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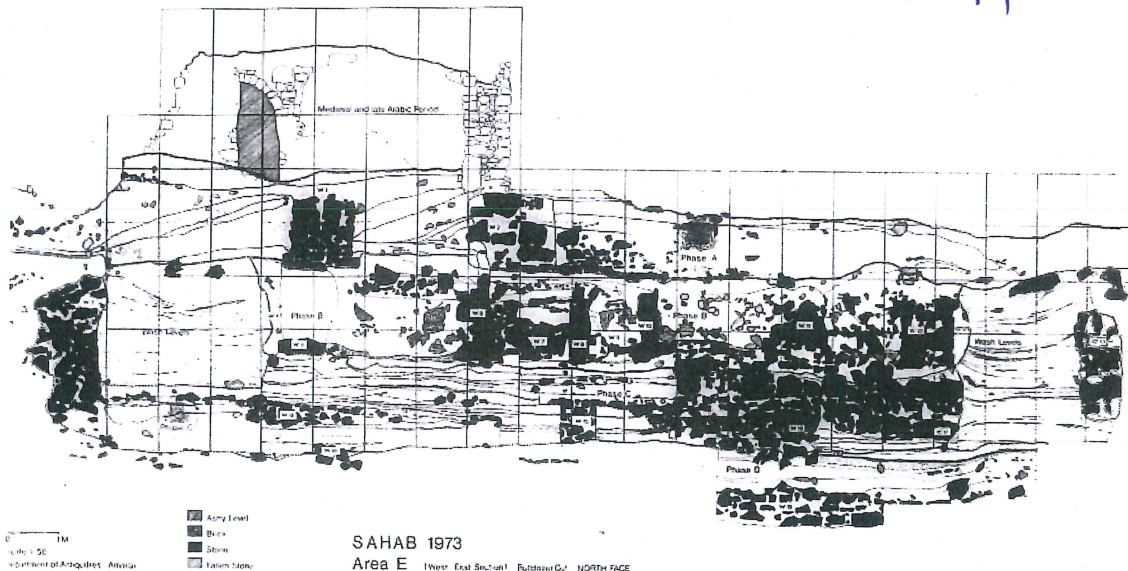
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Abbreviations, Symbols, Translations and Selected Glossary

AASOR	Annual of the American School of Oriental Research
AD	Anno Domino
ADAJ	Annual of the Department of Antiquities in Jordan
AY	Ayyobi
BA	Biblical Archaeology
BASOR	Bulletin of the American School of Oriental Research
BC	Before Christ
<i>ca.</i>	Approximately
Chalco.	Chalcolithic Period
EB	Early Bronze Age
EI	Eretz Israel
F.	Feature
GL	Greatest Length
GPW	Greatest Proximal Width
I I	Iron Age Period Phase One
I II	Iron Age Period Phase Two
IEJ	Israel Exploration Journal
JPOS	Journal of the Palestine Oriental Society
L.	Layer
LB	Late Bronze Age
<i>Maazem</i>	Ossuaries
Mam	Mamluk
MB	Middle Bronze Age
MDW	Minimal Diaphyseal Width
NRA	The Natural Resource Authority
PEQ	Palestine Exploration Quarterly
QDAP	Quarterly of the Department of Antiquities in Palestine
RB	Revue Biblique
S.	Scale
Sq.	Square
UD	Undefined
W.	Wall

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Preface

The second volume of excavations at Sahab deals with the occupational levels of the Middle Bronze, Late Bronze and Iron Ages at the site. Two MA thesis were developed on the "Middle Bronze pottery from Sahab" by Dima Abu Aisheh and the "Late Bronze Age Pottery from Sahab" by Luma Hadad. Both thesis were submitted at Queen Rania Institute of the Hashemite University. The Iron Age Pottery was dealt with by Dr. Abdel Nasser Hindawi. Burial Habits of Human Skeletal Remains in Jars from Sahab were concluded by Ahmad Y. Abu Dalou, Abdelrahman Elserogy and Moawiyah Ibrahim.

Two articles were published earlier on the "collared-rim Jar" of the Early Iron Age (Ibrahim, 1977) and seals and seal Impressions (Ibrahim, 1983) were also included in this volume.

It would have been difficult to complete this volume without the close cooperation of all these colleagues and graduate students. Technical issues were accomplished by Yousef Zoubi (photographer) Ali Omari (draft person) of the Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology, Yarmouk University made available by the authors of various chapters.

The field work at site completed in 1980 as a joint project between the Jordanian Department of Antiquities and Yarmouk University. Jack Lee of Rochester/ New York and 6 of his American Students together with 5 students participated in this last season. The project continued to benefit from volunteers and staff members of previous season.

The citizen of Sahab continued to cooperate with the project to a large extent although most of our trenches were laid out in front of their houses, their back yards or in the middle of the streets and paths leading to their houses the team of Sahab excavations admires this kind of cooperation and full understanding of the excavation as being part of their own heritage.

Other staff members of the 1980 season were late Dr. Fawaz Al-Khraisheh, Dr Mohammad Maraqtan, Architect Bassam Hamadneh, Nabil Al-Qadi, Fayez Tarawneh.

Major parts of MB, LB and Iron II structures were uncovered during this 1980 season. After the excavation most of the trenches were covered again to allow the construction of streets in the middle of the town.

It should be noted that all 5 seasons of excavations at Sahab were considered as a salvage project in very difficult conditions and lack of fund.

The delay of publication has also to do with shortage of funds and the movement of funds.

The main excavator to Yarmouk University where he occupied administrative positions. He also spent several years between German and US University. He also spent 10 years at Sultan Qabous University in Oman where he dealt with sever field projects.

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