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# Tel Shimron Excavations and the Archaeology of Israel

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**2023 DISCOVERIES** 

•Acropolis about the size of

an Olympic swimming pool

(1,200 square meters/13,000

•A 16ft./5m tall mudbrick

gate with a corbelled vault. \*This is the earliest example

of a corbelled vault in the

Levant (ca. 1800 BCE).

square feet)

#### **ABOUT TEL SHIMRON**

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- Dan Master (Wheaton College)
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### **MISSION**

Tel Shimron Excavation seeks to understand the ancient world, including the world of the Bible, through rigorous archaeological investigation, in order to provide resources for the study of Levantine history and culture over the last five thousand years.

## **SIGNIFICANCE**

- Tel Shimron appears in the Bible (Joshua 11:1-5; 12:20; 19:15)
- It is the largest
- archaeological site in the Jezreel Valley.
- The site has been continually occupied for over 8000 years:
  - Neolithic period (8300-5500 BC),
  - Early Bronze Age (3700-2500 BC),
  - Middle Bronze Age (2000-1550 BC),
  - Late Bronze Age (1550-1200 BC),
  - Iron Age I (1200–1000 BC),
  - Iron Age II (1000–586 BC),
  - Persian period (539–332 BC)
  - Hellenistic period (332–37 BC)
  - Roman period (37 BC-324 AD)
  - Byzantine period (324–636 AD)
  - Islamic period (636–1500 AD)

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Tarsha Sylvester to be used for offerings.

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Bethel Seminary student,

Corbelled vault with

mudbrick stairway.

