

When Sennacherib, king of Assyria, threatened to invade Judah, King Hezekiah blocked off all the springs around Jerusalem so the Assyrian army could not access water. Most famously, he blocked a spring in Gihon outside the city walls, and dug a tunnel (1 749 feet long) from the spring to a pool in the city to supply water for Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 32:1-4,30)

That historical event shows just how valuable water was in the arid Middle East. Wells, cisterns, and springs were protected at all costs. Solomon used wells and cisterns to illustrate the importance of a man protecting his wife. (Proverbs 5:15-20) Not only should he refresh himself from his own “well” (wife), but he should also protect his wife so that strangers will never seek refreshment from her. (verse 17) A good marriage is a life-sustaining source and force.

May your marriage be nurtured and protected, and be a source of life and refreshment.

Proverbs 5:15,18 “Drink water from your own cistern, and running water from your own well.... Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth.”