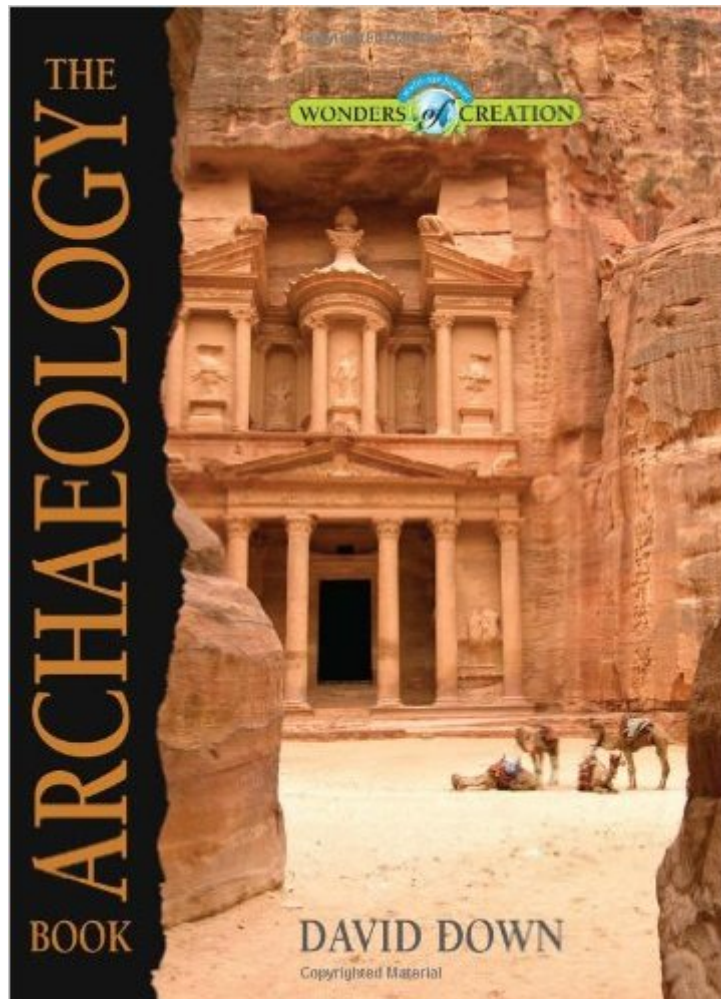


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# The Archaeology Book (Wonders Of Creation)



## Synopsis

Developed with three educational levels in mind, The Archaeology Book takes you on an exciting exploration of history and ancient cultures. You'll learn both the techniques of the archaeologist and the accounts of some of the richest discoveries of the Middle East that demonstrate the accuracy and historicity of the Bible. In The Archaeology Book you will unearth: How archaeologists know what life was like in the past Why broken pottery can tell more than gold or treasure can Some of the difficulties in dating ancient artifacts How the brilliance of ancient cultures demonstrates God's creation History of ancient cultures, including the Hittites, Babylonians, and Egyptians The early development of the alphabet and its impact on discovery The numerous archaeological finds that confirm biblical history Why the Dead Sea scrolls are considered such a vital breakthrough Filled with vivid full-color photos, detailed drawings, and maps, you will have access to some of the greatest biblical mysteries ever uncovered. With the enhanced educational format of this book and the unique color-coded, multi-age design, it allows the ease of teaching the fundamentals of archaeology through complex insights to three distinct grade levels.

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## Customer Reviews

David Down became interested in archaeology in 1958. Since then he has excavated in Israel every year. In "The Archaeology Book" Down shares his love for archeology, an up close look at his findings throughout the years, and a superb crash course in the field of archaeology. "The word

archaeology is derived from two Greek words: arche, meaning 'beginning,' and logos, meaning 'word,' and that sums it up - words about beginnings. Archaeologists are digging up the past, reconstructing history, finding out what happened, when it happened, and how it happened, and a piece of broken pottery may tell us more than a golden death mask." - Down

Despite being only ninety-six pages long, the book is large in size and contains a lot of information along with an abundance of excellent, high quality photos. The way the book is laid out makes it a fun read. Although the book was developed for junior high and high school students, anyone with an interest in archaeology will gain a lot of information from it, especially if they are a novice in the field. With three education levels in mind, Down breaks information into three color coded areas and adds interesting bonus areas such as "Words to Know", "Wonder Why", "Reflections", "Dig Deeper", and even excerpts from his "Field Journal", which contains insights from his archaeological discoveries throughout the years. In eleven chapters Down shares:

- \* Why Carbon 14 dating is unreliable\*
- Evidence of the global flood\*
- Who the Spartans were and why they excelled in the art of war\*
- Some background information on Esther\*
- The Dead Sea Scrolls\*
- A lot of information about the "lost" city of Petra\*
- Why the discovery of a cemetery is so valuable to an archaeologist\*
- And much more!

"The Archaeology Book" is educational nonfiction about archaeology, with a focus on Bible-related archaeology, for grades 5-8. The full-color photographs of ancient ruins, digs, etc., were lovely, and the maps were useful. I liked the "David Downs Journal" sections which told of his experiences while on digs. Other archaeologists were also quoted describing a find or commenting on archaeology. There was a glossary in the back, though most words were either explained in the text or could be figured out from the context. The book started with information on archaeology, like how a dig is laid out, what archaeologists look for, what that tells them, how layers are given a date, and why there can be controversy among archaeologists about the interpretation of a find. Then the book covered various Middle Eastern civilizations: Israel, Egypt, the Hittites, Ur, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Petra, and the Phoenicians. It told how the civilization was "found" again by archaeologists, where the civilization was located, and information about those kings mentioned in the Bible or Biblical events related to that civilization. (For those who care, the author's alignment of ancient civilizations to the Bible was based on Courville's & Velikovsky's ideas.) There was a section on the Dead Sea Scrolls. It described ancient writing, writing material, the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, where they were found, what was found, and how the scrolls were pieced back together. He described how critics said the Bible was full of copying errors, so I was very surprised and disappointed that he never explained that the Dead Sea Scrolls showed how accurately the Bible

had been copied over thousands of years.

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