

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary
BI 707D: Archaeology and the Bible

Description

This course will survey topics in the archaeological background of the Bible and its application for interpreting and understanding Biblical texts. We will survey biblical history through archaeology, examining both Old and New Testament texts and stories in light of archaeology.

Course Objectives

The overarching aim of this course is twofold: i) to familiarize students with the archaeological background of the Bible and with archaeological discoveries that pertain to the Bible and its world; ii) to introduce students to the use of archaeology and background material in biblical interpretation. Special attention will be paid to how archaeology and other background material might be used not only to understand the Bible but also for teaching and preaching.

We will cover the Bronze Age through to the early Byzantine Period. However, particular emphasis will be placed on understanding the world of Jesus of Nazareth, early Judaism, and the early church through archaeology.

Required Texts

Randall Price with H. Wayne House. *Zondervan Handbook of Biblical Archaeology*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2017.

Eric M. Meyers and Mark A. Chancey. *Alexander to Constantine: Archaeology of the Land of the Bible*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2012.

David A. Fiensy. *Insights From Archaeology. Reading the Bible in the 21st Century*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2017.

Additional readings from the Biblical Archaeology Society Library and other sources will be provided electronically.