

**KH. EL-MAQATIR**

**REPORT ON THE 2011 SEASON:**

**23 MAY–3 JUNE  
And 19–30 DECEMBER**

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Kh. el-Maqatir Excavation Areas, 1995-2000  
 O23 Benchmark=Elevation 876.27 m, Map Reference 173.78, 146.93  
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## Introduction

Two sessions of excavation were carried out at Kh. el-Maqatir in 2011: site-wide excavation 23 May–3 June under the direction of Gary A. Byers and excavations in the Area C monastery 19–30 December under the direction of Scott Stripling. Both sessions were sponsored by the Associates for Biblical Research, Akron PA. Staff members were:

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Labor was supplied by volunteers mainly from the U.S., but also from Canada and Israel. Excavation was carried out in 5 x 5 m squares with a balk between. Probe trenches were occasionally employed where appropriate. The recording system was that of the Madaba Plains Project as set forth in *Excavation Manual, Madaba Plains Project*, by Larry G. Herr and Gary L. Christopherson, Berrien Springs MI: Andrews University Institute of Archaeology, 1998.

Five occupational phases are present at the site: MB (pottery only), an LB I fortress, Iron I squatter occupation, an LH/ER fortress and settlement, and a Byzantine monastery. For an overview of the finds made to date, see *Excavations at Kh. el-Maqatir 1995–2000, 2009–2011: A Border Fortress in the Highlands of Canaan and a Proposed New Location for the Ai of Joshua 7–8*, by Bryant G. Wood, at [http://www.bibleinterp.com/PDFs/BibleInterp\\_report.pdf](http://www.bibleinterp.com/PDFs/BibleInterp_report.pdf).

The objectives of the 23 May–3 June session were:

1. Determine if a wall with a megalithic stone discovered in the 2010 season in the SE corner of Square G17 was part of the LB fortification system.
2. Open new Squares P20 and P21 to determine if the walls discovered in the 2010 season in Squares Q20 and Q21 continue to the south.
3. Open new Squares Q25, S24 and S25 to investigate the nature of the LH/ER settlement.
4. Complete excavations in Squares ZF04, ZG04 and ZH04 to expose 18 m of the southern portion of the E wall of the church/monastery complex which includes the area of the apse.
5. Excavate a pottery kiln associated with the monastery in Squares ZB07 and ZC07.

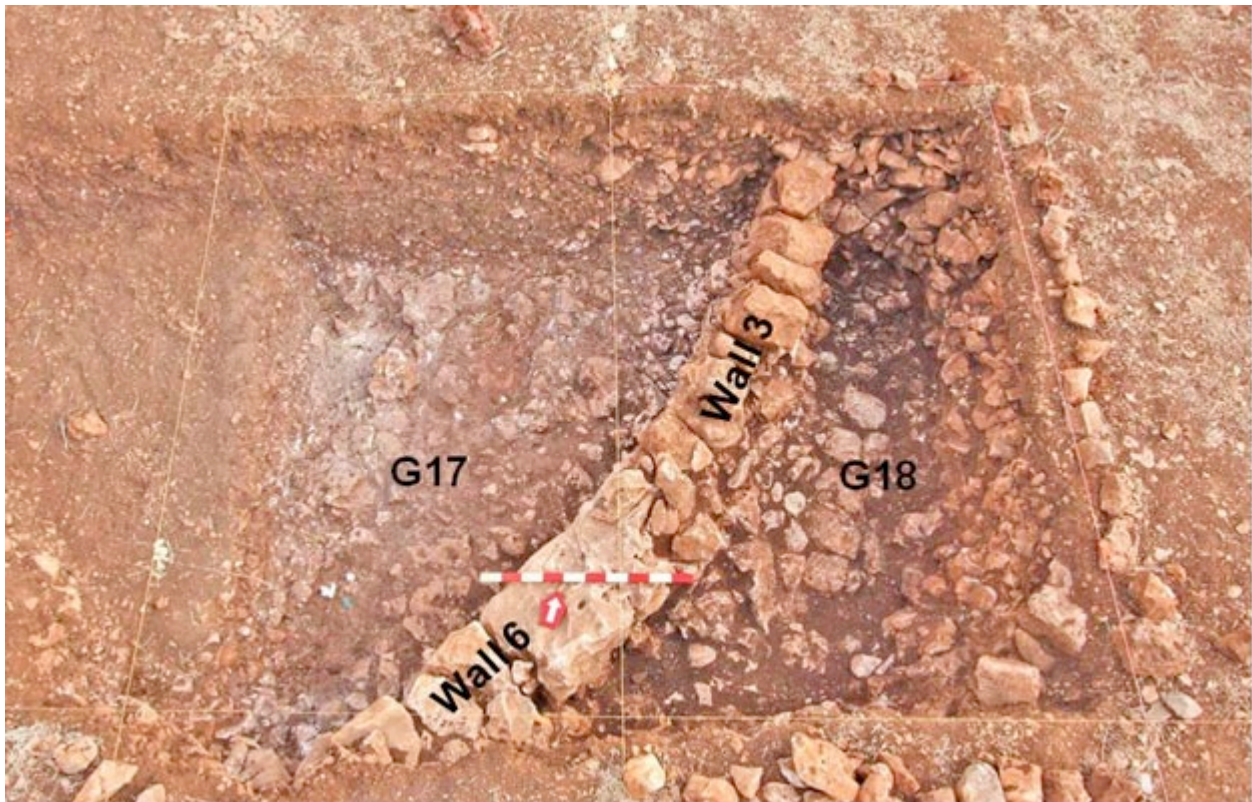
6. To collect pottery samples for a neutron activation analysis program that was initiated with pottery samples from the 2010 season. The purpose of the program is to determine where the LB I storage vessels that are prolific at the site were manufactured in order to ascertain the political entity that was provisioning the LB I fortress. Results from the 2010 and 2011 samples are presented in Appendix 2.

In the 27–31 December session, Squares ZG05, ZH05 and ZH06 were opened W of completed Squares ZG04 and ZH04 in the church/monastery complex with the following objectives:

1. To determine if any of the mosaic tile flooring in the altar and nave area was still intact, and if so, to recover and protect any inscriptions.
2. To clarify if the three stones in ZG04 that appeared to be the spring of an arch had a matching spring in an adjoining square.
3. To reveal the remains of any columns or column bases that would clarify the original floor plan.

## Excavation Results

***Square G17, 23 May–1 June (James Luther, Square Supervisor) and Square G18, 23 May–1 June (Gary A. Byers, Square Supervisor)***



SW-NE G17 Wall 6 and G18 Wall 3, view N.

In the 2010 season SW-NE Wall 6 with a megalithic stone was discovered in the balk of the SE corner of the square. In the 2011 season an area 3 m N-S by 2.5 m E-W, including the E balk, was opened to clarify the nature of Wall 6. A similar 3 m N-S by 2 m E-W trench was opened in the SW corner of G18 to expose the wall in that square. The continuation of the wall in G18 was labeled Wall 3. Even though there was a megalithic stone in Wall 6 in G17, Wall 3 in G18 proved to be only 50 cm wide and poorly constructed. It appears to be an agricultural terrace wall since it follows the natural contour of the terrain. Based on the pottery found in Squares G17 and G18, the wall appears to be LH/ER in date.

### **Locus List for G17**

- 1 Disturbed topsoil to 8 cm depth
- 2 Hard-packed detritus below L.1 in the NW 4.75 m of 1 m wide probe trench dug in 2010, to a depth of ca. 70 cm, 2010
- 3 Small pebbles below L.1 extending from the end of L.2 1.1 m SE, to a depth of ca. 75 cm, 2010
- 4 Random boulders under L.1 in the SE 1.1 m of the trench, to a depth of ca. 80 cm, 2010
- 5 Random boulders on the NW side of Wall 6 in the S 1.5 m of the E balk, 2010
- 6 SW-NE wall in the S 1.5 m of the E balk, 2010
- 7 Layer of cobbles below L.1 in E 1.5 m of square, 2011
- 8 Soil below L.7 in E 1.5 m of square, 2011
- 9 Layer of cobbles and small boulders below L.8 in E 1.5 m of square, 2011
- 10 Hard-packed clay/soil below L.9 in E 1.5 m of square, 2011

### **Locus List for G18**

- 1 Disturbed topsoil
- 2 Cobble layer beneath L.1
- 3 SW-NE wall in SW corner of square
- 4 Pebbles beneath L.2 on W side of Wall 3
- 5 Bedrock

### **Objects for G17**

- 626 25 May, L.8, Pail 36, flint blade  
647 30 May, L.10, Pail 38, flint scraper

### **Objects for G18**

None

### **Pottery Pails for G17**

- 31 23 May, L.1, 5 LB I, 1 LH/ER, reg. 1  
32 23 May, L.7, 1 Iron I, 5 LH/ER, reg. 1  
33 24 May, L.7, 1 MB, 4 Iron I, 13 LH/ER, reg. 3  
34 25 May, L.7, 3 LB I, 1 Iron I, 13 LH/ER, 4 UD reg. 3  
35 25 May, L.8, 1 LB I, 2 Iron I, 1 LH/ER, 1 UD, reg. 3  
36 26 May, L.8, 3 MB, 1 LB I, 3 Iron I, 8 LH/ER, 14 UD, reg. 8  
36B 26 May, L.7, 1 MB, 2 LB I, 3 LH/ER, 1 UD, reg. 4

- 37 30 May, L.10, 2 LB/Iron I, 1 Hel, 8 UD, reg. 2
- 38 27 May, L.10, 5 LB I, reg. 5
- 39 1 June, L.10, 2 Iron I, 3 LH/ER, 2 UD, reg. 3

**Pottery Pails for G18**

- 1 23 May, L.1, 2 LB I
- 2 24 May, L.2, 1 LB I, refired, 2 Iron I
- 3 25 May, L.2, 5 LB I, all refired, 1 LH/ER
- 4 25 May, L.2, 8 LB I, all refired, 3 Iron I, 3 LH/ER
- 5 26 May, L.2, 2 LB I, refired
- 6 31 May, L.2, 3 LB I, 1 refired
- 7 01 June, L.2, 2 LB I, 1 Iron I, 1 LH/ER, 1 UD

**Photographs for G17 and G18**

- 11-05-24 C-014 24 May, squares, view N
- 11-05-25 C-010 25 May, squares, view N
- 11-05-25 C-012 25 May, G17, view N
- 11-05-27 C-005 27 May, squares, view N
- 11-05-31 C-005 31 May, squares, view S
- 11-05-31 C-006 31 May, squares, view N
- 11-06-02 C-001 02 June, squares, view S
- 11-06-02 C-002 02 June, squares, view W
- 11-06-02 C-003 02 June, squares, view N
- 11-06-02 C-004 02 June, squares, view E
- 11-06-02 C-007 02 June, squares, view S
- 11-06-02 C-008 02 June, squares, view N

**Square O18, 31 May–1 June (Suzanne R. Lattimer, Square Supervisor)**



Square O18 at the end of the 2009 season, view N. During the 2011 season 1 m of the N balk to the W of the infant jar burial was excavated.

During the 2009 season an infant jar burial was discovered in the NE corner of square O18. The remains were not in the jar, but rather scattered about in the vicinity of the jar. In 2011 1 m of the N balk to the W of the infant jar burial was excavated in an effort to recover more of the bones from the burial. A number of bones were recovered and they are being analyzed by Marina Faerman at Hebrew University Jerusalem.

### **Locus List**

9 1 m of the N balk to the W of the infant jar burial, surface to bedrock

### **Object**

636 1 June, L.9, Pail 26, coin of John Hyrcanus I

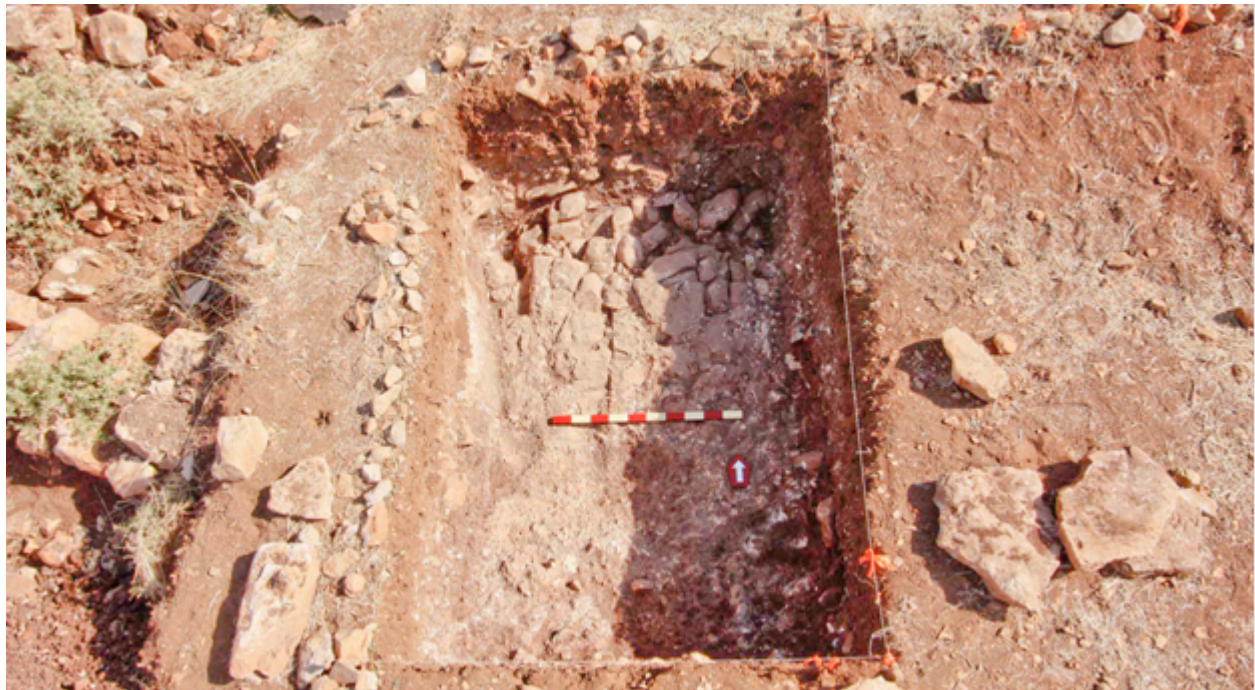
### **Pottery Pails**

25 31 May, L.9, 6 LH/ER, reg. 3

26 1 June, L.9, no diagnostic sherds

**Photographs**—none

### **Square O20, 23–27 May (Suzanne R. Lattimer, Square Supervisor)**



2 x 3 m probe in the NW corner of Square O20, with bedrock at a depth of 0.88–1.08 m view N.

Square O20 was investigated with the hope of finding more evidence of the LB I structure located inside the LB I gate. A 2 m E-W x 3 m N-S probe trench was opened in the NW corner of the square. It was excavated to bedrock, a depth of 0.88-1.08 m, with no evidence of architecture being found. The pottery in the probe was primarily LH/ER in date.



### **Locus List**

- 1 Disturbed topsoil
- 2 Loose fill with cobbles and pottery rubble
- 3 Packed fill in northern end
- 4 Hard-packed clay below L.2 and L.3, and above bedrock

### **Objects**

- 619 24 May, L.1, Pail 2,shaped stone  
620 24 May, L.1, Pail 2, shaped stone  
628 25 May, L.2, Pail 3, basalt grinder fragment  
629 25 May, L.2, Pail 3, sling stone

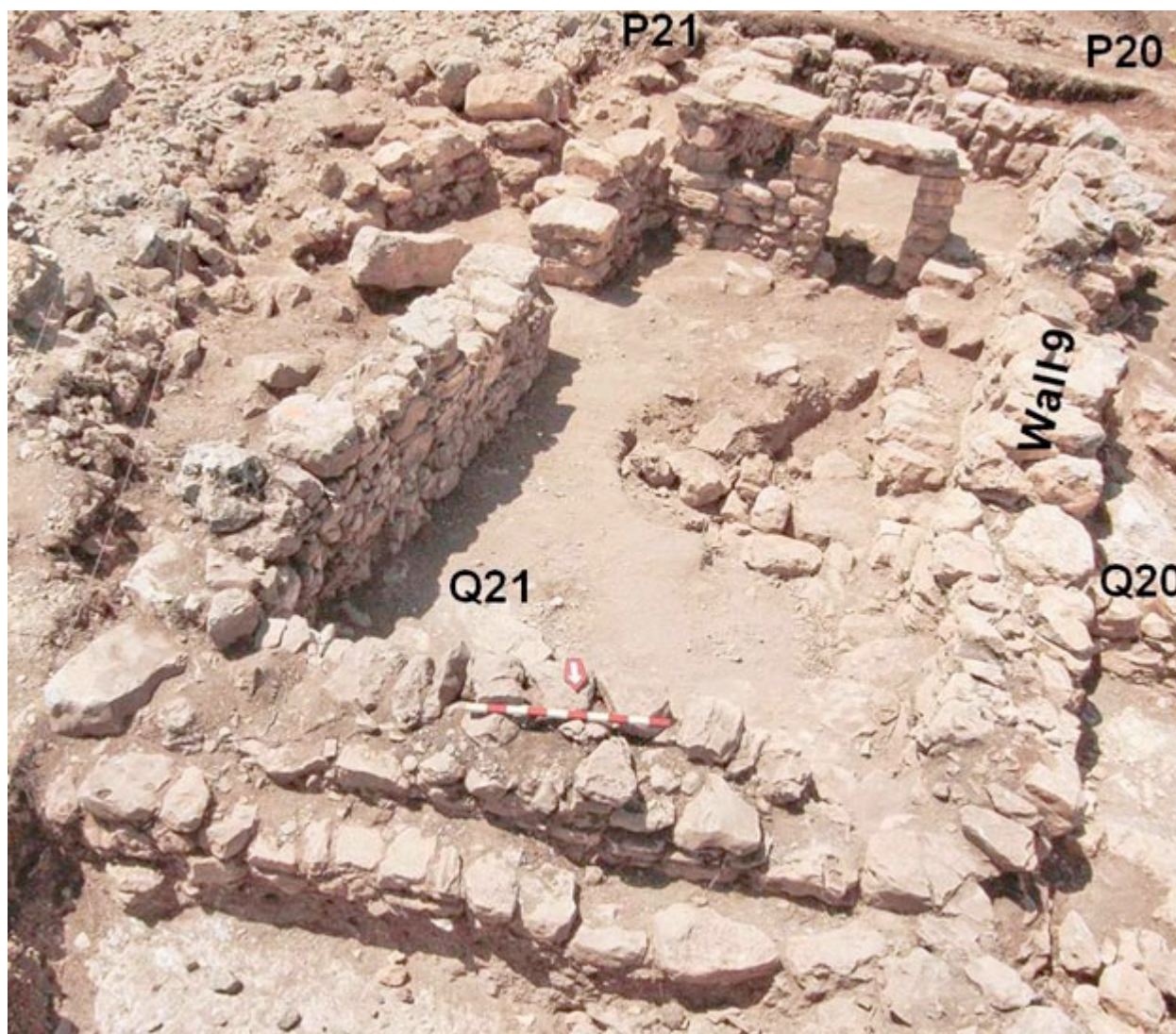
### **Pottery Pails**

- 1 23 May, L.1, 2 LB I, 3 LH/ER, reg. 0
- 2 24 May, L.1, 7 MB, 3 Iron I, 15 LH/ER, 10 UD, reg. 7
- 3 25 May, L.2, 2 MB, 3 LB I, 2 Iron I, 2 LH/ER, reg. 11
- 4 26 May, L. 2, 3 LB I, 16 LH/ER, 18 UD, reg. 6
- 5 26 May, L.3, 1 MB, 7 LH/ER, reg. 1
- 6 26 May, L.4, 3 MB, 1 Iron I, 8 LH/ER, 9 UD, reg. 6
- 7 27 May, L.3, 1 LB I, 1 Iron I, 1 Byz, reg. 3
- 8 27 May, L.4, no diagnostic sherds, reg. 0

### **Photographs**

- 11-05-24 C-009 24 May, square, view N  
11-05-25 C-013 25 May, probe trench, view N  
11-05-26 N-019 26 May, probe trench, view N  
11-05-27 C-006 27 May, probe trench, view N  
11-05-31 C-002 31 May, probe trench, view N

**Square P20, 23 May–2 June (Eugene H. Merrill, Square Supervisor)**  
**Square P21, 1–3 June (Brian Peterson, Square Supervisor)**  
**Square Q21, 23–31 May (Brian Peterson, Square Supervisor)**



LH/ER structure in Squares P20, P21, Q20 and Q21, view S.

A section of the W wall, Wall 9 was excavated in Square Q20 in 2010. During the 2011 season, the remainder of the plan of a structure was exposed in Squares P20, P21 and Q21. The structure is comprised of two rooms, a larger one to the N and a smaller one to the S. The entrance to the structure was near the SE corner of the larger room. Access to the smaller room was gained through an intact doorway in the center of a dividing wall between the two rooms. East of the doorway is an intact window; there was probably a similar window on the W side of the doorway which has not survived. If so, the door with windows on either side would have comprised what is known as a “window wall.” The small room perhaps was used for animals. On the east side of the structure, south of the entrance, was what appears to be a cooking area, Locus 3, on the N side of Square P21. Ten registered indicator sherds from the LH/ER period found in this locus

were: 6 store jars, 2 cook pots, 1 krater and 1 jug. Objects were: 651, stoneware base, 653, shaped stone, 658, basalt grinder fragment and 660, fragments of a glass plate.

### **Locus List for P20**

- 1 Disturbed surface soil W of Wall 2
- 2 S segment of W wall of structure
- 3 Disturbed surface soil E of Wall 2
- 4 Disturbed surface soil in W portion of N balk
- 5 S wall of structure
- 6 Disturbed surface soil S of Wall 5
- 7 W section of window wall dividing the N room from the S room
- 8 Socket stone found in L.3, probably from the doorway in Wall 7
- 9 E section of window wall
- 10 Soil below L.3
- 11 Soil below L.1
- 12 Floor of S room

### **Locus List for P21**

- 1 Disturbed surface debris
- 2 Beaten floor surface in SE corner of N room
- 3 Compacted soil below L.1 in food preparation area S of entrance, on N side of square
- 4 Beaten-earth floor of food preparation area
- 5 S segment of E wall of structure
- 6 SW-NE wall on SE side of food preparation area
- 7 NW-SE wall going from SW end of Wall 6 to Wall 5
- 8 E window in E-W window wall dividing the N room from the S room

### **Locus List for Q21**

- 1 Disturbed surface soil
- 2 Mixed soil below L.1 inside N room, from the tops of the walls to the floor, L.12
- 3 Large stones at the base of Wall 4 in NW corner of N room
- 4 N segment of W wall of structure
- 5 Bedrock in NW corner of N room
- 6 S side of N wall of structure
- 7 Soil below L.1, N of Wall 6
- 8 Soil below L.1, E of Wall 9
- 9 E wall of structure
- 10 Bedrock between Wall 6 and Wall 11
- 11 N side of N wall of structure
- 12 Floor of N room

### **Objects for P20**

- 622 24 May, L.2, Pail 2, bone or ivory stylus  
623 24 May, L.2, Pail 2, iron nail  
624 25 May, L.3, Pail 6, stone pounder  
646 2 June, L.10, Pail 27, Jewish war coin

### **Objects for P21**

- 635 1 June, L.1, Pail 1, Porcius Festus coin
- 651 1 June, L.3, Pail 3, stoneware base fragment
- 653 2 June, L.3, Pail 4, shaped stone
- 655 2 June, L.2, Pail 6, stoneware bowl fragment
- 656 2 June, L.1, Pail 5, shaped stone
- 657 1 June, L.1, Pail 1, sherd with inscribed lines
- 658 2 June, L.3, Pail 4, basalt grinder fragment

### **Objects for Q21**

- 618 30 May, L.2, Pail 15, silver (?) mirror fragment?
- 627 25 May, L.7, Pail 10, roof tile fragment
- 632 27 May, L.1, Pail 14, stoneware base
- 649 31 May, L.2, Pail 18, flint scraper
- 650 31 May, L.2, Pail 18, polishing (?) stone

### **Pottery Pails for P20**

- 1 23 May, L.1, 1 MB, 4 LH/ER, 1 Byz, reg. 0
- 2 Number not used
- 3 24 May, L.2, 1 Byz, reg. 0
- 4 24 May, L.3, 1 MB, 15 LH/ER, reg. 0
- 5 24 May, L.4, 2 LB I, 2 LH/ER, reg. 2
- 6 25 May, L.3, 1 Iron I, 7 LH/ER, 3 Byz, reg. 4
- 7 25 May, L.4, 1 Byz, reg. 0
- 8 26 May, L.1, 2 LB I, 1 UD, reg. 2
- 9 26 May, L.3, 4 LH/ER, 3 Byz, reg. 1
- 10 27 May, L.1, 1 LB I, 1 Iron I, 6 LH/ER, 1 Byz, 4 UD, reg. 1
- 11 27 May, L.3, 1 LH/ER, 3 ER, reg. 3
- 12 27 May, L.6, 1 LB I, reg. 1
- 13 30 May, L.1, 1 LH/ER, reg. 0
- 14 Number not used
- 15 30 May, L.3, 8 LH/ER, 1 Byz, reg. 1
- 16 Number not used
- 17 31 May, L.3, 4 LH/ER, 1 Byz, reg. 2
- 18 31 May, L.1, no diagnostic sherds
- 19 31 May, L.6, 1 LH/ER, reg. 0
- 20 31 May, L.7, 1 LH/ER, 2 Byz, reg. 1
- 21 1 June, L.1, 1 Byz, reg. 0
- 22 1 June, L.7, 5 Byz, reg. 0
- 23 1 June, L.3, 5 Byz, reg. 2
- 24 2 June, L.3, 16 Byz, reg. 0
- 25 2 June, L.7, 6 Byz, reg. 0
- 26 2 June, L.1, 3 LH/ER, reg. 0
- 27 2 June, L.10, 1 LH/ER, reg. 0
- 28–32 Numbers not used

33 3 June, L.6, 1 UD, reg. 1

### **Pottery Pails for P21**

- 1 1 June, L.1, 12 Byz, reg. 2
- 2 1 June, L.2, 2 LH/ER, 1 Byz, 1 UD, reg. 2
- 3 1 June, L.3, 3 LH/ER, 2 Byz, reg. 3
- 4 2 June, L.3, 23 LH/ER, 12 Byz, reg. 3
- 5 2 June, L.1, 8 Byz, reg. 4
- 6 2 June, L.2, 1 LH/ER, 1 Byz, reg. 1
- 7 3 June, L.2, 9 Byz, reg. 1
- 8 3 June, L.1, 4 Byz, reg. 1
- 9 3 June, L.3, 7 LH/ER, 3 Byz, 1 UD, reg. 5

### **Pottery Pails for Q21**

- 8 24 May, L.1, 1 LB I (refired), 7 LH/ER, 2 Byz, reg. 1
- 9 25 May, L.1, 1 LH/ER, 1 Byz, reg. 1
- 10 25 May, L.7, no diagnostic sherds
- 11 26 May, L.7, 1 Iron I, 19 LH/ER, 1 Byz, reg. 1
- 12 26 May, L.1, 1 MB, 5 Byz, reg. 4
- 13 27 May, L.7, 22 LH/ER, reg. 2
- 14 27 May, L.1, 1 LB I (?), 2 Iron I, 4 LH/ER, 4 UD, reg. 3
- 15 30 May, L.2, 32 LH/ER, 3 Byz, reg. 3
- 16 30 May, L.7, 1 MB, 45 LH/ER, 3 Byz, reg. 3
- 17 31 May, L.7, 1 Iron I, 3 LH/ER, 2 Byz, reg. 2
- 18 31 May, L.2, 15 LH/ER, 6 Byz, reg. 3
- 19 31 May, L.8, 4 LH/ER, 8 Byz, reg. 2

### **Photographs for P20, P21 and Q21**

- 11-05-24 C-006 24 May, P20, square, view E
- 11-05-25 C-008 25 May, P20, square, view NE
- 11-05-25 C-014 25 May, P20, square, view E
- 11-05-25 C-015 25 May, N wall, view E
- 11-05-26 C-001 26 May, top of door in window wall, view N
- 11-05-26 N-016 26 May, P20, pottery
- 11-05-26 N-021 26 May, N wall, view S
- 11-05-27 C-010 27 May, structure, view NE
- 11-05-27 C-011 27 May, N wall, view S
- 11-05-30 N-018 30 May, door in window wall, view N
- 11-06-01 N-057 1 June, N room, view S
- 11-06-01 N-068 1 June, door and window in window wall, view N
- 11-06-01 N-069 1 June, entrance, view E
- 11-06-01 N-071 1 June, entrance, view W
- 11-06-01 N-072 1 June, entrance, view W
- 11-06-02 N-016 2 June, window wall, view S
- 11-06-02 N-018 2 June, N room, view SE
- 11-06-02 N-020 2 June, N room, view SE

11-06-02 N-021 2 June, entrance, view E  
11-06-02 N-022 2 June, entrance, view S  
11-06-02 N-023 2 June, entrance, view NW  
11-06-02 N-024 2 June, window wall, view NE  
11-06-02 N-025 2 June, window wall, view N  
11-06-02 N-026 2 June, window wall, view N  
11-06-03 C-002 3 June, structure, view N  
11-06-03 C-004 3 June, structure, view NE  
11-06-03 C-006 3 June, structure, view W  
11-06-03 C-009 3 June, structure, view W  
11-06-03 C-011 3 June, structure, view S  
11-06-03 C-013 3 June, structure, view E

***Square Q25, 23–24 May (Titus Kennedy, Square Supervisor)***



Square Q25, small structure with cistern, view E.

The outline of a structure could be seen on the surface in Square Q25. Upon excavation, a cistern with a square-cut opening, Locus 2, was found on the E side of the room. The walls were constructed of one or two courses of unhewn and semi-hewn stones founded on bedrock.

### **Locus List**

- 1 Disturbed surface soil
- 2 Cistern with square opening
- 3 Soil under L.1 on W side of square
- 4 Soil under L.1 on E side of square
- 5 S wall
- 6 N wall
- 7 Wall proceeding NE from W.5, possibly a dividing wall

### **Object**

663 23 May, L.4, Pail 3, nail

### **Pottery Pails**

- 1 23 May, L.1, 2 Iron I/IIA, 4 ER
- 2 23 May, L.3, 2 Iron IIA, 3 ER, 2 Byz
- 3 23 May, L.4, 1 MB, 3 ER
- 4 24 May, L.3, 1 ER
- 5 23 May, L.4, 2 ER
- 6 25 May, Fill, 8 Iron I, 14 LH, 35 ER, 8 Byz
- 7 25 May, L.7, 2 Iron, 4 LH, 18 ER

### **Photographs**

- 11-05-24 C-011 24 May, square, view E  
11-05-27 C-002 27 May, square, view E

**Squares S24-S25, 25 May–3 June (Titus Kennedy, Square Supervisor)**



Squares S24-S25, two rooms and a cistern, part of a much larger structure, view NW.

Walls of a large structure at least 9.4 x 5.2 m in size were visible on the surface. Two rooms at the N end of the structure were excavated in the E portion of S24 and SW section of S25. For convenience, the two squares were combined into one double square, S24-S25. The walls are



constructed of mostly unhewn small boulders, with a few semi-hewn small boulders and cobble stones, founded on bedrock.

### **Locus List**

- 1 Disturbed surface soil
- 2 Soil under L.1
- 3 Soil under L.2 in SW portion of room
- 4 Soil under L.2 in central and E portion of room
- 5 Soil under L.3 in SW portion of room
- 6 Soil under L.4 in central and E portion of room
- 7 Cistern on E side of room
- 8 E wall
- 9 Dividing wall between E and W sides of room
- 10 N wall

### **Objects**

- 664 26 May, L.2, Pail 3, coin
- 665 30 May, L.3, Pail 4, stone weight
- 666 30 May, L.3, Pail 4, partial coin
- 667 1 June, L.5, Pail 6, coin
- 668 2 June, L.7, Pail 10, coin
- 669 2 June, L.7, Pail 12, nail
- 670 3 June, L.7, Pail 13, unrolled metal amulet

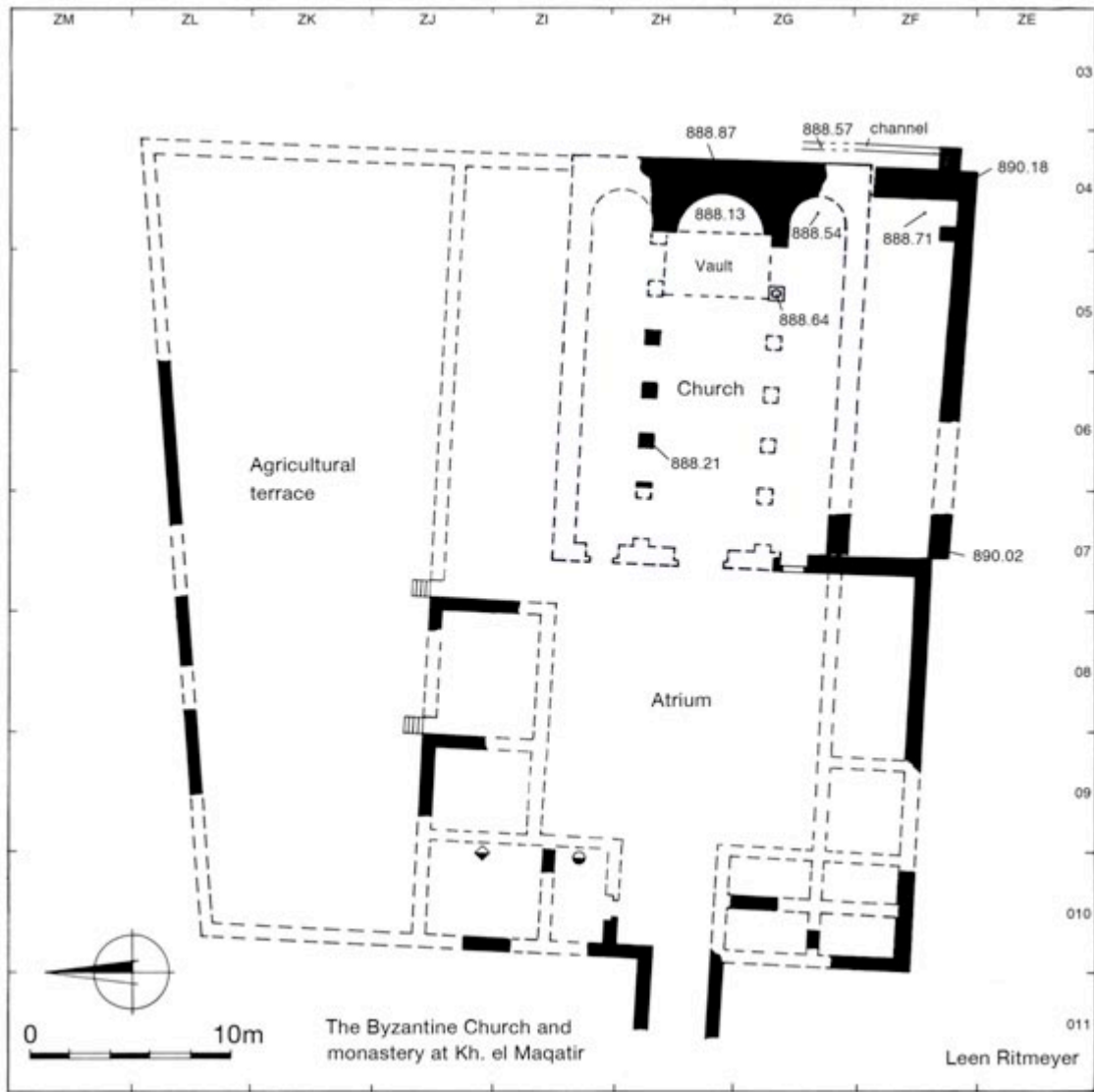
### **Pottery Pails**

- 1 26 May, L.1, 4 Iron I, 2 LH, 22 ER
- 2 26 May, L.1, 8 Iron I, 2 LH, 19 ER
- 3 25 May, L.2, 2 Iron I, 10 ER
- 4 30 May, L.3, 1 Iron I, 2 LH, 22 ER
- 5 30 May, L.4, 8 ER
- 6 1 June, L.5, 1 Iron I, 4 ER
- 7 30 May, L.3, 1 LH, 4 ER
- 8 30 May, L.3, 5 ER
- 9 1 June, L.6, 2 ER
- 10 2 June, L.7, 4 LH, 6 ER
- 11 1 June, L.6, 1 Iron I, 3 ER
- 12 2 June, L.7, 7 LH, 36 ER
- 13 3 June, L.7, 4 LH, 21 ER
- 14 1 June, L.4, 3 ER

### **Photographs**

- 11-06-03 C-028 3 June, cistern, view N
- 11-06-03 C-029 3 June, square, view S
- 11-06-03 C-030 3 June, square, view NW

**Field C, Byzantine Monastery Complex (Scott Stripling, Field Supervisor)**



## 23 May–3 June Season

### **Squares ZC07-ZB07 (Pottery Kiln) 2–3 June (Suzanne R. Lattimer, Square Supervisor)**



Kiln fire chamber (center, Square ZC07) and stoking pit (foreground, Square ZB07) view N.

Remains of a pottery kiln visible on the surface ca. 16 m S of the monastery were excavated 2–3 June. The kiln was a simple vertical up-draft type, with a fire box below the surface and a pottery chamber over the fire box above the surface. An opening into the fire box, the stoking pit, gave access for inserting fuel and stoking the fire. The firebox is located in Square ZC07 and the stoking pit in ZB07. The fire box and pottery chamber would have been separated by a partition floor with holes in it to support the pottery vessels and allow hot gases from the fire box to pass through the pottery vessels. No remains of the pottery chamber and partition floor were found. Only the 1.9 m diameter fire box of the kiln remained. It was constructed of medium-size semi-hewn stones lined with clay. Two Byz diagnostic sherds, 1 piece of roofing tile and 1 tessera were found in the mixed debris of the firebox. It is likely that some of the pottery being found in the church/monastery complex came from this kiln. What appears to be a second kiln, in a poor state of preservation, is located immediately E of the ZC07 kiln.

## **Locus List**

ZC07.1 Disturbed surface soil mixed with tumble from the kiln walls

ZC07.2 Ash fill and burned wood fragments

ZC07.3 Exterior wall and clay lining of the fire box

ZB07.1 Mixed debris in the stoking pit on the S side of the kiln

## **Objects**

654 clay sample from the lining of the fire box

## **Pottery Pails**

1 2 June, L.1, 2 Byz, reg. 1

## **Photographs**

11-06-03 C-026 3 June, stoking pit and fire box, view N

11-06-03 C-027 3 June, fire box, view W

## **Square ZF04, 31 May (Scott Stripling, Square Supervisor)**



Square ZF04, SE corner of monastery complex, view E.

In May 2011, the E balk was removed in order to further expose the E side of the monastery. It was comprised mainly of large tumble from the exterior wall of the structure. There were scattered Byz sherds and a coin minted in the sixth year of Herod Agrippa I. This was the first coin from the first century era found at Khirbet el-Maqtar. It raises the perplexing issue of explaining a first century coin in a fourth/fifth century ecclesiastical structure.

## **Locus List**

23 Removal of E balk

## **Objects**

637 31 May, L.23, Pail 32, coin of King Herod Agrippa I

## **Pottery Pail**

32 31 May, L.23, 4 Byz, reg. 1

## **Photographs**

11-05-25 C-005 25 May, square, view S

11-05-25 C-017 25 May, square, view S

11-05-26 N-022 26 May, square, view S

11-05-27 C-013 27 May, square, view S

11-06-03 C-015 3 June, square, view E

11-06-03 C-016 3 June, square, view E

11-0603 C-018 3 June, square, view E

11-06-03 C-019 3 June, square, view E

## ***Square ZG04, 23 May–1 June (Scott Stripling, Square Supervisor)***



Square ZG04, view E, with the S portion of the central apse on the N and the remains of a possible secondary apse on the S.

The entire 6 x 6 m of ZG04 were excavated from 23 May to 1 June. Over 5,000 medium-size, white, tesserae were found in the square. In Loci 15, 18, and 21 floor levels were evident from the abundant sections of fused, plastered, tesserae (Object 634). ZG04 produced numerous architectural features. The drainage channel which was noted in ZF04 continued into ZG04. There was 1.1 m of the channel in ZFO4 and 0.9 m in ZG04. The portion in ZF04 was carved in bedrock whereas the portion in ZG04 was plastered. About one-fourth of the central apse (L.13) of the church was exposed in the NW corner of the square. Two courses of large-to-medium stones, with portions of plaster intact, were exposed. They were dry-laid on bedrock, with chinking used sparingly. To the S of the central apse a side room was discovered that was roughly 3 x 3 m. The room rounds out on the east side, hence is possibly a secondary apse. There is a large, flat stone on the W edge (most of the stone is in Square ZG05 to the W) that appears to be a threshold. If this is indeed a secondary apse, it escaped the notice of the early explorers (Conder and Kitchner, Wilson, Thomson, and Schneider) who sketched the site when it was much more intact. This would indicate a later date (perhaps mid-fifth century) than the earlier date (fourth-century) that was assumed because of the single apse. The original structure may have been built in the fourth century and then rebuilt in the fifth century. Further excavation will be required to determine if there is a matching secondary apse to the N. Of significant note is a plastered installation (L. 25) in the NW corner of the square. It is unclear what this feature is, as only a small portion was exposed. Given that it is in the foundation of the apse, it could be a crypt or a baptismal font. Excavation of squares ZG05 and ZH05 will be required to determine this. Above this plastered installation and inside the SW corner of the apse were three large, plastered/fused, stones diagonally oriented at a 45 degree angle. They appear to be the spring of an arch.

### **Locus List**

- 1 Disturbed surface soil and debris
- 2 Soil on N side of apse in NW corner
- 3 Stones forming a portion of the S line of the apse
- 4 Collapse from Wall 5
- 5 E-W wall in NW sector, possibly part of the apse
- 6 E-W wall on S side
- 7 Soil beneath the surface debris and over bedrock. This area was contiguous to ZFO4 and appears to be the sub-floor area fill for the paving stones that likely continued from the N edge of ZF04.
- 8 Soil in the rocky W part of the square, under the surface debris and over bedrock
- 9 Soil beneath the surface debris and over bedrock, between loci 1 & 4. Four small, red fresco fragments (Object 617) were found, along with abundant plaster.
- 10 Plastered extension of the drainage channel from ZF04 in the SE corner lying on bedrock. There was 1.1 m of the channel in ZFO4 and 0.9 m in ZG04.
- 11 Soil E of L.10 beneath the surface debris and above bedrock
- 12 Large-to-medium stones forming an E-W wall on the S edge of the central apse. The top was apparent prior to excavation and the bottom rested on bedrock. The wall was parallel to L.19 on the S edge of the square and it merged with L.21, the N-S outer wall of the monastery.
- 13 Central apse of the church; the top was visible prior to excavation. Two courses of large stones were preserved in most of the diameter, spanning ZG04 and ZH04. The total diameter

is 5.5 m. The top (east) of the apse merges with the N-S outer wall of the monastery (L.21) and merges with L.12.

- 14 Area inside the apse in the NW corner of the square. It was below L.1 and above L.20.
- 15 Area E of the apse (L.13) in the NE corner, below L.1. A floor level with many fused and plastered tesserae was noted. The same floor level was noted in LL.18 and 22.
- 16 Area with large stones and tumble in the SE corner to the E of L.12 (E-W wall of monastery). It was below L.1 and above bedrock.
- 17 Area beneath L.14 inside the apse (L.13) and above L.25 (plastered structure) in the NW corner.
- 18 Area in the SW portion of the square below L.1. There were 12 sections of fused plaster and tesserae, indicating a floor level. The same floor level was noted in LL.15 22.
- 19 E-W wall on the S edge of the square. It was under L.18 and above bedrock. The wall consists of five medium-size stones that were dry-laid.
- 20 Three large, plastered-fused stones diagonally oriented at 45 degrees inside the central apse. It was under tumble and above L.25 (plastered feature). This is possibly the foundation of an arch, or it may be a section of the apse that fell in perfect orientation.
- 21 Exterior E wall of the church/monastery. It was under tumble and a mixed matrix and over bedrock.
- 22 Area below L.18 and above bedrock in the W portion of the square between LL. 12, 19, and 21. This appears to be a side room (3 x 3 m) to the S of the central apse (L.13) or a secondary apse. The density of the tesserae in L.22 was two or three times greater than in L.18 above it. A floor level was indicated by numerous fused/plastered tesserae.
- 23 Area under L.20 and over L.25 (plastered structure) in the NW corner.
- 24 Area under tumble and above bedrock E of the exterior monastery wall. Over 1,000 large tesserae came from this locus.
- 25 Plastered area below LL.20 and 23. It is unclear what this feature was, as only a small portion was visible in the NW corner of the square. Given that it is in the foundation of the apse, it could be a crypt or a baptismal font. Excavation of the two adjacent squares (ZG05 and ZH05) will be required to determine this.

## **Objects**

- 621 24 May, L.12, Pail 13, nail
- 625 25 May, L.18, Pail 15, two nails
- 630 26 May, L.18, Pail 16, ritual item (?) of unknown material
- 633 30 May, L.23, Pail 21, plaster samples
- 634 31 May, L.22, Pail 20, tessera cluster
- 652 1 June, L.24, Pail 22, green glass
- 662 27 May, L.22, Pail 17, nail

## **Pottery Pails**

- 13 23 May, L.12, 1 Byz, reg. 0
- 14 24 May, L.14, 1 Byz, reg. 0
- 15 25 May, L.18, 1 LB I, 2 Byz, reg. 1
- 16 26 May, L.18, 2 Byz, reg. 1
- 17 27 May, L.22, 2 Byz, reg. 1
- 18 27 May, L.23, 2 Byz, reg. 1

19 27 May, L.24, 5 Byz, reg. 2  
20 30 May, L.22, 2 Byz, reg. 1  
21 30 May, L.23, 1 Byz, reg. 0  
22 31 May, L.24, 1 Byz, reg. 0  
23 31 May, L.23, 4 Byz, reg. 1

### **Photographs**

11-05-25 C-005 25 May, square, view S  
11-05-25 C-017 25 May, square, view S  
11-05-26 N-022 26 May, square, view S  
11-05-27 C-013 27 May, square, view S  
11-06-03 C-015 3 June, square, view E  
11-06-03 C-016 3 June, square, view E  
11-06-03 C-017 3 June, square, view E  
11-06-03 C-018 3 June, square, view E

### **Square ZH04, 1–3 June (Scott Stripling, Square Supervisor)**



Square ZH04, the central apse of the church, view E.

The entire 6 x 6 m of ZH04 was excavated 1–3 June. Over 6,000 medium-size, white tesserae were found in the square. Some of these were wedged in the crags of the bedrock, indicating a rebuild of the structure. Thus, there were likely at least two phases of occupation at the site in the Byzantine era. About three-fourths of the central apse (L.3) of the church was exposed. There were two courses of large-to-medium stones with portions of plaster intact. They were dry-laid on bedrock with occasional chink stones. The apse merged with the E wall of the church/monastery (L.8). A small portion of the plastered structure from ZG04 continued into ZH04, but due to its delicate nature it was not probed. Additional excavation of ZG05 and ZH05



will be required to determine the function of this structure. One of the three large, diagonally-oriented, stones mentioned in the ZG04 summary extended into ZH04. Eight coins of various ages were discovered in the interior of the apse (L.6), the earliest of which is a coin of Ptolemy III.

### **Locus List**

- 1 Disturbed surface soil
- 2 Soil beneath L.1 and above apse stones
- 3 Central apse of the church, with a diameter of 5.49 m. The top (east) of the apse merges with the E outer wall of the monastery.
- 4 Soil W of (inside) the apse where four coins were found
- 5 Soil E (outside) the apse
- 6 Removal of the sub-balk in the N 2 m of the square
- 7 Two steps on the outside of the apse that provided ingress and egress
- 8 Continuation from ZG04 and ZF04 of the E (outer) wall of the church/monastery. It was abutted by two steps (L.7).

### **Objects**

- 638 1 June, L.1, Pail 6, coin of Great Britain AD 1884
- 639 1 June, L.1, Pail 6, coin AD 383–395
- 640 1 June, L.1, Pail 6, unidentified coin
- 641 1 June, L.4, Pail 7, coin of John Hyrcanus I
- 642 1 June, L.4, Pail 7, coin of Ptolemy II
- 644 1 June, L.4, Pail 7, coin of Alexander Jannaeus
- 645 1 June, L.4, Pail 7, coin AD 383–392
- 659 3 June, L.6, Pail 9, Roman glass, 19 pieces

### **Pottery Pails**

- 9 3 June, L.6, 2 Byz, reg. 1

### **Photographs**

- 11-06-03 C-015 3 June, square, view E
- 11-06-03 C-016 3 June, square, view E

## **27–31 December Season**

### ***Square ZG05, 28–30 December (Steve Rudd, Square Supervisor)***

A 3 x 4 m probe trench was opened to examine the plastered feature and arch stones discovered in the May-June season in the NW corner of Square ZG04. A matching arch spring was found 3.47 W of the arch spring discovered in Square ZG04. It continues N into Square ZH05. The plastered feature occupies the area beneath the arch in the NE corner of ZG05 and continues into

ZH05. In addition, a column base and the capital from this column base, and an *in situ* door frame with two side door stops were discovered.



Square ZG05, view N.

### Locus List

- 1 Disturbed surface soil in initial 3 x 3 m probe
- 2 Continuation of arch stones from Square ZH05
- 3 Wall continuing from Square ZH05
- 4 Column base
- 5 Soil beneath L.1 in initial 3 x 3 m probe and above the floor level determined by articulated tesserae
- 6 Soil beneath floor level and above bedrock in initial 3 x 3 m probe
- 7 Disturbed surface soil of 1 m extension of 3 x 3 m probe trench
- 8 Soil below L.7 in 1 m extension
- 9 Soil between the arches
- 10 Soil below L.10 and above bedrock
- 11 Soil and plaster on bedrock
- 12 Door frame with left and right jambs *in situ*. Door stops on both jambs had been cut out of large rocks. Also, a door sweep at the bottom had been carved out of bedrock.
- 13 Three steps associated with L.13
- 14 Continuation of bench from Square ZH05

- 15 Plastered feature,
- 16 Bedrock

### **Objects**

- 697 29 Dec, L.6, Pail 4, iron rivet ?
- 698 29 Dec, L.6, Pail 4, pounder
- 699 30 Dec, L.6, Pail 4, Corinthian capital
- 700 30 Dec, L.9, Pail 6, coin of Theodosius I
- 704 30 Dec, L.8, Pail 5, Corinthian capital fragment

### **Pottery Pails**

- 1 28 Dec, L.1, 22 Byz, reg. 1
- 2 28 Dec, L.5, 23 Byz, reg. 0
- 3 28 Dec, L.7, no diagnostic sherds
- 4 29 Dec, L.6, 20 Byz, reg. 3
- 5 29 Dec, L.8, no diagnostic sherds
- 6 30 Dec, L.9, 8 Byz, reg. 0
- 7 30 Dec, L.10, 2 Byz, reg. 0
- 8 30 Dec, L.11, no diagnostic sherds

### **Photographs**

- 121228ZG05-1 28 Dec, square

**Square ZH05, 19–27 December (Steve Rudd, Square Supervisor)**



Square ZH05, view S.

The rest of the arch spring and plastered feature found in Squares ZG04 and ZG05 were found in Square ZH05. The arch, or vault, and the plastered feature beneath it occupies an area measuring 3.47 m E-W and 6.37 m N-S. The arch appears to be part of a structure which spanned the front of the church to provide support for a raised area where church services were conducted. The plastered feature possible butts up against a well marked by Wilson in 1866 and might have been a small cistern or baptistery.

**Locus List**

- 1 Disturbed surface soil of the N 6 x 3 m area of the square
- 2 A N-S section of on arch spring that mates with another set of arch stones uncovered to the east in Square ZH04
- 3 Area E of the arch stones below L.1 measuring 1.8 x 3 m
- 4 Soil W of the arch stones below L.1
- 5 Soil E of the arch below L.3
- 6 Soil W of the arch below L.4
- 7 The soil W of the arch below L.6 and above bedrock
- 8 Soil directly above bedrock between the two rows of arch stones
- 9 Disturbed surface soil in the S 6 x 3 m portion of the square
- 10 Tumble below L.9
- 11 3.33 x 3m area west of the arch stones
- 12 Soil beneath L.11
- 13 Column base in NW portion of the square

- 14 Area east of the arches measuring 1.8 x 3 m
- 15 Soil below L.14 and a theoretical floor level just below the column base
- 16 Soil below L.15 and above bedrock, W of the arch stones
- 17 Soil below L.16 just above bedrock
- 18 Bedrock

### **Objects**

- 631 20 Dec, L.4, Pail 3, Opus Sectile
- 672 20 Dec, L.5, Pail 4, Marble chip
- 673 20 Dec, L.4, Pail 3, Hollow rim of glass
- 675 21 Dec, L.6, Pail 5, Iron nail
- 676 21 Dec, L.5, Pail 4, Coin AD 383–392
- 677 22 Dec, L.5, Pail 4, Stone pounder
- 678 23 Dec, L.7, Pail 5, Glass base
- 682 25 Dec, L.14, Pail 8, Coin 5th cent AD
- 683 25 Dec, L.14, Pail 8, Glass handle
- 686 27 Dec, L.14, Pail 11, Opus Sectile
- 687 27 Dec, L.15, Pail 10, Coin 5th cent AD (?) or token (?)
- 688 27 Dec, L.14, Pail 11, Coin late 5th–early 6th cent AD
- 689 27 Dec, L.14, Pail.11, Glass rim
- 690 27 Dec, L.14, Pail.11, Glass tube
- 692 28 Dec, L.17, Pail.13, Glass tube
- 693 28 Dec, L.17, Pail 13, Coin late 5th–early 6th cent AD (?)
- 694 28 Dec, L.17, Pail 13, Coin late 5th–early 6th cent AD (?)
- 695 28 Dec, L.17, Pail 13, Coin late 5th cent AD
- 696 28 Dec, L.17, Pail 13, Coin late 5th–early 6th cent AD
- 701 23 Dec, L.7, Pail 5, Coin 125–80 BC
- 702 22 Dec, L.5, Pail 4, Coin AD 383–393

### **Pottery Pails**

- 1 20 Dec, L.1, 2 Byz, reg. 1
- 2 20 Dec, L.3, 2 Byz, reg. 0
- 3 20 Dec, L.4, 4 Byz, reg. 0
- 4 20 Dec, L.5, 18 Byz, reg. 3
- 5 21 Dec, L.6, 21 Byz, reg. 0
- 6 23 Dec, L.8, 4 Byz, reg. 1
- 7 23 Dec, L.9, 5 Byz, reg. 1
- 8 26 Dec, L.14, 1 Byz, reg. 1
- 9 number not used
- 10 number not used
- 11 27 Dec, L.14, 16 Byz, reg. 0
- 12 27 Dec, L.16, 4 Byz, reg. 0
- 13 28 Dec, L.17, 12 Byz, reg. 0

### **Photograph**

- 121228ZH05-1 28 Dec. square

## **Square ZH06, 19–28 December (Jacob Figueroa, Square Supervisor)**



Square H06, View S.

Exploration in the nave of the church continued by excavating Square ZH06, where three column bases were discovered.

### **Locus List**

- 1 Disturbed surface soil in a 3 x 3 m probe in the NW corner of the square
- 2 Disturbed surface soil in a 3 x 3 m probe in the NE corner of the square
- 3 Soil beneath L.1
- 4 Soil beneath L.2
- 5 Column base in NE corner of L.3 resting on stones on bedrock
- 6 Column base in NE corner of L.4 resting on stones on bedrock
- 7 Column base in NW corner of L.3 resting on stones on bedrock. Only ca. half of it is exposed with the other half remaining in the W balk.
- 8 Soil beneath LL. 3 and 4
- 9 Hard-packed soil beneath Locus 8
- 10 Paving stones in the NE corner of L.4 connecting to the S border of L.6. This locus is a floor and for preservation purposes the soil from beneath it was not excavated.
- 11 Disturbed surface soil in the S 3 x 5 m of the square
- 12 Medium tumble in a 3 x 3 m area in the SW beneath L.11
- 13 Soil in a 3 x 3 m area in the SE section of the square
- 14 Bedrock below L.9

### **Objects**

- 643 20 Dec, L.2, Pail 2, Square-headed nail
- 648 20 Dec, L.2, Pail 2, Square-headed nail
- 671 20 Dec, L.2, Pail 1, Corinthian capital fragment
- 674 21 Dec, L.3, Pail 3, Square-headed nail

- 679 22 Dec, L.4, Pail 4, Square-headed nail
- 680 22 Dec, L.4, Pail 4, Square-headed nail
- 681 23 Dec, L.8, Pail 6, Metal pin
- 684 27 Dec, L.12, Pail 11, Basalt grindstone fragment
- 685 27 Dec, L.12, Pail 11, Opus Sectile
- 703 23 Dec, L.8, Pail 6, Coin 125–80 BC

### **Pottery Pails**

- 1 20 Dec, L.2, 3 Byz, reg. 1
- 2 number not used
- 3 21 Dec, L.3, 26 Byz, reg. 0
- 4 22 Dec, L.4, 2 Byz, reg. 0
- 5 L.4, 3 Byz, reg. 0
- 6 23 Dec, L.4, 2 Byz, reg. 0
- 7 number not used
- 8 L.8, 2 Byz, reg. 1
- 9 L.9, 12 Byz, reg. 1
- 10 L.12, 6 Byz, reg.0
- 11 27 Dec, L.12, 8 Byz, reg. 1

### **Photo**

- 121228ZH06-1 28 Dec, square



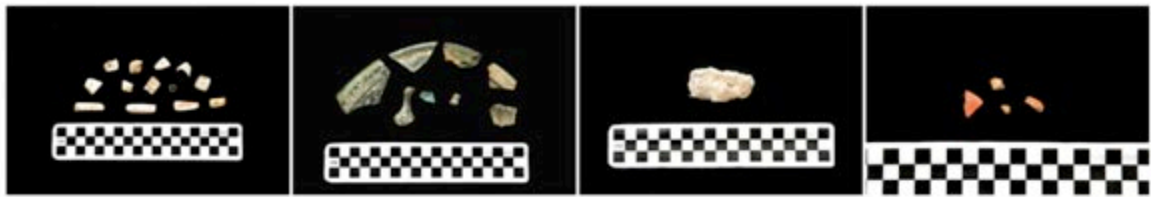


## Appendix 1: Object List, 2011

No.	Object	Material	Date	Square	Locus	Pail
618	Mirror fragment	silver ?	30 May	Q21	2	15
619	Shaped stone	stone	24 May	O20	1	2
620	Shaped stone	stone	24 May	O20	1	2
621	Nail	iron	24 May	ZG04	12	13
622	Stylus	ivory/bone	24 May	P20	2	2
623	Nail	iron	24 May	P20	2	2
624	Pounder	stone	25 May	P20	3	6
625	Nails (2)	iron	25 May	ZG04	18	15
626	Blade	flint	25 May	G17	8	36
627	Roof tile	clay	25 May	Q21	7	10
628	Grindstone fragment	basalt	25 May	O20	2	3
629	Sling stone	stone	25 May	O20	2	3
630	Ritual item	unknown	26 May	ZH04	18	16
631	Opus sectile fragment	unknown	20 Dec	ZH05	4	3
632	Stoneware base	limestone	27 May	Q21	1	14
633	Plaster samples from interior of arch	plaster	30 May	ZG04	23	21
634	Tessera cluster	limestone	31 May	ZG04	22	20
635	Porcius Festus coin	bronze	1 June	P21	1	1
636	John Hyrcanus I coin	bronze	1 June	O18	9	26
637	Herod Agrippa I coin	bronze	31 May	ZF04	23	32
638	British 1884 coin	bronze	1 June	ZH04	1	6
639	AD 383-395 coin	bronze	1 June	ZH04	1	6
640	Late 4th century AD coin	bronze	1 June	ZH04	1	6
641	Hasmonean coin, 125-103 BC	bronze	1 June	ZH04	4	7
642	Ptolemy II coin	bronze	1 June	ZH04	4	7
643	Nail	iron	20 Dec	ZH05	2	2
644	Alexander Jannaeus coin	bronze	1 June	ZH04	4	7
645	383-392 coin	bronze	1 June	ZH04	4	7
646	Jewish War coin, AD 67/68	bronze	2 June	P20	10	27
647	Scraper	flint	30 May	G17	10	38
648	Nail	iron	20 Dec	ZH05	2	2
649	Scraper	flint	31 May	Q21	2	18
650	Shaped stone	stone	31 May	Q21	2	18
651	Stoneware base	limestone	1 June	P21	3	3
652	Green glass	glass	31 May	ZG04	24	22
653	Shaped stone	stone	2 June	P21	3	4
654	Kiln sample	clay	2 June	ZC07	1	1
655	Stoneware bowl fragment	limestone	2 June	P21	2	6
656	Shaped stone	stone	2 June	P21	1	5
657	Sherd with lines	clay	1 June	P21	1	1
658	Grindstone fragment	stone	2 June	P21	3	4
659	Glass fragments, 19 pieces	glass	3 June	ZH04	6	9
660	Plate fragments, 15 pieces	glass	3 June	P21	3	9
661	Grindstone fragment	basalt	3 June	P20	6	?
662	Nail	iron	27 May	ZG04	22	17
663	Nail	iron	23 May	Q25	4	3
664	Coin	bronze	26 May	S24-S25	2	3
665	Weight	stone	30 May	S24-S25	3	4
666	Partial coin	bronze	30 May	S24-S25	3	4
667	Coin	bronze	1 June	S24-S25	5	6

668	Coin	bronze	2 June	S24-S25	7	10
669	Rail	iron	2 June	S24-S25	7	12
670	Unrolled metal amulet	metal	3 June	S24-S25	5	13
671	Corinthian capital fragment	limestone	20 Dec	ZH06	2	1
672	Stone chip	marble	20 Dec	ZH05	5	4
673	Rim	glass	20 Dec	ZH05	4	3
674	Nail	iron	21 Dec	ZH06	3	3
675	Nail	iron	21 Dec	ZH05	6	5
676	AD 383-392 coin	bronze	21 Dec	ZH05	5	4
677	Sling stone	limestone	22 Dec	ZH05	5	4
678	Tube	glass	23 Dec	ZH05	7	5
679	Nail	iron	22 Dec	ZH06	4	4
680	Nail	iron	22 Dec	ZH06	4	4
681	Rod	metal	23 Dec	ZH06	8	7
682	5th century AD coin	bronze	26 Dec	ZH05	14	8
683	Semi-circle	glass	26 Dec	ZH05	14	8
684	Grindstone fragment	basalt	27 Dec	ZH06	12	11
685	Opus sectile	unknown	27 Dec	ZH05	12	11
686	Opus sectile	unknown	27 Dec	ZH05	14	11
687	Coin/token	bronze	27 Dec	ZH05	15	10
688	Late 5th-early 6th century AD coin	bronze	27 Dec	ZH05	14	11
689	Rim	glass	27 Dec	ZH05	14	11
690	Tube	glass	27 Dec	ZH05	14	11
691	Articulated tesserae	limestone	29 Dec	ZG05	5	2
692	Tube	glass	28 Dec	ZH05	17	13
693	Late 5th-early 6th century AD coin	bronze	28 Dec	ZH05	17	13
694	Late 5th-early 6th century AD coin	bronze	28 Dec	ZH05	17	13
695	Late 5th century AD coin	bronze	28 Dec	ZH05	17	13
696	Late 5th-early 6th century AD coin	bronze	28 Dec	ZH05	17	13
697	Rivet (?)	iron	29 Dec	ZG05	6	4
698	Pounder	limestone	29 Dec	ZG05	6	4
699	Corinthian capital fragment	limestone	30 Dec	ZG05	6	4
700	Theodosius I coin	bronze	30 Dec	ZG05	9	6
701	Hasmonean coin, 125-80 BC	bronze	23 Dec	ZH05	7	5
702	AD 383-395 coin	bronze	22 Dec	ZH05	5	4
703	Hasmonean coin, 124-80 BC	bronze	23 Dec	ZH06	8	7
704	Corinthian capital fragment	limestone	30 Dec	ZG05	8	5

## Khirbet el Maqatir 2011 Objects

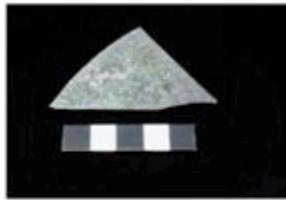


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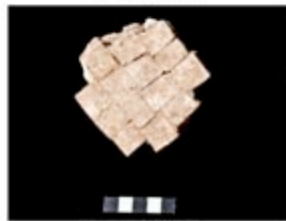
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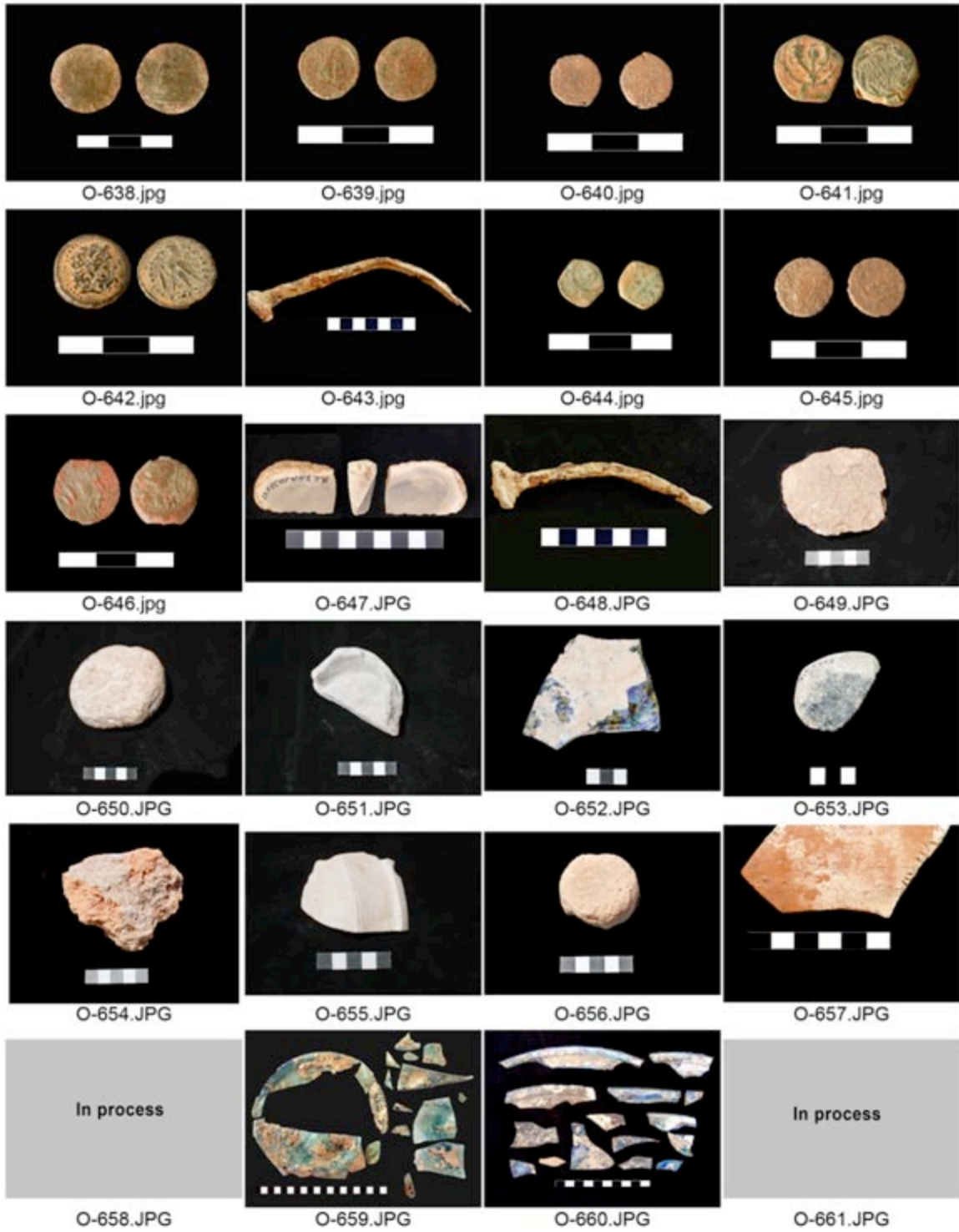


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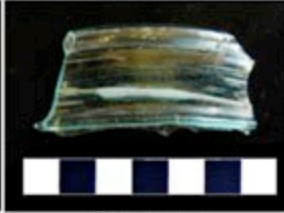




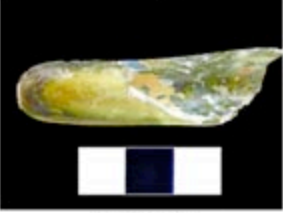




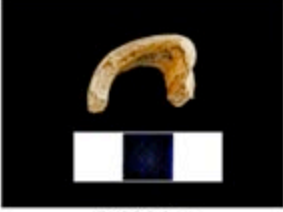




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In process	In process	In process	In process
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In process			
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O-682.jpg	O-683.jpg	O-684.jpg	O-685.jpg

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