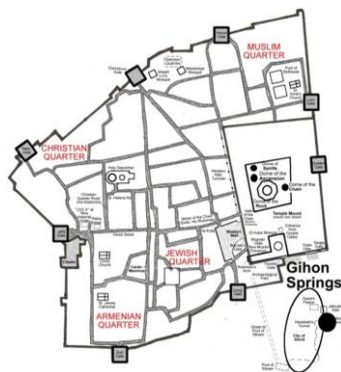


Gihon Springs

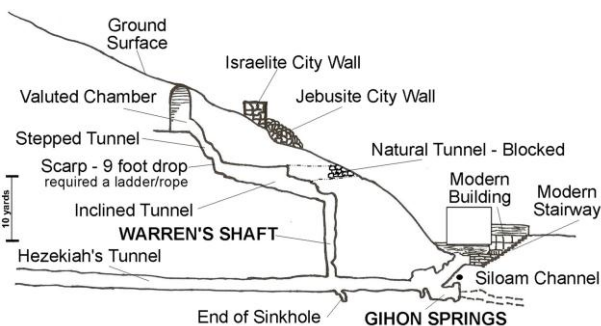
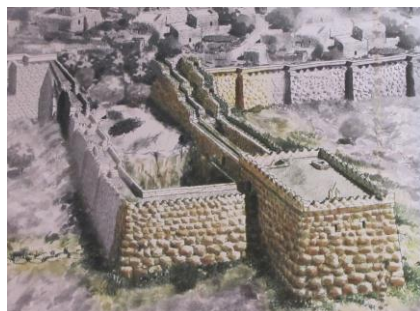
The main water source of the original City of David was the Gihon Springs located at the base of the eastern slope of the city in the Kidron Valley. The Gihon Springs provide water year round by gushing forth water several times a day. This water then naturally flows into the Kidron Valley. Reservoirs were built to collect the water from the Gihon Springs



in the earliest days of Jerusalem's occupation. Three systems were eventually designed to use this water:

1. Warren's Shaft
2. Siloam Channel (Tunnel)
3. Hezekiah's Tunnel

These three water systems continue to bring water to the city of Jerusalem until the days of the Hasmoneans, Herod. During the last century BC and the first century AD aqueducts were built to transfer water into Jerusalem from the southern hill country of Judea from around Hebron and Bethlehem.



Looking down at the Gihon Springs



Remains of the Gihon Springs Tower built to defend the springs. An artist's drawing of this is in photobabove.