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Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project

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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]

Dear TeHEP Home Team and Friends:

From all of us working here in Jordan at the Tall el-Hammam Excavation Project, HAPPY NEW YEAR! We wish you God's richest blessings in 2010, and our prayer for you is that He will guide your steps through the coming year for His glory, and bring you unspeakable joy through it all. In many respects, archaeological digs are a lot like life "back home": You take it one day at a time. You take what comes. You pray for the grace and patience to deal with it. You look for the lessons in it. You thank God for his blessings. Then you move on to the next moment, the next level.

We accomplished a full day's work at the site today. The tomb team finished its work, and the rest of the team did whatever duties they were assigned. And now we've got a couple of days off. Some folks will be heading on field trips around Jordan, others will hang back here at the hotel to do laundry, catch up on paperwork, or just relax. It was a pretty tough week, though, so most of us really need some rest.

At the end of the day at the site, TSU grad Dr Noreen Jacks and hubby Bruce came by Tall el-Hammam with their tour group. They crossed over from Israel today, then came down to the site to get a tour of Sodom. We always enjoy it when folks drop by for a visit. By the way, members of the Boy Scout troop (they dug with us on our first Saturday) and their parents

and friends have continued to come out with us to excavate. Some were with us today, and more are coming on Sunday. It's great to see people taking an interest in biblical archaeology, and they're a big help, too.

Tomorrow I'll have some more pics and news to share.

Again, Happy New Year!

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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