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# Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project

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# TeHEP UPDATE

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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:

We've got one of the EBA city gates. There were many gates in a city this big, but we've definitely got one of them. I'm glad Gary Byers was here long enough to see it. He supervised the area, and this is an extremely important discovery. TSU doc student Carroll Kobs is supervising its excavation, and since EBA Hammam is the focal point of her dissertation, this is pretty exciting stuff for her. We'll get you some pics of that as soon as we get it cleared enough to get some good shots from above. This is really exciting for me, too. The city wall is great in and of itself, but having a gateway is really something special. So, stay tuned.

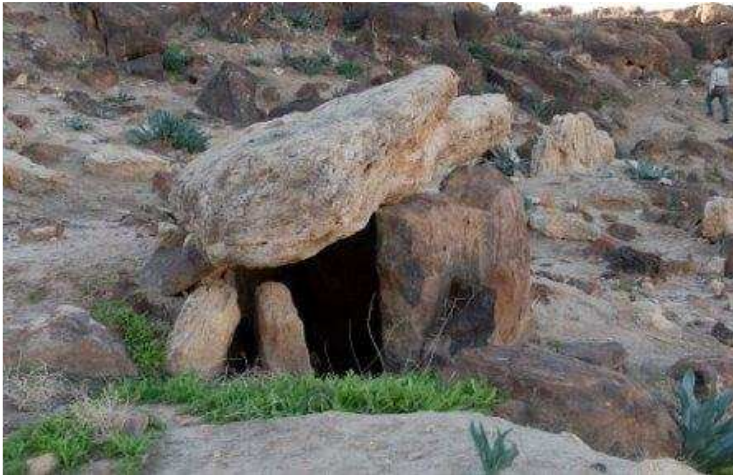


**DRS. GRAVES AND STRIPLING AND FIELD LR TEAM**

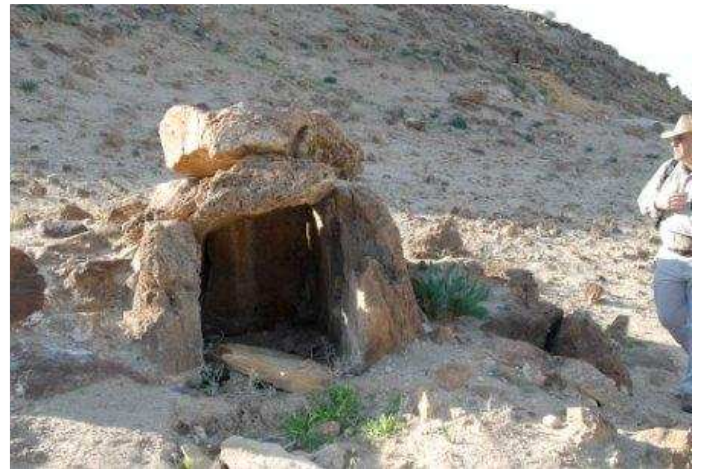


**ANNA WITH EB3 STORAGE JAR RIM FRAGMENT**

The Dolmen Discovery Team (DDT, ha!) was out in the field again this morning, and documented almost a hundred more dolmens. That work is a lot of fun, but I can testify that it's very grueling traversing the rugged terrain for hours on end. But that work is highly important for our city-state profile. They also continue to identify other related features like menhirs (standing monoliths), stone circles, and stone platforms.

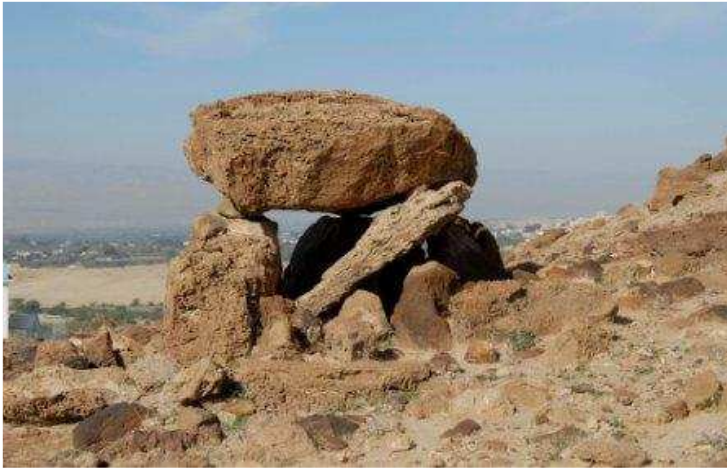


**A LARGE DOLMEN**



**ANOTHER DOLMEN**





DOLMEN WITH HAMMAM IN BACKGROUND



KEN WITH FINE DOLMEN SURFING FORM

Well, tomorrow is officially a day off, but we've got a lot planned. It's a little field trip with some important research that will, hopefully, prove to be interpretive for our site. I'll report on that tomorrow.



MOUSE DOLMEN



FREQUENT VISITORS

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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