

Qumran Observations 14.1.83

main entrance
nearly preserved by
this man

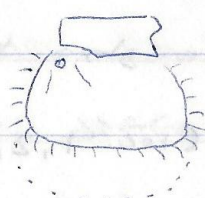
"Pass through" hole in ^{← he was referring to basin in loc. 4, not this} meeting chamber
see de Vaux p. 10

is large enough for a man to crawl through; in fact, it is half the size of a door at least. 1 meter tall $\frac{3}{4}$ m wide

Repaired earthquake damage in wall of under-scriptorium is clearly visible.

Some sort of plastered reception trough

in loc. 4 like a cat's



It looks

d.v. p. 10

gas hole which opens up into a tank on other side.

Dining room floor plastered over. A long room.

In the large cistern next to the dining room there is a series of 2-3 small steps, followed by 3 major levels



The second cistern, right by the dining room is separated by series of walls.

loc. 1, 2, 4 - de Vaux p. 26

11-01-94 X 10/100 - 10/100
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loc. 2

Inner council chamber is interesting.

way too small to fit everybody; and

IQS makes clear everyone should partic-

ipate. But the next room ^{loc. 4} out is much

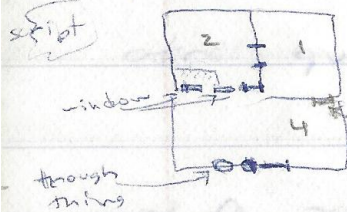
larger. Could this be division, as in

IQS 6 - Priests, elders, multitude?

Two major windows join main chamber

w/ second one, although third is joined

only by door ^{script} (loc. 1, 2, 4)



Bench goes around large

room. Second room has

table-like built from under

first window to edge of second. Second

window has opening through at top

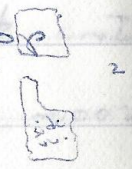
half, bottom half like shelf.

Stones form circle in center of

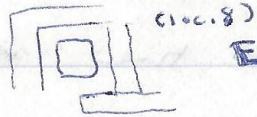
second room and then make path

to door. cf. refectory, lectern

for baptism see IQS 5 (p. 29 bottom)



It's hard to understand what that central pillar in the tower which d.v. describes as a core to a spiral staircase could be; but no one could fit between this column and the wall!



Even if someone could squeeze by - and there seems to be $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 ft clearance - the size of the column itself is so disproportionately massive.

(My picture is different from d.v.'s in orientation; things must have changed.)

Loc. 1 can see where door was filled in.

Actually, a lot of the cisterns have steps.

Entrance cistern (loc. 138) has a whole series of steps coming down from both sides and joining in the middle.

Cement between the ~~two~~ stones in many places has all sorts of patterned lines pressed in, I guess for decoration.

"Stable" seems like in a very stupid

place - would have to be brought through
whole compound because big gully falls
off behind.

View from Q is beautiful, wedged in
right of next to the red knife-rock
mountains and the sea, which meet
in front of us (southwards), towards
the horizon.

Earthquake damage to cistern 48/49
is definitely major damage, with
wide fissure up to 1m going down middle
Room 46 has shelf along outer edge
at floor level, rest sunken with two
walls built dividing in thirds.