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Tel Burna after a Decade of Work: A Canaanite Cultic Center and Judahite Border Settlement
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Abstract: More than ten seasons of excavations at Tel Burna have provided us with knowledge about two main periods - the Late Bronze Age and the Iron Age II. In this lecture, I will present the results of the excavations at Tel Burna focusing on these two main periods. The Late Bronze layer can be associated with Canaanite cultic activity (13th century BCE) in the southern Levant. I will also demonstrate the continuity and changes in the Iron Age II settlement at the site and how this reflects social, political structuring, and centralization in Judah.

A short bio:

I did my PhD at Bar Ilan university on the Philistine Material Culture in the Iron Age IIA (Advisor: Prof. Aren Maeir). I was a post-doc fellow at Harvard University (advisor: Prof. L. Stager) and a research fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. I joined Ariel University in 2012 where I established the Institute of Archaeology (the newest in Israel). Today I am the vice dean of Research and Development. For almost two decades I was an area supervisor at Tell es-Safi?gath Archaeological Project and I was the director of other small excavations such as Eshtaol and Ramle). In 2009 I initiated the Tel Burna Archaeological Project and this summer we planned to have our 12 field season.

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