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IGLOSSARY OF CHRONOLOGICAL TERMS FREQUENTLY USED IN TeHEP UPDATES:

Chalcolithic Period = Copper/Stone Age, 4400-3300 BCE; EBA = Early Bronze Age, 3300-2350 BCE; IBA = Intermediate Bronze Age, 2350-2000 BCE; MBA = Middle Bronze Age, 2000-1550 BCE; LBA = Late Bronze Age, 1550-1200 BCE; IA1 = Iron Age 1, 1200-1000 BCE; IA2 = Iron Age 2, 1000-586 BCE; IA3 = Iron Age 3/Persian Period, 586-332 BCE; HP = Hellenistic/Greek Period, 332-63 BCE; ERP = Early Roman Period, 63 BCE-168 CE]

Hello All:

I almost can't imagine a prettier day than Hammam at 7:30 this morning. It was just a bit cool, still, with the sun shining brightly from over Mount Nebo. Sometimes you have to pinch yourself to see if you're really in the Bible lands seeing what you're seeing. It's such a tremendous experience.



HARD AT WORK ON HAMMAM



IRINA DIGGING INSIDE THE MBA CITY WALL

Today we made great progress in so many areas that it's almost staggering to wrap your mind around. We're now working in six locations spread across the lower tall. The EBA gate area, supervised by Carroll Kobs, is so exciting. We've also gotten down to EB1 (3300-3000 BC) and Chalcolithic

(4400-3300 BC) material in Carl Morgan's and Walt Pasadag's squares. It's interesting to consider just how long Sodom was in continuous operation before its destruction in the time of Abraham and Lot---something on the order of 2,500 years or more (ten times longer that the USA has been in existence!).



**CARROLL AND JEFF GETTING A MUNSELL
COLOR NUMBER ON A SOIL SAMPLE**



SISTERS HAVING WAY TOO MUCH FUN

The new probe in the banana field has yielded many walls just below the reach of the plows. This is going to be amazing, I think.



MITCH FINDS PART OF AN EBA JUGLET



SHERESA WITH A WEIRD BOWL BASE



MUDBRICK WALLS POTTERY AND DESTRUCTION

Stay tuned!

Digging the Bible,

Steven Collins, TeHEP Director
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