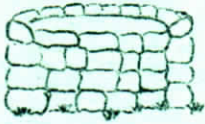


WELL



Rainwater was sometimes stored deep in the earth. The rain and the melting snow from high in the mountains slowly soaked into the ground. This rain water sank far down into the earth. Finally it came to a place in the rocks that was full of water. This water was stored in this place deep in the earth.

Men had learned to dig into the ground to reach this water. They made what is called a well. The sides of the well were lined with rocks.

Nearly every important town in the land of Jesus had a well. Probably there was a well here even before this place was a town. It was because there was a well, that men chose to live in this place. Soon there was a town or city there.

Sometimes the well or spring is outside the city wall. When enemies came, it was difficult to get to the well safely. For this reason, the city often built a tunnel under the ground that led to the well. The tunnel went from inside the city wall to the well outside.