



HORN ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

The Institute of Archaeology

INSTITUTE ORGANIZES EXCAVATION AT TEL MEVORAKH



Tel Mevorakh

On November 25, the Institute of Archaeology Administrative Council approved a 1988 summer excavation at Tel Mevorakh. Events which led to this approval began when Dr. Ephraim Stern, the director of the Dor Regional Project, invited Randy Younker, the new director of the Institute of Archaeology (see article in the next newsletter), to direct an excavation at Tel Mevorakh. Younker has worked with the Dor project since 1980 and is well-known by Dr. Stern.

Between 1973-1976 Dr. Stern directed four seasons of excavations at Tel Mevorakh. During those years fifteen different strata were found from the Arabic through Middle Bronze Ages. When excavations expanded to the nearby larger Tel Dor several unanswered questions remained at Tel Mevorakh.

Tel Mevorakh is only about two acres in area, but rises some 15 meters above its

surroundings. The importance of this site during ancient times was its strategic location as a daughter city of the seaport city of Dor. Those passing north or south in this coastal region, by necessity, passed by the location of Tel Mevorakh.

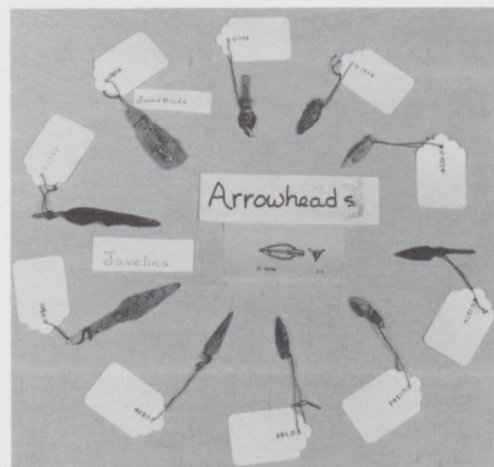
The small area of the site allowed only one major feature on the site during each of its occupied periods. In the Middle Bronze Age it was occupied by a fortress, in the Late Bronze Age by a sanctuary, in the Iron Age by an administrative center, and in the Persian and Hellenistic periods by an agricultural estate. The purpose of this season's work will be to investigate the nature of the earliest periods of occupation at the site beginning with the Middle Bronze Age. A popular account of the previous work at Tel Mevorakh can be found in the Biblical Archaeological Review, 5:3 (1979).

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NEW ACQUISITIONS

As a result of the 1987 Tell el-Umeiri excavations and the generosity of the Hashimite Kingdom of Jordan the Horn Museum has added over 300 additional objects to its collections.

The largest group of new objects are 159 textile tools which include an assortment of needles, loom weights, and spatulas, with a larger number of spindle whorls. A variety of armaments were accessioned including iron arrowheads, slingstones, and mace heads.



Umeiri arrowheads



David Merling

CURATOR LECTURES AT WHEATON

On Nov 13, David Merling, the curator of the Horn Archaeological Museum read a paper titled, "St. Catherine's Monastery and the Discovery of Codex Sinaiticus" at the Thirty-Second Annual Archaeology Conference at Wheaton College. The conference honored the fortieth anniversary of the finding of the Dead Sea Scrolls and featured papers about biblical manuscripts. Other speakers at the conference were Philip W. Comfort, Dimitri Liakos, Douglas Penney, James A. Sanders, O. Kenneth Walther, Herbert M. Wolf, and Edwin Yamauchi.

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Figurines are always of interest to our visitors and from the Umeiri project we have accessioned 26. Among these figurines are both zoomorphic and human forms. Unfortunately, all of them are fragmented to some extent, but they will provide some information for future studies.

A number of scarabs, seals, and stamped jar handles have also been accessioned. These items will certainly add value to our growing collection of inscribed objects.

Those interested in leisure and beauty will be pleased that we received a number of gaming pieces, bangles, beads, earrings, pendants, and rings.

Every item added to the museum's collection helps our visitors and scholars better appreciate the people of the past and underlines the spirit of cooperation between people of the present. The Horn Museum appreciates the combined friendship of the Umeiri excavation team led by Dr. Lawrence Geraty and Dr. Adnan Hadidi director of the Department of Antiquity of Jordan for making these accessions possible.

1987/88 LECTURE SERIES

The Horn Museum Lecture Series for 1987/88 began on November 9 with a lecture by David Merling titled, "The Monastery, the Manuscript, and the Mountain." Mr. Merling discussed Saint Catherine's Monastery and the discovery of the codex Sinaiticus.

Other lectures in this series include:

- Dec. 1, Ephraim Stern, "The Archaeology of Tel Dor, a Biblical Seaport"
- Jan. 20, Eric M. Meyers, "Ancient Synagogues"
- Feb. 1, Abraham Terian, "Digging for Lost Works in a Medieval Archive"
- Feb. 29, Erwin Syphers, "A Pictorial Visit to Petra"
- Mar. 13, Lawrence T. Geraty, "Tell el-Umeiri, 1987"
- Apr. 5, William Dever, "Archaeology and Popular Religions in Ancient Israel"
- Apr. 18, Randall Younker, "The Date and Function of the LMLK Jar Handles"

All lectures are presented in the Seminary Chapel at Andrews University at 8:00 p.m.



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The present project is a cooperative effort with the Tel Dor Regional Project and is co-sponsored by Andrews University and Pacific Union College. Dr. William G. Dever, Professor of Near East Archaeology at the University of Arizona, is the Archaeological Advisor. One unique aspect of this project is the cooperation between the Institute of Archaeology and the Biblical Research Institute, Washington, D.C.. The BRI is attempting to coordinate



Goblet from Tel Mevorakh

its classes at the Jerusalem Center with the field excavation. The dates for the excavation at Tel Mevorakh are July 5 through August 12. The charge for room, board, lectures, up to six hours of academic credit, and three weekend field trips is \$1250. A limited number of volunteers are needed. For additional information contact David Merling, Institute of Archaeology, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

GRAND OPENING RESCHEDULED

The Grand Opening/Rededication of the Museum has been announced for March 12, 1988. This date was chosen to coincide with the 80th birthday of Dr. Siegfried Horn, who we wanted to honor with the grand opening festivities. Four of the preliminary drawings for the murals are complete and we expect the remaining seven drawings to be completed by early January, however, it looks like the painting of the murals and other major renovations may not be completed until May of 1988.

In order not to risk planning a celebration only to be disappointed by having some projects not completed, we have decided to move the grand opening activities to the fall of 1988. Although the celebration activities will be six months later than we originally planned, we will still honor Dr. Horn's eightieth year and we hope as many of the Horn Museum's supporters as possible will be with us. We are in the process of contacting those directly involved with the grand opening festivities to **select a new date**. Watch for an announcement in our next newsletter.



NEW STAFF AT MUSEUM/INSTITUTE

On October 12, Mrs. Kelly Cornforth joined the staff of the Institute of Archaeology and the Horn Archaeological Museum as executive secretary.

Kelly spent most of her youth in Idaho and California. She graduated from Gem State Academy in Caldwell, Idaho after which she studied for three years at Walla Walla College and received her A.S. degree in Secretarial Science. Kelly has performed secretarial duties in a counseling office and as a medical assistant/secretary for a gastroenterologist. She also worked for several years as an executive secretary for a land development company in Washington state.

She met her husband Fred in Washington. They worked for two years as a pastoral team in John Day, Oregon. Then wanting to increase their effectiveness in ministry they moved to Berrien Springs where Pastor Cornforth is pursuing his Master of Divinity degree at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. In about two years they plan to continue their ministry by returning to Idaho.



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