

[PADIS code 0049]

Arabic: (عين عيشة) (عين عيشة)

Site ancient name: Elisha's Spring.

Site location: Lat. +31° 52' 13.23" N; Long. +35° 26' 41.48" E.

Site extension: 2 dunams.

Elevation: 250 m b.s.l.

State of preservation: under modern edification.

Disturbance: bulldozer cuts, modern building activities.

Occupational periods: [Early Bronze I](#) , [Early Bronze II-III](#) , [Early Bronze IV](#) , [Middle Bronze Age](#) , Late Bronze [Iron Age](#) ,
[Roman](#) ,
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[Byzantine](#)
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[Early Islamic](#)
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[Ottoman](#)
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[Modern](#)
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Plates: I, III, XXX-XXXV.

Early Bronze I

Site typology: spring.

Material culture: flint tools, pottery.

Bibliography: Garstang 1932, pl. XII: 18, 20-21; Nigro 2005, 198-199, fig. 4:11; unpublished data from Rome "Sapienza" University survey carried out in 2009.

Early Bronze II-III

Site typology: spring.

Material culture: stone tools, flint tools, pottery.

Bibliography: Garstang 1932, 9-11, 17-18, fig. 5, pls. XIb, XII:7-8, 11-17, 19, 22, XX; Helms 1988, fig. 11; Nigro 2006, 366; unpublished data from Rome "Sapienza" University survey carried out in 2009.

Early Bronze IV

Site typology: spring.

Material culture: flint tools, pottery.

Bibliography: Garstang 1932, 17-18, fig. 5, pl. XII:9-10; Mellaart 1962, 156-157, site n. 84, unpublished data from Rome "Sapienza" University survey carried out in 2009.

Middle Bronze Age

Site typology: spring.

Material culture: pottery.

Bibliography: Garstang 1932, 12-13, pls. XIc, XII:1, 4; Helms 1988, fig. 12; unpublished data from Rome "Sapienza" University survey carried out in 2009.

Iron Age

Site typology: spring.

Material culture: pottery.

Bibliography: unpublished data from Rome "Sapienza" University survey carried out in 2009.

Roman Period

Site typology: spring.

Domestic architecture: *nymphaeum*.

Material culture: pottery.

Bibliography: Pococke 1745, 31; Bonar 1858, 302; Osborn 1868, 246; Warren 1869; Clermont-Ganneau 1874, 89; Wilson 1885, 171; Harper 1894, 124; Augustinović 1951, 38-41; Robinson - Smith 1970, 554-555; Bartlett 1982; Helms 1988; Dorrel 1993, 97, 112, figs. 2-6; Nigro, F. 1998, 207-208; Cirelli - Zagari 2000, 365, 367; unpublished data from Rome "Sapienza" University survey carried out in 2009.

Byzantine Period

Site typology: spring.

Public architecture: church.

Material culture: pottery.

Bibliography: pilgrims' accounts (see § 2.2); Ritter 1866, 33; Conder - Kitchener 1883, 176, 190, 222; Wilson 1885, 151; Avi-Yonah 1935; 1954, 22, 44; Robinson - Smith 1970, 554-555; Cirelli - Zagari 2000, 366-367.

Early Islamic Period (Umayyad Period)

Site typology: spring.

Material culture: pottery.

Bibliography: Kenyon 1956, 82; Cirelli - Zagari 2000, 365, 368.

Ottoman Period

Site typology: spring.

Public architecture: pool.

Bibliography: Pococke 1745, 31; Fisk 1843, 326; Wilson 1847, 12; Stewart 1857, 372; Bonar 1858, 302; Ritter 1866, 33; Osborn 1868, 242, 246; Newton 1870, 73; Wilson 1885, 171; Franklin 1991, 175; Kenyon 1956, 82; Dorrel 1993; Robinson - Smith 1970, 554-555; Cirelli - Zagari 2000, 365, 367-368.

Modern Period

Site typology: spring.

Public architecture: roofed pool.

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