

**Treasures Of The Holy Land:  
Ancient Art From The Israel  
Museum Opens At  
Los Angeles County  
Museum Of Art April 12**

**CONTENT:** The largest and most important exhibition of ancient art from Israel ever to travel abroad, Treasures of the Holy Land: Ancient Art from the Israel Museum presents nearly 200 antiquities from the renowned collection of the Israel Museum, Jerusalem. The exhibition contains superb objects from all the major archaeological periods from the 11th millennium B.C. to the 7th century A.D. Nearly all of them come from excavations of famous biblical sites conducted during this century.

Among the highlights of the exhibition are the Habbakuk Commentary, one of the best preserved of the Dead Sea Scrolls; a bronze bust of the emperor Hadrian; seals and carved ivories from the First Temple Period, including the seal of Jezebel; a massive stone inscription bearing the name of Pontius Pilate -- the only artifactual evidence of his existence; and ivory and pottery figurines from some of the earliest known phases of human habitation in the Near East. The exhibition also contains outstanding examples of mosaics, glasswork, coins, architectural fragments and metalwork.

**CURATORS:** The exhibition has been jointly organized by the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, and the Israel Museum, Jerusalem. At the Israel Museum, the exhibition team is headed by the director, Dr. Martin Weyl, and by Miriam Tadmor, curator of the exhibition.

**CATALOGUE:** A fully illustrated catalogue of the exhibition has been prepared by the curators of archaeology at the Israel Museum, with a forward by Dr. Martin Weyl and a general introduction by Yael Israeli and Miriam Tadmor. The catalogue contains essays introducing each section of the exhibition. The authors are Magen Broshi, Curator of the Shrine of the Book; Tamar Noy, Curator of Prehistoric Periods; Miriam Tadmor, Senior Curator of Chalcolithic and Canaanite Periods; Uri Avida, Curator of Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine Periods; Yael Israeli, Chief Curator for Archaeology; and Yaakov Meshorer, Curator of Numismatics.

**TOUR:** Treasures of the Holy Land originated at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Following its exhibition in Los Angeles, it will be shown at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, from October 30, 1987 to January 17, 1988.

**SPONSORS:** Treasures of the Holy Land has been made possible in part by the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation and the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles.

For further information, please contact Dr. Catherine Benkaim, Director, West Coast, or Julie Goodman, Associate Director, American Friends of the Israel Museum, (213) 659-7908.



**Statue of the Emperor Hadrian Tell Shalem (135-138 A.D.); Bronze. Head: Height 37 cm. (14 5/8"); Breastplate: Height 52 cm. (20-1/2"); Israel Department of Antiquities, On Permanent Loan to the Israel Museum. Treasures of the Holy Land: Ancient Art from the Israel Museum, April 12 - July 5, 1987, Los Angeles County Museum of Art.**

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