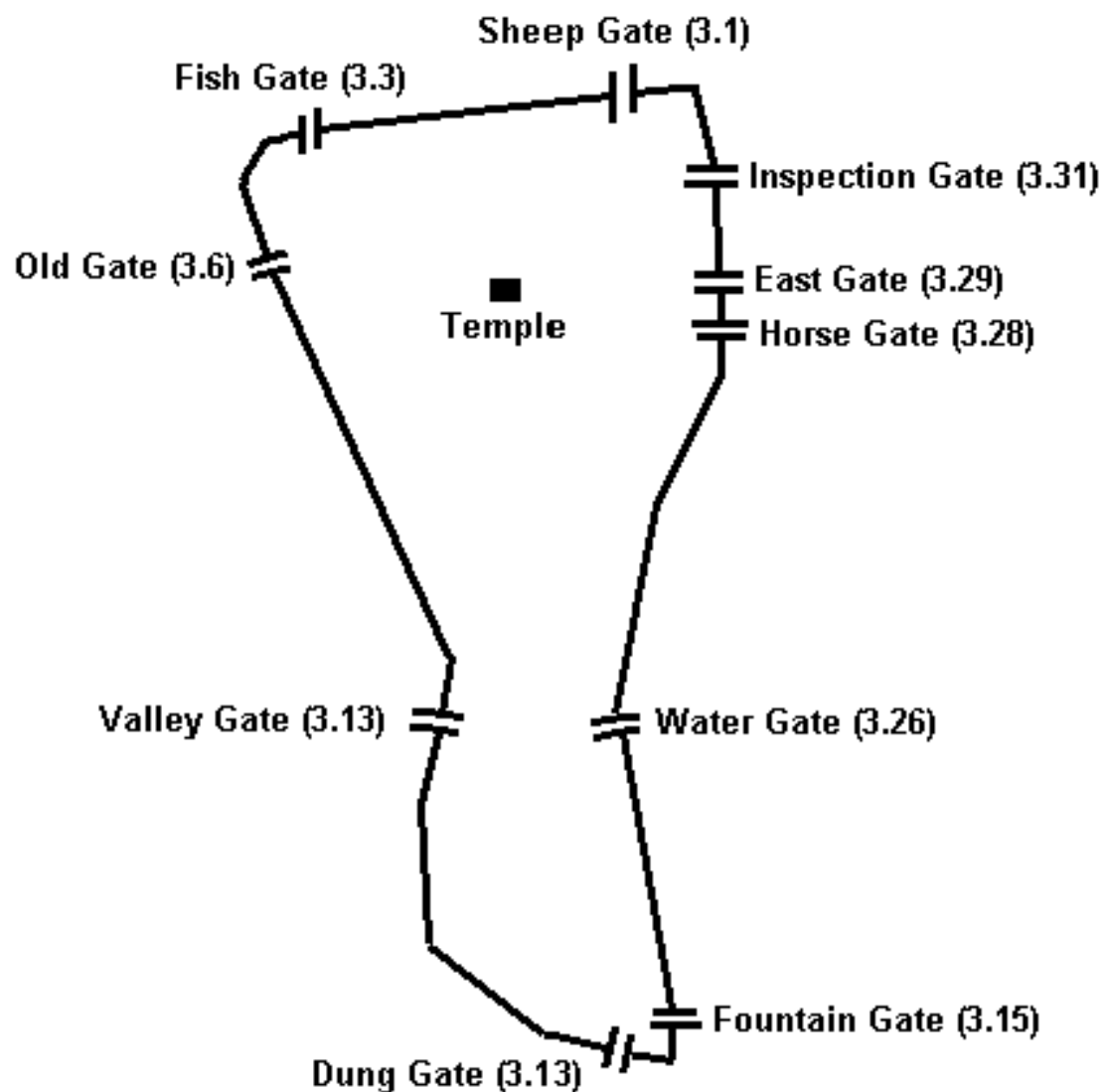




THE VALLEY GATE

Nehemiah 3:13

Nehemiah's Jerusalem





Hinnom or Gehenna Valley

- Not a good place
- Where children were sacrificed (2 Kings 23:10)
- Was prophesied that it would be called the valley of slaughter (Jer 7:32).
- Then became the dump and rubbish was burned there.
- No one wanted to go there.
- Suffering/Filth/Corruption/evil

The Valley:

- Not a place we want to go to.
- Not a place we want to go through.
- But sometimes necessary.



Valley of Illness or death

Psalms 23:

Though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of
death I will fear no evil
Because.....

- He is with me
- His rod and staff comfort me (bring protection)
- His goodness and love are with me.



Valley of depression

- You can't see far
- Hard to gain perspective
- Doesn't seem any way out
- Feels very isolating



Valley of Shadows:
Sandhan Valley, India



Psalm 84: 5-7

Blessed are those whose strength is
in you,

whose hearts are set on
pilgrimage.

⁶ As they pass through the Valley of
Baka,

they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it
with pools. [d]

⁷ They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in
Zion.



Valley of Discontent:

- Can be beautiful

But, either:

It is never enough
and we are not content.
Or

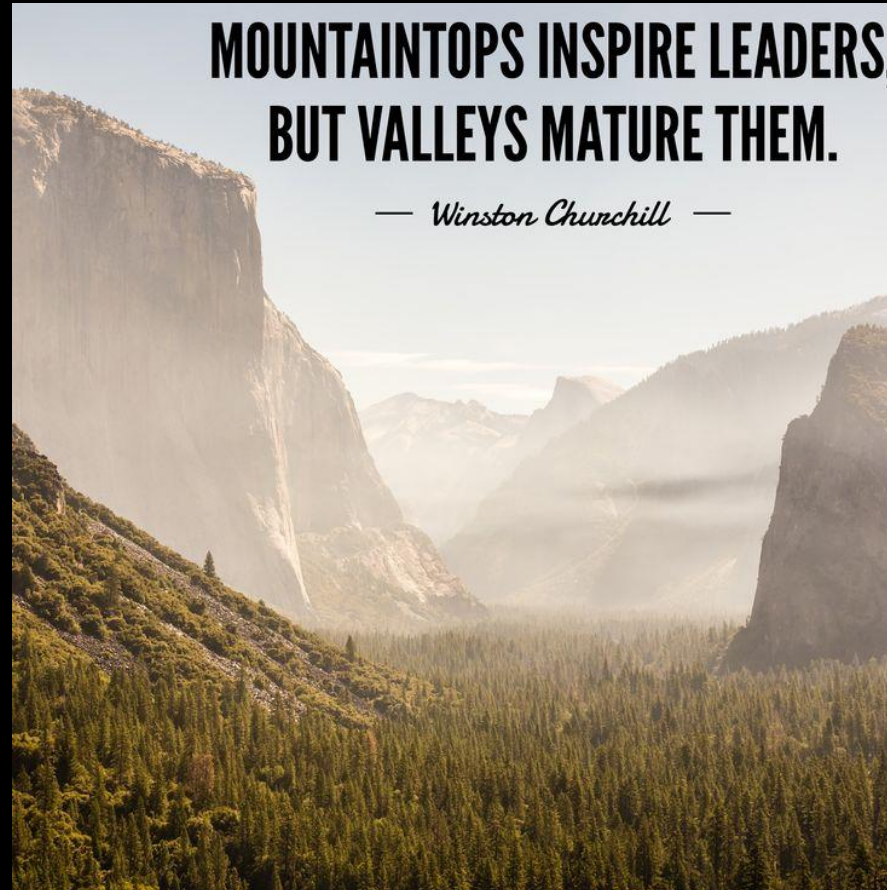
Its beauty deceives us
into thinking it's the
destination and we
want to stop and make
our home here.



Keep your lives free
from the love of
money and
be **content** with what
you have, because
God has said, "Never
will I leave you; never
will I forsake you."
Heb 13:5



Valleys are places of learning and growing.



Don't make the valley your home.....remember it is a journey.





Take away:

- Think about: What valley may you be journeying through at the moment?
- What does God say about this valley?

If you don't know, ask someone to help you find out what God is saying about this valley and pray with you in it.