

FOUR-PART LECTURE ON JERUSALEM AND SAMARIA



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Specializing in the life and literature of the Old Testament period, biblical archaeology, and the history of Israel, Tappy focuses his teaching on how these areas can enliven our reading of the Bible today. He began excavating at various sites in Israel more than 28 years ago, and his current field research entails directing The Zeitah Excavations, a full-scale field exploration of a Late Bronze–Iron Age town in the Shephelah (“lowlands”) region of biblical Judah. During the 2005 season of excavation, his team discovered an inscription incised in stone in the earliest known securely datable, complete Hebrew alphabet (see *New York Times*, Nov. 9, 2005). In addition to completing graduate work at the Jerusalem University- College and the University of Chicago, Tappy is a graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, (M.A.) and Harvard (M.A., Ph.D.). He has written articles on a variety of topics and is a leading authority on the archaeology of Israelite Samaria with two books on the subject. Prior to accepting his current position at PTS, Tappy taught at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, Calif., and in the Near Eastern Studies Department at the University of Michigan.

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