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Shiloh Tabernacle

Exodus 31 Joshua 18

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Exodus 31 Identifies the Tabernacle's Builders

Then the LORD said to Moses, ² "See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³ and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— 4 to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, ⁵ to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts. ⁶ Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamak [Sinai 375A?], of the tribe of Dan, to help him. I have also given ability to all the skilled workers to make everything I have commanded you:

Tabernacle Dimensions (Ex. 27:11–12)

- Cubits $-100 \times 50 \times 5$
- Meters $-52.32 \times 26.16 \times 2.66$

Note: Old Egyptian Cubit = ca. 20.6 inches

Joshua 18:1

The whole assembly of the Israelites gathered at Shiloh and set up the tent of meeting there. The country was brought under their control.

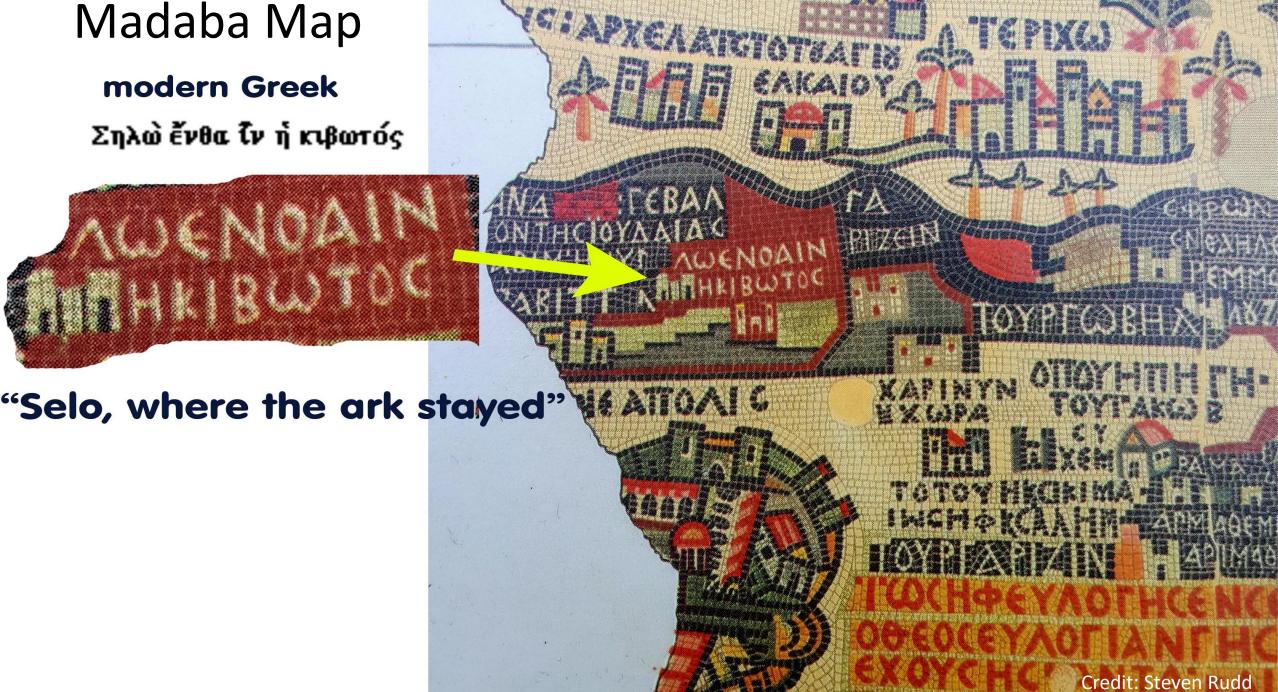
Note: Biblical writers mention Shiloh 32 times: Josh 16–22 (9), Judg 18–21 (4), 1 Sam 1–14 (9), 1 Ki 2–14 (4), Ps 78 (1), Jer 7–41 (5)

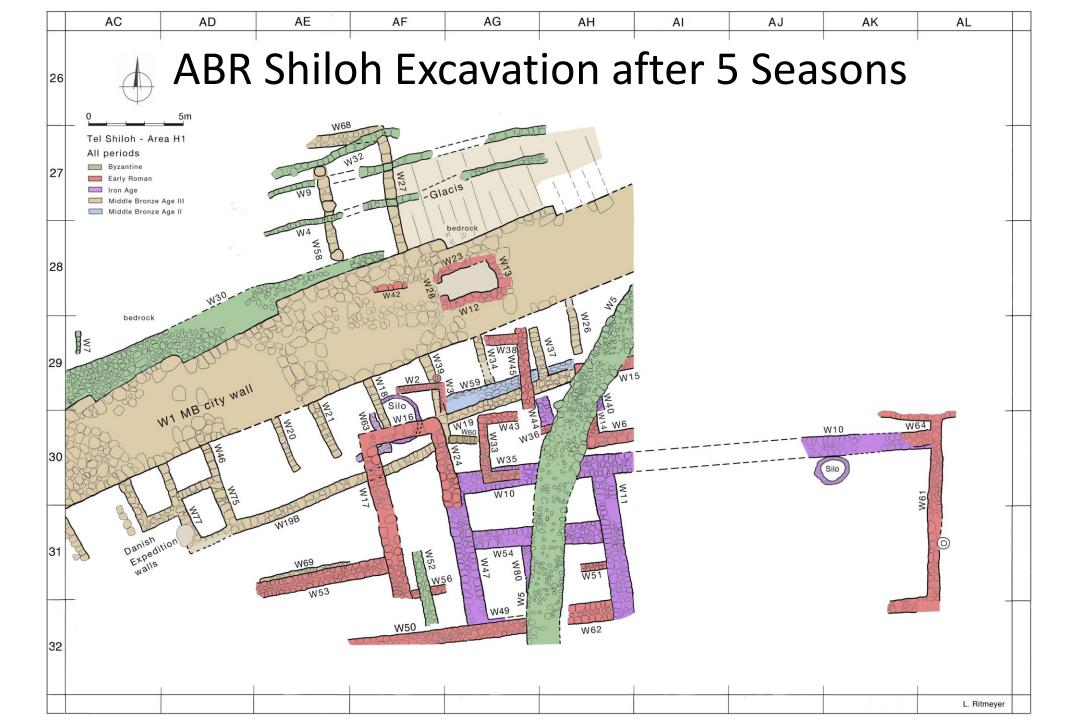
Tabernacle at Shiloh

- Biblical Chronology: ca. 1399–1075) = 324 Years
- Mishnaic Chronology (Seder Olam Rabbah 8): ca. 1257–888) = 369 Years

Note: Radiocarbon and ceramic dates indicate Shiloh was destroyed ca. 1075, probably by the Philistines.

Madaba Map modern Greek





Textual Support for a Permanent Tabernacle/Temple Structure

- 1 Samuel 3: 3, 15
- Zebahim 14.6 (mid-second century)
- Seder Olam Rabbah 8 (mid-second century)

1 Samuel 3:3, 15

Verse 3 - the lamp [menorah] of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down within the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

Verse 15 - Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD.

The 2nd Cent Mishnah (Zebahim 14.6)

After they [Israelites] came to Shiloh, God forbade the high places. There was no roof-beam there, but below was a house of stone and above were hangings, and this was the "resting place." The most holy things were consumed within the curtains, and the Lesser Holy Things and the Second Tithe in any place within sight [of Shiloh].

The 2nd Cent Mishnah (Seder Olam 8)

Shiloh's sanctuary had stone walls covered by tapestries; Israel worshipped in it for 369 years before its destruction.

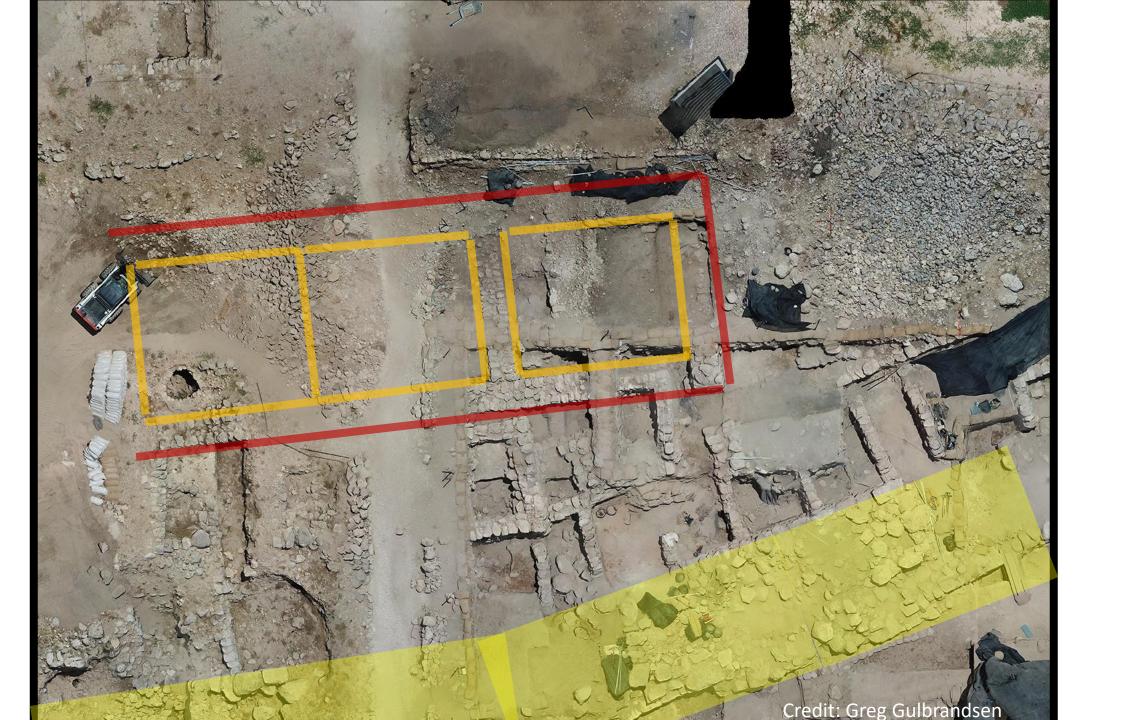
Note: 324 is a more accurate estimate.



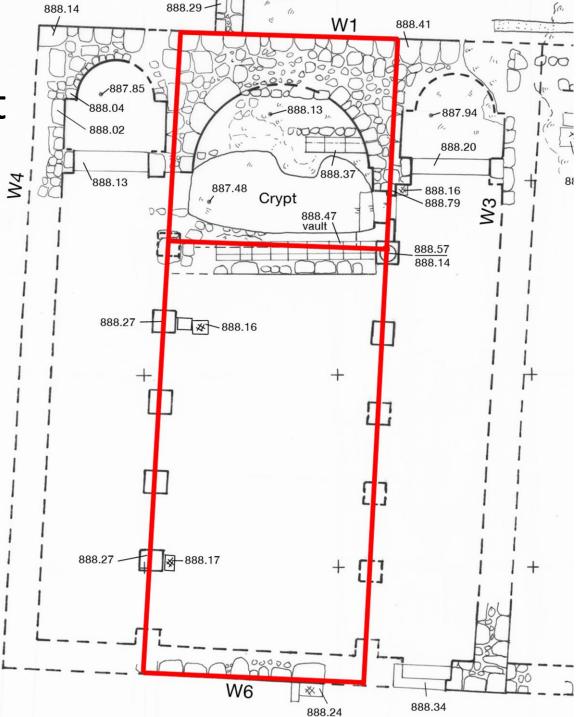
Archaeological Support for a Permanent Tabernacle/Temple Structure

- 1. Monumental Building
- 2. Ceramic Pomegranates
- 3. Altar Horns
- 4. Murex Shell
- 5. Storage Rooms
- 6. Favissa
- 7. Gate
- 8. Approach Road

Monumental Building

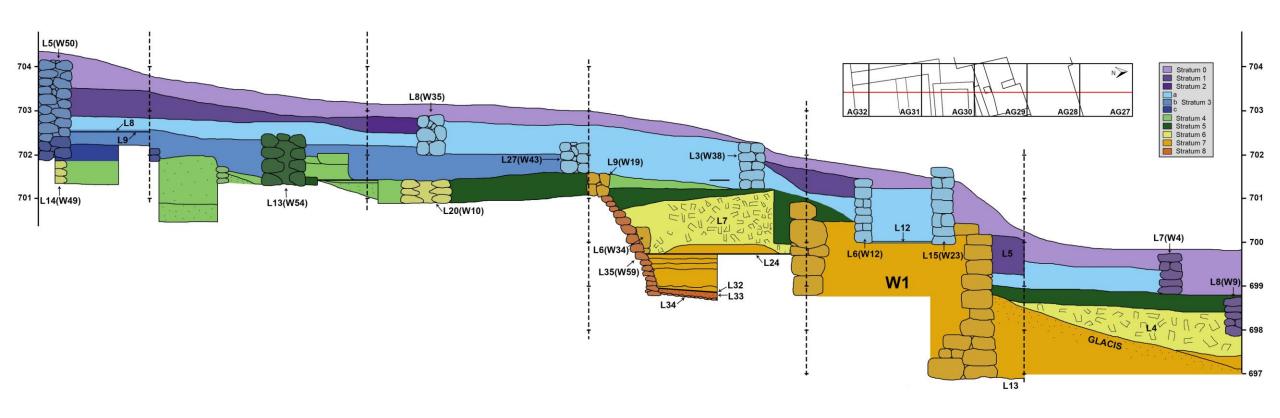


Byzantine Church at Khirbet el-Maqatir

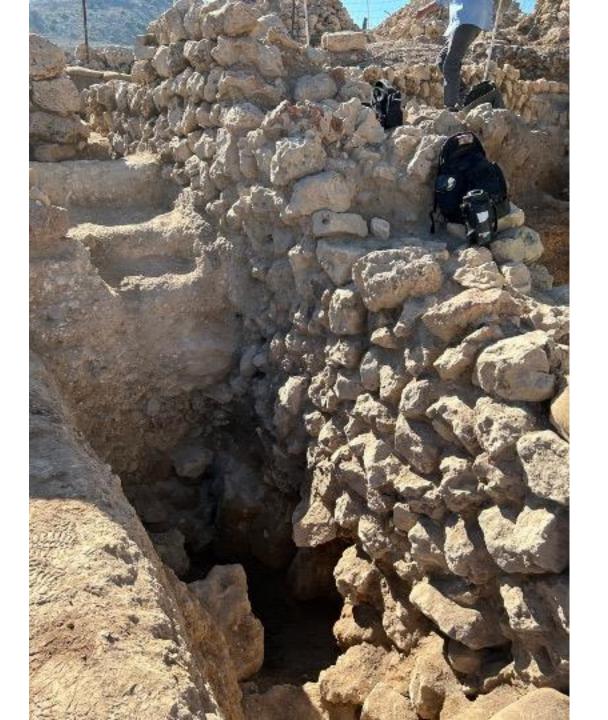


Credit: Leen Ritmeyer

Area H1 Cross-Section Drawing



Wall 10 – E/W 3 m. Height



Credit: Kevin Larsen



Ceramic Pomegranates

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A Ceramic Pomegranate from Shiloh

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Abstract

The article discusses a ceramic pomegranate found in the recent excavations at Tel Shiloh. The context of the find is described as well as other appearances of similar objects in the southern Levant, and the significance of the pomegranate as a symbol in Levantine and Near Eastern iconography. While the context is mixed, it is suggested the object should be dated to the Iron Age, possibly the late Iron Age I or Iron Age II as most parallels come from southern Judah during this period.

Keywords: Tel Shiloh, pomegranate, pendants, stands, Iron Age, cult

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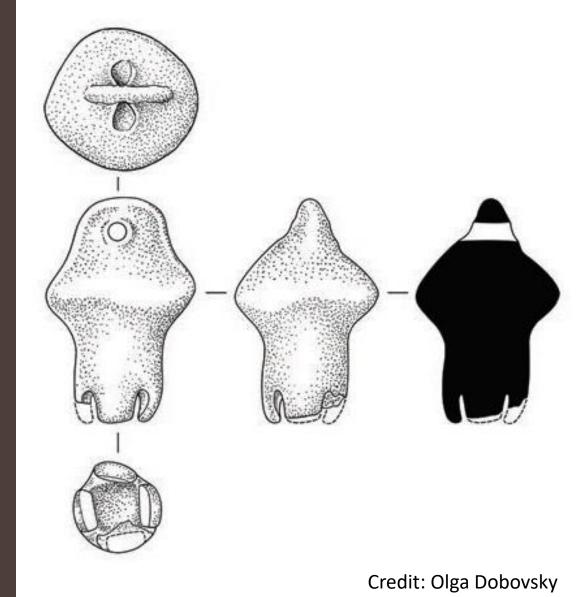
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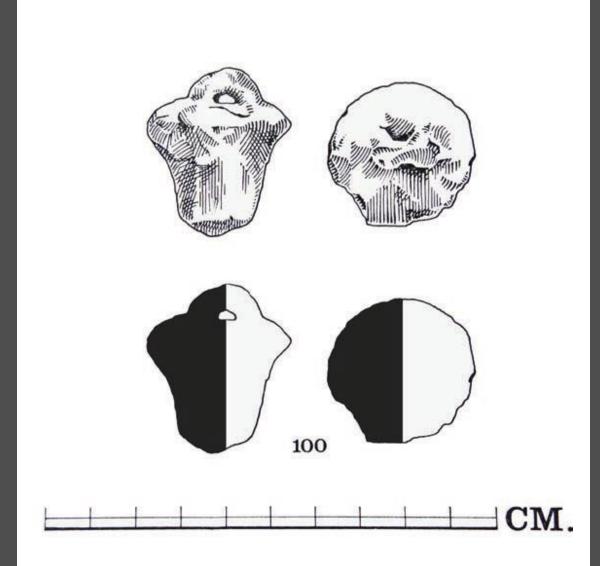




Credit: Tal Rogovski



Credit: Christian Jensen

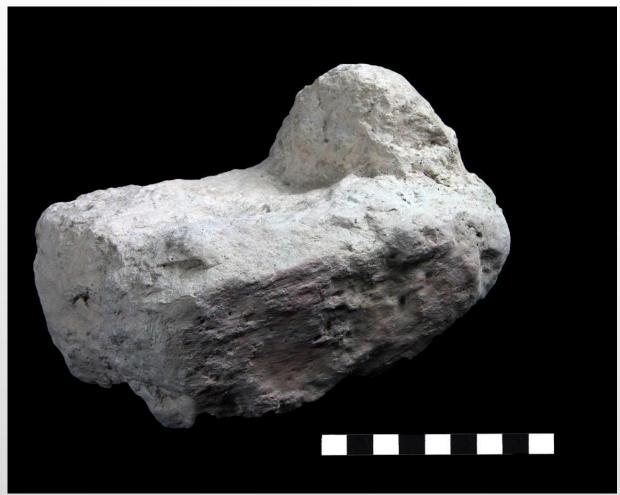


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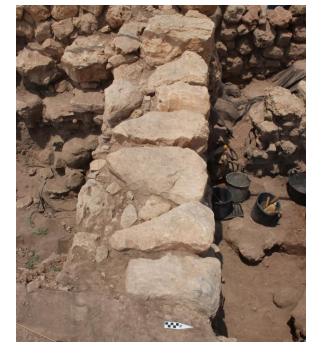
Altar Horns







Credit: Michael C. Luddeni







Credit: Tim Lopez





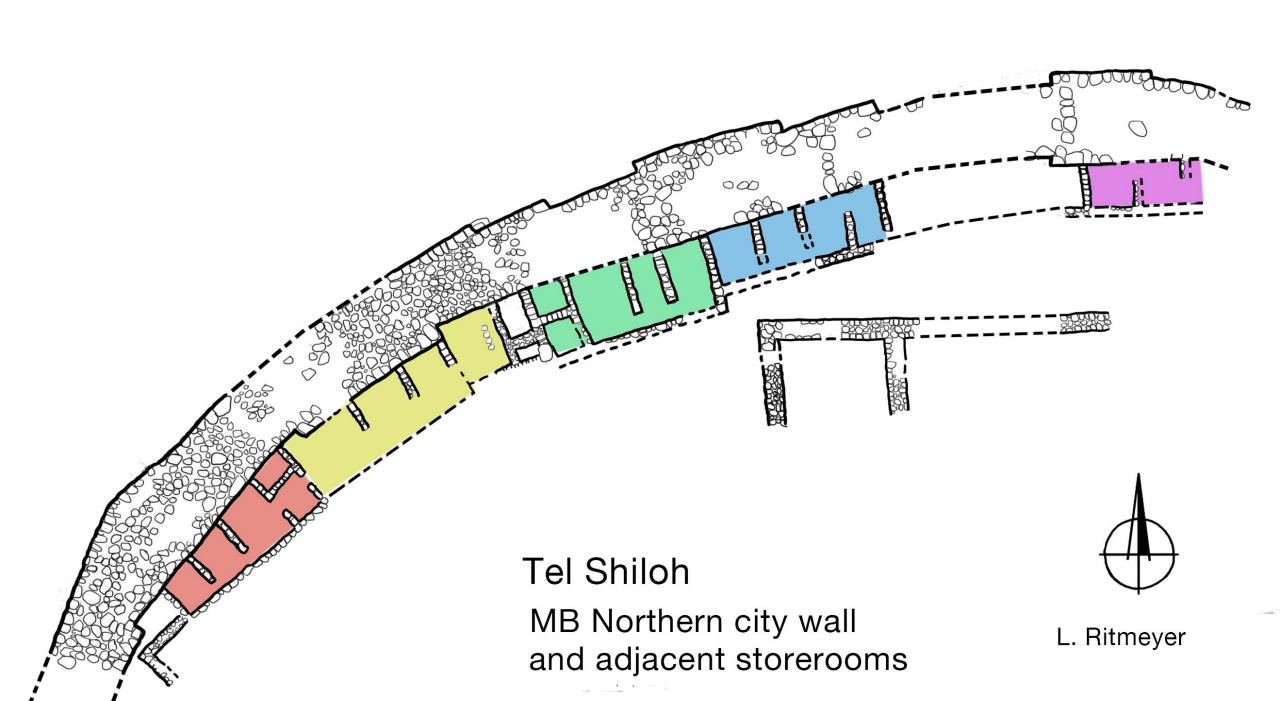




Murex Shell

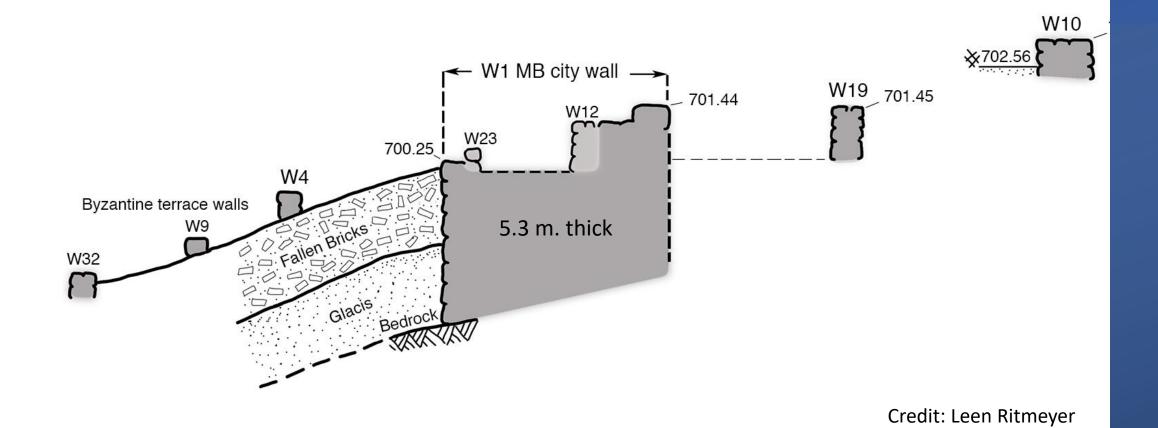


Storage Rooms











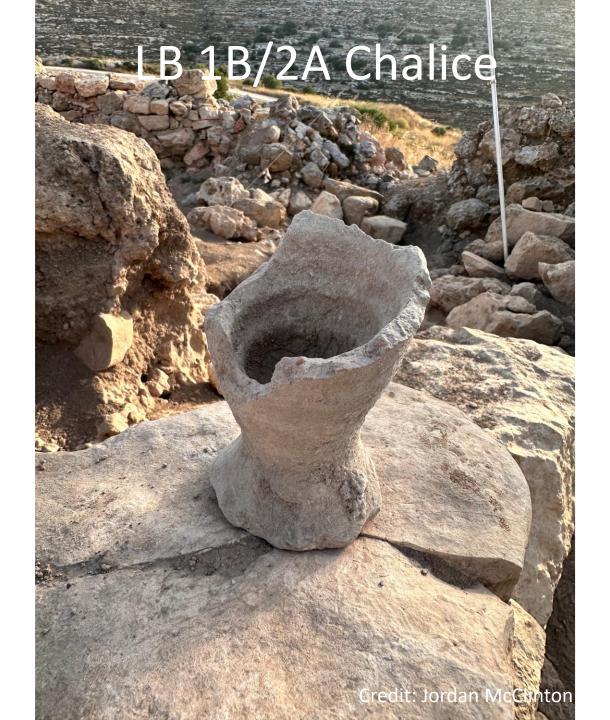
Favissa













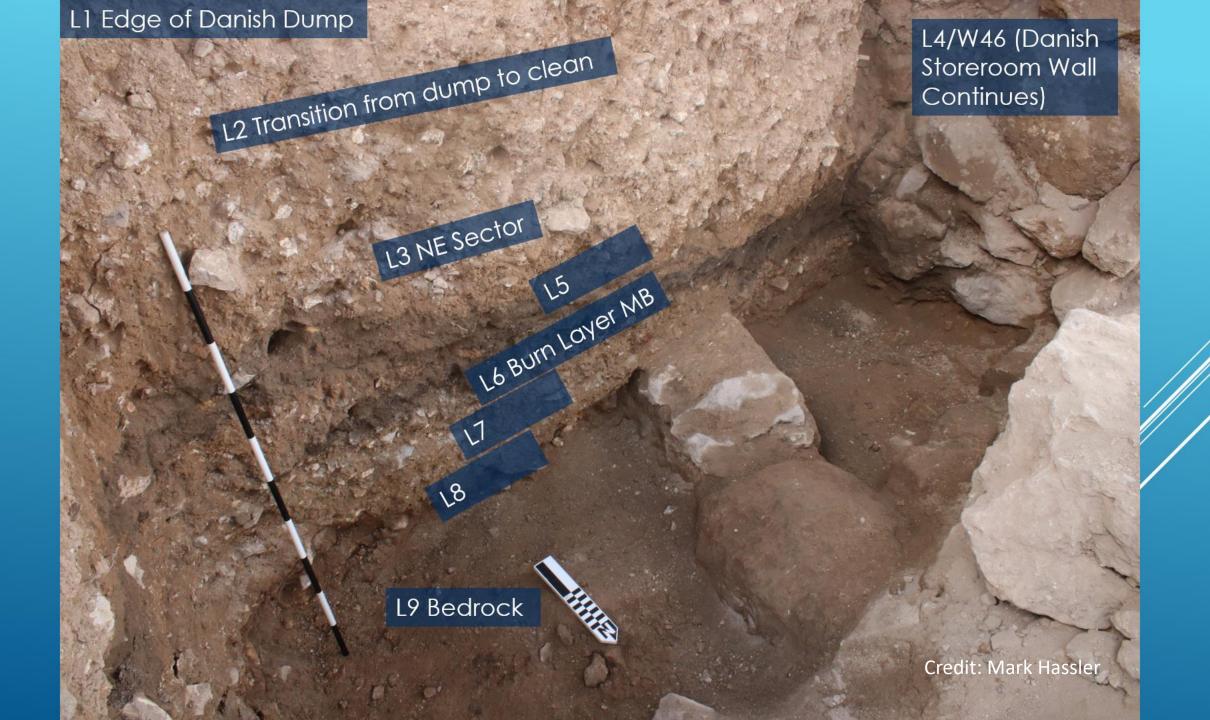


Credit: Gary Urie

Gate















Northern Approach Road



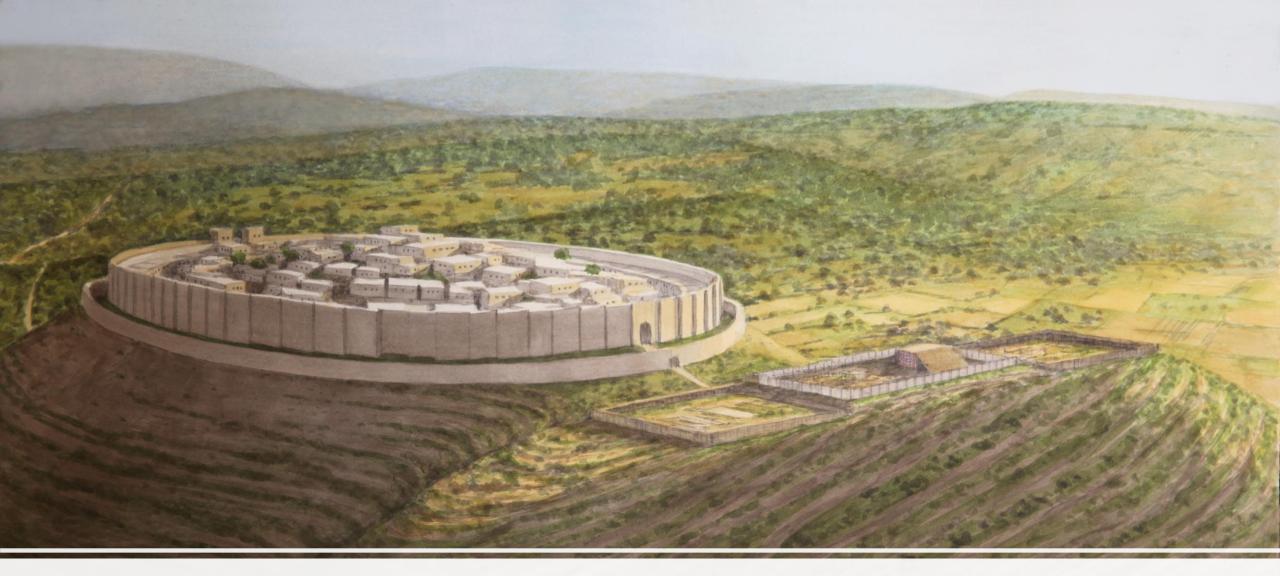
Small Finds



SHILOH SCARAB 1000 Thutmose III Credit: Michael C. Luddeni

Summary of Shiloh Seasons 1–5

- LB2/IA I Monumental Building (Stratum VI–V)
- Gate Complex (Stratum VII–V)
- Possible Northern Approach Road
- Horns from a Dismantled Altar (Stratum V)
- Ceramic Pomegranates (Stratum V)
- IA I Destruction Matrix (Philistine?) (Stratum V)
- Clear LB Stratum (Stratum VI)
- Mudbrick Superstructure (Strata VII–V)
- Storage Rooms (Strata VII–V)



Questions About Shiloh?