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TeHEP UPDATE

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

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 hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas with your family and loved ones.

Today was another day off from the dig site, but Gary and I still found some time to study our pottery forms for a few hours. It's always necessary and instructive to do this every few days or so. We always learn something new, and other members of the team can participate as well, and gain experience working with the pottery firsthand. Our dig photographer, Mike Luddeni, took some pics during our study today, which I've attached.



COMPARING PUBLISHED POTTERY WITH OURS



G.K. AND GARY TYPING A SHERD

1/22/2010



IN THE POTTERY PROCESSING ROOM
WITH GARY AND DR C.



TeHEP FIELD ARCHAEOLOGIST GARY
BYERS EXAMINES AN EB2 JIGLET

I've also attached a little photo report that I sent out to our Scholars Directory yesterday. It gives some technical details of some of the features of our fortification systems. I thought some might be interested in that.

God bless you all, and we are so grateful for the contributions that continue to come in. This is truly a team effort, and we can't do this without you.

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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