

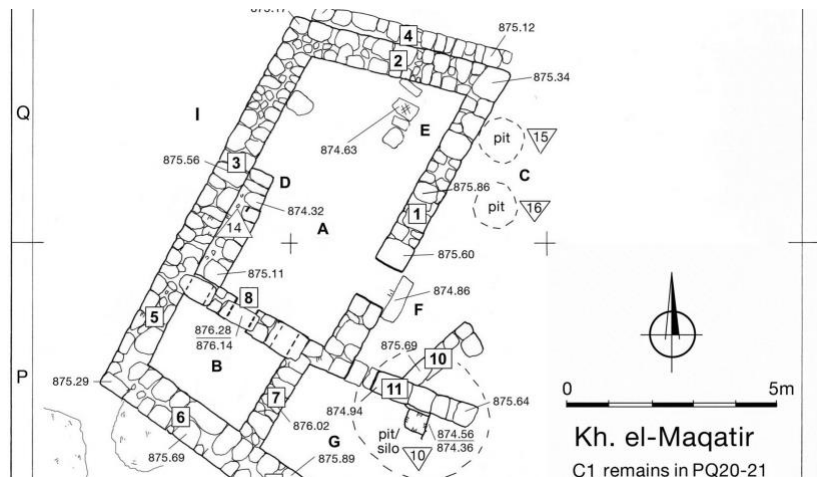
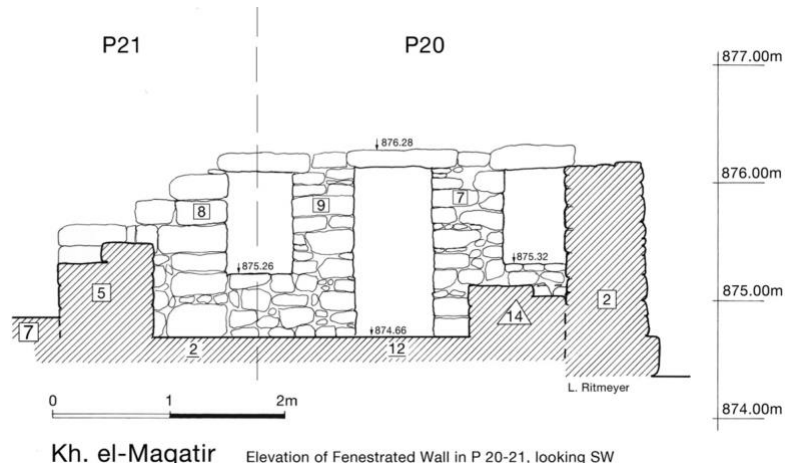
Foundation, Structure, and Covering

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About the speaker...

Jesus, the master *Techton*, never stops working on his new temple.



Matthew 7:24-25

- Therefore = Go back 3 verses!!!
- *Phronimos* – Practical wisdom (common sense), not *Sophia* (divine insight or universal truth).
- *Petran* – The inflected form of *petra*, meaning bedrock.

Matthew 7:26-27

- *Moro* – The inflected form of *mōros*. = foolish
- *Ammon* – The inflected form of *amos*, meaning sand or sandy soil.

Foundation

The foundation of your spiritual house is the non-negotiable core values and truths upon which you build your life.

1. Core Christian doctrine
2. Love
3. Excellence
4. Service before self
5. Protect
6. Provide

Structure

The structure of your spiritual house is the self-imposed disciplines to which you submit yourself to fulfill your life's purpose.

1. Rise early
2. Eat healthy
3. Exercise daily
4. Prioritize Scripture
5. Work hard
6. Shabbat

Covering

The covering of your spiritual house is the authority to which you submit.

1. **God** – Submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7
2. **Home** – Ephesians 5:22–6:4
3. **Work** – Ephesians 6:5–7, Colossians 3:22–24
4. **Church** – Recognize those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you. Esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. 1 Thess 5:12
See also Hebrews 13:7 17
5. **Civil Government** – Romans 13:1–7