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# Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project

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Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA**

in a Joint Scientific Project with the

**Department of Antiquities,  
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**

## TeHEP UPDATE

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**IGLOSSARY OF CHRONOLOGICAL TERMS FREQUENTLY USED IN TeHEP UPDATES:**

*Chalcolithic Period = Copper/Stone Age, 4400-3300 BCE; EBA = Early Bronze Age, 3300-2350 BCE; IBA = Intermediate Bronze Age, 2350-2000 BCE; MBA = Middle Bronze Age, 2000-1550 BCE; LBA = Late Bronze Age, 1550-1200 BCE; IA1 = Iron Age 1, 1200-1000 BCE; IA2 = Iron Age 2, 1000-586 BCE; IA3 = Iron Age 3/Persian Period, 586-332 BCE; HP = Hellenistic/Greek Period, 332-63 BCE; ERP = Early Roman Period, 63 BCE-168 CE]*

Hello All:

Today we found a wide walking surface associated with the outside of our 5m-thick (16 ft.) EBA city wall. It's smooth, very hard packed dirt, and separates cleanly from the ash and debris above it. How far it extends out from the outer face of the wall we don't know yet, but we'll chase it until we find out.

Thus far everybody is holding up well considering that the schedule is pretty tough at times. We haven't had any injuries or illness to speak of, and everybody is in good spirits. The weather has been really great, but some rain is forecast for tomorrow, so we'll see what happens. We don't get much rain here in the Jordan Valley, but when it comes it's much appreciated by the farmers. It also helps keep the dust down on the dig site. It's been pretty dusty the past few days, so a bit of moisture wouldn't hurt.

Digging the Bible,

Steven Collins, TeHEP Director  
Dean, College of Archaeology, Trinity Southwest University

P.S. Please forward this to whomever you like!

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