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# Ancient Arabic Proves Jewish Ties to Temple Mount



An ancient Arabic writing discovered in a mosque in the Arab village of Nuba near Hebron, proves that one of the names used for the Dome of the Rock during the early stages of Islam was *Beit Almakdas*, a term which appears to be based on the Jewish description of the Jerusalem Temple, the Beit HaMikdash (literally “house of the holy”).

The discovery comes against the background of the UNESCO decision that has cast doubt on the Jewish connection to the Temple Mount. Archeologists responsible for the discovery insist that the publication of their research was devoid of any political motives and had nothing to do with the recent resolution.

“The UNESCO decision, just a few days before the archeological conference, is a coincidence,” the archeologists said.

The research conducted by archeologists Assaf Avraham and Perez Reuven shows that the inscription is approximately 1,300 years old and illustrates the influence of Jewish tradition during the period.

The ancient inscription, hanging above the prayer area in a mosque built during the reign of Umar ibn al-Khattab (634-644) directly links the al-Aqsa Mosque with the Jewish temple, the researchers claim, due to the word selection connecting Beit Almakdas and the al-Aqsa mosque.

“In the name of Allah the Merciful and Compassionate, this property in Nuba, in its borders and territories, is dedicated to Beit Almakdas and the al-Aqsa mosque by the Prince Umar ibn al-Khattab for Allah to be praised,” the inscription states on the 60cm by 40cm limestone slab.

“The choice to use the words ‘Beit Almakdas’ is no accident,” Avraham explained. “The use of this name is the result of the profound influence of Jewish influence on the development of Islam during its genesis.”

The researchers concluded that the inscription, along with other Islamic traditions, indicates that the construction of the Dome of the Rock is inextricably linked to the Jewish presence prior to, and during its erection.

There are several places in the Quran where it is predicted that the Jews were given the Holy Land, and that they will return there in the last days. This constitutes circumstantial evidence that the Temple (Ha-Mikdash) would be built by them. This also verifies that we are in the last days. When the Messiah returns, justice will once again prevail. (*Ynetnews*, Itai Blumental)

***“So the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke, and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised; and I have built the temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel” (2 Chronicles 6:10).***

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