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# Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project

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## TeHEP UPDATE

**20 December 2009**

*An Exclusive Report for TeHEP Alumni, Financial Supporters, and Friends*

**[GLOSSARY 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:

It was a pretty warm dig day, but really beautiful. The city wall continues to get taller and taller as we dig down, and other walls keep emerging. The sheer size of the Bronze Age city at Tall el-Hammam continues to be staggering. I spent much of the day with Hussien and Abu Musa (our new friend) chasing down nearby sites that Abu Musa knows about. Many of these are entirely unknown to archaeologists, but not for long. We will document them, GPS them, and put them on our master map of Tall el-Hammam's ever-growing number of satellite towns, villages, and hamlets. What a city-state this was. Absolutely amazing. I'll have to tell you about these new finds later on my day off when I have time to explain it in some detail. Right now I'm just too tired to do that. Enjoy the pics!



**CAROLYN DISPLAYS A LARGE JAR  
BOTTOM JUST EXCAVATED**



**DENNIS AND JEFF CLEAN A PART OF THE  
BIG EBA CITY WALL**

Please keep us in your prayers. We're now starting to run very low on funds, so pray that our end-of-the-year giving picks up considerably. This is the costliest year yet with all the DoA staff, restoration, and number of local workers we're having to hire to keep up with the number of volunteers we've got on the ground. We can work just with volunteers, but it really slows us down considerably. At the present rate, we'll run out of funds for workers in about a week. God is good, and we know he'll supply what we need through his people.



**LORETTA FINDS A BIG GRINDSTONE**



**SECTION OF THE EBA CITY WALL EMERGING**

Digging the Bible,

Steven Collins, TeHEP Director  
Dean, College of Archaeology, Trinity Southwest University

P.S. Please forward this to whomever you like!

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**For detailed information about the Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project, visit the official TeHEP website: [www.tallelhammam.com](http://www.tallelhammam.com).**