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Over the past century what was once taken as hard fact regarding people, places and events in the Bible are now being disputed. Today the Bible is being challenged as an accurate reflection of history, the events written on her pages being seen more as a collection of legends, written long after the time traditionally attributed to Biblical events.

Biblical archeologists have come to the Holy Land with the hope of finding clues to unravel perplexing questions about events in the Bible which conceals a potential storehouse of archeological finds, whose discovery could change the way we look at the Bible.

Myth or reality, fact or fiction. Through the excavations at these sites in the Holy Land, archeologists hope to shed light on this disputed issue resolving conflicts between the Bible scholars and historical scientists.

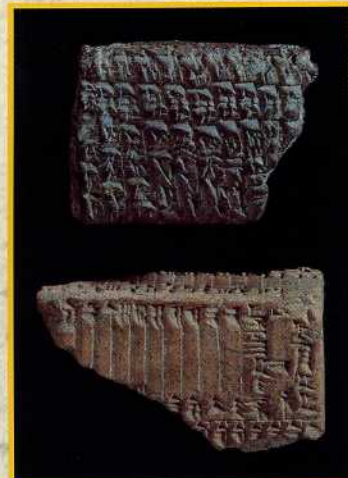


TEL HAZOR: SEARCHING FOR BIBLICAL PROOFS

Tel Hazor in the Galilee, dating back to the Old Testament, is the world's largest Biblical archeological site containing artifacts that date back to the beginning of the 3rd millennium B.C. during the Bronze Age. This summer, Professor Ben-Tor of Hebrew University will return to Hazor, where he was a part of the first excavations in the 1950's to explore what he is convinced will be one of the most important Biblical treasures ever unveiled. Archeologists will enter the Canaanite Royal Palace and journey through previously unexplored chambers of this magnificently preserved site. In addition, royal archives that were uncovered at Hazor may revolutionize our understanding of the Israelites' conquest of Canaan, led by Joshua after the exodus from Egypt. Will these new findings alter the way we understand the Bible? Join us as we explore these and other issues.

THE MYSTERIOUS MOSAIC OF GALILEE

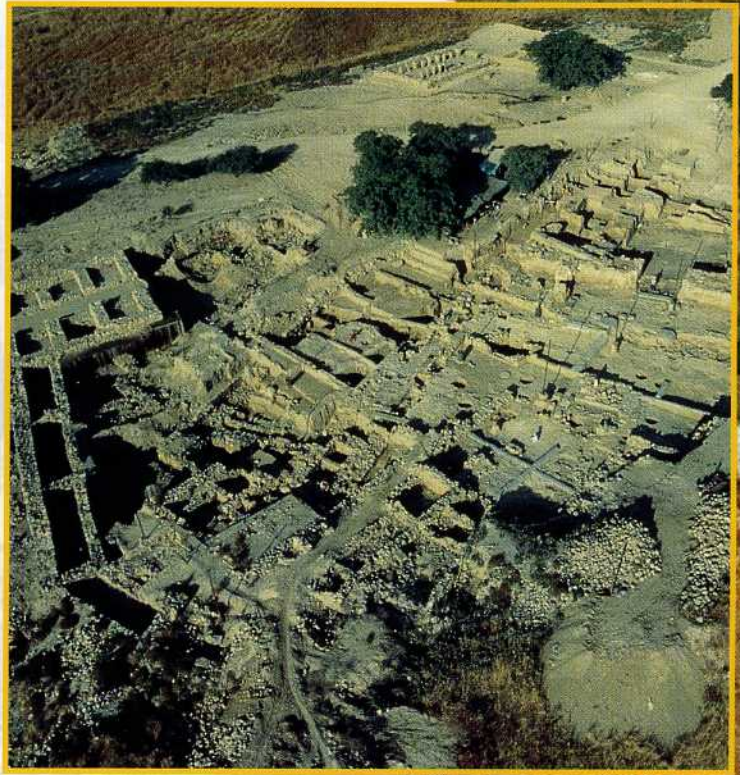
A beautiful mosaic of a woman's face is discovered at an archeological dig in an ancient city near Nazareth. Thought to be the house of Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary, this archeological site with the intriguing mosaic lead to new questions concerning the life of early Christians, Jews and Pagans in the Galilee. Who was this enchanting woman? How was this form of Renaissance-like art created in ancient times? Join us as we attempt to unravel this mystery.



DECIPHERING THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

TWO PARTS

This film attempts to solve the mystery surrounding what has been hailed as the most important find of the 20th century- the Dead Sea Scrolls. Found fifty years ago in Qumran, the scrolls shed some light concerning our understanding of the Old Testament, but are a continuous source of intrigue and controversy regarding every other issue associated with them. Vigorous debates by scholars, religious leaders and archeologists concerning the Essenes and references made to Jesus and John the Baptist in the scrolls as well as remarkable parallels between the writings found and the Old & New Testament will be presented. The program will also reveal the basis for assertions made by Montaguey Allegro about the concealment of large portions of the writings due to information they contain which could threaten the foundations of Judeo-Christian beliefs and history.



MARINE ARCHEOLOGY

Venture to underwater archeological sites off the shores of ancient Canaan and witness archaic artifacts that have been preserved by water for over 1000 years. Treasures such as remains of an ancient boat from the time of Jesus and relics from the advanced Phoenician society (who greatly influenced written language and may have reached the Americas 2,000 years before Columbus) are among the many underwater discoveries. The magical qualities of water has preserved what would have otherwise been destroyed by the winds of time. Witness these preserved relics as we investigate the waters of the Holy Land.



THE ANCIENT TUNNELS OF JERUSALEM

Travel underneath Jerusalem to subterranean tunnels that weave underground passageways below the Holy City. The Temple Mount itself is built on a platform of arches that lead to many tunnels and passageways yet to have been explored. Follow the footsteps of King David, King Solomon, Zedekiah and Hezekiah, as we explore the biblical history that lies beneath the surface of contemporary Jerusalem.

