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## **ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE BIBLE**

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### **GOAL:**

This course is an examination and evaluation of the contributions of archaeology to our understanding of the history of the Bible. The archaeology of Egypt, Mesopotamia, Canaan, and especially Israel will be analyzed. We will pursue this study through various mediums, such as slide lectures, map analysis, and pottery presentations. Emphasis will be placed on the archaeological evidence that gives one greater understanding of the biblical narratives.

### **TEXTBOOKS:**

The following books are required for the course:

1. John D. Currid, **Doing Archaeology in the Land of the Bible** (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1999).
2. A Hoerth, **Archaeology and the Old Testament** (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998).
3. O. P. Robertson, **Understanding the Land of the Bible: A Biblical-Theological Guide** (Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1996).

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. These three books must be read by July 31. The percentage of reading done by the student must be reported to the professor by e-mail by that date. 25% of the final grade.
  2. There will be a final take home examination. It is due on July 31, and ought to be sent by e-mail to the professor. 75% of the final grade.
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**COURSE OUTLINE:**

1. June 24 Introduction  
Test Case: Carthage  
Test Case: Bethsaida
2. June 25 Test Case: Manahat  
Geography of Israel  
  
Agriculture and Herding  
Water Supply  
  
Architecture of Ancient Israel  
Fortifications/Weaponry
3. June 26 Temples and Idolatry  
Burial Practices  
  
Writing Practices  
Introduction to Hieroglyphics

**A Study of Jerusalem**

- Jerusalem in the Biblical Period  
Jerusalem in the Time of Herod
4. June 27 Jerusalem in the Periods of Hadrian and Constantine  
Jerusalem in the Times of Muhammed and the Crusades

**A Study of the Exodus**

- The Splendor that was Egypt  
Route of the Exodus  
  
Geography of the Sinai  
Wilderness Wanderings
5. June 28 Wilderness Wanderings, Part II  
Flora and Fauna of the Desert

**A Study of Paul's Missionary Journeys**

Paul's First Missionary Journey

Paul's Second Missionary Journey

**Conclusion**

Doing Archaeology in Israel  
Pottery