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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:

Today was another "day off." Well, sort of. We let our new folks rest and get organized this morning, then gathered in the auditorium for an orientation session at 11am. Gary Byers wasn't here to help with that as he always, and graciously, does when he is here. So, I proceeded to talk too much (as I often do!). We finished a bit before 5pm, but it was still a bit tiring. We did get a chance to talk about a lot of issues directly related to the dig, and to historical identifications for our site. We covered lots of information, but everybody was ready for a break, and then dinner. So, I'm pretty talked out at this point, and needing to keep this short. Tomorrow we're up early and heading back out to the site.

So, let me just say how much we appreciate the donations that are coming in for TeHEP almost every day. If this continues, we'll be able to get through the season in good shape. It's hard to find the words to tell you how much you're appreciated and needed by this Project. What our team is doing here in the field is directly proportional to what you're giving financially from your generosity and faithfulness. You stand with us, and we with you. As our Jordanian team members continually say every day, "We are one team." Indeed, we are, and you are with us every step of the way. So, if you didn't feel appreciated today, I hope you do now. We ARE

thinking of you, and thanking God for you and your willingness to sacrifice on TeHEP's behalf. You are a champion. We are one team. God bless you magnificently.

Digging the Bible,

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

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