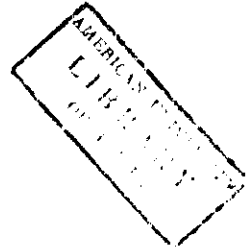


Archaeology 232



The Syro-Lebanese Coast in Antiquity

Final Examination

**Date :** 5.2.1998

**Time:** Two hours

Answer the following questions:

1- Essay question:

*"The two "histories of ancient Israel"-the sacred and the secular-seem to run parallel in the present state of our knowledge"* (Dever, W. *BASOR* 284:88 (1994)).

Explain and comment this statement of William Dever by discussing the following issues:

- What is meant by the "sacred history" of ancient Israel and what is the source of this history?
- What is meant by the "secular history" of ancient Israel and what is the source of this history?
- Why does the author say that these two histories run parallel?
- Which history of Israel, the sacred or the secular, do you think is more reliable and why?

**Give concise and relevant answers. (60%)**

2- What is the origin of the term **ARAMAEAN**? (10%)

3- What is a **bit-hilani**? Name an archaeological site where a bit-hilani was found (20%).