

Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2009 – 10th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date: 9 July 09 Area: NEC Manager: Schuler

Squares	ZZ99south	ZZ2	ZZ3	A99north	E5west	F5	F8
Loci	1226	1226	1219	1226	1238	1238	1237
Baskets	2233	2234	Nothing collected	2232	2231	2230	2229
Walls	W575, W1261, W1266, W1267, W1269, W1270, W1273						
Floors							

- Continued work on Square ZZ99south
 - Goal – follow W1266 to the east looking for corners.
 - Starting elevation = 130.753
 - Ending elevation = 130.683
 - Door jamb appearing in W1266 in western half. The interior of the door jamb is to the north, reversing previous expectations!
 - #316 – delicate spoon found in NW corner along W1226 (north side). 12.5cm. Possible medical tool or cosmetic spatula. Twisted design of shaft.
- Continued work on Square ZZ2
 - Goal – follow W1261 to the east, looking for corners to the south and north.
 - Starting elevation = 130.927 (southwest section), 130.927 (north), 131.481 (W1270)
 - Ending elevation = 130.999 (North), 131.009 (South)
 - W1261 also has a new doorway in its eastern half. The interior is to the south, reversing expectations a second time. The doorjamb is 1.06 m wide and was closed with a 1.20 m door.
- Opened the northwest quadrant of ZZ3
 - Goal – enable excavation of room east of apse.
 - Starting elevation = 132.521
 - Ending elevation = 131.953
 - Opened the NW quadrant of ZZ3 to expose the rest of the room east of the apse.

- Continued work on Square A99north
 - Goal – follow W1267 and W575 to the north looking for corners.
 - Starting elevation = 130.388 (east), 130.492 (west)
 - Ending elevation = 130.383 (east of W1267), 129.904 (between W1267 and W575, aka “street”), 130.261 (west of W575)
 - A second doorjamb is appearing in W575 to the north. Only the southern jamb is visible. Exterior is to the east. Consequently there are two doorways for entering the room west of W575. The southern doorway is blocked. The northern one is not.
 - Continued work on Square E5west
 - Goal – investigate areas west of street
 - Starting elevation = 130.483 (high), 130.162 (F1272)
 - Ending elevation = 130.109
 - There is a blocking wall from the northern block building to W569. It is crudely built and about 1.10 m wide (parallel to the street). Labelled W1273.
 - Continued work on Square F5
 - Goal – investigate unknown area.
 - Starting elevation = 130.404 (northeast), 130.434 (south)
 - Ending elevation = 130.554 (north bottom of W1269), 130.642 (south bottom of W1269), 130.275 (average fill)
 - W1269 is a floating wall sitting on stones to the west and earth to the east.
 - To the west of this wall in the northern section at about the level of bottom of the floating wall, the team recovered a metal cross pendant (#318) 4.5 cm in height and 3 cm across. It has a broken eyelet for a chain.
 - More nails: #314 (7cm), #315 (4.5cm), #317 bent (11.5cm), #319 (8.5cm)
 - #321 curved thin piece of metal 13.5cm
 - #323 half of a basalt mortar for grinding, crude handles, one stone foot 21cm diameter, 4cm deep bowl
 - Continued work on Square F8
 - Goal – follow paved surface to the west.
 - Starting elevation = 129.702
 - Ending elevation = 129.529
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- Removed fill in southern room. The room seems to be bordered on the west by two pedestals.
- #320 heavy iron nail 9.4cm
- #322 door nail, 11cm from head to bend, 2cm for bent part

Observations

Urban planning seems to be in evidence in the buildings to the west of Cardo 2 north.

There is evidence of fourth distinct buildings whose eastern face is 8-9 meters with gaps between of 5.8 to 6.1 meters. In order from south to north:

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| -- the southern block building | 7.9m |
| --the paved plaza | 5.9m |
| -- the northern block building | 7.95m |
| -- the blockage in E5 | 5.8m |
| -- the two-roomed building spanning the gate to the complex | 8.9m |
| -- an estimated gap | 6.1m |
| -- a pervious block building in evidence under W563 (see last year's report) | 9.6m |

Final Drawing



— 2m —
Northeast Church Complex
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