

Masada - Herods fortress and the Zealots last stand

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My water supply was nearly out, yet I was drenched with sweat.

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In the latest excavation and book on Masada Masada: From Jewish Revolt to Modern Myth, Princeton University Press, 2019 , the renowned archaeologist Jodi Magness adds the details of what life was like for Jews under the Romans, as well as the specific pros and cons of the debate. We all became instant friends at the Youth Hostel in Tel Aviv and spent I travelled around Europe, the Middle East and northern Africa from the end of September 1977 until March 1978. The men drew lots and ten were selected to kill the others.

Siege of Masada

This combination of materials guaranteed a cool interior in the hot, dry climate. Before the first course of long logs were laid in the wall, it was probably necessary to level the uneven bedrock by adding a layer of soil.

Traveling with the Travers: Masada

The rule of Archelaus was ineffective and ultimately disastrous, where riots broke out several times at the pilgrimage festivals in Jerusalem. But to me, conquering Masada meant finally starting to reconnect with a part of myself that I had missed, the part that loved to hike and run wild.

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Masada keeps to its name. The year 73 marked the end of the Zealot Rebellion in Israel against Rome. The skeletal remains of 25 individuals were found in a cave outside and below the southern wall.

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It consisted of a large courtyard surrounded by porticos and several rooms, all with mosaic or tiled floors and some with frescoed walls. It seems

he accomplished his goal.

Siege Of Masada

Certain significant archaeological elements, such as the Roman camps and siegeworks, remain virtually untouched. In 66 CE, at the beginning of the Great Jewish Revolt against the Roman Empire, a group of Jewish patriots overcame the Roman garrison at Masada. Masada dominates not only the sea but also the caravan route, which in antiquity ran across a causeway from the western shore of the sea to the tongue of land which juts below Kerak — on its way to Petra in south Arabia see map above.

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How can we explain this? Considering the difficulty in reaching the cave, whose mouth opens some 4 m above the exposed access path, the researchers have speculated that it was a place of short-term refuge for Chalcolithic people fleeing an unknown catastrophe. Using a battering ram, they were able to breach the outer walls, but were blocked by a newly constructed earthen wall.

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