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MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!

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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:

It's Christmas Day. Most of the team headed up to Madaba to attend a Christmas Service at St. George Church (where the famous 6th century Madaba Map is located). I stayed behind at the hotel to get a bit of rest and do some reading and writing.

Nevertheless, one can't realize what day this is without reflecting on the entrance of our Savior into the world, of which this day is a remembrance. When we think of his birth, we also must think about his sacrifice on the Cross and his resurrection from the Dead. In this is our hope of eternal life.

God bless you all this Christmas Day!

Digging the Bible,

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

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