

TEL GEZER

Tel Gezer is a 33-acre site located on the western flank of the foothills of Judah, overlooking the coastal plain of Israel. It is strategically located at an important crossroad guarding the pass from the coast up to Jerusalem. The ancient city is mentioned in several Egyptian and Assyrian texts. Gezer is mentioned in the biblical account of Solomon's fortifications (1 Kings 9:15). It was continuously occupied from the Bronze Age to the Hellenistic Period.

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE TEAM!

Although previous excavations have revealed much of Gezer's history, there are still many questions left unresolved that are key to the reconstruction of ancient Palestine. The 2015 season will focus on excavating two major strata, each representing a major period in the history of Gezer. The first is the Iron Age IIA city associated with Solomon where a large administrative courtyard with adjoining rooms was revealed in 2014. This city was destroyed in a major conflagration associated with the campaign of pharaoh Shishak. In addition, the Iron Age I (1200-1000 BCE) fortified Canaanite city will also be excavated.

Do not miss your opportunity to participate in current research addressing critical issues in biblical archaeology through participation in the Tel Gezer Excavation Project.

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- The Gezer Regional Council
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For more information about participating in this excavation go to

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THE PROJECT

The Tel Gezer Excavation project is a long-term research project sponsored by the Tandy Institute for Archaeology. Dr. Steve Ortiz and Dr. Sam Wolff co-direct the excavations with the participation of a consortium of academic institutions. The goals of the project are to address urbanization, ethnic and social boundaries, and state formation in the southern Levant. Gezer is an ideal site to address these current research paradigms.

THE STUDY PROGRAM & FIELD SCHOOL

The Tel Gezer Excavation project is a multi-focused learning program that contains at its core the archaeological field school. The study program is an accredited program offering academic credit (two three-hour courses). The main course takes place at the Tel Gezer Archaeological Field School and involves studying the archaeology and history of ancient Israel through site excavation, processing of material at the expedition camp, and on-site evening lectures by the staff and guest scholars. Students may also participate in regional study tours on the weekends and visit sites such as the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Masada and Qumran.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Housing for students and staff will be in air-conditioned suites at the Neve Shalom hotel. Each suite provides housing for four individuals and a shared bathroom. The hotel has free wireless internet in the rooms and hotel facilities. In addition, access to a swimming pool is available.

COST

\$2,400

(\$2,200 for consortium school students)

The price includes room and board for four weeks, daily transportation to and from the dig site, field school and lectures. It does not include airfare to and from Israel or weekend study tours. Shorter periods of participation are available depending on space availability *(the minimum is two weeks)*.

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