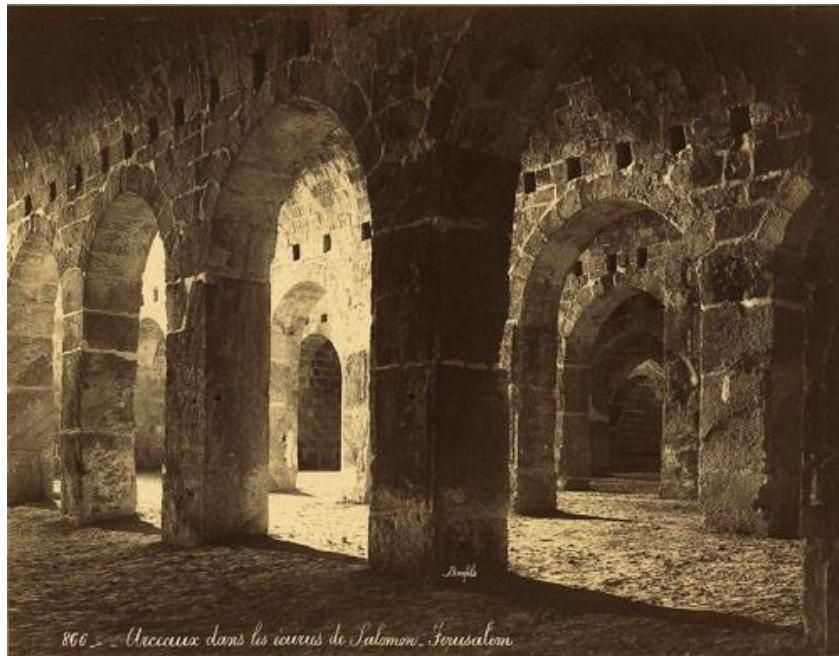


Foundations of Jerusalem

ירוּשָׁלַיִם בְּנוּיָה עַל יְסוּדוֹת קְמוּרִים
שֶׁל צְעָקָה מְאַפְקֵת. אִם לֹא תִהְיֶה סִבָּה
לְצְעָקָה, יִשְׁבְּרוּ הַיְסוּדוֹת, תִּתְמוּטֵט הָעִיר,
אִם תִּצְעַק הַצְעָקָה, תִּתְפּוֹצֵץ יְרוּשָׁלַיִם לְשָׁמַיִם.

Jerusalem is built on the arched foundations
of a held back scream. If there were no reason
for the scream, the foundations would be shattered, the city would collapse,
if the scream should be screamed, Jerusalem would explode into the heavens.

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