



## When the Stones Speak

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Eli Sukron and the  
discovery of the Siloam  
Pool

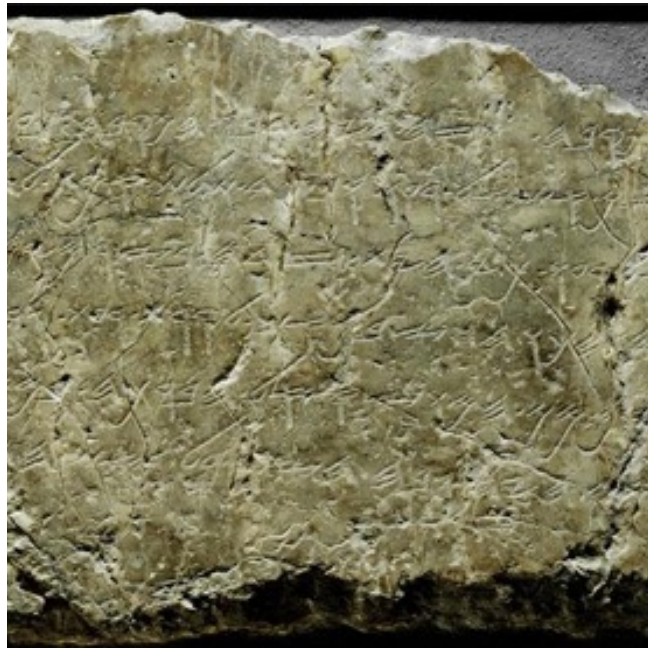


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## Siloam Inscription

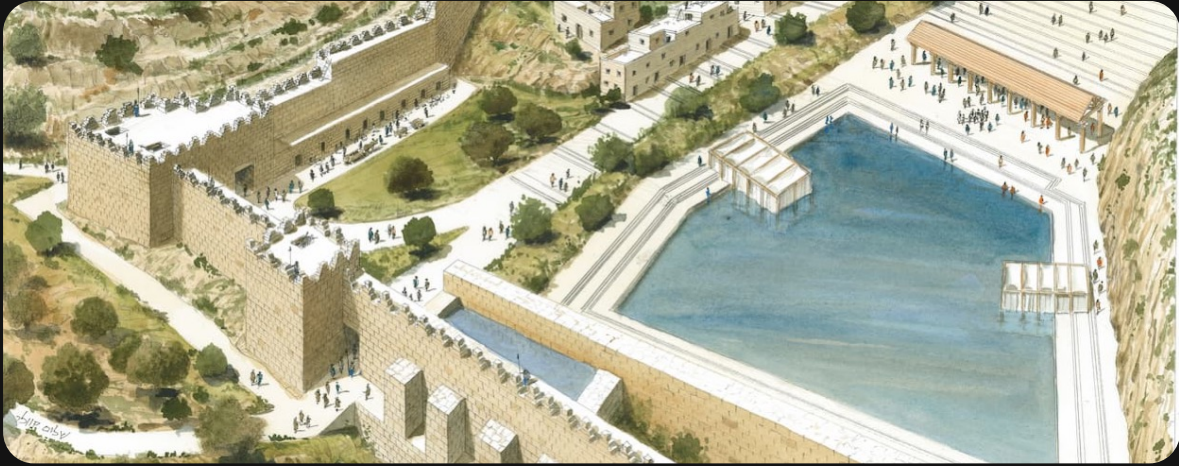
- 8<sup>th</sup> century BC Hebrew inscription chiseled into the wall inside Pool of Siloam
- Tells of Hezekiah's project mentioned in Bible in 2 Kings and 2 Chron
- Stone dates to the time of Hezekiah



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**What was the Siloam Pool for?**

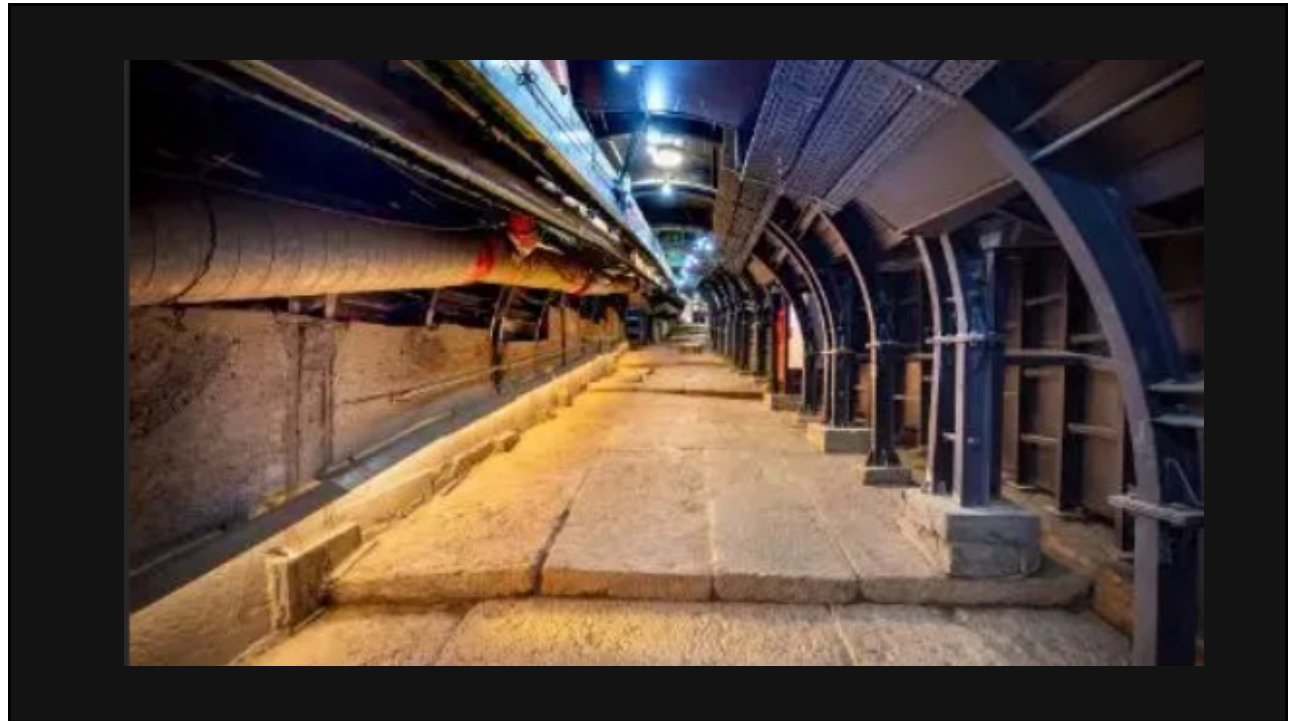
**Why is it important?**

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**But how would the worshippers  
get from the Pool of Siloam  
undefiled?**

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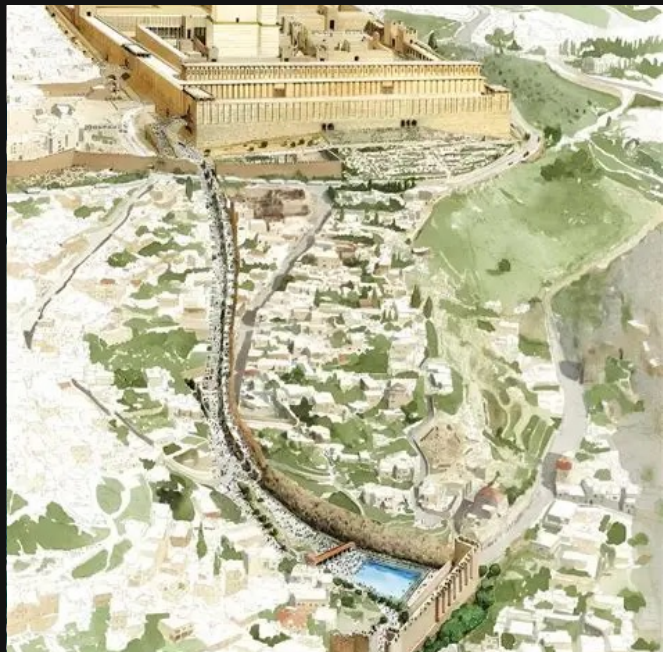
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## Pool of Siloam going up to Temple Mound

*Artist Rendition*



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**The Pilgrim Road (Artist Rendition)**

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## Coins Found During Excavation of Pilgrim Road



**a. Coin from first Jewish Revolt**

**b. Roman coin 30/1 CE**

**c. Roman coin 5/6 – 10/11 CE**

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# Why has archeology become so important to Israel ... and the Christian faith?



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Since its establishment in 1948, Israel has faced nine wars against multiple enemies.



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But a deeper,  
more *ideological*  
battle is being  
waged ...



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### Minimalist

Give little to no value to Biblical texts, particularly Old Testament.

- Bible not reliable historically or archeologically
- View Bible as collection of myths rather than factual.

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### Maximalist

Accept biblical narratives as valid historical accounts and use archeology to support these narratives.

Argue that the lack of evidence doesn't necessarily disprove biblical events.

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## Closing the Circle of History



**The Judaea Capta Coin**



**Silver Israel Liberata coin**

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## After 2,000 years: the Sound of the Golden Bell

Found in the City of David pilgrimage road



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*“Thus says the L-RD of hosts, the G-d of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.”*

*- Jeremiah 29:4-6*

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### **Al-Yahudu Tablet Collection**

*Provide a glimpse in the lives of the exiles in Babylon*



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**The Edict of Cyrus**

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**The Struggle between the Hasmoneans and the Seleucids  
Arrowheads from the Givati Parking Lot**

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“And **Baruch (son of Neriah\*)** read the words of Jeremiah ...in the chamber of **Gemariah the son of Shaphan** the scribe, in the upper court, at the entry of the New Gate of the Lord’s house, in the ears of all the people.” – Jer 36:10

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The Sixth Century BCE

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## The Ophel (*circled in red*)

Location of  
archeological dig  
conducted by Dr. Eilat  
Mazar, archeologist  
from the Hebrew  
University.

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# Seal Impression of King Hezekiah

“Belonging to  
Hezekiah, (son of)  
Ahaz, king of  
Judah.”



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# Isaiah Bullae (Seal)

Found in \_\_\_ by Dr. Eilat  
Mazar

During dig at the Ophel



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## Evidence of written communication between the King of Assyria and the King of Judah

Found near the Western Wall  
October 2025

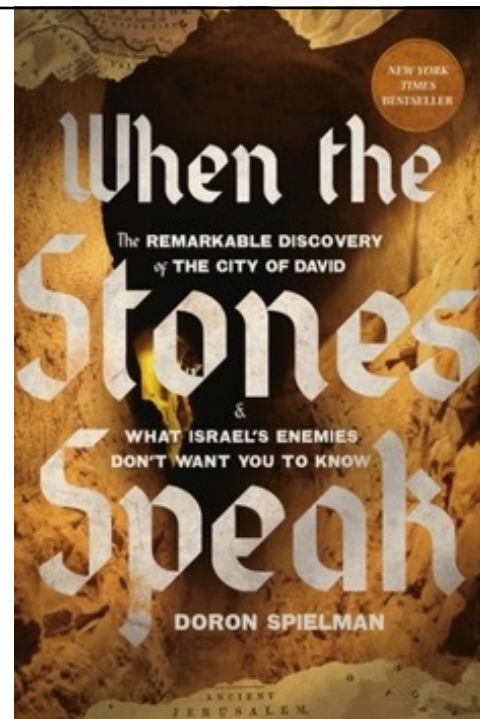


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## When the Stones Speak by Doron Spielman

The remarkable discovery of the  
City of David and what Israel's  
enemies don't want you to know



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