



Evidence of Joshua's Conquest

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The LMBO

Recent Discoveries

**Find: Lachish Milk
Bowl Ostrakon**

(Site: Lachish, in Israel's Shephelah)

Aerial View of Lachish

Credit: A. Woitzuck, Austrian Academy of Sciences



TRACING TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN LEVANT
FROM COLLAPSE TO CONSOLIDATION IN THE MID-SECOND MILLENNIUM BC
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AUSTRIAN-ISRAELI EXPEDITION
LACHISH

Areas S, P

Lachish Milk Bowl Ostrakon

Late Bronze Age IB

(ca. 1406 BC)



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Rim-herd from a Cypriote White Slip II Milk Bowl

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Phasing Scheme for Lachish's Strata Close to the LMBO

Area S Level	Monumental Architecture, Other Features	Period	Correlations Elsewhere on Site
S-3c	Building 100, City Wall L1220	LBA IA	Pits and fills
S-3b	Building 100, City Wall L1220	LBA IB	Fosse temple I
S-3a	Portions of Building 100, no city wall	LBA IB	Fosse temple I?
S-2	Laminated feature across entire area	LBA IIA	Fosse temple II
S-1	Fragmentary walls and floors	LBA IIA	Fosse temple II
VII	Domestic buildings	LBA IIB	Fosse temple III
VI	Pillared building	Iron IA	Acropolis temple

The LMBO, located on top of a burnt layer that was sampled for radiocarbon dating, was discovered in Area S at the top of Stratum S-3b, the second substratum of the LBA I at Lachish. The ostrakon's findspot is just south of Wall L1027, close to that wall's corner with the city wall (L1220), at a level near the city wall's uppermost preserved stones. The ostrakon was sealed 1.64 ft below two walls (L1162 and L1043) and the fragmentary surface of Stratum S-3a, the final substratum of the LBA I. (Note: LBA = Late Bronze Age.)

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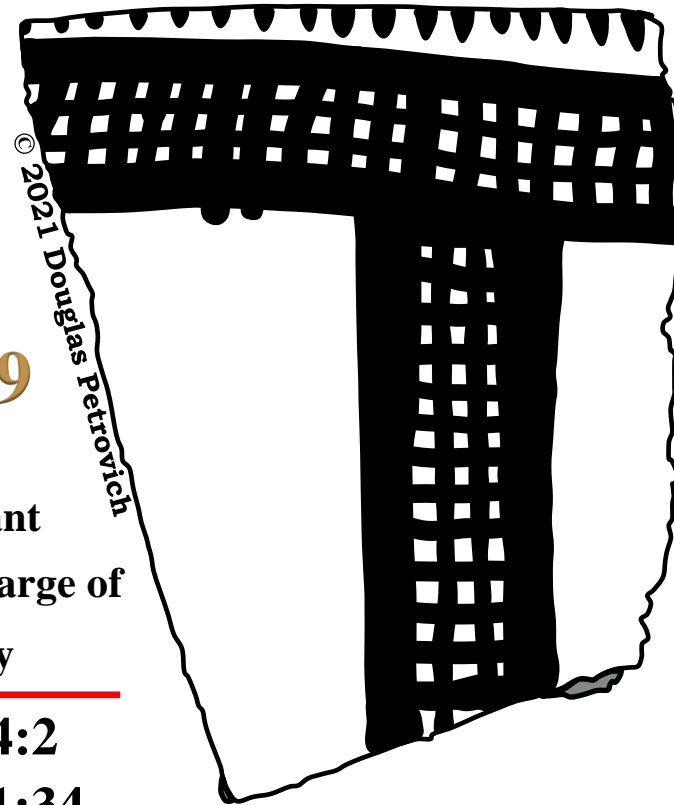
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עבד¹ = servant
על² = in charge of
נפת³ = honey

¹see Gen 24:2

²see Gen 41:34

³see Prov 27:7



Petrovich Translation:

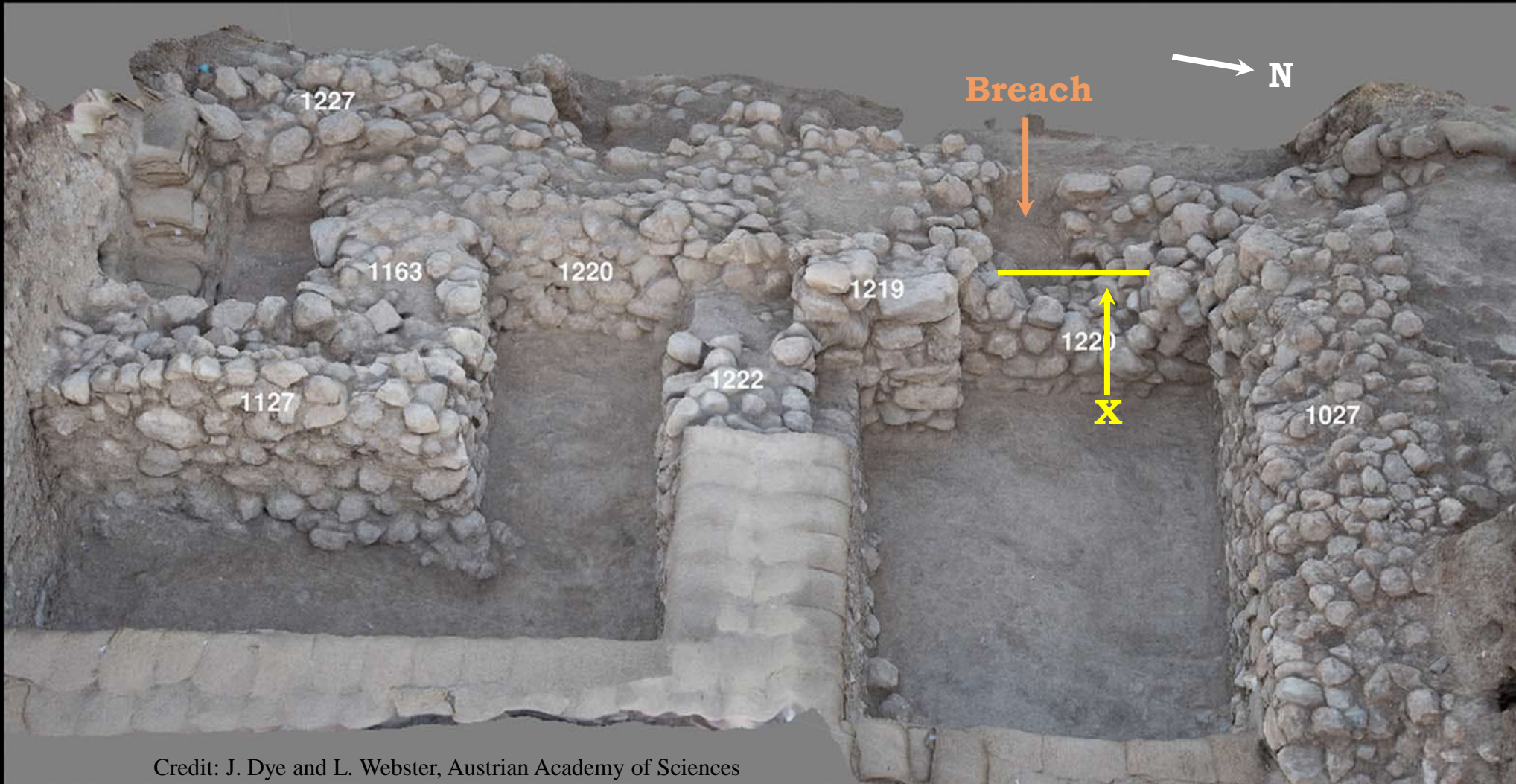
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Biblical Hebrew Transcription:

עבד על נפת

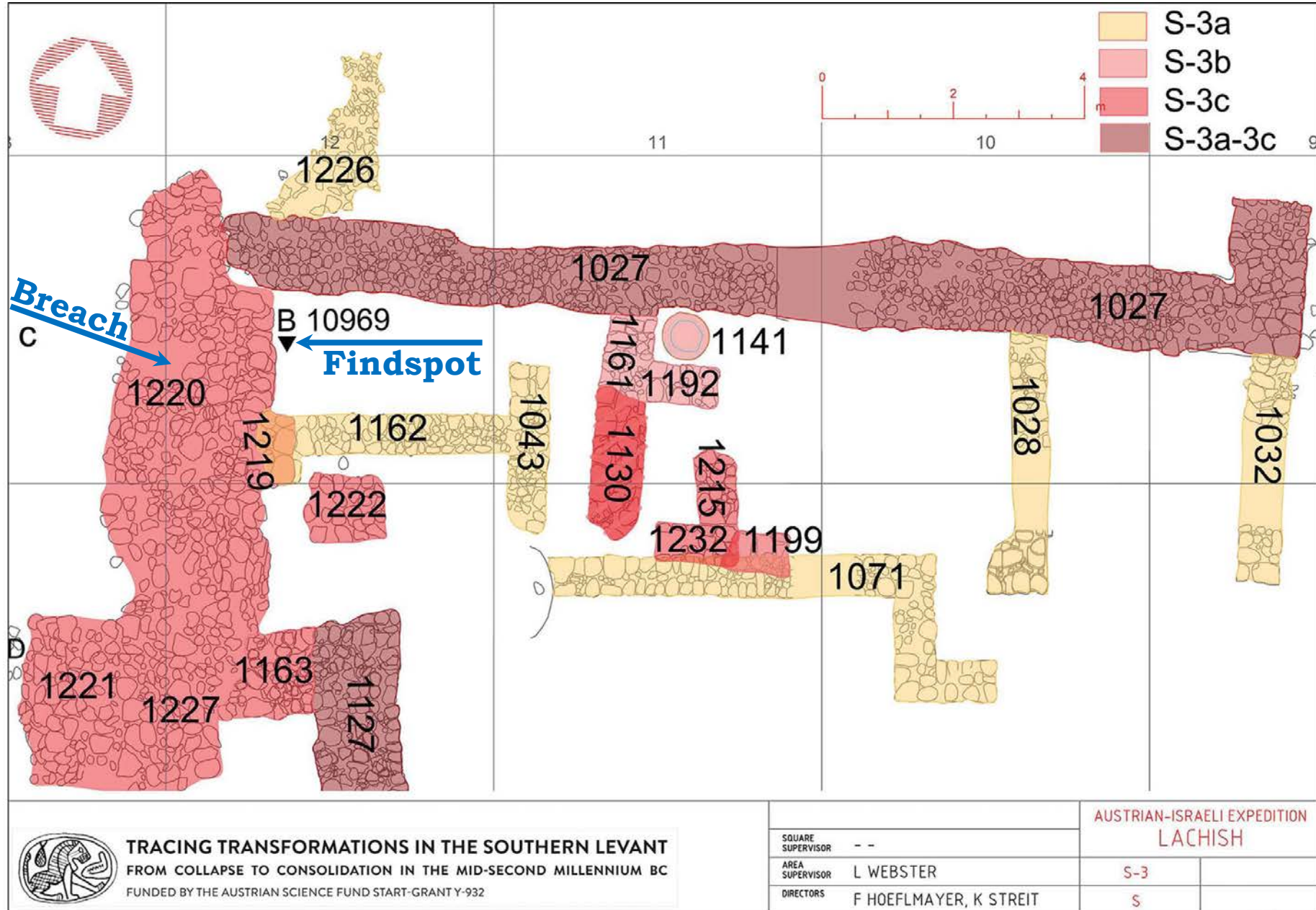
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Late Bronze Age I Fortification at Lachish: Building 100



**LMBO Findspot: S of Wall L1027, close to its corner
w/city wall's (L1220) uppermost preserved stones**

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