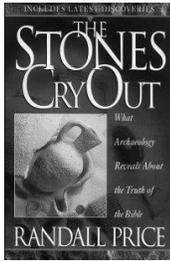
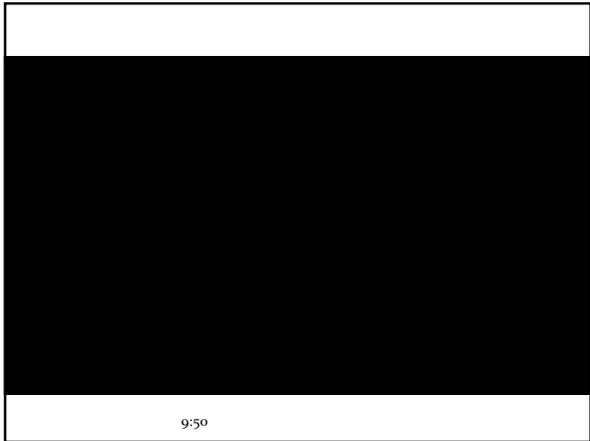


The Stones Cry Out

Biblical Archaeology (Archeology)



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**Chapter 1:
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Archaeology**

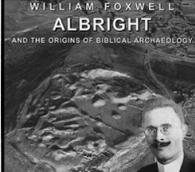
- **Biblical Archaeology is accelerating**
- **Examples of recent discoveries**
- **Hidden Chamber next to King Tut..Rameses II Firstborns**
- **Coast of Alexandria harbor**
- **Syrian Kingdom Tikunani Prism, 3500-years old "Habiru" soldiers**





The Way it was

- **18th Century names were shrouded in mystery**
- **Little physical evidence**
- **Bible names and places**
- **Works such as Josephus, Talmud, Herodotus were**
- **Works required classical training**
- **Imagination and faith bible readers relied on**




Unearthing the Past

- **Bible Archeology has refuted "Higher Criticism"**
- **"Discovery after discovery has established the accuracy of innumerable details, and brought increased recognition of the value of the Bible as a source of history"** Professor William Foxwell Albright
- **Over 25,000 Archeological sites linked to the Old Testament**

What is Biblical Archaeology?




- Archaic.. Past, “First Things”
- Logos: “Study of”, logic,
- 1607 Archeology first appears in English
- “Knowledge”..ancient Israel...from the beginning it was linked to the bible
- Latter applied to artifacts as opposed to written documents

Birth of Biblical Archaeology




- First Archaeologist were grave robbers
- Many tombs were robbed before discovery
- Europeans carried home souvenirs
- Fortune hunters
- Some started recording, etching, bringing news
- 1st Scientific Archeology under Napoleon Bonaparte 1798

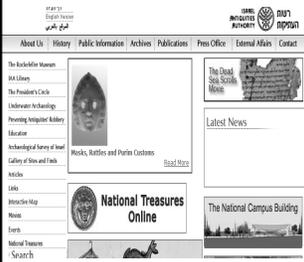
History made Tangible




- For many the world of the Bible was mythology
- People were not aware of its history
- Archeology allows us to see the original context
- Help our faith grow

1. Facts support scripture
2. Confirms reality of people
3. Evidence outside of scripture

Chapter 2: Digging for Answers The Story in Stone



Information today is easily available
100,000 Archeological relics in Israel (Online)
www.antiquities.org.il
Discoveries since 1948

The Power of the written word



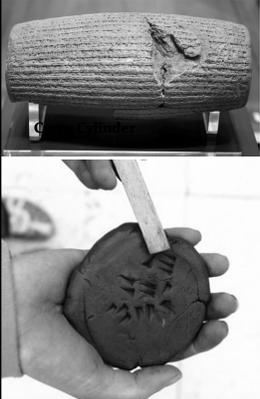

- The written word reveals volumes to those trained to hear
- Epigraphers “Written upon”
- Inscriptions “To write upon”
- Leather, Paper, Stone, Clay, pottery and Metal

The Power of the written word




- Best preserved are found on clay and stone material
- Monuments, buildings, victory
- Range in from huge to small
- Inscriptions on clay for diplomatic communications

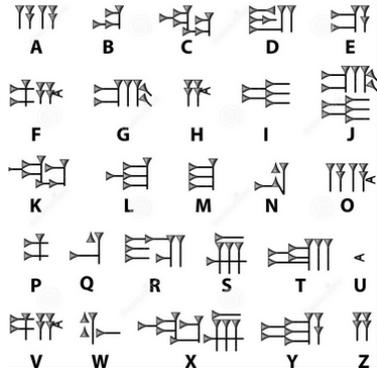
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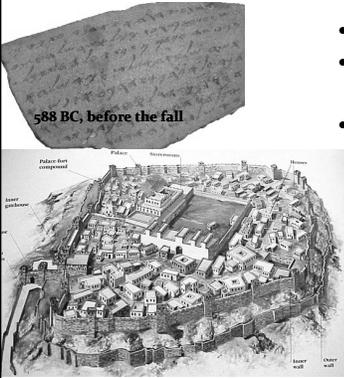
- Clay, inexpensive, durable...record keeping
- Cuneiform, connected wedges on clay
- Cuneiform alphabet

The Power of the written word

Sumerian cuneiform



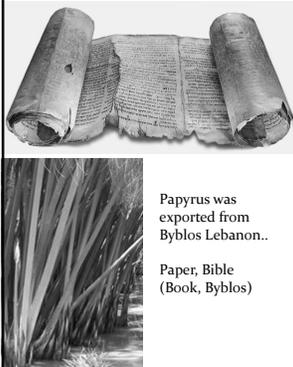
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588 BC, before the fall

- Potsherds
- Ostraca, when contain writing
- Poorman's postcard, Ink, charcoal, gum arabic and water
- Lachish letters, pleading for help..

The Power of the written word



- Animal skins, Prepared animal skins, parchment, Vellum-Calf skin
- Papyrus documents (Paper)
- Made from reed plant
- Only survive in dry area...deserts

Papyrus was exported from Byblos Lebanon..
Paper, Bible (Book, Byblos)

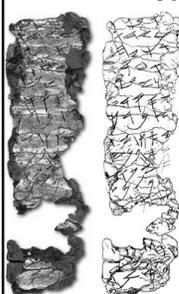
The Value of Archaeology to the Bible



- The Bible was written to particular time, historical, cultural, religious context
- Assist in understanding original context

1. Confirming
2. Correcting
3. Clarifying
4. Completing the Witness

Confirming the Word of the Bible



- Confirm: To give new assurance of the validity
- Adds to the assurance of the Holy Spirit
- Even those who are reluctant are forced to agree..
- 1979—Silver Scrolls
- Numbers 6:24-26
- Prior to 605 BC
- Confirms Scripture

Correcting Our Wording of the Bible



- Text as it was originally written
- We have manuscript copies ..of the Autograph(Original Copy)
- Variations in words..
- Archaeology confirms Greek and Hebrew words
- Baal, Ashtoreth,

Clarifying the world of the Bible



- Archeology gives understanding the past world
- Prior to archeology there was an incorrect view
- We can no estimate populations
- Town plans, architecture , type of weapons, ect. Pg. 41

Clarifying the world of the Bible




- “Let the dead bury their own dead” Matthew 8:22
- Archeology reveals 2 burials..
- 1. Within the family cave
- 2. After flesh decomposed..collection of box into Ossuary
- Ossilegium (Secondary burial)

Complementing the Witness of the Bible

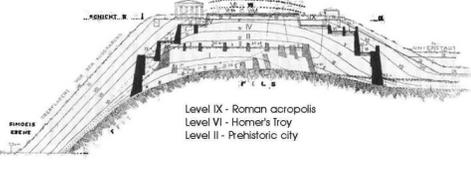



- 66 Books, 3 continents, 4000-years of history
- Bible focuses on some aspects of history
- Not all is covered in the Bible (Example)
- King Omri (885-874 BC)
- Built up Samaria, 8 verses
- I Kings 16:21-28, Wicked King
- Archeology provides background

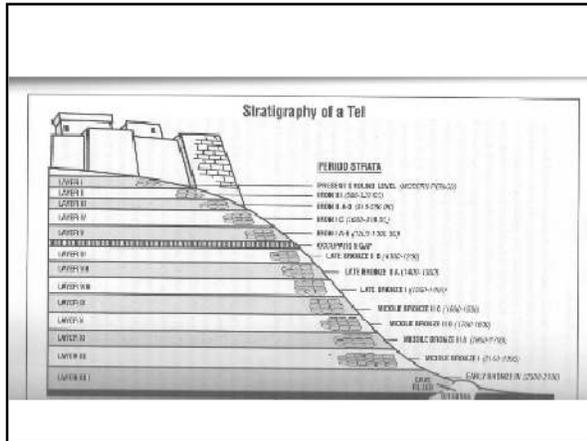
Limitations of Archaeology




- The Text of Scripture is superior to Archeology
- Archeology is limited
- Small portion is found
- Confined to the realm of material
- Archeology gives us:
- Pottery, buildings, fortifications, plans of cities, interpretation

Level IX - Roman acropolis
 Level VI - Home's Troy
 Level II - Prehistoric city



Limitations of Archaeology

- 1. Only a fraction of what is made or what is written survives
- Library at Alexandria was burned
- 1,000,000 volumes lost
- 7th Century AD
- No Archive has been found in Israel

Limitations of Archaeology

- 2. Only a fraction of the available archaeological sites have been surveyed
- Tel: Unnatural mound created from repeated construction
Thousand not surveyed yet
Populations, other issues

Limitations of Archaeology

- 3. Only a fraction of surveyed sites have been excavated
- Private funding, Volunteers, 2% surveyed

Limitations of Archaeology

- 4. Only a fraction of an actual site is examined
- Takes time and money to examine sites

Limitations of Archaeology

- 5. Only a fraction of what is excavated is eventually reported
- Example:
- 40-year delay to release photos of the Dead Sea Scroll from Cave 4
- 30-years for Kathleen Kenyon final report on Jericho to be published

Limitations of Archaeology



- **5. Only a fraction of what is excavated is eventually reported**
- **Example:**
- **500,000 Cuneiform texts lying in Museum**
- **Vaults**
- **Sites are pillaged and sold on the black market**