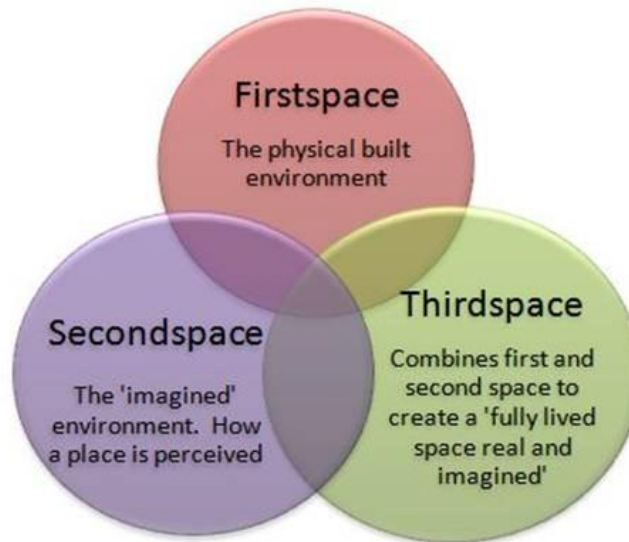


# Connecting Space and Memory



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Memory lingers. It attaches itself to events, persons, and places creating a mental map that guides, consciously or unconsciously, much of our everyday activities. In the process of building spatial associations every culture accumulates a mental and physical set of landmarks associated with repetitive events. When memory is associated with space, it often supplies the only remaining link to locations that have been drastically transformed. Memories of spatial characteristics can be and often are manipulated to serve political, economic, and social purposes in later periods of time. This presentation will examine several examples of the link between space and memory in the Old Testament narrative.

