

Jerusalem

Jerusalem Shel Matah (Jerusalem on earth/ terrestrial/historical)	Jerusalem Shel Maalah (Jerusalem in Heaven/ celestial/spiritual)
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Jerusalem (from *Yerusha* = inheritance; *layim* = double; hence, a *double inheritance*.) In Jewish thought the concept of *Yerushalayim* is divided into two distinct components:

“*Yerushalayim Shel Matah*” - the terrestrial Jerusalem. Jerusalem on earth symbolizes the historical Jerusalem.

“*Yerushalayim Shel Maalah*” - the celestial Jerusalem. Jerusalem in heaven refers to spiritual Jerusalem, the source of Torah and the Word of God.

Also: “city of peace” (*yeru*=inheritance/possession *shalayim*=peace; the *im* = double which implies that there are two cities, two Jerusalems.).

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