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Tel Shimron: New Research into an Ancient Biblical City

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Barton C. Stenberg Memorial Lecture #1

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at **7:30 P.M.**

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Tel Shimron is the largest ancient mound in Israel's strategic Jezreel Valley; it was a city of 4000 people and inhabited for millennia. Yet, until 2017, no one had ever mounted an expedition to discover the stories beneath the soil. Today, the excavations at Tel Shimron, sponsored by Wheaton College and Tel Aviv University, are beginning to uncover the history of this crucial site. Join us as we discuss how archaeologists approach an untouched ancient mound using the latest in 21st century technology. You will hear why Tel Shimron is important for understanding Galilee and the trade routes of the Jezreel Valley. This lecture also will describe the finds of the early seasons, with discoveries from the time of the Canaanites through the Middle Ages.

Professor Master holds an MA in ancient history from Miami University and a PhD in Eastern Languages and Civilizations from Harvard University. Currently a professor of archaeology at Wheaton College, he is also an associated researcher of the Harvard Museum of the Ancient Near East. For more than 25 years he has been researching the ancient port of Ashkelon as part of the Leon Levy Expedition to Ashkelon; he directed the project for more than a decade. In addition to long-term excavations, he has overseen surveys and publications; he was also the general editor of the Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Archaeology.

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