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A. MAZAR AND N. PANITZ-COHEN: *Tel Rehov, A Bronze and Iron Age City in the Beth-Shean Valley, Volumes I–V.*

Excavations at Tel Rehov, carried out from 1997 to 2012 under the direction of Amihai Mazar on behalf of the Institute of Archaeology of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, revealed significant remains from the Early Bronze, Late Bronze and Iron Ages. The most prominent period is Iron IIA (10th–9th centuries BCE). Many completely exposed buildings, the unique apiary and an open-air sanctuary, as well as other noteworthy contexts from this period, yielded one of the richest assemblages of finds from this period in the northern part of the Land of Israel to date.

The five volumes comprising the final report of these excavations are published in the Qedem Monograph series of the Institute of Archaeology of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, written and edited by Amihai Mazar and Nava Panitz-Cohen, with contributions by numerous scholars. These volumes are a trove of data accompanied by detailed analyses of stratigraphy, architecture, pottery assemblages and many other artifacts, as well as a good number of natural-science studies, constituting an essential resource for all those who are interested in the Bronze and Iron Ages in the Levant. All volumes are printed in color and include hundreds of plans, sections, pottery plates, objects illustrations and photographs.

Following are details concerning each of the volumes.

A. MAZAR AND N. PANITZ-COHEN: *Tel Rehov, A Bronze and Iron Age City in the Beth-Shean Valley, Volume I. Introductions, Synthesis and Excavations on the Upper Mound* (Qedem 59)
XXX+415 pages. ISBN 978-965-92825-0-0

Volume I includes introductory chapters (1–3) on the geographical and geological background, as well as a description of the site, its identification in written sources, and the history and structure of the excavations. Chapter (4) provides a broad, synthetic discussion and analysis of all the excavation data and their geo-political and historical implications. Chapters 5–11 present the stratigraphy, architecture and pottery assemblages from Areas A, B, H and J in the upper mound, including an Early Bronze Age fortification, Iron I–IIB and Early Islamic period occupation remains, as well as an Iron IIB fortification system.

A. MAZAR AND N. PANITZ-COHEN: *Tel Rehov, A Bronze and Iron Age City in the Beth-Shean Valley, Volume II. The Lower Mound: Area C and the Apiary* (Qedem 60)
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Volume II focuses on the rich finds from the largest excavation area in the lower mound, Area C, where substantial architectural and material culture remains include a very large pottery assemblage and numerous other material culture finds from Iron Age IIA. Among

the unique contexts described are an integrated quarter of industrial and cultic function, and the only apiary ever found in an archaeological excavation.

A. MAZAR AND N. PANITZ-COHEN: *Tel Rehov, A Bronze and Iron Age City in the Beth-Shean Valley, Volume III. The Lower Mound: Areas D, E, F and G* (Qedem 61) XVI+465 pages. ISBN 978-965-92825-2-4

Volume III presents the stratigraphy, architecture and rich pottery assemblages from excavation Areas D, E, F and G in the lower mound, spanning Late Bronze Age I, when the city at Tel Rehov was first established, to Iron Age IIA, when the entire lower mound was destroyed, and abandoned, in the second half of the 9th century BCE.

A. MAZAR AND N. PANITZ-COHEN: *Tel Rehov, A Bronze and Iron Age City in the Beth-Shean Valley, Volume IV. Pottery Studies, Inscriptions and Figurative Art.* (Qedem 62)

XX+640 pages. ISBN 978-965-92825-3-1

Volume IV presents studies of the Late Bronze and Iron Age local and imported pottery assemblages, along with petrographic analyses. The volume contains chapters on the rich corpus of inscriptions and items of figurative art, including an array of cult objects, figurines, amulets and glyptics, written by various scholars.

A. Mazar and N. Panitz-Cohen. *Tel Rehov, A Bronze and Iron Age City in the Beth-Shean Valley Volume V, Various Objects and Natural-Science Studies* (Qedem 63). Jerusalem: The Institute of Archaeology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. XVII+683 pages. ISBN 978-965-92825-4-8

Volume V includes two parts. Part I presents studies on various objects of the Late Bronze and Iron Ages: clay, bone, stone and gypsum vessels, grinding stones and other stone objects, metal objects (including metallurgical studies), beads, objects related to the textile industry, scale weights and lithics. Other chapters include an analysis of the spatial distribution of finds in a group of unique 9th century BCE buildings in Area C, burials dating to the Assyrian period, and pottery, glass and coins from the Islamic periods. Part 2 includes a series of natural-science studies: radiometric dates, faunal and fish remains, molluscs, botanical remains, a paleomagnetic study and results of a soil-flotation project.

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