

Shalom

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Today I would like to take you to visit Khirbet Qeiyafa. We get in the car and drive 45 min. from Jerusalem

south-west. Look out the window and

You see vineyards and orchards of olive

trees, fig trees and pomegranate trees ripening from

yellow to pink and finally deep crimson red.

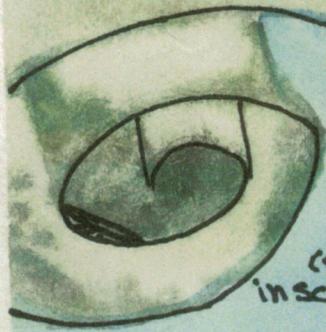
11 years ago an archeologist, Yosef Garfinkel, dug in the foothills of the Judean Mountains. Under the blistering June sun he made the most amazing discovery. Spread out around him was the

walls of a huge 5.7 acre fortress, built in the vale of Elah between Azekah and Socoh (Shochoh). What they found told

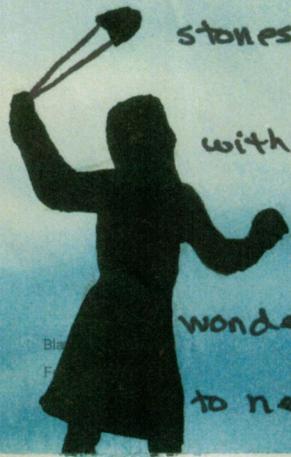


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ELAH



them it was a Hebrew fortress from the time of Saul and David. They even found an ostracon,
(see below) inscribed pottery shard, that describes taking care of widows, fatherless, strangers and the poor like in Deut 10:18. They also found jar handles by the lots and date pits, fire pits, staircases. Most important they also dug up a double layered gate (on reverse). Imagine standing there in the gate hearing Goliath shout echoing off the surrounding hills "give me a man..." can you feel the goosebumps on your skin. Look down to the book Elah and watch David pick out 5 smooth stones? We walk back down with the blistering sun and wind in our faces and wonder where we will travel
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