

# *0J246 Archaeology and the Bible*

**Australian College of Theology name:** *Archaeology and the Bible*

## **Learning Outcomes**

1. To familiarise you with major archaeologists whose work has had a bearing on the study of the Old and New Testaments;
2. To develop your understanding of the history and techniques (including archaeological methods, and practices) associated with the modern study of the lands in which the biblical story is set;
3. To explore the geography, significant archaeological sites, epigraphic material and artefacts that have influenced the historical and cultural understanding of the Bible;
4. To enable you to reflect on the relationship between archaeological context, artefact, inscribed material, historical interpretation and the text of the Bible.

## **Content**

1. The unfolding story of archaeology in the Middle East from 1800 to the present, including the major archaeologists
2. The context of archaeology in the Bible lands
3. The development of archaeological technique, practice, dating and interpretive method
4. Approaches to historical geography and the study of the landscape
5. The study of significant archaeological sites, epigraphic material and artefacts of a part or whole of the lands of the Bible
6. Issues in the interrelationship of archaeology and the Bible, including the reliability and significance of archaeology, historical controversies, and the value and limitations of using archaeology in biblical studies.