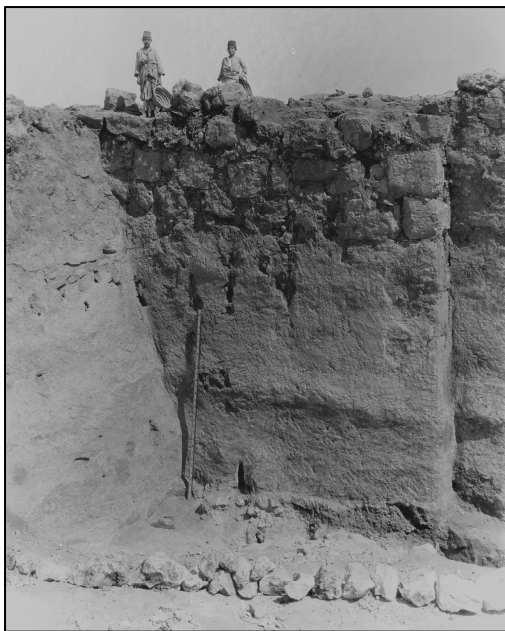




TOWN WALL

The most impressive feature of the town was its encircling wall. Pictured on the left, an artist's reconstruction shows how the wall may have looked around 900 B.C., when King Asa ordered Mizpah fortified against the Northern Kingdom of Israel (I Kings 15:22). Defensive towers with sloping



revetments at the base strengthened the wall and protected it from battering rams. A coating of plaster on the lower part of the wall prevented enemies from climbing it. Originally perhaps 40 feet high, the wall stood from 20 to 30 feet high and from 13 to 20 feet thick when excavated.

Place sling and stone here

WEAPONS

One of the many rounded stones found near the massive wall, this **sling stone** would have been a potent weapon in the hands of skilled hunters or soldiers. The sling is a replica of the leather ones used in the Iron Age, with a slit to help grip the stone.

Other weapons that were used during this time include bronze spears, daggers, and arrows.

