

*Unearthing the Bible: 101 Archaeological Discoveries That Bring the Bible to Life*  
by Titus M Kennedy.

Over this past year or so I've wanted to introduce the more advanced students in the congregation to evidences for faith from biblical archaeology in a monthly series of sermons. It has become more and more common in the media to see stories that undermine faith in the historicity of the events of Scriptures. Even those of "evangelical" persuasion often cast doubt on the historicity of events described in the Old Testament. I think there is abundant archaeological evidence to the contrary; and I've found that Christians will appreciate the effort to tell them about these discoveries and the insight they give us as believers into the biblical accounts.

For many months I relied primarily upon my past knowledge of artifacts that I had seen and photographed in the British Museum, the Louvre, the Israel Museum and other places. Recently however, I discovered this useful volume published by Logos Software that I would recommend to you. Kennedy is a professional archaeologist with academic credentials to be taken seriously. His approach is to go through the periods of biblical history and to cite archaeological discoveries that support and provide insight into the biblical accounts. In the words of the publisher:

"The Bible has long been dismissed as a book of myths, legends, fairy tales, and propaganda. Yet when we examine the archaeological evidence, its accuracy comes to light. In *Unearthing the Bible*, Dr. Titus M. Kennedy presents 101 objects that provide compelling evidence for the historical reliability of Scripture from the dawn of civilization through the early church. Gathered from more than 50 museums, private collections, and archaeological sites, these pieces not only reinforce the reliability of the biblical narratives, but also provide rich cultural insights into the ancient world. Using this visual guide, you can find context for your faith as you make your way through the Bible. Dr. Kennedy's photographs and detailed descriptions enable you to examine each piece of fascinating evidence for yourself. From the earliest tablets of creation to artifacts connected with the life and resurrection of Jesus, *Unearthing the Bible* shows you can be confident there is an abundance of archaeological support for the history told in the Scriptures."

There are of course more scholarly works; but this one I think will provide the pertinent information and provide a good starting point for preaching and for further study.