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# Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project

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## TeHEP UPDATE

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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:

While some of the team headed to Petra and others to Madaba, Leen, Hussien, Ken and I went out to the site to get some work done, but I still don't know what Ken and Hussien were up to because they took off in another direction. Leen and I went to the upper tall and began measuring and figuring around about our monumental Iron Age gateway. Leen's really quick to spot features and tiny details that he recognizes from decades of studying and drawing ancient architecture. Sometimes he can see more in a few minutes than I can see in many seasons! That's the value of trained, specialized eyes.



DOLMEN WITH THE KIKKAR AND TALL EL-HAMMAM IN BACKGROUND

After we were finished, we met up with Ken and Hussien, and Abu Ahmed rounded us all up and took us to his house for another late lunch. We were grateful, and hungry! We were glad to get back to the hotel, though, and get a good shower (and write this Update!) before heading up to dinner.



**DOLMEN INSPECTION**

Tonight we lose six or eight of our team who are returning to the USA. Tomorrow we lose a few more. But although our numbers are now dwindling, we've still got a lot of work to do. Huge THANKS to those on our Home Team who continue to send in generous donations. We still have many needs, now including Dr Ritmeyer's expenses. God bless you big time!



**DR RITMEYER MEASURING DOLMEN FOR A DRAWING**

Digging the Bible,

Steven Collins, TeHEP Director

Dean, College of Archaeology, Trinity Southwest University



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