

ANEA 510

Archaeology & the Bible


Spring 2023

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SYNOPSIS OF THE COURSE

CLASS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Class location:	Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska.
Class meeting times:	Mar 5-9, 2023 Sunday: 5:00p-8:00p Mon. Thurs. 8 a.m. 12:00 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. 5:30p.m.
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The following **Course Learning Outcomes** contribute to the overall Program Learning Outcomes by identifying the key learnings to be achieved by diligent work in this course:

1. To understand and explain the archaeological backgrounds of biblical persons, events, customs, and places.
2. To understand and explain how archaeology interacts with the Bible and how it continues to illuminate our understanding of the Written Word.
3. To understand and explain the major principles used in the past to interpret the archaeological data and acquaint students with different methodologies used during excavations.
4. To know and use the resources which will increase awareness of the cultures, customs, languages, and rituals that illuminate the background of the Bible.
5. To understand and demonstrate discriminate between legitimate uses of archaeology and claims made for archaeology which exceed its proper use.



COURSE MATERIALS

Required Course Materials

1. Kenneth A Kitchen, *On the Reliability of the Old Testament* (Eerdmans, 2006)

US Credit-Hour Regulations

For every semester credit, the Andrews University credit hour definition requires that:

Class Attendance

Students are required to be physically present on every class period of the course. Attendance is required because much of the learning process takes place in the classroom (see, Seminary Bulletin). Absence, tardiness, and non-participation in class discussions will negatively reflect on final grade. Active and positive class participation will enhance your academic success.

Passing Grades

Students must have 65% of all class assignments to pass the course.

Submission of Assignments

Reading report due March 15, 2023.

Late Submission

Late submission is not possible.

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Plagiarism in which one exact words, whether in a formal paper or in submitted notes or assignments. Credit is to be given by use of:

- Correctly designed and inserted footnotes each time one makes use of another
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APPENDIX 1:

APPENDIX 4: BIBLIOGRAPHY OF RECOMMENDED BOOKS & RESOURCES

List of books and journal articles from which the materials/information for the class were drawn:

Aharoni, Y.

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 1987 *The Bible and Recent Archaeology*. Atlanta: John Knox Press.
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 2001 *Life in Biblical Israel*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press.
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 1966 *Ancient Orient and Old Testament*. Downers Grove: Inter Varsity Press.
 1977 *The Bible in its World Today*. Downers Grove: Inter Varsity Press.
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 1969 *Biblical Archaeology and History*. New York: The World Publishing Company.
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 1990 *Archaeology of the Land of the Bible, vol. 1 (10,000-586 B.C.E.)*. New York: Doubleday.
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 1978 *Biblical Archaeology in Focus*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House.
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1982 *The Bible and Archaeology*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- Unger, M. F.
1966 *Archaeology and the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.
- Wiseman, D. J., and E. Yamauchi
1981 *Archaeology and the Bible: An Introductory Study*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.
- Wright, G. E., and D. N. Freedman
1961 *The Biblical Archaeologist Reader*. Vol. 1. Garden City: Doubleday & Company.
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1962 *Biblical Archaeology*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press.
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1972 *The Stones and the Scriptures*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House.

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<http://libguides.andrews.edu/religion>