

SUMMARIES

TOPOGRAPHIC AND ETHNOGRAPHIC NOTES, III

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THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF ARAM

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THE REMOVAL OF THE ARK OF COVENANT

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THE EXCAVATIONS AT AZOR, 1960

by M. DOTAN

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A SURVEY OF THE VESSELS RECOVERED FROM THE SEA OFF THE COAST OF ISRAEL

by D. BARAG

In the years 1957–59, the author carried out a survey of the over 400 pottery vessels fished up off the Israeli coast by local fishermen. The vessels came mostly from the 28–35 fathom depth range. Three concentrations are evident: off Ashkelon, Ashdod, and between Caesarea and Dor. An analysis revealed interesting facts on the history of seafaring along this coast: the finds cover all the periods between MB II and the Arab period, with a marked gap in Iron Age I (and only one vessel from EB I); more than 90% are of local manufacture; more than 50% are storage vessels; most represented are the 8th–4th cent. B.C. and the 4th–6th cent. A.D.; the Arab period is sparsely represented.

SOME UNPUBLISHED ANCIENT SEALS

by N. AVIGAD

1. Scarab, with griffon couchant and ankh symbol. Inscribed: *L'bd'*. Phoenician, 8th–7th cent. B.C. — 2. Scaraboid. Bearded figure to 1., holding ankh in r., lifting 1. In field 8-pointed star and crescent. Inscribed: *Lḥnn*. Phoenician, 7th–6th cent. B.C. — 3. Scaraboid inscribed: *ndb'l/bn 'ms'l*. Ammonite?. 7th cent. B.C. — 4. Discoid with three registers. Top: grazing gazelle?. Below inscription: *Lnḥm b/n Ḥmn*. — 5. Scaraboid with three registers. In centre lion passant with star in front and rhombus below. Above: *L'z'l b*, below *'tzn (uzi'* reverse), to be read *l'z'l b/n zt'*, 5th cent. B.C. 6. Discoid. *Lḥgy b/n....* 7th–6th cent. B.C.

A LAMP WITH A SAMARITAN INSCRIPTION

by I. BEN-ZVI

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ON THE FRAGMENT OF PSALMS FROM NAḤAL ḤEVER

(see p. 53 above)

by D. LEIBEL

The author suggests that the two parts of verses lacking a parallel in this fragment (part of v. 2 and of v. 4) belong together and form one complete verse.

V A R I A

R. Giveon publishes an Egyptian ivory seal which he reads *R'mm m't ḥfr* and interprets, following Drioton, as a code meaning Ammon-Ra. In an addendum *J. Leibovitch* suggests the reading: *R' mn t'w ḥfr m't*. *M. Naor* and *Z Kallai* discuss the "fountain which is in Jezreel" (1 Sam. xxix, 1). The former puts forward the suggestion that this verse leads us back in place and time from 1 Sam xxviii, 4, not only in regard to the Philistines but also to the Israelites. Therefore the "fountain" is to be identified with En-gannim (Josh. xix, 21, xxi, 29) and Anem (1 Chron. vi, 58 (AV 73), which were located at Jenin. *J. Meyshan* contends (a) that the coin of the year 5 attributed by Reifenberg (*Israel's History in Coins*, p. 28, No. 17) to Agrippa I belongs to Agrippa II; (b) the coin regarded by Lederer (*Neue Beiträge z. antiken Münzkunde*, 1943, Pl. VI, No. 100) as unpublished with the image of Nero is a known coin of A.D. 85 with the image of Domitianus. — *Z. Goldman* discusses some cases of trepanation of the skull found at Accho, Jericho, Lachish and Timna'.

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