
Subject: Name changes in the State of Israel.

Dear Saints

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Recently appointed minister of *Art and National Culture* and member of the Knesset has announced several changes to some well known, and otherwise little known archeological sites in the State of Israel. An excited Mr Sharon, older cousin of former prime minister Ariel Sharon and due to his seniority known as Apriel the First, yesterday announced that recent archeological excavations have revealed detail about the lives of inhabitants of thousands of years ago, as well as cataclysmic Biblical events. Several soil mounds in Israel, locally known as "tels", have been excavated during recent years. Israel's capital city, Tel Aviv (meaning "mound of barley"), is the best known *tel* in Israel.

Two *tels* in close proximity to one another, about 14 km northwest of Jerusalem are the most interesting ones. At the first, remains have been excavated of what would today be called a "message centre" from where audible messages were disseminated for miles inland. This *tel*, formerly known as Tel Agram (mound of long wire), shall in future be called Tel Afon (mound of rings). At the second *tel*, countless pot sheards have been found bearing images of commercial items dating back to the time of the Biblical king Solomon. These images also, for commercial purposes, were seemingly disseminated over huge distances over land, hence the futue name Tel Avison (mound of irritation).

A *tel* 11km west of Jaffa, where geological strata deposits of the Noahide deluge have been laid bare, shall be called Tel Ailand (mound in much water).

Excavations at well-known Biblical Mount Carmel, famous for the clash between the prophets of Baal and Elijah, have yielded traces of an ancient observatory, where the sun, moon and stars were worshipped during Canaanite times. Formerly known as Tel Alie (mound of dishonesty), its future name shall be Tel Askoup (mound of the long eye).

Recently, a historical discovery yielded a parchment bearing the faint paleo-Hebrew characters of what is known today as Proverbs 15:15:

"All the days of he afflicted are evil, but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast."

May you have a blessed month of April!

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