

# Registration

## Fees to be paid on site

Participation fee  
€ 40 p. P., payment on site  
(Students free)

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## Virtual participation (registration by October 5)

<https://veranstaltungen.wort-und-wissen.org/ft-arch/>  
€ 25 or donation to Wort und Wissen e.V. (Students free)  
Please pay via Paypal. PayPal address:  
sg@wort-und-wissen.de  
Keyword: "Archaeology Conference 2023"

## Conference of Biblical Archaeology in Schwäbisch Gmünd-Wetzgau from October 6–8, 2023

### Registration for on-site participation

Due by September 22.

Prices include full accommodation and meals (Friday–Sunday), towels, bed linen, swimming pool.

Degree, name, surname: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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Adress: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ City, country: \_\_\_\_\_

Land line or cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Employed/housewife/retired     Student
- Virtual participation         On-site participation
- I agree with storage data

## Please emphasize room wishes (entire weekend)

- Single room standard: € 192
- Double room standard (p. p.): € 160
- Shared facility with multiple persons (p. p.): € 116

Students (with attestation) only pay 80% of the total accommodation fee. No additional fee for participation will be due.

**Cancellation fee € 20**

# Lecturers

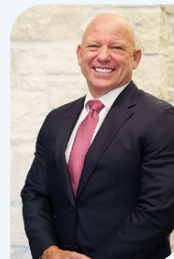
## Main lecturers

**Abigail Leavitt** is a doctoral student of Archaeology at Ariel University in Israel. Her research focuses on the transition from the Late Bronze Age to the Iron Age in the central hill country of Canaan. She authored the book *The El-Burnat (A) Structure(s): Joshua's Altar?* (2022). Together with Scott Stripling she directs the Tell Shiloh excavations and is a member of the Manasseh Hill Country Survey.



**Itzhak Meitlis** studied at Hebrew and Bar-Ilan Universities and holds a PhD in archaeology from Tel Aviv University. Until his retirement in 2021, he served as professor of Biblical Archaeology at Herzog College in Jerusalem. He is the author of several publications, including *Excavating the Bible: New Archaeological Evidence for the Historical Reliability of Scripture* (Baltimore, 2012).

**Scott Stripling** is provost at Katy Bible Seminary in Texas. He directs the Tell Shiloh excavations and directed the excavations at Khirbet el-Maqatir. During the wet sifting process under his supervision at Mount Ebal, the lead tablet ("curse tablet") was discovered in 2019. Stripling is director of excavations at *Associates for Biblical Research* and authored several publications.



**Further lecturers:** Thomas Kinker (Bucer Seminary, ABA), Hanna Klenk (ABA), Andreas Späth (ABA), Thomas Tribelhorn (Menorah Ministries / ABA), Ulrich Wendel (Faszination Bibel), Peter van der Veen (ABA, Univ. of Mainz), Uwe Zerbst (ABA).



## Conference accommodation

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Fig. 1 (Cover). Reconstruction of ancient Shiloh © Courtesy of the Armstrong Institute of Biblical Archaeology, Julia Goddard

# Windows to the Past

- Dr. Thomas Kinker
- Hanna Klenk MA
- Abigail Leavitt MA
- Prof. Dr. Itzhak Meitlis (via Zoom)
- Andreas Späth
- Prof. Dr. Scott Stripling
- Prof. Dr. Thomas Tribelhorn
- PD Dr. habil. Peter van der Veen
- Dr. Ulrich Wendel
- Prof. Dr. Uwe Zerbst

# aba CONFERENCE OF BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

# Archaeological Sites and the Dating of Biblical Events

October 6-8, 2023

Schönblick Schwäbisch Gmünd-Wetzgau

Both on-site + Online (via Zoom) LIVE



Fig. 2. Excavations at Tell Shiloh © S. Stripling

### Archaeological sites and the dating of biblical events

The program of the 2023 ABA conference will include two major topics: developments in methodology and technology in biblical archaeology; and issues relating to specific biblical sites. Moreover, aspects of the Israelite cult and the chronology of Christ's crucifixion week will be scrutinized. The focus on archaeological methodology focuses in three lectures on an area that is gaining importance; namely, the overlapping of archaeological periods and its potential consequences for archaeological dating. One contribution is devoted to wet sifting, which has been practiced for some decades. This

method too holds great potential, as it improves the findability of tiny items such as clay bullae, whose relevance may have a major chronological impact that should not be underestimated. The archaeological sites discussed are early Jerusalem, Ai of the conquest period and Shiloh, whose role as cultic center rose to prominence during the period of the Judges. An archaeological exhibition will accompany the program.



Fig. 3. Bulla of a Judean minister © R. Deutsch, Moussaieff Collection

- Developments in biblical archaeology
- Archaeological aspects of the biblical Conquest
- Excavations at Ai and Shiloh
- The origins of Jerusalem, where and when?
- Purification baths and baptisteries
- The chronology of Christ's crucifixion week
- Archaeological exhibition

### Friday October 6

Until 6 pm Arrival and registration

6:00 pm Supper

#### Evening program

8:00 Welcome

8:15 *Introduction to the topic*  
(U. Zerbst / P. v.d. Veen)

### Saturday October 7

8:00 am Devotion (T. Tribelhorn\*)

8:30 Breakfast

#### IA. The Excavation of Biblical Sites

9:30 *Khirbet el-Maqatir: biblical Ai?*  
(S. Stripling)\*

11:15 *The Origins of Jerusalem –  
City of David or Temple Mount*  
(T. Kinker, in German)

12:30 Lunch

#### Saturday afternoon

2:00 pm *Tell Shiloh: the new excavations*  
(S. Stripling)\*

3:30 Coffee break

#### IIA. Dating Biblical Events

3:50 *The Crucifixion Week in the Light of Jewish Calendars*  
(T. Tribelhorn)\*

6:00 Supper

#### Evening program

8:00 Information on ABA

#### IB. The Excavation of Biblical Sites

8:20 *Jerusalem, Tell Shiloh, and Mount Ebal –  
the role of wet sifting*  
(A. Leavitt)\*

### Sunday October 8

8:00 am Devotion (H. Mahnke)

8:30 Breakfast

#### Program A (in German)

9:30 *Purification Baths and Baptisteries,  
archaeological (architectural) witnesses*  
(H. Klenk)

10:30 *Ten Discoveries from Biblical Archaeology*  
(U. Wendel / A. Späth)

#### Program B (in English)

##### IIB. Dating Biblical Events: Transitional Archaeological Periods

9:30 *Transitional archaeological periods and  
the Early History of Israel* (P. v.d. Veen)

10:00 *Overlapping Middle Bronze, Late Bronze  
and Iron Age I* (I. Meitlis, Zoom)

10:45 *Overlapping Late Bronze II and Iron Age I*  
(A. Leavitt)

11:30 Discussions

12:00 Lunch and later Departure \* German translation



English publications  
by the ABA

For sale during the conference or via:

[www.wort-und-wissen.org](http://www.wort-und-wissen.org)

P. G. van der Veen & U. Zerbst

**In Search of the  
Biblical Patriarchs:  
A Historical and  
Archaeological Quest**

(2022): € 35,90



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P. James & P. v. d. Veen

**Solomon and Shishak,  
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