

# APOLOGETICS

Reasons for Belief

## Lesson 2: How Archaeology affirms the Bible

*The LORD bless you and keep you: The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you: The LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

Numbers 6:24-26

### INTRODUCTION

This is oldest passage of scripture currently known to have been preserved. It was found written on two tiny scraps of silver foil which are referred to as the Amulet Scroll. Each was rolled up and possibly worn around someone's neck and was buried with the person.

**What is the science known as archaeology?**

How did ancient rulers make their exploits public? Give two examples.

What has been discovered that enabled King David's successful capture of Jerusalem?

What was the man's name?

How was this pathway to Jerusalem verified?

What is a siege ramp and where can one be seen today?

What scripture verses, does the Taylor Stele confirm?

What information did ancient cylinders reveal about the royal status of Belshazzar and how did this confirm Daniel 5:16?

What were personal seals used for and what is their archaeology value?

Cyrus the Great was prophesied by Isaiah that God would use him as his instrument. This was about 200 years before Cyrus was born. What light has archaeology shed on Cyrus?

What was the controversy about the Pool of Siloam?

How many biblical characters have been identified from sources outside of the Bible?

Does this give you confidence in the integrity of the Bible?

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