

Theology at the University of Auckland

# Professors Carol Meyers and Eric Meyers

Duke University, North Carolina

## Holy Land Archaeology: Where the Past Meets the Present

Archaeology is commonly understood as the study of human life in the past by analyzing the material remains of the past. But it is not usually recognized that the archaeological quest for the past is inevitably shaped by the excavators' present. Professors Carol and Eric Meyers will use four case studies to illustrate the intersection between the discoveries at ancient sites and the pressures of the modern world. This lecture promises to fascinate the audience with discussions of the stunning mosaics of the Beth Alpha synagogue in northern Israel, the excavations of Hazor, the ruins at Masada near the Dead Sea, and finally, the discoveries at Sepphoris, a major Galilean city in the Roman and Byzantine periods.

**Carol Meyers** holds the Mary Grace Wilson Professorship in Religion at Duke University. She is a specialist in biblical studies and archaeology, as well as in the study of women in the biblical world. Author of many books and articles in these fields, one of her most recent works is *Rediscovering Eve: Ancient Israelite Women in Context* (OUP, 2012).

**Eric Meyers** holds the Bernice and Morton Lerner Chair in Jewish Studies at Duke University. His specialties include biblical studies and archaeology with a focus on the Second Temple and Greco-Roman period. His most recent publications include co-edited volumes *Alexander to Constantine: Archaeology of the Land of the Bible*, vol. 3 with Mark Chancey (Yale University Press, 2012) and *The Pottery from Ancient Sepphoris* (Eisenbrauns, 2013) with Carol Meyers.



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