

Herod and the Temple

The Jewish Roman historian Josephus reports, “In the fifteenth year of his reign, (Herod) restored the temple and, by erecting new foundation-walls, enlarged the surrounding area to double its former extent. The expenditure devoted to this work was incalculable, its magnificence never surpassed” (*Jewish War* 1.401).

Josephus, *Jewish War: Books 1–2*, trans. H. St. J. Thackeray, Loeb Classical Library (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1927), §1.401.