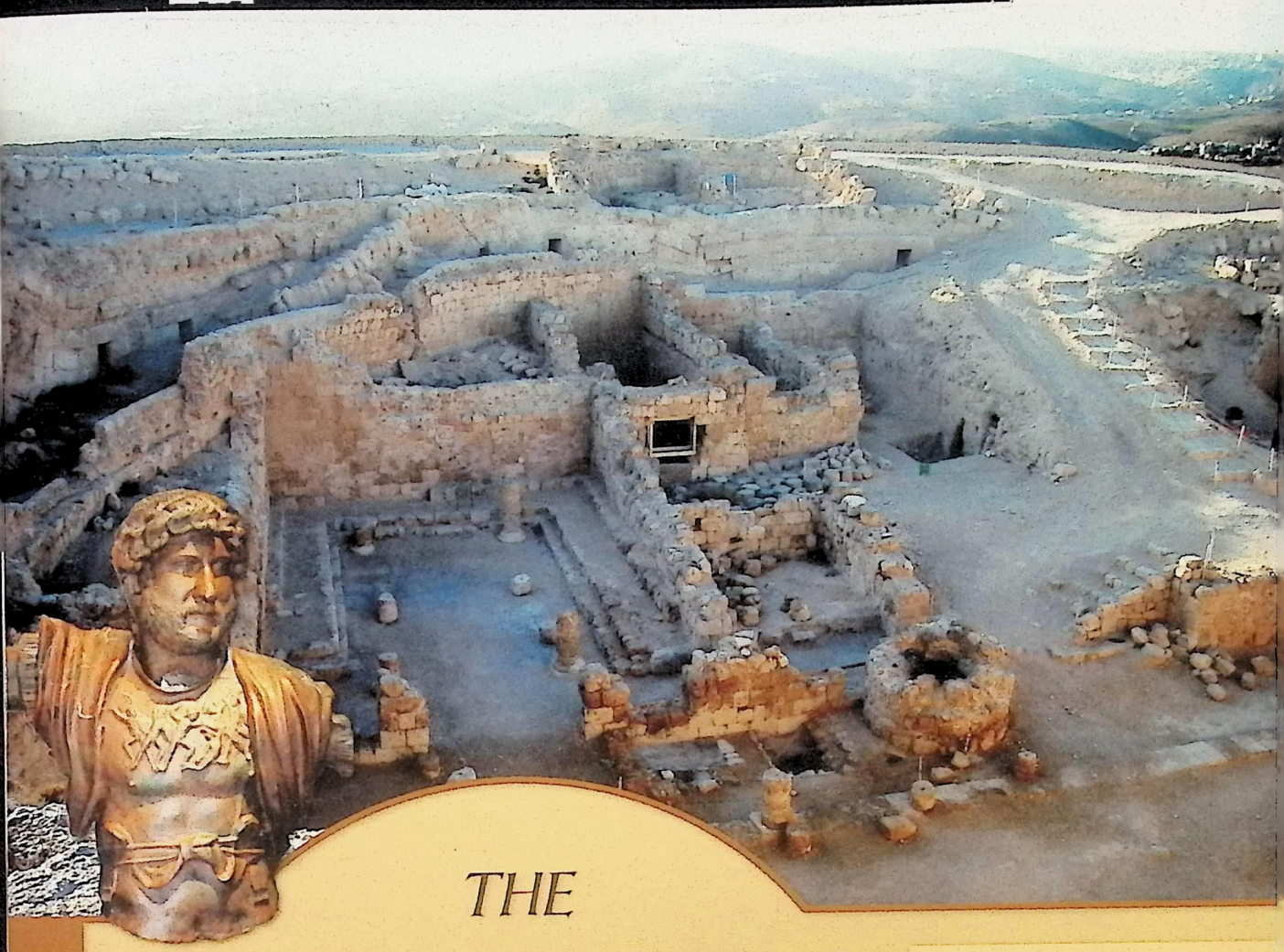

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1 Clem.	*1 Clement*
1 En.	*1 Enoch* (Ethiopic Apocalypse)
1 Macc	*1st Book of Maccabees (Apoc).*
1QS	*Serek ha-Yahad* or *Rule of the Community, Manual of Discipline*, Trever, John C. *Scrolls from Qumran Cave I: The Great Isaiah Scroll the Order of the Community, the Pesher to Habakkuk.* Sheffield, U.K.: Sheffield Academic, 1974.
2 Bar.	*2 Baruch* (Syriac Apocalypse)
2 En.	*2 Enoch* (Ethiopic Apocalypse)
3 Bar.	*3 Baruch (Greek Apocalypse)*
3 En.	*3 Enoch* (Hebrew Apocalypse)
3Q15	*The Copper Scroll.* Milik, de Vaux, and Baillet eds. *Les "petites grottes" de Qumrân.* DJD 3, (1962).
4 Macc.	*4 Maccabees*
4Q186	*Horoscope*, Allegro, John M., and A. A. Anderson. Qumrân Cave 4.I (4Q158–4Q186). DJD 5. Oxford: Clarendon, 1968, pl. XXXI.
5Q12	*Cairo Damascus Document,* (Genizah text), *Covenant of Damascus.* Baillet, M., Józef Tadeusz Milik, and Roland de Vaux, eds. *Les "petites grottes" de Qumrân.* DJD 3. Oxford: Clarendon, 1962, pl. XXXVIII.
A.J.	Josephus, *Antiquitates judaicae, Jewish Antiquities,* LCL 242, 281, 365, 410, 433, 456, 489
AASOR	*The Annual of the American Schools of Oriental Research*
abbr.	abbreviation
ABD	Freedman, David Noel, Gary A. Herion, David F. Graf, and John David Pleins, eds. *The Anchor Yale Bible Dictionary.* 6 vols. New York: Doubleday, 1996.
Acts of John	*ANF* 8
ACW	Ancient Christian Writers. 1946–
AD	*Anno Domini* = in the year of Our Lord
ADAJ	*Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan*

AE	Merlin, Alfred, ed. *L'année épigraphique.* Villejuif: Collège de France, 1909–2010.
Aen.	Virgil, *Aeneid*, LCL 63
AESM	Archaeological Exploration of Sardis
AF	Lightfoot, Joseph B. *The Apostolic Fathers: Greek Texts and English Translations.* Edited by Michael William Holmes. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007.
Ag. Ap.	Josephus. *Contra Apionem, Against Apion.* LCL 186
AGRW	Ascough, Richard S., Philip A. Harland, and John S. Kloppenborg, eds. *Associations in the Greco-Roman World: A Sourcebook.* Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2012.
AJA	*American Journal of Archaeology*
AJEC	Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity
Alex.	Lucian of Samosata, *Alexander (Pseudomantis), Alexander the False Prophet,* LCL 162
Anat. Admin.	Galen. *De anatomicis administrationibus, On Anatomical Procedures* (trans. Singer 1956)
ANF	Roberts, Alexander, James Donaldson, Philip Schaff, and Henry Wace, eds. *Ante-Nicene Fathers.* 10 vols. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1994.
Ann.	Tacitus, *Annales, Annals,* LCL 249, 312, 322
ANRW	*Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt: Geschichte und Kultur Roms im Spiegel der neueren Forschung* (eds. Haase and Temporini, 1972–1995)
Anth. pal.	Lucian of Samosata, *Anthologia Palatina, Palatine Anthology, part of The Greek Anthology,* LCL 86 (trans. Paton).
Apoc. El.	*Apocalypse of Elijah.* OTP
Apoc. Mos.	*Apocalypse of Moses.* OTP
Apol.	Tertullian. *Apologeticus, Apology. ANF* 3; LCL 250
APOT	Charles, Robert H., ed. *The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament.* 2 vols. Oxford: Clarendon, 1913.
APSP	American Philosophical Society Proceedings
AR	*Archiv für Religionswissenschaft*
Arch.	Vitruvius. *De architectura, The Ten Books on Architecture.* LCL 251, 280
AS	*Anatolian Studies*
Ascen. Isa.	*Martyrdom and Ascension of Isaiah 6–11* (OTP)
ASOR	American Schools of Oriental Research
Att.	Cicero, *Epistulae ad Atticum, Letters to Atticus,* LCL 7
AUSS	*Andrews University Seminary Studies*
AYBC	*The Anchor Yale Bible Commentaries* (40 vols. eds. Freedman et al., 1996)
b.	(before rabb. txt.) Babylonian Talmud, Rodkinson, ed. *New Edition of the Babylonian Talmud: Original Text* (1918)
b. Hul.	Babylonian Talmud tractate, *Hullin*
b. Pesaḥ.	Babylonian Talmud tractate, *Pesaḥim, Pesahim* (Rodkinson, 1918).
b. Qidd.	Babylonian Talmud tractate, *Qiddušin, Qiddushin*
b. Sem.	Babylonian Talmud tractate, *Semahot, Semaÿot* or *Ebel Rabbati, Great Mouning,* (Zlotnick, 1966)
b. Yoma	Babylonian Talmud tractate, *Yoma* (= *Kippurim*)
b. ʿErub.	Babylonian Talmud tractate, *ʿErubin, Eruvin*
B.J.	Josephus, *Bellum judaicum, Jewish War,* LCL 203, 210, 487
BA	*The Biblical Archaeologist*

BABesch	Bulletin antieke beschaving Supplement
Bacch.	Plautus. *Bacchides, The Two Bacchises.* LCL 60
BAFCS	Book of Acts in Its First-Century Setting Series
Balb.	Cicero, *Pro Balbo,* LCL 447
BAR	*Biblical Archaeology Review*
BARI	British Archaeological Reports International Series
Barn.	*Barnabas*
BASOR	*Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*
BC	Before Christ
BCAM	Fox, Robin J. Lane, ed. *Brill's Companion to Ancient Macedon: Studies in the Archaeology and History of Macedon, 650 BC–300 AD.* Leiden: Brill, 2011.
BCH	*Bulletin de correspondance hellénique*
BDAG	Bauer, Walter, Frederick W. Danker, William F. Arndt, and F. Wilbur Gingrich, eds. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, and Other Early Christian Literature.* 3rd ed. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 1999.
BECNT	Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament
Bell. Cat.	Sallust, *Bellum catalinae, War with Catiline*, LCL 116
Bell. civ.	Appian of Alexandria. *Bella civilia, Civil Wars.* LCL 4, 5
Bell. Van.	Procopius. *de bello Vandalio, Vandal War.* LCL 81
BJRL	*Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester*
BJS	Brown Judaic Studies
BMC Ionia	*Catalogue of the Greek Coins of Ionia in the British Museum* (Head, Vol. 16, 1892)
BMC Phrygia	*Catalogue of the Greek Coins in the British Museum: Phrygia* (Head, Vol. 25, 1906)
BMCRE	*Coins of the Roman Empire in the British Museum* (6 vols. Mattingly, 1965)
BN	*Biblische Notizen*
BrillPauly	Cancik, Hubert, Helmuth Schneider, and Manfred Landfester, eds. 2006. *Brill's New Pauly. Antiquity Volumes Online.* 22 vols. Leiden: Brill. Accessed July 27, 2019. https://referenceworks.brillonline.com/browse/brill-s-new-pauly.
BS	*Bible and Spade*
BSac	*Bibliotheca sacra*
Build.	Procopius. *On Buildings.* LCL 343
Byz.	Byzantine
ca.	Lat. *circa,* "around, about."
Caecin.	Cicero, *Pro Caecina,* LCL 198
CamCS	Cambridge Classical Studies
CBQ	*Catholic Biblical Quarterly*
CBR	*Currents in Biblical Research*
CCS	Cincinnati Classical Studies
Cels.	Origen of Alexandria. *Contra Celsum, Against Celsus. ANF* 4
cent.	century
cf.	*conferre* (Lat); *conferer* (French) = compare
ch.	chapter (s)
Chron.	Pamphilus Eusebius, *Chronicon, Chronicle,* Fotheringham, ed. *The Bodleian Manuscript of Jerome's*

	Version of the Chronicles of Eusebius (2012)
CIG	*Corpus Inscriptionum Graecarum* (4 vols., Böeckh, , Franz, Curtius, and Kirchhoff, eds. 1828–1877).
CIIP	*Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaeae/Palaestinae* (7 vols., eds. Ameling, Cotton, Eck, Isaac, Kushnir-Stein, Misgav, Price, and Yardeni, 2011).
CIJ	*Corpus inscriptionum judaricarum* (3 vols., ed. Frey, 1936)
CIL	*Corpus inscriptionum latinarum* (20 vols., ed., Mommsen, 1974)
Civ.	Augustine, *De civitate Dei, The City of God* (ed. Dyson, 1998)
CJ	*The Classical Journal*
CKC	Finegan, Jack, E. Jerry Vardaman, and Edwin M. Yamauchi, eds. *Chronos, Kairos, Christos.* Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1989.
Claud.	Suetonius. *Lives of the Caesars, Divus Claudius, The Deified Claudius.* LCL 38
CNG	Classical Numismatic Group, Inc. www.cngcoins.com
CNT	Commentary on the New Testament Series
Com.	Theodoret. *Haereticarum fabularum compendium, Compendium of Heretical Accounts. NPNF²*
Comm. Apoc.	Victorinus of Pettau. *Commentary on the Apocalypse* (Weinrich 2012), *ANF* 7
Comm. in Ep. Paul	Jerome. *Commentary on Epistles of Paul, NPNF²*
Comm. Matt.	Origen of Alexandria. *Commentary on Matthew. ANF* 9
Cor.	Demosthenes, *De corona, On the Crown,* LCL 155
CP	*Classical Philology*
Ctes.	Aeschines. *In Ctesiphonem, Against Ctesiphon.* LCL 106
Curc.	Plautus, Titus Maccius. *Curculio.* LCL 61
DBib	Hastings, James, and John A. Selbie, eds. *A Dictionary of the Bible: Dealing with Its Language, Literature and Contents Including the Biblical Theology.* 5 vols. New York: Scribner's Sons, 1911.
De or.	Cicero. *De oratore, On the Orator.* LCL 348
Declam.	Calpurnius Flaccus. *Declamations* (Sussman, 1994)
Deipn.	Athenaeus. *Deipnosophistae, The Learned Banqueters.* LCL 204
Descr.	Pausanias. *Graeciae description, Description of Greece.* LCL 93, 172, 188
DGRA	Smith, William, William Wayte, and George Elden Marindin, eds. *A Dictionary of Greek and Roman Antiquities.* 3rd ed. 2 vols. London: Murray, 1890.
Dig.	Ulpian. *Digest of Justinian* (ed. Watson, 1998)
DJD	Discoveries in the Judaean Desert
DJD	Discoveries in the Judaean Desert
DJG	Green, Joel B., Scot McKnight, and I. Howard Marshall, eds. *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels.* Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press Press, 1992.
DNTB	Evans, Craig A., and Stanley E. Porter, eds. *Dictionary of New Testament Background: A Compendium of Contemporary Biblical Scholarship.* Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press Press, 2000.
Dom.	Suetonius. *Lives of the Caesars: Domitianus, Domitian.* LCL 38
DSS	Dead Sea Scrolls
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e.g.	*exempli gratia,* for example
EAEHL	Avi-Yonah, Michael, and Ephraim Stern, eds. *Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavations in the Holy Land.* 3rd ed. 4 vols. New York: Prentice Hall, 1996.

EBC	The Expositor's Bible Commentary
ECAM	Early Christianity in Asia Minor
ed(s).	editor(s), edited by
EDEJ	Collins, John J., and Daniel C. Harlow, eds. *The Eerdmans Dictionary of Early Judaism.* Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010.
EJ	Berenbaum, Michael, and Fred Skolnik, eds. *Encyclopedia Judaica.* 2nd ed. 22 vols. New York: MacMillan, 2006.
Ep.	Cyprian of Carthage. *Epistulae, Letters. ANF* 5
Ep.	Pliny the Younger. *Epistulae, Letters.* LCL 59
Ep.	Seneca. *Ad Lucilium Epistulae Morales, Moral Essays.* LCL 214
Ep. Arist.	*The Letter of Aristeas*
Eph. Tale	Xenophon of Ephesus. *The Ephesian Tale of Anthia and Habrocomes.* LCL 69
Epict. diss.	Arrian. *Epictetus Discourses.* LCL 218
Epig.	Martial, Marcus Valerius. *Epigrammata, Epigrams,* LCL 94, 480
ESCJ	Studies in Christianity and Judaism/Études sur le christianisme et le judaïsme
ESV	English Standard Version
et al.	*et alii,* and others
etc.	*et cetera,* and the rest
ExpTim	*The Expository Times*
Fam.	Cicero, *Epistulae ad familiares, Letters to Friends,* LCL 230
FiE	*Forschungen in Ephesos*
Flac.	Cicero, *Pro Flacco, Valerius Flaccus, In Defense of Lucius,* LCL 324
Flacc.	Philo. *In Flaccum, Against Flaccus.* LCL 363
Fr.	French
FrgPol.	*Fragments on Polycarp. ANF*
ft.	feet
Geogr.	Strabo. *Geographica, Geography.* LCL 50, 211, 223
Gr. Ant.	Antipater of Sidon, *Greek Anthology* (LCL 67, ed. Tueller, 2014
Gr.	Greek
Gr.P.	Rylands Papyrus
GTCEC	The Greek Testament: A Critical and Exegetical Commentary
Haer.	Irenaeus. *Adversus haereses, Against Heresies. ANF* 1
Heb.	Hebrew
Hell.	Xenophon. *Hellenica, Hellenic Writings.* LCL 88
Her.	Philo. *Quis rerum divinarum heres sit, Who Is the Heir?* LCL 261
Herm. *Sim.*	Shepherd of Hermas. *Similitude. ANF*
Herm. *Vis.*	Shepherd Hermas. *Vision. ANF*
Hist.	Herodotus. *Historiae, The Histories of the Persian Wars.* LCL 117, 119, 120
Hist.	Polybius. *Historiae, The Histories* or *The Rise of the Roman Empire.* LCL 161
Hist. eccl.	Pamphilus Eusebius. *Historia ecclesiastica, Ecclesiastical History. NPNF*^{2}; LCL 153, 265
Hist. Rom.	Dio Cassius. *Historia Romana, Roman History.* LCL 32, 175, 176
Hist. Rom.	Livy. *Ab Urbe Condita Libri, History of Rome.* LCL 133, 191
Hist. Sac.	Sulpicius Severus. *Historia sacra, Sacred History,* or *Chronica, Chronicorum Libri duo, Chronicle.*

	NPNF[1]
HNT	Handbuch zum neuen Testament
Hom. Od.	Eustathius, Archbishop of Thessalinica. *Commentarii Ad Homeri Iliadem et Odysseam, Commentaries On Homer's Iliad and Odyssey* (4 vols. ed. Stallbaum, 1970)
HTR	*Harvard Theological Review*
HTS	*Harvard Theological Studies*
Hypoth.	Philo. *Hypothetica, Hypothetical Discourse.* Under *Fragments of Lost Works.* Yonge (2007)
i.e.	*id est,* that is
I.Eph.	*Die Inschriften von Ephesos, Inscriptions of Ephesus* (8 vols. ed. Wankel et al., 1979–1984)
I.Laod.	*Die Inschriften von Laodikeia am Lykos* (ed. Corsten, 1997)
I.Perg.	*Die Inschriften von Pergamon* (2 Vols. Fränkel, Fabricius, and Schuchhardt. 1890–1895)
I.Phil.	*Tituli Lydiae Linguis Graeca et Latina Conscripti: Fasciculus III, Philadelpheia et Ager Philadelphenus. TAM V, 3.* (ed. Petzl, 2007)
I.Sard.	*Sardis: Greek and Latin Inscriptions* (eds. Buckler and Robinson, 1932).
I.Thyat.	*Inscriptions from Thyatira,* in Herrmann, Peter, ed. *Tituli Lydiae Linguis.* TAM *V, 2.* Vienna: ÖAW, 1989.
IAA	Israel Antiquities Authority
Icar.	Lucian of Samosata. *Icaromenippus, The Sky-man.* LCL 54
IEJ	*Israel Exploration Journal*
IG X 2.1	*Inscriptiones graecae X: Inscriptiones Epiri, Macedoniae, Thraciae, Scythiae. Pars II, fasc. 1: Inscriptiones Thessalonicae et viciniae* (2 vols. ed. Edson, 1972)
IG XII 2	*Inscriptiones graecae XII: Inscriptiones Insularum Maris Aegaei Praeter Delum: 2. Inscriptiones Lesbi, Nesi, Tenedi* (ed. Paton, 1899)
Ign. *Phld.*	Ignatius of Antioch, *To the Philadelphians. ANF*
IGRom	Lafaye, Georges, René Cagnat, J. Toutain, and Victor Henry, eds. *Inscriptiones Graecae Ad Res Romanas Pertinentes.* 4 vols. (Paris: Leroux, 1906–1927). Vol 1: (nos. 1–1518; ed. Cagnat, Toutain, and Jouguet, 1911); Vol 2: never published; Vol 3: (ed. Cagnat and Lafaye,1906); Vol. 4: Asia (nos. 1–1764; ed. Lafaye, 1927).
IGSK	Inschriften griechischer Städte aus Kleinasien
Il.	Homer. *Iliad.* LCL 171
Inst.	Commodianus, *The Instructions of Commodianus in Favour of Christian Discipline, Against the Gods of the Heathens, ANF* 3
Int	*Interpretation*
ISBE[1]	Orr, James, and Melvin Grove Kyle, eds. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia. 5 vols. Chicago, IL: Howard-Severance, 1939.
ISBE[2]	Bromiley, Geoffrey W., ed. *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia.* Revised. 4 vols. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995.
IVP	Inter-Varsity Press
IVPBCNT	Keener, Craig S. *The IVP Bible Background Commentary: New Testament.* 2nd ed. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press Press, 2004.
JAC	Jahrbuch Für Antike Und Christentum
JAOS	*Journal of the American Oriental Society*
JBL	*Journal of Biblical Literature*
JDAI	Jahrbuch des kaiserlich-deutschen archäologischen Instituts

JEH	*Journal of Ecclesiastical History*
JHS	*Journal of Hellenic Studies*
JJS	*Journal of Jewish Studies*
JNES	*Journal of Near Eastern Studies*
JÖAI	Jahreshefte des Österreichischen archäologischen Instituts
JQR	*The Jewish Quarterly Review*
JRA	*Journal of Roman Archaeology*
JRGS	*Journal of the Royal Geographical Society of London*
JRS	*The Journal of Roman Studies*
JSJSup	Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism
JSNT	*Journal for the Study of the New Testament*
JSNTSup	Journal for the Study of the New Testament: Supplement Series
JSOT	*Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*
JSQ	*Jewish Studies Quarterly*
JTS	*Journal of Theological Studies*
Jul.	Suetonius. *The Lives of the Caesars: Divus Julius, Deified Julius.* LCL 31
KJV	King James Version
km	kilometer
KZNT	Kommentar Zum Neuen Testament
l. c.	*loco citato,* "in the place cited"
Laps.	Cyprian of Carthage. *De lapsis, Concerning the Lapsed. ANF* 5
Lat.	Latin
LCL	Loeb Classical Library. https://www.hup.harvard.edu/collection.php?cpk=1031
LEC	Library of Early Christianity
Leg.	Cicero. *De legibus, On the Laws.* LCL 213
Legat.	Philo. *Legatio ad Gaium, On the Embassy to Gaius* (Yonge, trans. *The Works of Philo,* 2007). LCL 379
Lex.	Lucian of Samosata. *Lexiphanes.* LCL 302
Lib. Mem.	Ampelius, Lucius. *Liber Memorialis, Memorial Book* (trans. Assmann, 1935)
loc. cit.	*loco citato,* in the place cited
LTQ	*Lexington Theological Quarterly*
Luct.	Lucian. *De luctu, Funerals.* LCL 162
LXX	The Septuagint (the Greek OT)
m	meter
m.	*The Mishnah* (ed. Eugene J. Lipman)
m. Sanh.	*Mishnah* tractate *Sanhedrin*
Macc.	*Macchabaei, Maccabees*
Mart. Isa.	*Martyrdom of Isaiah* (Knibb, 1983)
Mart. Pionii	*Martyrdom of Pionius* (Musurillo, 1972)
Mart. Pol.	*Martyrdom of Polycarp. APF* (Musurillo, 1972)
MasDeut	Masada Deuteronomy Scroll, (eds, Talmon and Yadin 1999)
MasEzek	Masada Ezekiel Scroll, (eds, Talmon and Yadin 1999)
MasGen	Masada Genesis Scroll, (eds, Talmon and Yadin 1999)

MasLev	Masada Leviticus Scroll, (eds, Talmon and Yadin 1999)
MasPs	Masada Psalm Scroll, (eds, Talmon and Yadin 1999)
MasSir	Masada Sirach Scroll, (eds, Talmon and Yadin 1999)
Mem.	Xenophon of Ephesus. *Memorabilia.* LCL 168
Merc. cond.	Lucian of Samosata. *De mercede conductis, Salaried Posts in Great Houses.* LCL 130
Metam.	Apuleius. *Metamorphoses, The Golden Ass.* LCL 453
Metam.	Ovid. *Metamorphoses.* LCL 42
Mid.	*Talmud* tractate, *Middot*
Midr.	Rabbinic writing, *Midrash*
MNTC	The Moffatt New Testament Commentary
Mor.	Plutarch. *Moralia, Moral Essays.* LCL 245
Mort.	Lactantius. *De morte persecutorum, The Deaths of the Persecutors. ANF* 7
Mos.	Philo. *De vita Mosis I, II, On the Life of Moses 1, 2,* Trans. Yonge, *The Works of Philo.* LCL 289
Nat. quaest.	Seneca, Lucius Annaeus. *Naturales Quaestiones, Natural Questions.* LCL 450
Nat.	Pliny the Elder. *Naturalis historia, Natural History.* LCL 330, 352, 370, 394, 418, 419
Nat.	Tertullian. *Nat. Ad nations, To the Heathen. ANF* 3
NBD	Marshall, I. Howard, Alan R. Millard, James I. Packer, and Donald J. Wiseman, eds. *New Bible Dictionary.* 3rd ed. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press Press, 1996.
NCB	New Century Bible Commentary
NCE	*The New Catholic Encyclopedia* (eds. Carson, 15 vols. 2003)
NDSB	The New Daily Study Bible
NDT	Wright, David F., Sinclair B. Ferguson, and James I. Packer, eds. *New Dictionary of Theology.* Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1988.
NEA	*Near Eastern Archaeology*
NEAEHL	Stern, Ephraim, Ayelet Levinson-Gilboa, and Joseph Aviram, eds. *The New Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavations in the Holy Land.* 5 vols. Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society, 1993.
NEASB	*Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin*
Ner.	Suetonius (Tranquillus). *Lives of the Caesars, Nero.* LCL 38
NewDocs	Horsley, Greg H. R., and Stephen R. Llewelyn, eds. *New Documents Illustrating Early Christianity.* 10 vols North Ryde, NSW: The Ancient History Documentary Research Centre, Macquarie University, 1981–
NICNT	New International Commentary on the New Testament
NIGTC	New International Greek Testament Commentary
NovT	*Novum Testamentum*
NovTSup	Novum Testamentum Supplements
NPNF¹	*Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, Series 1* (eds. Roberts et al. 14 vols. 1994)
NPNF²	*Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, Series 2* (eds. Roberts et al., 14 vols. 1994)
NT	New Testament
NTC	New Testament Commentary
NTD	Das Neue Testament Deutsch
NTOA	Novum Testamentum et Orbis Antiquus
NTS	*New Testament Studies*
NTTS	New Testament Tools and Studies

NumC	*Numismatic Chronicle*
NZ	*Numismatische Zeitschrift*
ÖAI	Österreichischen Archäologischen Instituts, Austrian Archaeological Institute
OCD	Hornblower, Simon, Anthony J. S. Spawforth, and Esther Eidinow, eds. *The Oxford Classical Dictionary.* 4th ed. Oxford: Clarendon, 2012.
Oct.	Marcus Minucius Felix. *Octavius.* LCL 250
Odes Sol.	*Odes of Solomon*
OEAGR	Gagarin, Michael, ed. *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome.* 7 vols. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.
OEANE	Meyers, Eric M., ed. *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East.* 5 vols. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997.
OGIS	Dittenberger, Carl Friedrich Wilhelm, Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Rudolf August Hiller Von Gaertringen, Johannes E. Kirchner, Joannes Pomtow, Georg Wissowa, and Erich Ziebarth, eds. *Orientis Graeci Inscriptiones Selectae: Supplementum Sylloges Insciptionum Graecarum.* 3rd ed. 4 vols. Leipzig: Nachdruck der Ausgabe, 1915.
OIM	Oriental Institute Museum, University of Chicago
On.	Eusebius, *Onomasticon, On the Place-Names in the Holy Scripture* (Freeman-Grenville, and Taylor, eds. 2003 or Trans. Wolf)
op. cit.	Lat. *opere citato,* in the work cited
Or.	Dio Chrysostom. *Orations Discourses.* LCL 257, 339, 358, 376
Orat.	Aelius Aristides, *The Complete Works: Orations 1–16.* Translated by Charles A. Behr. Vol. 1. 2 vols. Leiden: Brill, 1986; *The Complete Works: Orations 17–53.* Translated by C. A. Behr. Vol. 2. 2 vols. Leiden: Brill, 1981.
OSRE	Oxford Studies on the Roman Economy
OT	Old Testament
OTP	Charlesworth, James H., ed. *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha* 2 vols. ABRL. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1983.
P.Magd.	Magdalen Greek Papyrus
P.Mich.	Michigan University Papyri, *Libellus of the Decian Persecution* (Knipfing, trans. 1923)
P.Oxy.	*Oxyrhynchus Papyri* (Grenfell and Hunt, trans. 75 vols. 1923)
Paed.	Clement of Alexandria. *Paedagogus, Christ the Educator. ANF*
Pan.	Epiphanius of Salamis, *Panarion (Adversus haereses), Refutation of All Heresies* (Williams, trans. 1993)
PD	Public Domain
PECS	Stillwell, Richard, William L. MacDonald, and Marian Holland Holland, eds. *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Classical Sites.* 2nd ed. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1979.
PEF	Palestine Exploration Fund
PEFSt	*Palestine Exploration Fund: Quarterly Statement*
PEQ	*Palestine Exploration Quarterly*
Pesiq. Rab.	*Pesiqta Rabbati* (ed. Ulmer 2002)
PHI	Packard Humanities Institute numbers for Greek inscriptions. Cornell University and Ohio State University. http://epigraphy.packhum.org/inscriptions
Phil.	Cicero. *Orationes philippicae, The Philippic Speeches.* LCL 189, 507
pls.	plates

Pneum.	Heron of Alexandria. *Pneumatica* (Schmidt 1976)
Praec. ger. publ.	Plutarch. *Praecepta gerendae rei publicae, Precepts of Statecraft.* LCL 321
Praep. Ev.	Eusebius. *Praeparatio evangelica, Preparation for the Gospel* (ed. Gifford 1981)
Praescr.	Tertullian, *De praescriptione haereticorum, Prescription against Heretics, ANF* 3
Prob.	Philo. *Quod omnis probus liber sit, Good Person That Every Good Person is Free.* LCL 363
PW	Pauly, August Friedrich, and Georg Wissowa, eds. *Real-Encyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft: New Edition.* Edited by S. Kroll. 49 vols. Stuttgart: Metzler & Druckenmüller, 1980.
QE	Philo. *Quaestiones et solutiones in Exodum I, II, Questions and Answers on Exodus 1, 2.* LCL 401
r.	ruled
Rab. Post.	Cicero. *Pro Rabirio Postumo, Speech in Defence of Gaius Rabirius Charged with High Treason.* LCL 198
Rab.	*Rabbah,* rabbinic writing usually on one of the books of the Pentateuch (i.e., *Genesis Rabbah*)
RB	*Revue Biblique*
RE Supp	*Realencyklopädie für protestantische Theologie und Kirche Supplement*
Resp.	Plato. *Respublica, Republic.* LCL 237
RevExp	*Review and Expositor*
RevQ	*Revue de Qumrân*
Rhod.	Dio Chrysostom. *Rhodiaca (Or. 31), To the People of Rhodes.* LCL 358
RIC	*Roman Imperial Coinage* (13 Vols. ed. Mattingly et al. 1923)
Rosc. Amer.	Cicero. *Pro Sexto Roscio Amerino, For Sextus Roscius of Ameria.* LCL 240
RPC	Burnett, Andrew, Michel Amandry, and Pere Pau Ripollés Alegre, eds. *Roman Provincial Coinage.* 9 vols. London: British Museum Press, 2003.
Rud.	Plautus. *Rudens, The Rope.* LCL 260
Sat.	Seneca Petronius. *Satyricon, Satyrica.* LCL 15
Sat.	Macrobius Ambrosius Theodosius. *Saturnalia.* LCL 510
SB	*Sammelbuch Griechischer Urkunden aus Ägypten* (ed. Preisigke, 5 vols. 1915-1955)
SBL	Society for Biblical Literature
SBLSP	*Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers*
Schol. ad Juv.	*Scholia on Juvenal* (ed. Wessner 1931)
SEG	*Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum* (eds. Chaniotis, et al. 23 vols. 1923)
SFSHJ	South Florida Studies in the History of Judaism
SH	Procopius of Caesarea. *The Anecdota, Secret History.* LCL 290
Sib. Or.	*Sibylline Oracles. APOT*
Sifra	*Sipra,* The Halakic *Midrash* to Leviticus, Finkelstein
SIG	Dittenberger, Wilhelm. *Sylloge inscriptionum graecarum.* 3rd ed. 4 vols. Leipzig: Nachdruck der Ausgabe, 1915–1924.
Silv.	Statius. *Silvae.* LCL 206
Sir	Sirach/Ecclesiasticus
SJLA	Studies in Judaism in Late Antiquity
SNG van Aulock	Von Aulock, Sammlung Hans, and Gerhard Kleiner. *Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum,* Vol. 1: Pontus, Paphlagonia, Bithynia, Mysia, Troas, Aiolis, Lesbos, Ionia. Berlin: Gebr. Mann, 1957.

SNTS	Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series
SPB	*Studia postbiblica*
ST	*Studia Theologica*
STDJ	Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah
Strom.	Clement of Alexandria. *Stromata, Miscellanies or Patchwork. ANF* 2, *ANF* 1
SUNT	Studien zur Umwelt des Neuen Testaments
T. Jud.	*Testament of Judah, OTP*
T. Levi	*Testament of Levi, OTP*
t. Menaḥ.	The *Talmudic* tractates of *Menaḥot, Menahot*
t.	The *Talmudic* tractates of the *Tosefta,* Goldwurm and Scherman, eds. *Talmud.* 73 vols. Schottenstein Edition (1990)
TAM V	*Titula Asiae Minoris, V* (Vol. 1, nos. 1-825; Vol. 2, nos. 826-1414, ed. Hermann 1989)
Targ. Pal.	The *Palestine Targum*
TB	*Tyndale Bulletin*
TDNT	Kittel, Gerhard, and Gerhard Friedrich, eds. *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament.* Translated by Geoffrey W. Bromiley. Abridged. 10 vols. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1985.
Theog.	Hesiod. *Theogonia, Theogony.* LCL 57
Thuc.	Dionysius of Halicarnassus. *De Thucydide, On the Character of Thucydides.* LCL 465
Tib.	Suetonius (Tranquillus). *The Lives of the Caesars: Tiberius.* LCL 31
TNTC	The Tyndale New Testament Commentary
Top.	Theodosius. *De Situ Terrae Sanctae or Topografia, Topography of the Holy Land* (ed. Wilkinson, 2002)
TSAJ	Texte Und Studien Zum Antiken Judentum
TynBul	*Tyndale Bulletin*
TZ	*Theologische Zeitschrift*
Verr.	Cicero. *In Verrem, Against Verres.* LCL 221
Vir. ill.	Jerome. *De viris illustribus, On Illustrious Men* (Halton, ed. 1999)
Vit. Apoll.	Flavius Philostratus. *De Vita Apollonii, Life of Apollonius of Tyana.* LCL 16, 17
Vit. Soph.	Philostratus, Lucius Flavius. *Vita Sophistarum, The Lives of the Sophists.* LCL 134
Vita	Josephus. *Vita, The Life.* LCL 186
VÖAW	Verlag der Österreiehischen Akademie der Wissenschaften
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary
Wis	Wisdom of Solomon
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen Zum Neuen Testament
ZECNT	Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament
ZHB	Alexander, David, and Pat Alexander, eds. *Zondervan Handbook to the Bible.* 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1999.
ZIBBC	Arnold, Clinton E., ed. *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary Set.* 4 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002.
ZPE	*Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik*
ZPEB	Tenney, Merrill C., and Moisés Silva, eds. *Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible.* Revised, Full-Color Edition. 5 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.
p	papyrus

Preface

We live in a time when an unprecedented number of excavations are happening in the Lands of the Bible, producing fascinating research and discoveries. Never before have so many new sites been opened and artifacts and inscriptions brought to the attention of the world. While there have been many exciting discoveries made in the past by famous archaeologists such as Petrie, Rawlinson, Layard, Woolley, Kenyon, and others, many new discoveries have surfaced in recent years that directly relate to the New Testament text. These new discoveries needed a voice and venue to make them accessible to non-specialist students.

My interest in archaeology goes back over 35 years (1979) to my first archaeology course while a student at Ontario Bible College (now Tyndale University College and Seminary). Since that time I have had the privilege to teach archaeology in various settings to undergraduate students, travel through the lands of the Bible and visit first hand many archaeological sites. In addition I have worked as a square and field supervisor at the Tall el-Ḥammâm Excavation Project, Jordan since 2009, uncovering artifacts in the Chalcolithic, Early Bronze, Middle Bronze, Iron Age and Roman Byzantine periods. During this time I closely followed, with interest, the new discoveries that have been made. What I observed is that, unfortunately, the modern media does not normally present the facts relevant to new archaeological discoveries of the Bible and "revisionist" scholars seek to undermine and downplay the relevance of many of the discoveries. But so often the archaeological material essential for a meaningful dialogue over the reliability of the Bible is confined to academic journals and conference papers.

I had previously published two volumes on Biblical archaeology, but the first volume only considered artifacts discovered in the last 20 years and the second volume presented the older discoveries (100 years) and both covered the entire Bible. While there are many good older works on biblical archaeology that cover the whole Bible in one volume available on the market, few dealt with New Testament in one volume. This book was born out of necessity and a desire to deliver an accessible single-volume work for approaching up-to-date research in New Testament archaeology.

The discoveries presented in this work, are not meant to be an exhaustive treatment of the subject, nor presented as a technical discussion and the final conclusion of archaeological research. As with all archaeological investigations, many of the conclusions are ongoing. However, they are presented here in a summary introduction for undergraduate students to appreciate the availability of relevant discoveries and some of the possible implications for understanding the New Testament text. Some of the most significant and promising finds have been selected to demonstrate the historical reliability of the people and events of the Bible. This work is intended to fill the void in providing an accessible and collective work on the subject of New Testament archaeology and the reliability of the Bible.

The advantage of such a volume is that it provides a collective source of material for readers that would otherwise be inaccessible. Of help for the reader are 175 photographs, charts, timelines, maps, and a glossary, which will facilitate the difficult task of understanding

the unfamiliar lands of the Bible. Numerous footnotes and an academic bibliography are provided to give students the tools for doing further research. It is my hope that those who use this work will find it useful and develop a love and passion, like the author, for the fascinating field of biblical archaeology. Students can read the Bible with confidence that the details of its geography and facts are accurate and be encouraged in their faith that the Bible is reliable.

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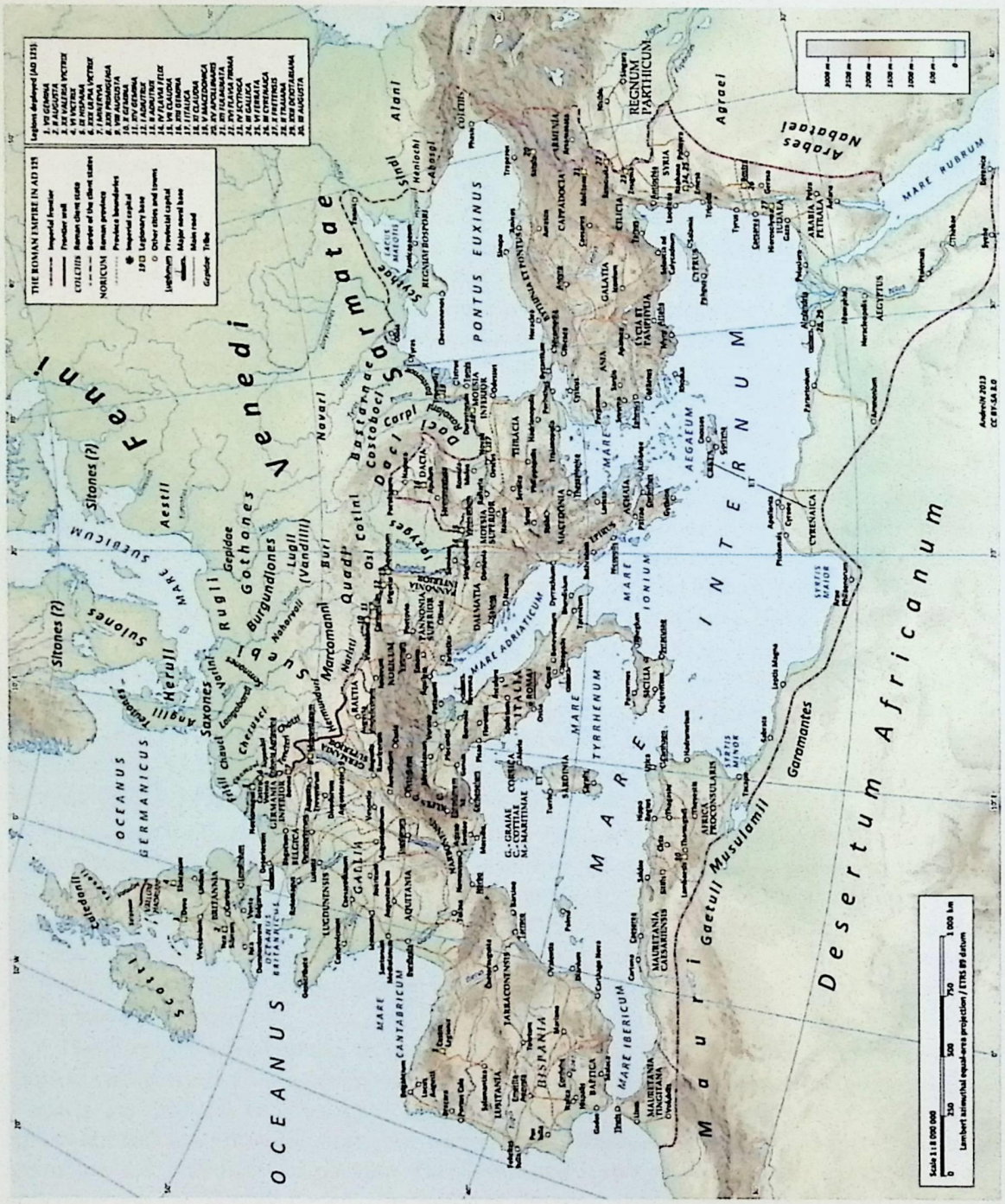

Map of the Roman Empire in 125 during the reign of emperor Hadrian.

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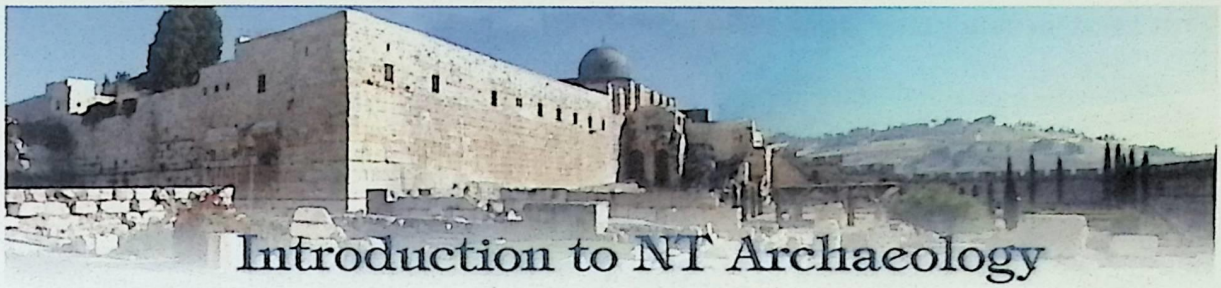

Introduction to NT Archaeology

This book is about the archaeology of the New Testament (NT) and its contribution to our understanding of its message. This will not be an exhaustive treatment of the subject but highlights the most significant and up-to-date discoveries for the period of the NT.

1. The Temple Mount, Jerusalem, Israel. Excavations on the SE corner of the Temple Mount have revealed stonework, which may date back to the time of Zerubbabel, who led the first group to return from exile and started to rebuild the temple.

Photo by B. Crawford/Wikimedia Commons

Definition of Biblical Archaeology

The term "archaeology" comes from two Greek words: *arkhaios* (ἀρχαῖος) meaning old or ancient + *logos* (λόγος) meaning word, speech, or study. Thus, the Greek word *archaiologia* (ἀρχαιολογία) means the study of the material culture of past civilizations.[1] Definitions of archaeology may vary depending on the presuppositions and goals of a particular archaeologist.[2]

While the Greek term is used by Plato (about Lacedaemonians), Thucydides (about Greece), Dionysius of Halicarnassus (about Rome), and Josephus (about Jews), it appears in English for the first time in 1607, when it is used by Bishop Hall of Norwick.

Classical Archaeology generally involves the classical sites around the Mediterranean Sea, while Near East Archaeology deals with sites in the Middle East. The term "Biblical Archaeology," while challenged by some,[3] is the discipline involved with biblical sites from these two regions. Dever prefers the term "Syro-Palestinian archaeology,"[4] although he is still not sure what to call it.[5] Amihai Mazar professor at the Institute of Archaeology of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, responds that:

> "Biblical archaeology" is still a justified term for this field of inquiry. Whatever term will be used for defining the discipline, the archaeology of Palestine and that of the related countries are unique and ever increasing resources for reconstructing the social, environmental, and cultural background from which the Hebrew Bible emerged. Thus biblical archaeology, like many branches of knowledge, lends itself to changes and new contents.[6]

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[1] Catherine Soanes and Angus Stevenson, *Concise Oxford English Dictionary*, 11th ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005), s.v.

[2] Guy E. Gibbon, *Critically Reading the Theory and Methods of Archaeology: An Introductory Guide* (Lanham, MD: AltaMira, 2014), 7–9.

[3] In 1999 after 60 years the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) replaced the name of its journal *Biblical Archaeologist*, with the new title *Near Eastern Archaeology*.

[4] William G. Dever, "The Impact of the 'New Archaeology' on Syro-Palestinian Archaeology," *BASOR*, no. 242 (April 1, 1981): 15–29; "Retrospects and Prospects in Biblical and Syro-Palestinian Archeology," *BA* 45, no. 2 (April 1, 1982): 103; "Syro-Palestinian and Biblical Archaeology Ca. 1945–1980," in *The Hebrew Bible and Its Modern Interpreters*, ed. Douglas A. Knight and Gene M. Tucker (Chicago, IL: Scholars Press, 1985), 31–74; *What Did the Biblical Writers Know, and When Did They Know It?* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001), 61–62.

[5] William G. Dever, "Whatchmacallit: Why It's So Hard to Name Our Field," *BAR* 29, no. 4 (2003): 56–61.

[6] Amihai Mazar, *Archaeology of the Land of the Bible: 10,000-586 B.C.E.*, vol. 1, The Anchor Yale Bible Reference Library (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992), 1:32–33

The Archaeology of the New Testament

Thousands of artifacts have been discovered that relate to the Bible, but few of them make the news headlines. Revisionist scholars often seek to undermine and downplay the relevance of many of the discoveries. Experienced archaeologist Dr. David E. Graves has assembled a helpful collection of over 75 significant up-to-date discoveries from the New Testament (NT) period. He tours sites associated with the ministry of Jesus, the missionary journeys of Paul, and the seven churches of Revelation, showing the significant influence of local references, society, architecture, and religion on the peoples of the first century that confirms the historicity of the NT biblical events and shed light on the text. Graves examines NT chronology, archaeological dating, the role of archaeology, NT papyri, manuscripts, codices, and explores the full range of important NT archaeological discoveries, from pottery, inscriptions, ossuaries, through to coins, manuscripts, and other artifacts. This insightful book will:

- Illustrate archaeological finds with more than 160 pertinent color photographs, detailed maps and carefully crafted charts
- Include a glossary defining technical archaeological terms
- Provide extensive footnotes and bibliography for future study
- Include a detailed subject index

This invaluable resource provides an interesting and informative understanding of the cultural and historical background of the NT illustrated from archaeology. This is an accessible resource intended for laypeople who want to know more about archaeology and the NT, whether in seminary courses, college classrooms, church groups, or personal study.



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