

This marvel of ancient engineering is fascinating. To consider that these ancient stone cutters are able to accomplish this without power tools, and modern equipment is remarkable! Yet, more than this, for those of us that recognize Scripture as the inspired word of God, small discoveries such as this even further reinforce the validity of the claims of

the Bible. These things serve as a reminders that the events recorded in Scripture were not fairy tales imagined by men of the past, they involved real people living very real lives. We can trust the record of Scripture, and must obey its instruction. It is the sure and certain revelation of God's will to mankind. **"The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever"** (Psalm 119:160).



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# Faithful Sayings

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## Services

Sunday: 9:30 AM  
10:20 AM  
6:00 PM  
Wednesday: 7:00 PM



## Elders:

Pat Ledbetter  
Jeff Nunn  
Kyle Pope

## Deacons:

Dean Bowers  
Eddie Cook  
Bill Davis  
Steve Dixon  
Pat Goguen  
Jack Langley  
Neil Ledbetter  
Brady McAlister  
Walker McAnear  
Lance Purcell  
Rusty Scott

## Evangelists:

Kyle Pope  
Jason Garcia

## Biblical Characters of Faith

 Olsen Park Church of Christ  
invites you to our Fall...

## Gospel Meeting

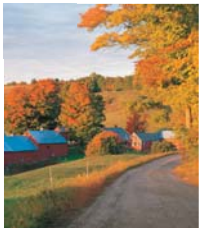
with

**Curtis Pope**

of Houston, Texas

November 13-18, 2011

Sunday: 9:30, 10:20, 6:00  
Weeknights: 7:30



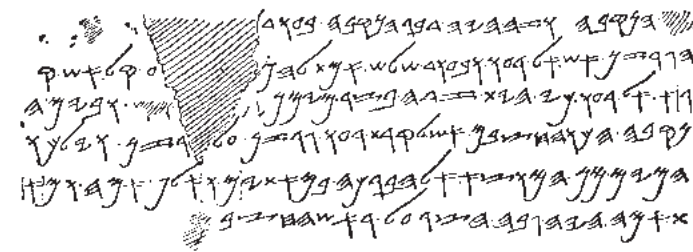
## The Siloam Inscription

By Kyle Pope

Although many of the kings of ancient Israel and Judah gave themselves to wickedness, Hezekiah, the thirteenth king of Judah, who reigned ca. 716-687 B.C., was a wonderful example of faithfulness. Hezekiah sought

to purge his kingdom of idolatry (2 Kings 18:4); he restored the proper observance of temple worship (2 Chronicles 29:3-36); led the nation in the observance of the Passover (2 Chronicles 30:1-27), and support of the priests (2 Chronicles 31:2,4). Because of his faithfulness he received deliverance from the Assyrians (2 Chronicles 32:1-23) and God spoke to him through the prophet Isaiah (2 Kings 19:19:6-7) and extended his life because of his humility before God (2 Kings 20:1-11). In addition to these fine instances of spiritual leadership, both 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles indicate that Hezekiah promoted the physical well-being of the people. One example in particular concerns a brief record that he **“made a pool and a tunnel and brought water into the city”** (2 Kings 20:20). 2 Chronicles 32:30 adds that this was on **“the west side of the City of David”** (which refers to the oldest portion of ancient Jerusalem first called Jebus (1 Chronicles 11:4) and later Ophel (2 Chronicles 33:14)).

In 1880, some young boys wading in the pool of Siloam found what appeared to be a written inscription nineteen feet into a water conduit. The boys had skipped school, but what they had found quickly overshadowed this fact. The discovery turned out to be an inscription commemorating the completion of the very tunnel 2 Kings 20:20 described. Beginning at separate ends 1770 feet apart, the ancient engineers dug this tunnel through solid rock at an average height of six feet meeting in the middle. The inscription reads:



“Now this is the story of the boring through; while the excavators were still lifting up their picks, each toward his fellow, and while there were yet three cubits to excavate, there was heard the voice of one calling to another, for there was a crevice in the rock, on the right hand. And on the day they completed the boring through, the stonecutters struck pick against pick, one against the other; and the waters flowed from the spring to the pool, a distance of one thousand cubits. And one hundred cubits was the height of the rock above the heads of the stone cutters”

During the occupation of Palestine by the Ottoman Turks, the inscription was removed from the tunnel and taken to Istanbul. It is now displayed in the Istanbul Archeological Museum, in Turkey. I had the privilege of seeing it in 1995. The tunnel itself is still open in modern day Jerusalem. Visitors to the national park excavating the portion of ancient Jerusalem known as the “City of David” can wade through the ancient water tunnels dug by the servants of Hezekiah. The picture on the next page was taken in 2010 when Chuck Kelley and I were in Jerusalem. It show the end of the tunnel that exits into the Palestinian side of the site. We didn’t wade through the tunnel because it was winter time, but we toured the City of David and saw both ends of the tunnel.



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