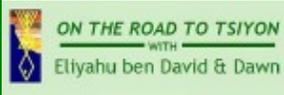


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Midrash Marathon Madness Contest Winner #2



During this Biblical 7th month our *Tsiyon Road* radio station is celebrating with a special event called *Midrash Marathon Madness* - All Midrash All the Time! We are midrashing the *entire* book of Genesis in *one month*! For more about this special event go to our home page at tsiyon.org.

An exciting feature of this special radio event this month is our [Midrash Marathon Madness Contest](#). Everyone who enters wins a prize, with special prizes for each week, and a Grand Prize for the entire month! The simple details can be found [here](#).

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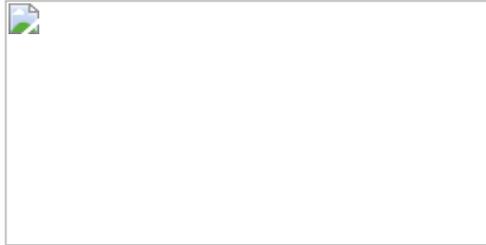
The Ophel Treasure

- Biblical Archaeology
September 9th, 2013

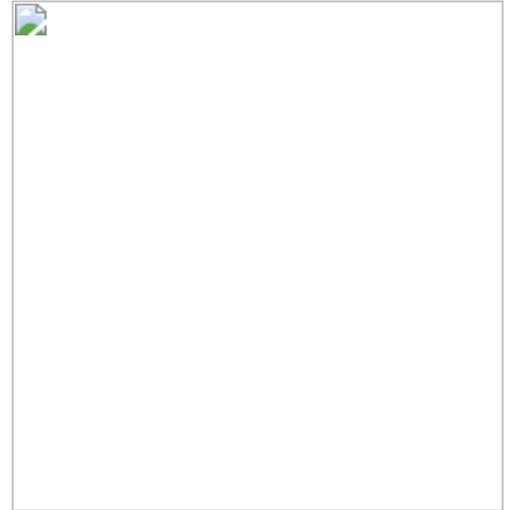
Dr. Eilat Mazar's excavation at the Ophel in Jerusalem is one of the most high-profile investigations in the field of Biblical archaeology. The area between the City of David and the Temple Mount has been known as the Ophel (meaning "a high place to climb to") since the First Temple period. In the Bible, King Jotham "did much building on the wall of the Ophel" (11 Chronicles 27:3) in the mid-8th century B.C.E., and the site's history stretches back well before this construction. In her book [Discovering the Solomonic Wall in Jerusalem](#), Mazar recounts the storied excavation history of the site, which sits at the heart of ancient Jerusalem. [Ophel investigators include Captain Charles Warren, Dame Kathleen Kenyon and \(Eilat Mazar's grandfather\) Benjamin Mazar](#), yet none of these esteemed predecessors uncovered a cache as striking as the one found by Eilat Mazar during the 2013 field season.

The Ophel excavation team recently came across an archaeologist's dream: a gold cache. A gold medallion stands out as the prize find: the medallion (pictured above) features a menorah, shofar (ram's horn) and a Torah scroll, three sacred and iconic Jewish emblems. Alongside the elegantly etched medallion, the team uncovered thirty-six gold coins and gold and silver jewelry. In a [post issued by The Hebrew University of Jerusalem](#), Mazar says "We have been making significant finds from the First Temple Period in this area, a much earlier time in Jerusalem's history, so discovering a golden seven-branched Menorah from the seventh century C.E. at the foot of the Temple Mount was a complete surprise."

Discovered in a Byzantine structure originally constructed in the sixth century C.E., Mazar believes that the hoard was hidden during the Persian conquest of Jerusalem in 614, a [short-lived but violent conquest](#).* The cache is only the third collection of gold coins ever discovered in Jerusalem. The so-called Ophel treasure, which was uncovered during the fifth day of the 2013 excavations, includes gold earrings, a silver ingot, dozens of coins and the iconic menorah medallion, which is described in the Hebrew University report as "most likely an ornament for a Torah scroll. In that case it is the earliest Torah scroll ornament found in an archaeological excavation to date. It was buried ... along with a smaller gold medallion, two pendants, a gold coil and a silver clasp, all of which are believed to be Torah scroll ornamentations."



The so-called Ophel treasure includes thirty-six gold coins, as well as jewelry and other precious goods. The Byzantine coins date from the fourth to the early seventh centuries C.E. Photo: Ouria Tadmor



The gold medallion, the prize find of the "Ophel treasure." Photo: Ouria Tadmor.

The "Ophel treasure" is far from Mazar's first iconic discovery. Her excavations and interpretations of the City of David's Large Stone Structure and Stepped Stone Structure, which she deemed a [palatial complex from the time of King David](#)** have reshaped Jerusalem archaeology debates (and tourism). Her excavations have yielded diverse finds, including a [recently announced inscription uncovered in 2012, containing what may be Jerusalem's earliest alphabetic text](#). The newly uncovered cache, with its emblematic iconography, will surely bring public attention to an important later period of Jerusalem history at the Ophel.

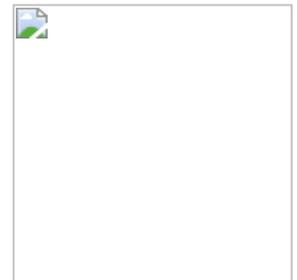
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Notes

* "[Ancient Persians Massacre Jerusalem Christians](#)" BAR, November/December 2010.

** Eilat Mazar, "[Did I Find King David's Palace?](#)" BAR January/February 2006. Available for free online in Bible History Daily.



Eilat Mazar.

TSIYON NEWS

7th Month Appointments: The first work day of the month began at sundown on September 8th. Starting with that day we count 6 work days, and then the 7th day is Sabbath. That puts the first regular Sabbath of the 7th Hebrew month on the 8th day, which this year, begins on September 14th. The regular Sabbaths of this 7th month, therefore, commence on the 14th, 21st, and 28th of September, and on the 5th of October. Because of *Yom Teruah* the 7th month is the only month of the Hebrew calendar on which the regular Sabbaths fall on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th of the Hebrew month. For dates of all the 7th month Appointments, please visit our [calendar](#). [Learn more about these 7th month special days in these passages: Lev 16:29-34, 23:1-34, Num 29:1-40, 2 Chron 7:7-11, Jn 1:14 etc. See also the book [Holy Time](#)]

A Special Broadcast Month - Midrash Marathon Madness Month: Apart from its Biblical significance, this 7th Hebrew month marks the first full year of broadcast of our Messianic radio station, *Tsiyon Road*. We have a lot to celebrate this month and we invite all of you to join in the celebration with us! Full details are posted on the home page of our [tsiyon.org](#) website.

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From Eliyahu

We have a *Midrash Marathon Madness Contest* winner for the second week of this Biblical 7th month, announced in this newsletter, above. It has been so fun getting in entries from Tsiyon listeners and partners! All the entries are great, and every one of them has won a prize just for entering our contest. Have you entered yet? Don't miss out. Call in and win a prize! You might even win our fabulous Grand Prize, our Silver Kingdom Shekel pendant! Now, that would look great hanging around your neck, wouldn't it? It's fun and easy to enter, so give it a [go](#).

It's hard to believe this incredibly joyful month is now half over. Today is the most joyful day of all though. [This is the day our Messiah was born!](#) You know those passages Christians have always associated with December 25th? Well, those passages are more correctly associated with this very day! Consider this: on this very day, 2013 years ago, our Messiah, the King of Glory, was born in most humble circumstances, as a baby, as one of us. We have this record of that wondrous event:



1 Now it happened in those days, that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. 2 This was the first enrollment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to enroll themselves, everyone to his own city. 4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; 5 to enroll himself with Miriam, who was pledged to be married to him as wife, being pregnant.

6 It happened, while they were there, that the day had come that she should give birth. 7 She brought forth her firstborn son, and she wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a feeding trough, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 There were shepherds in the same country staying in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. 9 Behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be to all the people. 11 For there is born to you, this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord. 12 This is the sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth, lying in a feeding trough."

13 Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army praising Elohim, and saying, 14 "Glory to Elohim in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men."

15 It happened, when the angels went away from them into the sky, that the shepherds said one to another, "Let's go to Bethlehem, now, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 They came with haste, and found both Miriam and Joseph, and the baby was lying in the feeding trough. 17 When they saw it, they publicized widely the saying which was spoken to them about this child. 18 All who heard it wondered at the things which were spoken to them by the shepherds. 19 But Miriam kept all these sayings, pondering them in her heart. Luke 2:1-19

Sukkot (also spelled Succot) meaning "Tabernacles" was instituted as a reminder of Israel coming out of Egypt, dwelling in make-shift booths. Now, it also reminds us of something far greater - on that amazing day, our Lord from Heaven was born into this world to "tabernacle with us." Truly, this is sure evidence of our Father's "good will toward men" and a reason for great joy for all of us. May you and your family enjoy His good will toward you during this Sukkot season! (Jn 1:14, Lev 23:33-43)

Blessings and Shalom!

Eliyahu ben David
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