

LECTURE 8: Hydraulic technology

Frontinus, *On the aqueducts of Rome*. ca. AD 95.

Springs at Tel Hazor (1200 BC), Mycenae (1250 BC).

shaduf (counterweighted beam to lift water) ca. 1600 BC.

Lake Copais, Mycenaean drainage; Nineveh, Assyrian aqueduct 700 BC

Athens, Agora drain; Rome, *cloaca maxima* ("Great Drain")

aquae pluviae arcendae (control of run-off water)

cuniculus (Etruscan underground drainage tunnel)

Claudius, Lake Fucinus (40s AD), 5.64 km drainage tunnel

Nineveh conduit (700 BC)

Tunnel of Eupalinos, Samos (550 BC), 1100 m aqueduct tunnel

Pergamon; inverted siphon (ca. 180 BC), descends 160 m; Lyon siphon (2C AC), 9 x 2.3 km
long lead pipes, 2000 tons.

Pont du Gard, Nîmes (25 BC), L 275 m, H 49 m

Specus (underground aqueduct channel)

Sinter (calcium carbonate deposit)

Castellum: reception tank to apportion water

quinaria (Roman measure for water volume, amt unknown)

stopcocks

nymphaeum (monumental fountain); Miletus, Jerash (2C AC).

Water-screw (Archimedes, 250 BC), force pump (Ctesibios, 275 BC), compartmented wheel,
chain pump, *saqiya* (animal-driven gear drive, 2C BC?)