

Hezekiah's Pool

Part of the city's ancient water system used until the 1800's. It was in use during the time of the second Temple and Josephus mentions it as Amygdalon ('almond tree'). The pool is 240 feet long by 140 feet wide ($\frac{3}{4}$ an acre) and holds 3,000,000 gallons. Also known as the Pool of the Pillar.



This may be the upper pool where Assyria's field commander spoke to Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem in 701 BC:

*"The king of Assyria sent his supreme commander, his chief officer and his field commander with a large army, from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. They came up to Jerusalem and stopped **at the aqueduct of the Upper Pool**, on the road to the Washerman's Field. They called for the king..." (2 Kings 18:17)*



For this view, go to the top of the old Petra Hotel (Mark Twain's Hotel in 1867 when he visited Jerusalem). (You may need to ask permission or pay a little cash.)



Hezekiah's Pool with Church of Holy Sepulchre in the back ground