

MELLENISTIC GALILEE PROJECT: KHIRBET EL-'EIKA EXCAVATIONS

Searching for the ethnic identity of the ancient people of the Galilee



Khirbet El-'Eika is situated on a high isolated mountain overlooking the Arbel Valley and the Sea of Galilee, right above an ancient route that crossed the Lower Galilee from east to west. The site contains remains from the Hellenistic period (4th – 2nd centuries BCE). Our knowledge about the Galilee during this period is extremely limited and much remains unclear about key matters, such as the material culture, the settlement patterns or the ethnic identity of the local population. Our excavations are aimed to shed light on these matters.







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