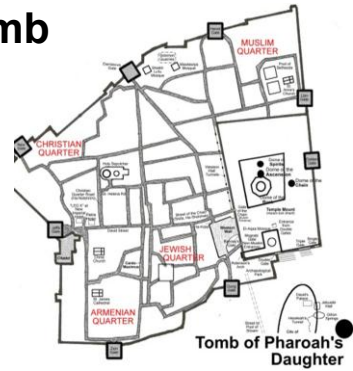


Pharoah's Daughter's Tomb

This tomb is further south under the village of Silwan and is known as the Tomb of Pharaoh's Daughter. This tomb was cut during, or right after, the Hasmonean age but is unidentified.



Originally this tomb, which looks like a small house, was topped with a pyramid roof cut from a single rock.

Sometime after 700 AD the pyramid roof was cut up into blocks to be reused. The process caused great damage to the tomb. More damage was caused by a hermit who used this tomb as a home. There was an ancient Hebrew inscription in the upper left corner of the entrance, but now only two letters remain. The rest of the inscription was destroyed when the hermit widened the doorway.

Isaiah 22:15-19:

"This is what the Lord, the Lord Almighty, says: 'Go, say to this steward, to Shebna, who is in charge of the palace: What are you doing here and who gave you permission to cut out a grave for yourself here, hewing your grave on the height and chiseling your resting place in the rock? Beware, the Lord is about to take firm hold of you and hurl you away, O you might man. He will roll you up tightly like a ball and throw you into a large country.'"



These tombs in the photo above date from the time Isaiah would have spoken to one of the royal stewards in Isaiah 22:15-19 (see verse in text above).



The Tomb of Pharaoh's Daughter originally had a pyramid shaped top cut from a single stone.