

**BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY – BIBLE AND ARCHAEOLOGY FEST XVIII**

Grand Hyatt Atlanta

November 20-22, 2015

*\*\*All meeting rooms are located on the Lobby Level of the hotel\*\**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**HIGHLAND 1, 2 & 3**

**AZALEA**

8:00-9:00am	<b>REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST</b>	
9:00 - 10:15am	<b>Bart Ehrman</b> “Did the Early Christians Forget Jesus?”	<b>Ben Witherington</b> “The Social Identity of the Earliest Christians”
10:15-10:45am	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
10:45 – Noon	<b>James Charlesworth</b> “Where did Jesus meet Mary Magdalene? New Archaeological Discoveries”	<b>Leonard Greenspoon</b> “And the Walls Came Tumbling Down? Once More with Joshua to Jericho”
Noon – 2:00pm	<i>Lunch on your own</i>	<i>Lunch on your own</i>
2:00 – 3:15pm	<b>Marc Brettler</b> “Are All Psalms Prayers?”	<b>Bezalel Porten</b> “Ruth: King David’s Moabite Great Grandmother”
3:15-3:45pm	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
3:45 – 5:00pm	<b>Beth Alpert Nakhai</b> “Seriously? Why Has It Been So Hard to Learn about Women in Ancient Israel – and What Can We Do about It?”	<b>Aaron Gale</b> “Reconstructing Ancient Borders: Galilean Archaeology and the Jewish Nature of Matthew's Gospel”
5:00 – 7:00pm	<i>Dinner on your own</i>	<i>Dinner on your own</i>
7:00 – 8:00pm	<b>PLENARY SESSION – HIGHLAND 1, 2 &amp;3</b> <b>Eric Cline</b> “Wine, Feasting, and Frescoes: the ongoing excavation of a Canaanite palace at Tel Kabri, Israel”	

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21****HIGHLAND 1, 2 & 3****AZALEA**

8:00-9:00am	<b>CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b>	
9:00 - 10:15am	<b>Mark Wilson</b> “Two Inscriptions and a Text: With Paul in Aegean Turkey”	<b>Mark Goodacre</b> “Who was the Beloved Disciple?”
10:15-10:45am	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>
10:45 – Noon	<b>Mark Fairchild</b> “The Apostle Paul and the School of Tyrannos”	<b>Jennie Ebeling</b> “Naboth's Vineyard and the Staff of Life: Wine, Bread, and Agricultural Plenty in Ancient Jezreel”
Noon – 2:00pm	<b>Lunch on your own</b>	<b>Lunch on your own</b>
2:00 – 3:15pm	<b>Mary Joan Leith</b> “Angels: The Bible and Beyond”	<b>Keith Bodner</b> “The Bad News Bears (and other highlights from the career of Elisha the prophet)”
3:15-3:45pm	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>
3:45 – 5:00pm	<b>Amy Jill Levine</b> “Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son, and Lost Meaning: Jesus’ Parables in Jewish Context”	<b>James Hoffmeier</b> “Akhenaten, Moses & Monotheism”
6:00pm	<b>Reception – Cash Bar</b>	
7:00pm	<b>Banquet - to be held in the HIGHLAND BALLROOM</b> <b>Q&amp;A with Hershel Shanks, Mary Joan Leith and Ziony Zevit</b>	

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22****HIGHLAND 1, 2 & 3****AZALEA**

8:00-9:00am	<b>CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b>	
9:00 - 10:15am	<b>Aren Maeir</b> “Report from Philistine Gath: Fortifications, a Gate and other Cool Stuff”	<b>Rami Arav</b> “Shifting Orientations of Roman Galilee: the View from Archaeology”
10:15-10:45am	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
10:45 – Noon	<b>James Tabor</b> “Enochian Judaism: How An Ancient Vision of Things Took over our World”	<b>Richard Friedman</b> “Everything We Know is Wrong”
NOON	<i>Conclusion</i>	<i>Conclusion</i>

**\*\*Should it become necessary due to speaker schedules, this program is subject to change without notice\*\***

**Meeting Venue:**

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