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Southern Adventist museum showcases artifacts from ancient Israel

A new exhibition titled "Peace and War: The Assyrian Conquest of Lachish" is open in the Lynn H. Wood Archaeology Museum on Southern Adventist University's campus.

Members of Southern's campus excavated several of the artifacts from Lachish, an ancient Canaanite and Israelite city mentioned several times in the Hebrew Bible.

The museum is free and open to the public.

Highlights of the exhibit include seal impressions from King Hezekiah and the biblical prophet Isaiah and an artistic display the Assyrian king Sennacherib commissioned to celebrate his victory over Lachish.

Many of the objects on display were uncovered during the Fourth Expedition to Lachish, a field project that took place from 2013 to 2017. Southern's Institute of Archaeology and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem sponsored the excursion.

More than 200 Southern students and employees helped to excavate the city and investigate its Iron Age history.

"This exhibit is the culmination of a decade of excavation and analysis," says Dr. Michael Hasel, director of Southern's Institute of Archaeology. "I'm pleased the work of my students and other staff will be recognized and seen in public for the first time."

The exhibition will remain at the museum, which is located in Hackman Hall, until May 31, 2025.

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An ancient Israeli artifact from a new exhibition at Southern Adventist University's archaeology museum. - *Photograph provided*

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