TMS Participates in #1 Archaeological Find of 2013

TMS participated in what Christianity Today has deemed the top archaeological discovery of 2013. This past summer, TMS professors (Dr. Bill Barrick and Dr. Mark Hassler) along with several students and their wives, worked with the team excavating Khirbet el-Maqatir, the ruins of a fortress nine miles north of Jerusalem. The dig was highlighted by unearthing a small Canaanite amulet. Modeled after a well-known Egyptian design, more specifically called a scarab after the shape of the scarab beetle, the amulet can be dated to the narrow period of 1550-1450 BC. This adds more evidence to the strengthening conviction that Khirbet el-Maqatir is the location of biblical Ai, conquered by Joshua and the children of Israel.

Congratulations to the team and members of the TMS family who participated in this significant discovery.

Expectantly,

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