

Bronze Age - Adam to Gideon

- Term - disputed today - "Biblical" vs "Palestinian" (false dichotomy)
- Arch.
 - illuminates the Bible
 - Understanding of language
 - illuminates the text
 - Authenticates the Bible (setting record straight) disproves critics, supports Bible

2 Categories

1. Written - (most impor) stone, clay, metal, parchment, papyrus, ostrachon
2. Unwritten (buildings, vessels, art, jewelry, tools, weapons)

Types

1. Surface surveys
2. digging - tells

Methodology (what to do in beginning a dig?) (Kenyon developed)

1. levels of strata - periods charact. by types of architecture
2. target acropolis - high pt. of tel - ^{down} and the gate
3. Stratigraphic excavation at 5th mt "fields", leave "bulks" in strata
4. Recording units as locus (distinguishable material) = locus number

- C. Fisher's method - Israel (less careful)
- Whalen-Kenyon - American (careful)

Dating

1. pottery (5500 BC begins)
2. writing (and esp. Bible)
3. Coins (500 BC ->)
4. Jewelry
5. Carbon 14

Ages

1. Bronze - Egyptian correlations (astronomical) fix dates; low chronol
2. Terms - Stone - Bronze - Iron -
 - Albright - established at Tel-Beit-Mirsim (Debir?)
 - suffered many destructions, left unoccupied after Iron II
 - arbitrary hist. correlations + dates