

APOLOGETICS RESEARCH SOCIETY

Certificate in Christian Apologetics Program

Dates: Friday October 29, & Saturday October 30, 2010

Time: 5:30-9:30 PM & 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE

Are you curious about the past, it's people, customs and culture?

Bible History is about exploring the accounts recorded in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible and comparing them with the history of ancient people and civilizations revealed by the archaeologists. Bible. Archaeology has played a key role in biblical studies and Christian apologetics. Archaeology has confirmed the historical accuracy of the Bible. It has verified many ancient sites, civilizations, and biblical characters whose existence was questioned by the academic world and often dismissed as myths. Biblical archaeology has silenced many critics as new discoveries supported the facts of the Bible. Archaeology helps us improve our understanding of the Bible. Although we do not have the original writings of the authors, thousands of ancient manuscripts affirm that we have an accurate transmission of the original texts. Archaeology helps illustrate and explain Bible passages. The events of the Bible occurred at a certain time, in a particular culture, influenced by a particular social and political structure. Archaeology gives us insights into these areas. Archaeology also helps to supplement topics not covered in the Bible. Much of what we know of the pagan religions and the intertestamental period comes from archaeological research.

The class will be Friday evening and Saturday. Credit for completing the class will apply toward a certificate in Christian Apologetics and AIM. To receive credit for the course, there is assigned readings, a paper to be submitted, as well as an exam. Students who want to simply audit the class are definitely invited. The cost of the two-part series is \$40 per student. If you can only make one session, the cost will be \$25. A light dinner is included on Friday. Class will be filmed. **Required readings:** *Archaeology and the New Testament*, John McRay, Baker Books, or *Discovering the Bible: Archaeologists Look at Scripture*, Tim Dowley, editor, Eerdmans. John Wilson is a contributing author to this book. It is out of print but copies are available at amazon.com at a very reasonable price. **Extra Credit:** Other books on biblical archaeology will be accepted for extra credit

Teachers: John Wilson,

Douglas Jacoby, John Oakes, & Foster Stanback

Designed for: Christians interested in deep biblical teaching.

Class Outline:

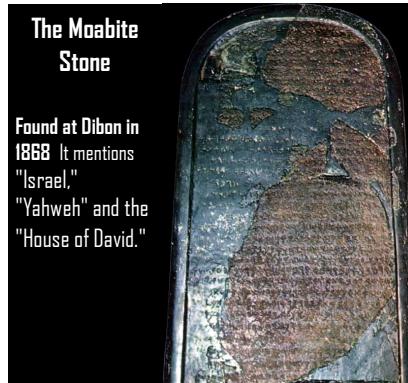
1. The Use and Misuse of Archaeology. John Wilson
2. Jesus and Archaeology. John Wilson
3. Old Testament Archaeology. Doug Jacoby
4. Archaeology and the Exodus. Foster Stanback
5. Using Biblical History and Archaeology in Teaching and Preaching. John Oakes
6. Things I Have Learned While Digging. Stories from John Wilson's 40 years of Field Work in Palestine.



Relief of Lachish under attack by Syrians

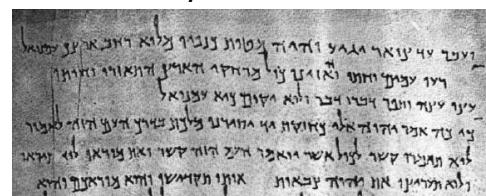


Babylon's Ishtar Gate



The Moabite Stone

Found at Dibon in 1868. It mentions "Israel," "Yahweh" and the "House of David."



Great Isaiah Scroll

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Class 7 in Christian Apologetics Certificate Curriculum.

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