

BIBLE ARCHAEOLOGY

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COURSE INFORMATION:

Archaeology and the Bible
Course #665
Thursdays, 2:00-5:00 P.M.

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RECOMMENDED BOOKS:

- Albright, William Foxwell, *The Archaeology of Palestine*, (Baltimore, MD: Penguin Books, 1961).
- Archaeological Study Bible*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan)--KJV is available.
- Brantley, Garry K., *Digging for Answers*, (Montgomery, AL: Apologetics Press, Inc., 1995).
- Cates, Daniel F., *World Empires and the Bible*, (Independence, MS: Cates Publications, 2012).
- Fant, Clyde E., and Reddish, Mitchell G., *Lost Treasures of the Bible*, (Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2008).
- Free, Joseph P., *Archaeology and Bible History*, Revised by Vos, Howard F., (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1992).
- Graves, David E., *Biblical Archaeology*, Vol. 1, (Moncton, NB, Canada: David E. Graves, 2014).
- Graves, David E., *Biblical Archaeology*, Vol. 2, (Toronto, Canada: Electronic Christian Media, 2015).
- Hoerth, Alfred J., *Archaeology and the Old Testament*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 1998).
- Hoerth, Alfred J., and McRay, John, *Bible Archaeology*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 2005).
- Hoffmeier, James K., *The Archaeology of the Bible*, (Oxford, England: Lion Hudson PLC, 2008).
- Holden, Joseph M., and Geisler, Norman, *The Popular Handbook of Archaeology and the Bible*, (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2013).
- Jackson, Wayne, *Biblical Studies in the Light of Archaeology*, (Montgomery, AL: Apologetics Press, Inc., 1982).
- McRay, John, *Archaeology and the New Testament*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1991).
- Pfeiffer, Charles F., *Wycliffe Dictionary of Biblical Archaeology*, (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2000).
- Price, Randall, *The Stones Cry Out*, (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1997).

Price, Randall and H. Wayne House, *Zondervan Handbook of Biblical Archaeology*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2017).
 Thompson, J.A., *The Bible and Archaeology*, Third ed., (Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1982).
 Willis, Mike, *Archaeology and the Bible*, (Athens, AL: Guardian of Truth Foundation, 2015).

REQUIREMENTS:

Each student will be required to do the outside reading assignments, to pay attention to the instructor, to take thorough notes [which are subject to collection], and to read as called upon.

Each student will be responsible for two or three three-page—or more—fact sheets on archaeological finds important to the illumination or verification of Biblical events or contexts. Charts/maps/etc. not only may be used, but they are very much encouraged; however, they must not help to comprise the minimum length. Study for the presentation **MUST** incorporate information from at least five sources (reputable ones such as books on the subject, Apologetics Press’ *Reason and Revelation*, *Biblical Archaeology Review*, *Newsweek*, *National Geographic*, etc.)--not counting general encyclopedias. No more than half of the information may be from the internet. **WORKS CITED PAGE MUST BE PRODUCED.** Source, page # must be included for every bit of information which is not general knowledge or original thought; these citations must be in parentheses in this form (Author’s last name, page number). The reports **MUST** be turned in as PDF files.

GRADING:

There are 250 possible points:

Certificate: Two three-page fact sheets (75 points each)

Diploma: Three three-page fact sheets (50 points each)

Certificate and diploma: Final exam (100 points)

Grading scale: 95-100=A 85-94=B 70-84=C 60-69=D 0-59=F

SCHEDULE:

| Date | Assignment |
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| Fifth session | First PDF due (diploma) |
| Seventh session | First PDF due (certificate) |
| Eighth session | Second PDF due (diploma) |
| Eleventh session | Third PDF due (diploma); Second PDF due (certificate) |
| Final session | Final exam (diploma and certificate) |

SUBJECTS FOR INTRODUCTIONS (Choose two [Certificate] or three [Diploma]):

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| Alexamenos' Graffito | Amarna Letters |
| Behistun Inscription | Beni Hassan Mural |

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| Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser | Caiaphas Ossuary |
| Cyrus Cylinder | Dead Sea Scrolls |
| Elephantine Island Papyri | Erastus Inscription |
| Galilee Boat | Gallio Inscription |
| Gezer Calendar | Hammurabi Stele |
| Ketef Hinnom Silver Scrolls | Lachish Letters |
| Lachish Relief | Merneptah Stele |
| Moabite Stone | Nuzi Tablets |
| Pilate Inscription | Politarch Inscriptions |
| Ras Shamra Tablets | Rosetta Stone |
| Sennacherib Cylinders | Sergius Paulus Inscription |
| Siloam Tunnel Inscription | Tel Dan Stele |
| Temple Inscriptions | Yehonohan's Heel |