

**ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE**  
**(ACT unit Certificate, BB 246 to BB 646)**

**ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE STUDY TOUR**  
**TO ISRAEL & JORDAN (ACT unit BB 245 to BB 645)**

**with archaeologist Dr Karin Sowada**



*Archaeology and the Bible* (Cert, BB 246 – 646) seeks to provide a framework for understanding the nature and role of archaeological evidence and its intersection with the Bible. The unit assumes students have no prior knowledge of archaeology. It has a proven track record as a rigorous yet popular unit, especially with students having an interest in the Old Testament, Sunday School and scripture teaching.

The content and learning outcomes for *Archaeology and the Bible* can be delivered in a variety of syllabus frameworks, from Certificate through to 600 level in both intensive and blended learning modes (outside NSW), or as weekly lectures (Sydney only). **Dr Karin Sowada** has developed a successful model which steps through the content using engaging visual lectures, hands-on exercises, case studies, readings and assignments. As a Christian, scholar and practitioner, she brings a lived capability of archaeological method in Egypt and Israel/Jordan, combined with five years' experience teaching this unit in the ACT consortium. As a result, she has a deep understanding of the learning needs of students as they manage the unit content.

The *Archaeology and the Bible Study Tour to Israel and Jordan* (BB 245 – 645) takes the classroom into the field. Based on an itinerary designed by Karin, the Tour visits key OT, NT, and early Christian sites, to help students understand the historical geography of the region, Bible history and the role of archaeological evidence. The field learning experience is supported by readings and formal assignments.

**Dr Karin Sowada** holds degrees in archaeology from the University of Sydney. She is a widely published scholar specialising in economic systems in the eastern Mediterranean during the Early Bronze Age (c. 3100-2100 BC). In a career spanning 25 years, Karin has worked on archaeological excavations in Egypt (Memphis, Saqqara, Dra Abu el-Naga), Jordan (Pella), Israel (Tel Yarmouth) and Australia. Karin was Assistant Curator of the Nicholson Museum for nine years until 2005, during which time she curated exhibitions and conducted extensive research on the collection. She was CEO of Anglican Deaconess Ministries from 2008-2015, serves on a number of committees in the Sydney Diocese and is a member of St Mark's Anglican Church Darling Point. Karin has been a Christian since the early 1980s, and lives in Sydney with her family. She is an Honorary Associate in the Dept of Ancient History at Macquarie University.

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