

The Bible and Archaeology:

The Case of Sodom and Lot's Cave



A lecture by

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Dr. Politis has worked on archaeological projects in Greece, Jordan, Oman, Syria, and Liechtenstein. His most important discovery to date is the Sanctuary of Lot's Cave in Jordan, which he fully excavated and published with The British Museum. His recent projects include leading excavations at biblical Zoara in Jordan and Ra's al-Hadd in Oman, and co-ordinating a comprehensive documentation of all the mosaics of Syria. In October 2010, Dr. Politis began a new post as Senior Fellow at the American Center for Oriental Research. He is also currently director of the Hellenic Society for Near Eastern Studies in Greece.

This is an opportunity to hear from an eminent archaeologist working at the sites of Lot's Cave and Zoara in Jordan. In the Old Testament, Zoara is described as being one of the five 'cities of the plain' to which Lot and his daughters initially fled after the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19). Early Islamic traditions add to the story claiming that it is also the burial place of Lot's younger daughter, *Zughar* (Le Strange 1890: 288), hence the naming of the medieval town. This lecture gives a fascinating view of the history of this important historic town and its religious significance in early Christian history.

The community is invited to attend this lecture, which is free of charge.

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