

Re: Ancient latrine fuels debate at Qumran

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On 10 Jan 2007 15:47:57 -0800, in sci.archaeology, Carl wrote:

Doug Weller wrote:

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You need to do some more research. It is crystal clear that there is considerable dispute about this --- and that opinion is slowly shifting from the facile assumptions made in the 1940s as more evidence is uncovered.
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Hi Doug,

I don't know whether you gave my message a close read. There was plenty of meat in it and no facile assumptions. I ask you now to give it a close reread.

Dr. Thiering puts the Essenes at Qumran starting 140 BC on the basis of TLevi 17:10.

R. T.Beckwith, in an important article ("The Significance of the Calendar for Interpreting Essene Chronology and Eschatology". Revue de Qumran 10,1980, 167-202) established the fact that the jubilees in the Testament of Levi give us exact dates, whereas it was previously thought that they were indefinite periods of time.

Page 168 of Thiering's 1992 book lays out the Essene scheme of World History as a revision following correction of date of Fall of Jerusalem. This scheme is found in Testament of Levi 17. Any Essene scheme of world history is based on the solar calendar.

It is on the basis of Essene solar calendar that Dr. Thiering made her interpretation of the Qumran Sundial/"stone disk" in her 2002 article.

In my view archaeologists interested in Qumran should be familiar with

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Essene Solar
Calendar and its variants.

It depends upon their interests.

The bottom line is you don't appear to be familiar with the current archaeological debate and you don't understand its importance. You wrote
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