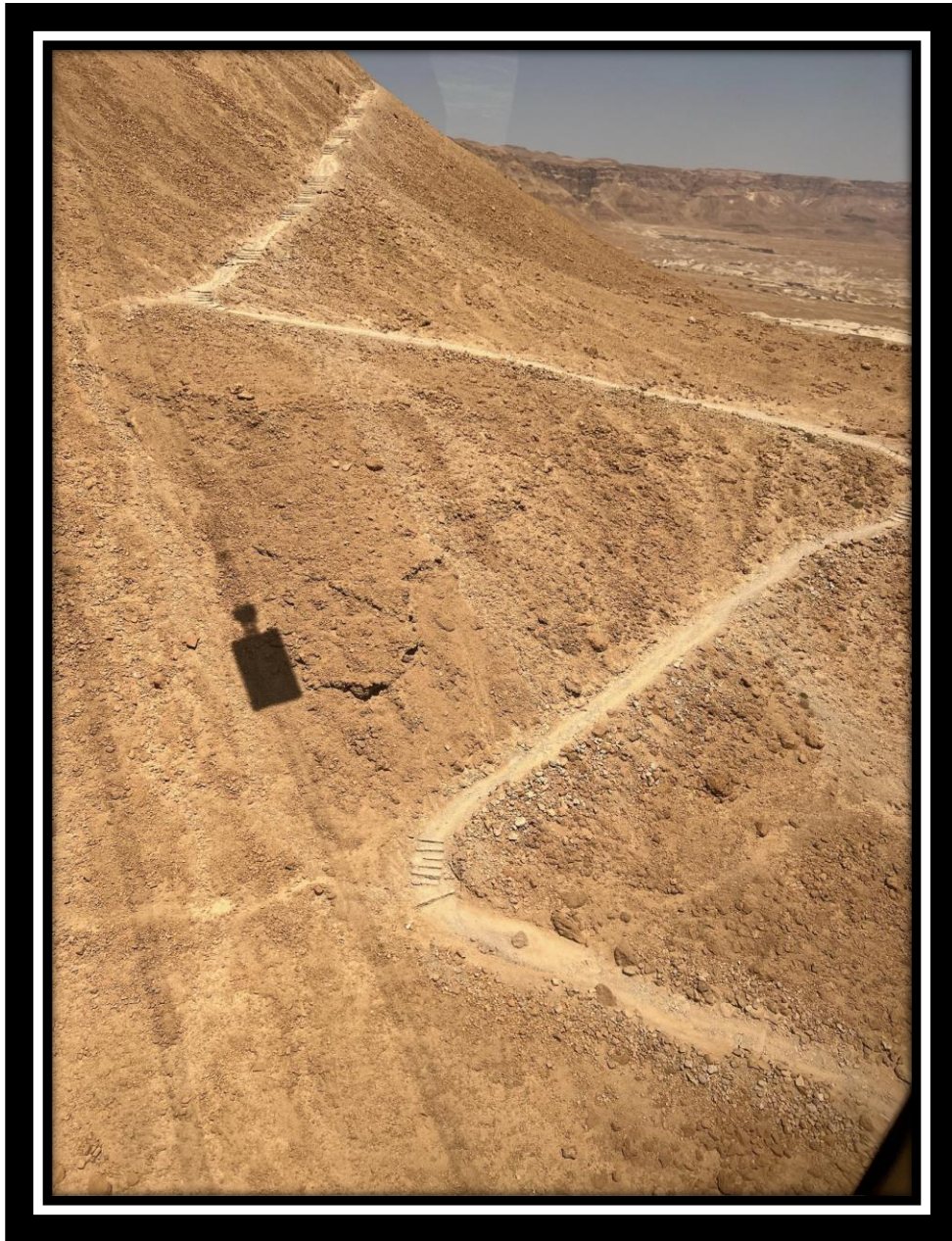
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שביל הנחש  
Snake path































"The former (path) they call the snake, seeing a resemblance to that animal in its narrowness and continual windings... One traversing it must firmly plant each foot alternately. Destruction faces him; for on either side yawn chasms so terrific as to daunt the hardiest."

"... He enclosed the entire summit; a circuit measuring seven furlongs, with a wall of white stone, twelve cubits high and eight broad; on it stood thirty-seven towers, fifty cubits high, from which access was obtained to apartments constructed round the whole interior of the wall."

Josephus Flavius





















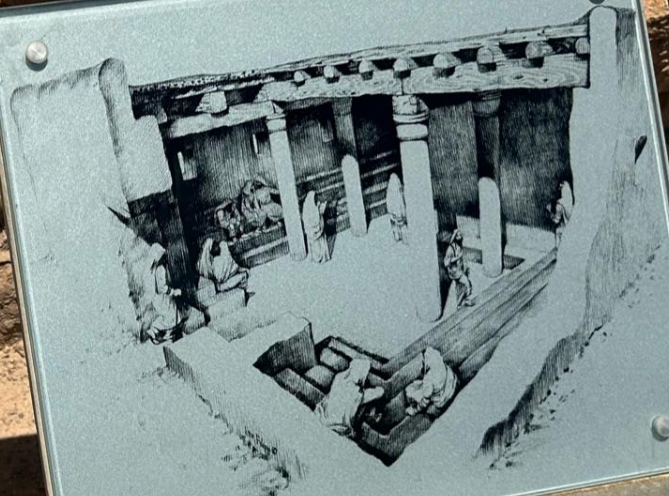
## THE SYNAGOGUE

*"Long since, my brave men, we determined neither to serve the Romans nor any other save God..."*

Josephus Flavius

The rebels' way of life on Masada required a building suitable for community meetings and Torah readings. This building, which became a synagogue during the revolt, was built in Herod's time, most likely as a stable.

The rebels changed its internal structure and even closed off a small room in the corner of the hall, which apparently served for storage of Torah scrolls and as a genizah (repository for damaged scrolls). Under its floor were found fragments of Biblical scrolls, including the "Vision of the Dry Bones" in the Book of Ezekiel. The synagogue at Masada is one of the very few discovered so far that date from the Second Temple period.



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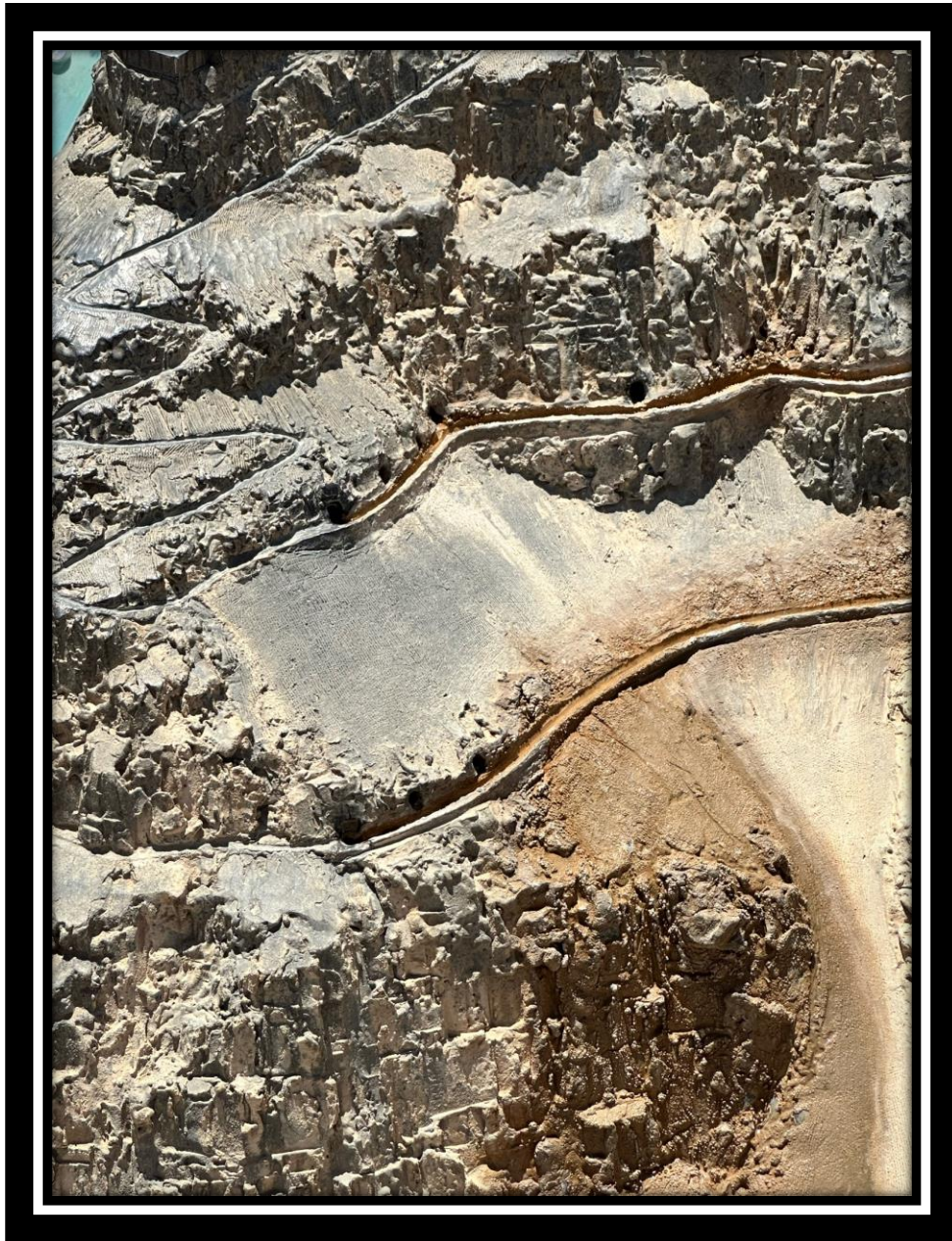
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