

A city gate at Shiloh, an ancient Israelite city, has been discovered. What is the import of such a discovery.



“When he mentioned the ark of the God, Eli fell backward off his chair by the side of the city gate. His neck was broken and he died, for he was an old man, and he was heavy. He had led Israel forty years”—1 Samuel 4:18 NIV

What do we learn from the city gate discovered at ancient Shiloh?

The remains of a city gate were discovered recently in Shiloh, Israel. This was the place where the Ark of the Covenant was kept during the time of the Judges. The remains of this city gate were discovered by the Associates for Biblical Research along the northern wall of this ancient Israelite city. The team discovered that the defensive embankment against the city wall had a gap at this point, where the remains of the gate were discovered. The terrain leading up to this place was internally terraced upward., and **“the city gate”** being at this location also makes sense because the main spring that the city’s inhabitants used was located about a kilometer to the north. It is possible that this was **“the city gate”** where **“Eli fell backward off his chair . . . and he died”**.

The city gate discovered at Shiloh is just one more example of the thousands of evidences discovered, which independently verify many places and things that are mentioned in the Bible. This mountain of evidence stands in stark contrast to the Book of Mormon, which names many places, things, civilizations, and events, that supposedly existed or happened in the Americas, but have never been independently verified with even the slightest shred of evidence.

The more time that goes by, the more the truth of the Bible, as God’s infallible word, is confirmed. **“All mortals are like grass, and all their glory is like the flower of the**

field, the grass withers and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forevermore” (1 Peter 1:24,25 REB).