

**NEXT WEEK**

I am the light of the world  
John 8:12-20

**Bread**

- of life (Jn 6:35, 48)  
- which came down  
from heaven  
(Jn 6:41, 51)

**Light**

of the world  
(Jn 8:12; 9:5)

**Door**

(Jn 10:9)  
of the sheep  
(Jn 10:7)

**Good**

**Shepherd**  
(Jn 10:11, 14)

**Before** (Jn 8:58)  
**Abraham was**

**Resurrection  
and Life**

(Jn 11:25)

**I AM**

**the Way,  
the Truth,  
and the Life**

(Jn 14:6)

**Vine**

(Jn 15:1, 5)



# “The Good Shepherd”

11 “I am the good shepherd.  
The good shepherd gives  
His life for the sheep. - - -

John 10:11

(John 10:1-18)

Shepherd was a common biblical symbol?

- Psalm 23 “The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want...”
- Psalm 79:13 “So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, . . .”
- Psalm 80:1 “Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock . . .”
- Psalm 95:7 “For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:”
- Isa. 53:6; Jer 23:1–40; Zec 11:1–17; Luke 15:1-7;

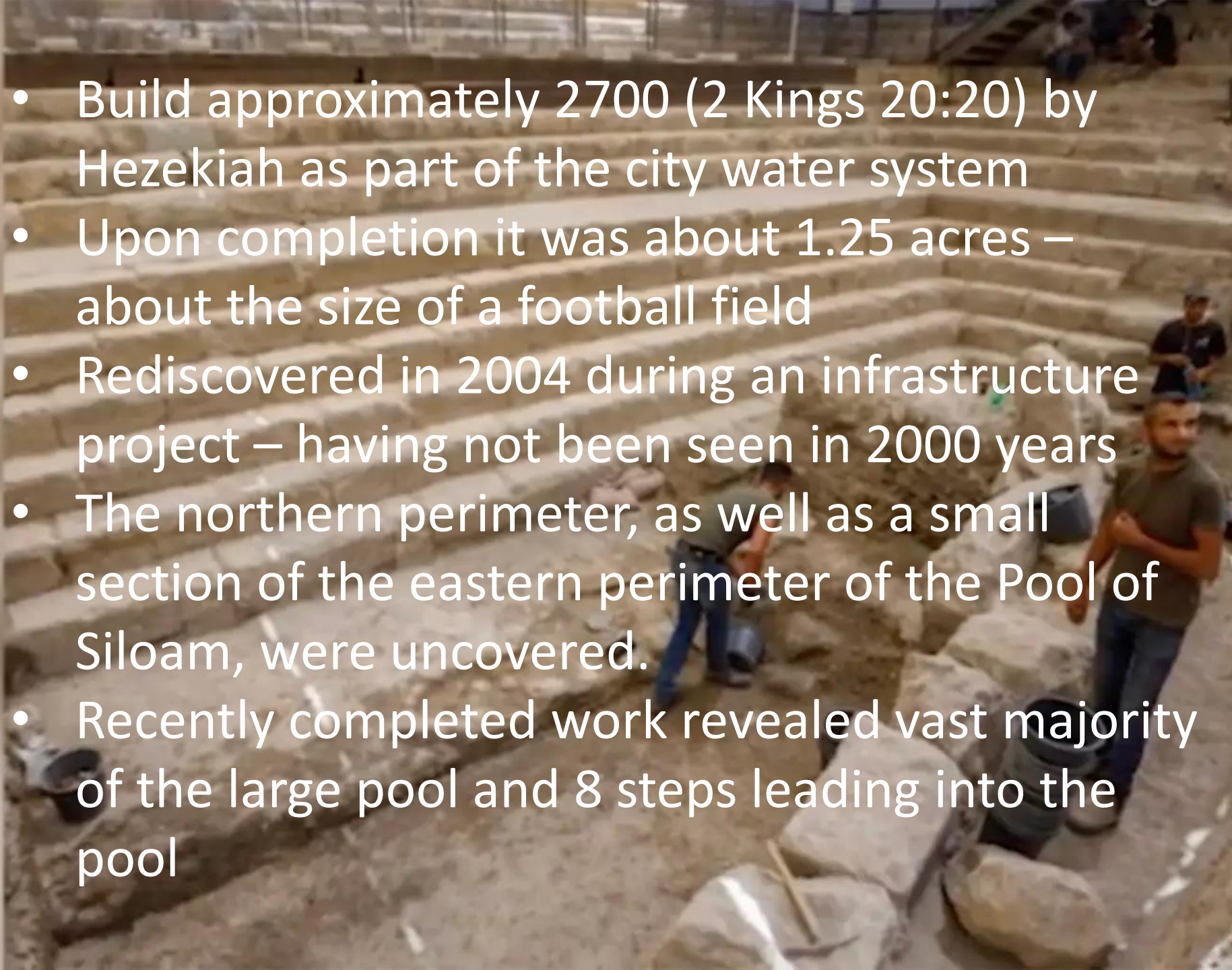


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- Build approximately 2700 (2 Kings 20:20) by Hezekiah as part of the city water system
- Upon completion it was about 1.25 acres – about the size of a football field
- Rediscovered in 2004 during an infrastructure project – having not been seen in 2000 years
- The northern perimeter, as well as a small section of the eastern perimeter of the Pool of Siloam, were uncovered.
- Recently completed work revealed vast majority of the large pool and 8 steps leading into the pool



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What time of year is it?

- Before the feast of the dedication
  - (Winter - Now called Hanukkah or Festival of lights)
- A few months before Passover season and his crucifixion

Where are we in the story of Jesus?

- In John 6 - Jesus fed 5000 and then said He was the Bread of Life (John 6:35).
- In John 7 – He claims to be the source of living water (John 7:37,38)
- In John 8 - He claims to be the Light of the World (John 8:12).
- John 8:48-59 – The Jews understood His claims and wanted to kill Him.
- In John 9 - He provides physical and spiritual light to a blind man thus providing confirmation of His claims.





John 10 is a continuation of the teaching of John 9

- In John 9 - Jesus heals a man that was born blind - brings light to his eyes
- People who recognize they are in darkness and in need of light will be forgiven by Jesus
- The religious leaders did not see they were blind and, as such, in need of seeing the light of Jesus - 9:41
- Jesus transitions to talking about sheep and shepherds
- Read John 10:1-10







V7 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.



- V1-6 illustrates shepherd and sheep
- V6 – they did not understand what he was saying
- 9:39 – those who claim to see are, because of their not seeing who Jesus was, were “made blind”
- So Jesus tells them again – and more directly
- “I am the door of the sheep” - No one else qualifies for this role – regardless how great they claim to be

V8 - All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.



- Who is Jesus referencing? The prophets?
- Jer 23:1-4 - “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!”
- Ez 34:1-10 - Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?
- Zech 11:4-17 - Thus said the LORD my God: “Become shepherd of the flock doomed to slaughter.

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- Who is Jesus referencing? The prophets?
- Jesus seems to be comparing the leaders at that time to the leadership of Israel before the fall
- Selfish, self-centered, care about themselves and fear of losing their positions, not the needs of the people
- True sheep are not listening to these leaders, but Jesus
- Blind man risk being put out of temple for Jesus
- Following Jesus voice is the only way to be saved

V10 - I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.



- Abundant life is following Jesus
- Abundant life has nothing to do with stuff, pasture not stuff
- Jesus is offering them abundant life
- This life is not the full life – it is full of troubles, trials, death
- Seeking the world will not give us lasting satisfaction
- Jesus is calling his sheep to be rescued from world's trouble
- This is a not a restrictive life – blind if you see it that way
- Jesus is call his sheep to give them life

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“the door of the sheep”

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- Jesus is the door to the sheepfold – v1
- Anyone trying to enter by any other way is robber
- Jesus is the door to God, spiritual freedom, forgiveness
- The shepherd comes and calls his sheep
- Religious leaders think Jesus is crazy but He is calling his sheep to him and to give them “pasture” – gather them



V11-18 – I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.



- Sheep know the voice of the shepherd
- Even though sheep are mixed up in pen – the shepherd's sheep know his voice and follow him – v4
- This is the first way we can know if we are Jesus' sheep
- We hear His voice and follow Him
- John 9 – blind man hears Jesus voice, and follows what Jesus said to do, and he was healed
- Jewish leaders did not listen to Jesus voice

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- Isa 40:10-11 - Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.
- This is messianic – Jesus is taking deity upon himself

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- Not just the shepherd – the “good shepherd”
- He will not be like past shepherds – hirelings
- He owns the sheep so naturally cares for them more
- Lay down his life – this shepherd will do what other past shepherds have not – care for sheep rather than self
- This sacrifice is what makes Him the good shepherd
- Volunteered His life for the sheep – unlike hirelings
- We follow Him – hear His voice – He is in charge

V16 – And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.



- Who is Jesus speaking to at this time?
- Right now Jesus is calling Israel
- There will be sheep outside the Jews that Jesus must call
- The call will also go out to the Gentiles
- Isa 56:8 - The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

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- Ez 37:21 - Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land. <sup>22</sup> And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. And one king shall be king over them all, and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms.

V17 – For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.



- Third time Jesus said he would lay down life (11,15,17)
- Amazing part – he has the power to lay down his life – and take it up again
- “No one take it from me, but I lay it down” – 18
- No one can arrest me, beat me, nail me to cross, or kill me unless I allow it
- Jesus is not a helpless victim – coming events no accident
- This was the plan of God – Jesus gave His life for His sheep



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- Why?
- This was the only way to gather the lost sheep
- This was the only way for His sheep to have sins forgiven
- Jesus has come to call and gather HIS sheep into one flock
- Jesus cares so much that he GAVE his life for His sheep
- No one took His life
- Jesus gave his life for you and me

22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Peter 2:22-25 ESV)



➤ All of us have “strayed” but must “return to the Shephard”

## Sean's Thoughts -

So to me, it's talking about false teachers sneaking in. The false teachers find the easy way in and does what is best for him and not the sheep.



When Jesus explains it again, he says the false teachers will corrupt who they can. The hired hands act like they care but they flee at the first sign of trouble. Jesus says it leaves room for the devil to come in and do what he wants because it leaves the sheep without protection.

## Sean's Thoughts (2) -

Jesus says he cares so much that he'll die for us, which he did. He says that God gave him the authority to lay down his life and also to take it up again, so obviously it was the plan all along.

The people did not understand what Jesus was telling them, even though he told them over and over again. Jesus was also planning on giving salvation to everyone, not just the Jews



V19 – There was again a division among the Jews because of these words.



- As we still see today – people (Jews) were divided about Jesus
- Some said “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen”
- Other – “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”
- Jesus is the door to the blessings of God – follow his voice