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[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 good to get back to the site today after the Christmas break. By now everything is getting to be routine, but now and again we "break out" and get away from the site for a little exploration. I got to do some of that today. We worked with our surveyor, Qutaiba, to follow some walls about 300 meters south of where we're now digging, way outside the Bronze Age city wall lines. We found some structures out there, but it's in an area heavily damaged by agriculture. But it was worth getting them on our sitemap because it shows that people were living all over the area, even outside the fortifications. Maybe only the wealthier people got to actually live inside the city walls.

Everybody else was getting down

Enjoy the pics!



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NEW WALLS IN HAL'S SQUARE



JOANN FINDS A JUGLET RIM



LEFTOVERS FROM A DINNER 4500 YEARS AGO

Digging the Bible,

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

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