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Week 3 Lecture Summary:

This week Dr. Notley starts with map 4-7, the coming of Thutmose up the Sharon Plain. There are various rivers flowing outside of Samaria, the land has brown sandy soil where its not easy to travel so they go along the base of the hills. They do not travel along the coast. You can find in the Biblical accounts the fighting over Aphek. Jezreel Valley, there is a strategic importance of it in the Old Testament period. On the Mount Carmel is not a mountain like a peak, it is a range of mountains and looks over the Jezreel valley, Elijah confronts the prophets of Baal. The Three Passes from Sharon are Yokneam, Megiddo, and Taanach. In search of Armageddon has no relation to Megiddo which was destroyed and lost centuries before John wrote Revelation. No one knew where it was located. In Jewish apocalyptic literature to which the Book of Revelation belongs, the final battle is always taken place in Jerusalem. This is shown to us on a PowerPoint which is very helpful.

Dr. Notley goes on to Pharoah Seti I Campaign to Free Beth- Shan, in the 19th dynasty and his son Ramsey II which is known as the pharaoh of Exodus. Egypt loses its grip over Canaan and reestablishes a presence over Seti and there is a rebellion by Beth-Shan. Liberation of Beth-Shan, we are given a visual of the Egyptian Temple in Beth-Shan, Tel Beth-Shan. The Shasu-bedouin are said to be plotting rebellion. Their chiefs have gathered in the hills of Kharu (Syria-Palestine). They have fallen into chaos and are fighting and each one is slaying the other. They do not obey the laws of the Palace.