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January 7, 2005, 7:30 P.M. Keith Eades and Annual Election of Officers

Professor Eades, a member of BAS familiar to many of us, will speak on "Biblical Characters and Ancient Inscriptions." He plans to focus primarily on the evidence from seal impressions for Old Testament characters and use several of the well accepted inscriptions mentioning New Testament characters. He may even try to catch us up on the current stage of the James ossuary controversy.

December 3, 2004, 7:30 P.M. Michael Phelps

Mr. Phelps is the Executive Director of the Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center at the Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, CA. He is responsible for the Mount Athos Digital Library and Preservation Project in collaboration with a long list of other prestigious organizations. He and his associates are busy digitally photographing manuscripts inside numerous monasteries on Mount Athos, Greece. He will speak on "How the New Testament Became a Book."

November 5, 2004, 7:30 P.M.

Dr. James E. Lancaster, Ph.D.

Dr. Lancaster has traveled extensively throughout the Holy Land and has a particular interest in the City of Jerusalem and its fascinating history. His presentation, "Where the Temple Once Stood," will consider at least four locations for the Temple in Jerusalem. Three are on Temple Mount; the third is just to the south. The focus will be primarily on the work of archaeologist Leen Ritmeyer and his theory on the location of the Holy of Holies, the most sacred part of the Temple.



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October 1, 2004, 7:30 P.M

Important last minute change in speakers!

Pastor Garry Mohr, our BAS president, replaces Dr. Monica Bontty as our speaker this Friday, October 1, at 7:30 PM. He will discuss the latest developments at Caesarea Maritima, an archaeological site where he spent many summers exploring its hidden secrets.

Dr. Bontty had a scheduling problem with tomorrow's meeting, but plans to present her previously planned topic at our March 4, 2005 meeting.

September 10*, 2004 (Date Change), 7:30 P.M.

Rob Wertheim, Jews for Jesus

Mr. Wertheim, a senior staff member for Jews for Jesus, received degrees in music from Brooklyn College and Manhattan School of Music and a Master's degree in Missiology from Fuller School of World Missions. In 1988 he joined the Jews for Jesus staff and in 1990 he participated in a month long evangelistic outreach in Israel. Rob's presentation, "Christ in the Feast of Tabernacles," will paint a vivid picture of how Jesus fulfilled the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot). He will "explain how the Feast of Tabernacles, or Sukkot, is a vibrant part of Jewish life today and how the holiday offers a wealth of meaning for Christians who value their Old Testament heritage." You will see "ceremonies such as the ancient water pouring ceremony, the waving of the lulav and the hanging of fruit in the temporary shelter" and see how Jesus applied the traditional elements of this joyous festival to his life and mission. You will also gain new insight into the phrases "light of the world" and "living Water." "On the last day, that great day of the feast (of Tabernacles), Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

Jews for Jesus is an evangelical group, so a Christian message will be evident in the presentation.

August 6, 7:30 PM

Pat (Patricia) DePew. She has recently completed her dissertation on the Iron Age of Israel (time of David), and will lecture on "Iraq and the Bible.

IRAQ AND THE BIBLE

This program will be an overview of the Archaeology of Iraq in relationship to the Old Testament time period. Some of the major excavations that will be discussed include [Ur](#), [Nineveh](#), [Babylon](#), [Akkad](#), and [Khorsabad](#). Exciting archaeological finds include the ancient inscriptions of the [Epic of Gilgamesh](#) and the [Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser II](#), and the exciting Assyrian palaces of the kings Shalmaneser II, Tiglath-pileser, Sargon II, and Sennacherib. A brief update will be given about the reports from [National Geographic](#) and the results of those who have gone to Iraq within the last six months and checked the ancient sites and the current status of valuable artifacts of the [National Museum](#).

July 9th 7:30 PM



Dr. Richard Fales topic on will be "who killed Christ?" An examination of the events of "Holy Week". This is a story of a lust for military might, amplified with greed, power and religious manipulation and control by Pontius Pilate (governed from 26-36 A.D./c.e), one of 14 Roman Procurators of the Imperial Roman Empire, and a High Priest named Joseph Bern Caiaphas(18-36 A.D./c.e.). Archaeology has unearthed empirical evidence of their existence. In addition both Biblical and ancient non-biblical records attest to a debauched conspiracy on the part of the local Roman authority and their appointed religious hierarchy." This is a continuation of Dr. Fales talk of March 5, 2004.

June 4, 2004 7:30 P.M.



V. Bailey Gillespie, Ph.D., Professor of Theology and Christian Personality School of Religion, La Sierra University, Riverside, CA

Will speak on - The Jewel of the Galilee: Zippori

Zippori (Sepphoris) got its name because it sits on a mountaintop like a bird. It is the home of the Mona Lisa of the Galilee and is often called "Jesus' city." Rebuilt by Herod Antipas, who inherited Galilee from his father, he decided to rebuild the city in 3 BC. Maybe he drew the artisan Joseph and his family to settle in nearby Nazareth. But we do know that Antipas made Sepphoris "the ornament of all Galilee." Take close look at this archeological site with its mosaics, synagogue, and water system and enjoy this remarkable, peaceful place.

May 7th 2004 7:30 P.M.



Dr. Wm. Schniedewind, of UCLA and author of Society and the Promise To David, will present a lecture from his new book: How the Bible Became a Book. In this talk, he will explain the tension between the oral and written tradition and its impact on ancient Israel and Judaism and early Christianity.

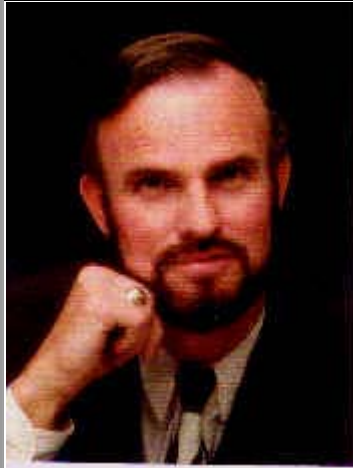
April 2nd at 7:30



Dr Sema'an I. Salem Professor emeritus at Cal State U. Long Beach, will present:

The Near East, the cradle of Western Civilization, examines the development of the great ancient civilizations of the Near East and how the knowledge of the people of the Orient spread over surrounding regions. The author provides clear analysis of how the ancient near provided the west with the foundations of civilization including writing systems, domestication of animals, and governmental systems

March 5th 7:30 PM



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JANUARY 9th, 7:30pm



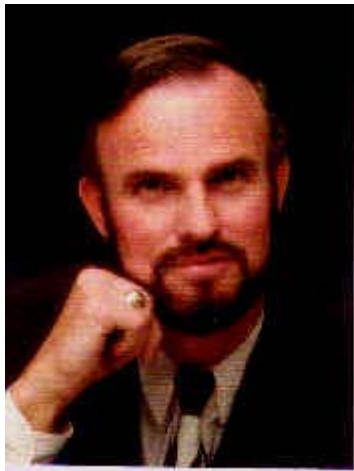
Robert Cargill Director of Operations, ISAR,Pepperdine University, will present,

"The Mosaics of Sepphoris

Mr.Cargill will discuss the various mosaics of the city, the stories they tell, and their significance with regards to the city's regional status in the first century.

DECEMBER 5th ,7:30pm

Dr. Richard Fales will present "The First Century Before Christ". In this presentation, Dr. Fales will



explore the historical context which led up the birth of Jesus. He will also speak about the origin of [Hanukkah](#). The lecture is illustrated and authentic artifacts will be there to examine. A special 20 minute preview of his new video will be incorporated into this lecture.

NOVEMBER 7TH , 7:30pm

[Dr. Robert Mullins](#) speaks on "[Beth Shean](#) During the Amarna Age: Was it Really an Egyptian Garrison?" Dr. Mullins who earned degrees from U.C.L.A. and Hebrew University of Jerusalem, has excavated for seven years at Beth Shean, a late bronze age Egyptian Garrison and for four years at Tel Rehov, an iron age site.

October 3rd 7:30 pm

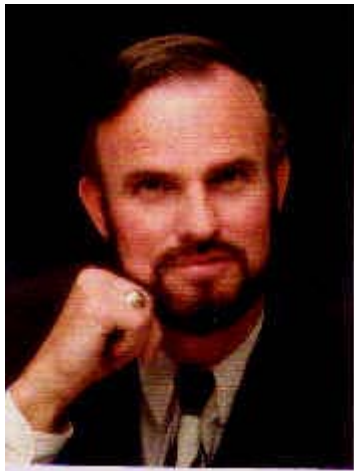
Robert M. Beer will present "A Geoarchaeological examination of [Jerusalem](#) and [Temple Mount](#)". Mr. Beer is a geoarchaeologist/geophysicist in the application of modern geophysical techniques to solving archaeological problems. He has been involved in the research of the Philistine burial grounds in Hebron, Beersheba, and other Old Testament sites. Of great interest is his work in Jerusalem, including the Western Wall, South Wall of the Temple and the caverns under the Temple Mount.

September 5th, 7:30 pm

[Michael Phelps](#) is Director of the [Ancient Biblical Manuscript Center in Claremont, California](#). He is and his are busy at work digitally photographing manuscripts in the [Monastery on Mt. Athos](#). We are privileged to be the first to see the work of the 6/03 season. The manuscripts are some of the oldest and rarest works ever discovered.

[Mount Athos Digital Library](#)

July 11, 7:30 pm	
	Dr. Richard Fales "Jesus the Carpenter from Galilee"



focuses on the life of Y'shua prior to his proclamation of Messiah ship in 27 AD. Borrowing from his later teaching ministry, we will note clues to the personal knowledge of the includes Archaeological discoveries that reveal techniques of ancient construction and their reference to the New Testament texts.

August 1st, 7:30 pm



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House of David or Tent of David? Current Trends in Biblical and Archaeological Studies,
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✚ "Codex Sinaiticus: Its History and Characteristics," [Biblical Archaeology Society](#), Los Angeles Chapter, February 2003

"The Manuscripts Behind the New Testament," [Biblical Archaeology Society](#), Los Angeles Chapter, April 2001

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