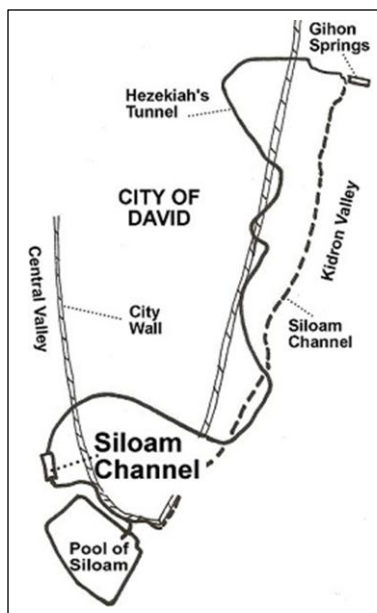
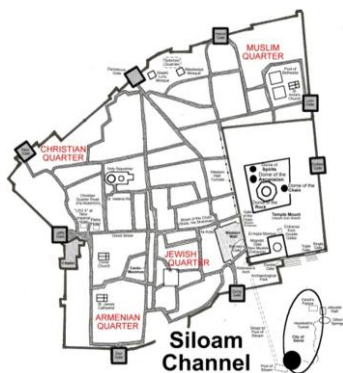


Siloam Channel

This was identified as “The Pool of Siloam” until the actual Pool of Siloam was discovered in 2005. It is actually a water way at the end of Hezekiah’s Tunnel that took the water into the Pool of Siloam. The water in the channel flowing out of Hezekiah’s Tunnel has been considered sacred and was believed to have healing powers. A church was built over the site by the empress Eudokia around 450 AD.

This church, along with most other churches of the Byzantine Empire, was destroyed in 614 when the Persians invaded the Holy Land and Jerusalem. The remains of the bases of the pillars can be seen in the water of this open channel.



A view of the open channel from the exit of Hezekiah’s Tunnel. The Pool of Siloam is just a few feet on the other side of the gate that is seen at the end of the channel. Until 2005, the channel was identified as the Pool of Siloam, but in 2005 the actual Pool of Siloam was uncovered accidentally by a city crew working on the public sewer system. Today this water flows toward that pool.



The circular, cylinder remains of pillars are from the Byzantine's Siloam Church