

## Holiness of Eretz Yisrael

Ref: *Sefer Avodah, Hilchot Bet Habechirah, Chapter 7*

When the Temple is standing one may not act frivolously all the way from Mount Scopus inwards.

At all times, i.e. even when Temple not standing and even in Diaspora a toilet should not be positioned in an E-W direction. Rather N-S. Similarly with sleeping.

- Other

There are different levels of holiness.

The Temple basically parallels the way encampment took place in the desert when leaving Egypt.

I.e. Entrance to *Yerushalayim* to Temple Mount = Camp of Israelites

Entrance to Temple Mount to entrance to Courtyard = Camp of Levites

Entrance to Temple Court inwards = Camp of *Shechinah*



When the Temple was constructed additional areas of holiness were instituted i.e. the *Chayl* and Women's Courtyard.

10 Levels of holiness in increasing order in *Eretz Yisrael*:

- (In general Israel is more sanctified than other lands)
- Cities in Israel surrounded by a wall
- *Yerushalayim* is the Holiest walled city
- *Har Habayit* (Temple Mount)
- *Chayl*
- *Ezrat Nashim* (Women's Courtyard)
- *Ezrat Yisrael* (Israelite's Courtyard)
- *Ezrat Kohanim* (Priests Courtyard)
- Between *Mizbeach* (Altar) and *Ulam* (Entrance Hall)
- Temple Building
- *Kodesh Kodashim* (Holy of Holies)

Therefore, each of these areas have different laws of what could be performed there, and who could enter.

### Reminder:

Pack on Consecration

