

Possibly David and his men took over the city of Jerusalem through Warren's Shaft.

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Lower left: Pool of Siloam.

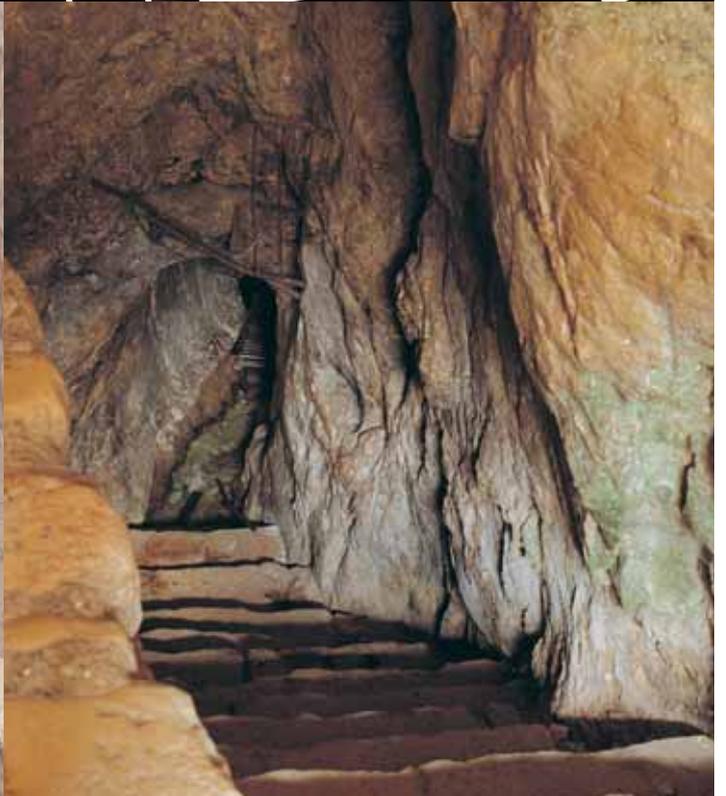
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Lower right: The Gihon Spring in the Kidron Valley. King Hezekiah built a tunnel from the spring to the Pool of Siloam, which he also built, to provide a water supply for Jerusalem during a time of siege.

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The chronologies of the kings of Judah and Israel may vary anywhere from 1 to 10 years. Some kings' reigns overlapped. The following dates are from Eugene Merrill, *Kingdom of Priests* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1987). Compare also Edwin R. Thiele, *The Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1983). Some of the kings were basically evil, while other kings were basically good. The good kings were not always without fault, and even evil kings sometimes did what was right.

King	Period of Reign	Comment
David	1011-971	A man after God's own heart.
Solomon	971-931	Despite his wisdom, Solomon did not follow the Lord fully.
Rehoboam	931-913	Within five years of the death of Solomon, the glorious wealth he amassed would be taken by Shishak to Egypt.
Abijah (Abijam)	913-911	He defeated Jeroboam of Israel in a great battle, but he was unable to retake the Northern Kingdom.
Asa	911-870	Asa began as a great and good king, but he committed a great error by making an alliance with the king of Syria.
Jehoshaphat	873-848	He was a godly king, but he allied himself with Ahab, and his son Jehoram married a daughter of Ahab and Jezebel.
Jehoram	848-841	Athaliah was his wife, and she was wicked like her mother Jezebel. Jehoram murdered his brothers and established the worship of Baal in Judah.
Ahaziah	841	He was the son of Athaliah, and he was killed by Jehu when Jehu killed Joram king of Israel and son of Ahab.
Athaliah	841-835	She was the only queen to reign over Israel. Athaliah put to death all the sons of royal descent, except for Joash, who was hidden from her by Jehosheba, sister of King Ahaziah and wife of the righteous high priest Jehoiada.
Joash (Jehoash)	835-796	The high priest Jehoiada crowned young Joash as king and commanded that Athaliah and her followers be put to death. After the death of Jehoiada, Joash departed from the Lord.
Amaziah	796-767	God granted Amaziah a great victory over Edom, but he turned to folly by the worship of the fallen idols of Edom.
Azariah (Uzziah)	792-740	His kingdom became powerful, until he became prideful and was struck with leprosy.
Jotham	750-731	Jotham apparently learned from the mistake of his father. Most of his reign consisted of a coregency with his father.
Ahaz	735-715	God gave this evil king a sign: a virgin would give birth to a son who would be named Immanuel.
Hezekiah	729-686	He was one of the most righteous kings of Judah.
Manasseh	696-642	One of the most evil kings, though he repented at the end of his life.
Amon	642-640	He was killed in a court conspiracy, and his eight-year-old son Josiah became king after him.
Josiah	640-609	Like Hezekiah, he was one of the most righteous kings of Judah.
Jehoahaz	609	He is described as an evildoer, and his reign only lasted 3 months.
Jehoiakim (Eliakim)	608-598	It was Jehoiakim who burned a scroll upon which prophecies of Jeremiah had been written.
Jehoiachin	598-597	He was in prison in Babylon for 36 years, after which he was released by Evil-merodach, who gave him a seat at his own table and an allowance for his support.
Zedekiah	597-586	Nebuchadnezzar ordered the sons of Zedekiah to be killed before their father, and then the eyes of Zedekiah were gouged out. He eventually died in Babylon.



The tripartite building at Megiddo, a building dating from the period of King Solomon, 970-930 B.C.

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Lower left: Interior of Bubastite portal with inscription of Sheshonq's campaign in Palestine.

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Lower right: Glazed brickwork relief of a lion from early 6th century Babylon.

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