

## THE TOWN PLAN OF GERASA IN AD 2000: A REVISED EDITION

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*In memory of our colleague and friend François Carré*

The last town plan of Gerasa was drawn up by R. Pillein in 1983 (based on the 1938 plan by C.S. Fisher Plan 1; see Fisher 1938) as part of the 'Jerash Archaeological Project' (Zayadine 1986a: 6-7). After almost 20 years of new documented studies on the sites of ancient Jarash جرش, it had become necessary to produce a revised map of Gerasa and having already a team at Jarash for work on the Upper Zeus Temple, the Institut Français d'Archéologie du Proche-Orient (IFAPO) began with the task of compiling and collating updated plans of monuments.<sup>1</sup> Architects and surveyors engaged in extensive fieldwork surveying the site for non-recorded topographical and architectural features.

The purpose for this presentation of the 2000 town plan of Gerasa is to allow its use in other studies. This plan relies on published plans of newly excavated monuments and added features of known monuments. Existing ground plans shown on the 1983 plan (Zayadine 1986a: 6-7), notably copies from the Kraeling publications (Kraeling 1938), have been checked and corrected.

The following ground plans of buildings, shown on the 1983 plan, have been corrected or substantially altered by post 1983 excavations. New additions are either recently discovered buildings (post 1982) or are 'lost' monuments put back again on the plan, using Schumacher's plan of 1902 and Fisher's plan. Numbered plans not listed below have not been altered. Nos. 15, 28, 35 and 45 have no traceable ground plan; tombs have not been numbered but their positions are shown on the plan (Fig. 1).

*The reference number follows the numbered build-*

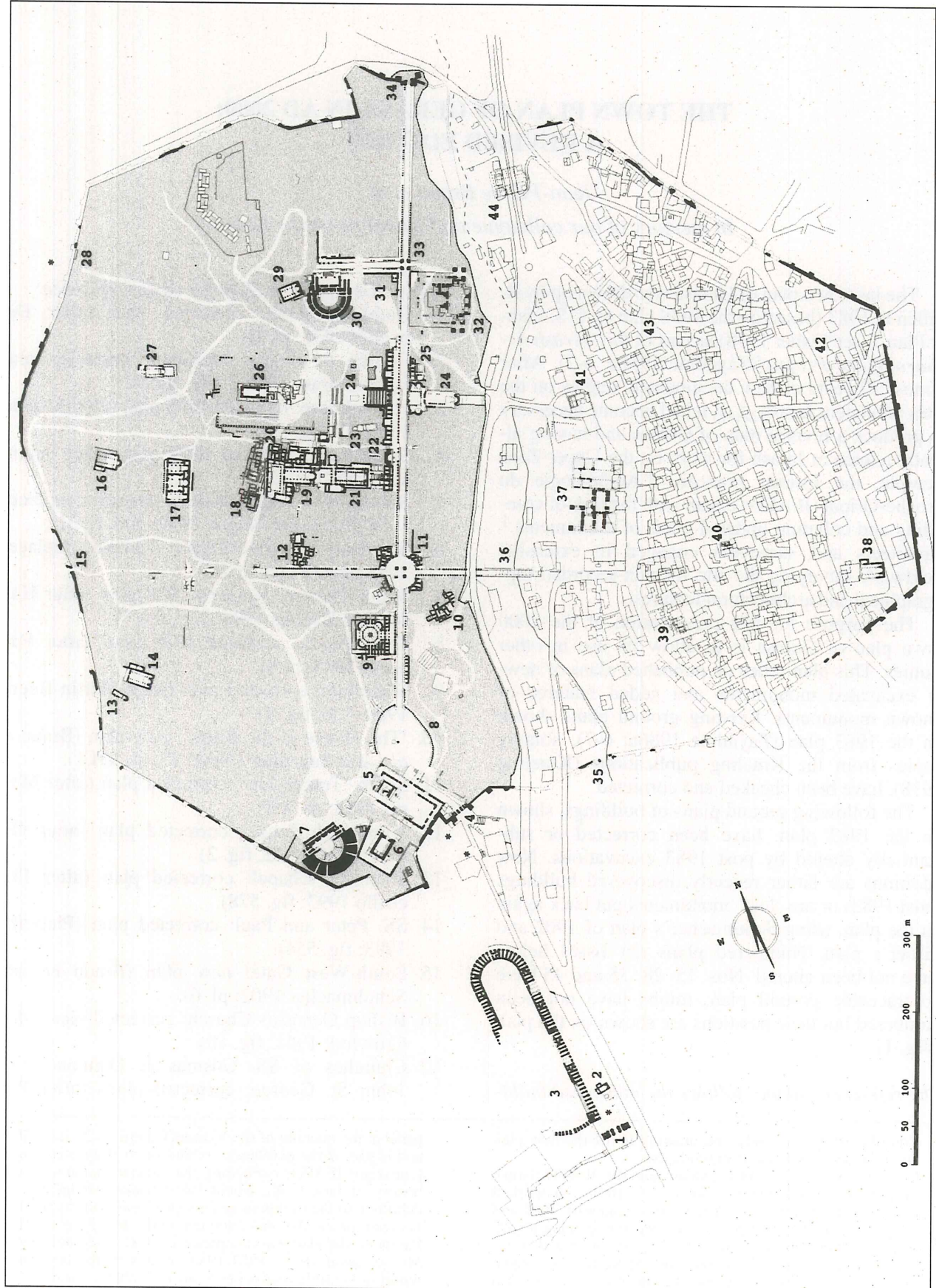
*ings on Gerasa Plan 2000 for easier reference:*

1. Hadrian's Arch: corrected plan (after De-tweiler 1938: pl. II).
2. Church of Bishop Marianus: corrected plan (after Ostrasz 1986a: 139, fig. 2).
3. Hippodrome: replaced 1938 plan (after Ostrasz 1989: 57, fig. 3).
4. South Gate: replaced 1938 plan (after Seigne 1986: 58, fig. 13).
5. Sanctuary of Zeus/Lower terrace: replaced 1938 plan (after Seigne 1989: 100, fig. 1).
6. Sanctuary of Zeus/Upper Temple: replaced 1938 plan (Braun *et al.*).
7. South Theatre: replaced 1938 plan (after Hutson and Kapelis 1996: 224, fig. 7).
8. Oval Piazza: replaced 1938 plan (after Parapetti 1983: pl. 8).
9. Macellum: corrected plan (after Martin-Bueno 1989: 180, fig. 1).
10. 'The House of the Blues': new plan (Braun *et al.*; also Zayadine 1986b: 27, pl. VII.1).
11. South 'Tetrapylon': corrected plan (after Merrill 1938: pl. XII).
12. 'Umayyad House': corrected plan (after Ostrasz 1986b: 112, fig. 2).
13. Mortuary Chapel: corrected plan (after Piccirillo 1993: fig. 578).
14. SS. Peter and Paul: corrected plan (Piccirillo 1993: fig. 554).
15. South-West Gate: new plan (Braun *et al.*; Schuhmacher 1902: pl. 6).
16. Bishop Genesius Church: corrected plan (after Crowfoot 1941: fig. 10).
17. Churches of SS. Cosmas & Damianos; St. John; St. George: corrected plans (after Pic-

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1. From 1996-2000, IFAPO-Amman and the IFAPO Jarash Projects were under the direction of J.-P. Braun. He worked together with his team of regular and temporary staff and researchers on the town plan which became an integral part of the 'Jarash Visitors Centre Project', initiated and sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities of Jordan. The revised plan was first shown in public on a 3 x 3.5m

panel at the opening of the Visitors Centre on 27 July, 2000 and is part of the permanent exhibition of illustrated panels [copyright IFAPO] explaining the ancient monuments and history of Jarash. We would like to acknowledge our indebtedness to the excellent general plan drawn up by the Italian team of the Artemis complex, under the direction of R. Parapetti; the plan was completed in 1981, and published in *Mesopotamia* 18-19, 1983-1984, as part of the first major report of the Italian missions from 1977-1981, 'Gerasa I'.



1. The AD 2000 plan of Gerasa (IFAPO, JP Braum et al.).

- cirillo 1993: fig. 535).
18. 'Temple C' :new plan (after Fisher 1938: pl. I).
  19. St. Theodore: corrected plan (after Fisher 1938: pl. XXXIII).
  20. The Baths of Placcus and Clergy House: corrected plans (after Fisher 1938: pls. XLIV-V).
  21. The Cathedral: corrected plans (after Fisher 1938: pls. XXIX, XXXI).
  22. Nymphaeum: corrected plan (after Fisher 1938: pl. XXVIII).
  23. Chapel/Artemis Terrace: corrected plan (after Parapetti 1983: 115, fig. F).
  24. Artemis Propylaea: corrected plan (after Parapetti 1986: 99).
  25. Roman villa/'Umayyad Mosque': corrected plan (after Seigne 1997: 77, fig. 2).
  26. Temple of Artemis: corrected plan (after Parapetti 1986: 99; 1983-84: 115, fig. F).
  27. 'Synagogue Church': corrected plan (after Piccirillo 1993: fig. 553).
  29. Bishop Isaiah Church: corrected plan (after Piccirillo 1993: fig. 566).
  30. North Theatre: corrected plan (after Stewart 1986: 89).
  31. Byzantine House: new plan (after Watson 1986: 366, fig. 8a; Braun *et al.*).
  32. West Baths: corrected plan (after Fisher 1938: pl. XXVII).
  33. North Tetrapylon: corrected plan (after Ball 1986: 380, fig. 15).
  34. North Gate: corrected plan (after Detweiler 1938: pl. XVII).
  35. Water Gate on the Chrysorhoas: new plan (after Schuhmacher 1902: pl. 6; Braun *et al.*).
  36. South Bridge: corrected plan (after Schuhmacher 1902: pl. 6).
  37. East Baths: corrected plan (after Goguel 1992).
  38. Procopius Church: corrected plan (after Piccirillo 1993: fig. 560).
  39. Roman villa/church: new plan (after Schuhmacher 1902: pl. 6; Braun *et al.*).
  40. Byzantine Villa: new plan (after Seigne and Zubi 1997: fig. 2; Braun *et al.*).
  41. Domestic Byzantine Baths: new plan (after Schuhmacher 1902: pl. 6; Braun *et al.*).
  42. Chapel of Elia, Mary and Soreg: new plan (after Piccirillo 1993: fig. 571; Braun *et al.*).
  43. House of the Muses and Poets: new plan (after Piccirillo 1993: fig. 516; Braun *et al.*).
  44. Church of the Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs: new plan (after Fisher 1938: pl. XLII; Braun *et al.*).

This plan has included the 'lost' monuments which have been published in particular publica-

tions, not always and easily available. There are still some unrecorded monuments now lost by modern constructions in east Jarash; there are also unrecorded lost features of ancient monuments in west Jarash: it is the price one has to pay for speedy development be it urban or for tourism. In particular considering the irretrievable gaps in our knowledge of ancient Jarash, the updated plan of 2000 should add much in facilitating a more accurate presentation and study of architectural planning.

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