



Villalpando's important large-scale plan of Jerusalem

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An imaginary plan of ancient Jerusalem, orientated with north to the right, showing the city before the Christian era. Outside the city walls are the camps of various invaders, including the Romans under Pompey and Titus. Juan Bautista Villalpando (1552-1608), a Spanish Jesuit scholar & architect, drew reconstructions of the classical city based on the assumption that the buildings of Jerusalem were designed using the laws of geometry and based on the ideals of the Roman writer Vitruvius. This plan was published in "Expnaationes in Ezechielis et apparatus urbis ac templi Hierosolymitani" by Hieronymus Prado and Villalpando.

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