Kedesh

Unit CA 9.6.24

Date dug 11.09

Locus cleaning

End levels 464.16

Over unit(s)

Beg. Levels 464.50

Under unit(s)

Volume 610 L

Soil: color, texture, inclusions

Loose brownish gray

Pottery wt. 1.2 Kg

Ldm Ras el Fulara

Span IA - Early Modern

Other finds

1393 - 1. iron nail: small size w/ flat head + rectangular in sect. Shaft

1394 - Bowl 2 frogs for RA K07P142

Description and extent

The purpose of this unit is to clean the soil that has eroded from the west baulk and has collected against the western edge of the drain at the S end of the trench. The deposit was particularly deep against the drain. A group of stones appeared at the SW corner of the trench. Level of top stone 464.63.

We came down on an unexcavated soil at a higher level along the W edge, which would have been inside the baulk of 2000 excavation season. At the top of the actual W edge of CA 9.6 and the drain, we excavated more deeply to find the level when excavation stopped in 2000.
CLEANING
Kedesh

Unit CA 9.6.1×2
Date dug 1-7-09
Locus cleaning
End levels W 464.40, E 464.73
Over unit(s) CA 9.6.164, 165

Beg. Levels N/A (cm. 5 cm)

Under unit(s)

Volume 310 L

Soil: color, texture, inclusions Loose gray, with harder packed top surface from weathering.

Pottery wt. 0.8 Kg

Ldm Local Fine
Span IA - Hell

Other finds

Description and extent
The purpose of this unit is to remove the soil that has eroded into the trench from the W baulk in the area N of the S wall of the building. Cleaning and baulk trim operations undertaken by Tom earlier this season have already removed much of the deposit (as compared with the area S of the S wall excavated in unit 157).
Kedesh

Unit CA 9.60. X35

Date dug 1-7-09

Beg. Levels

Under unit(s)

Volume 350L

Locus Cleaning

End levels

Over unit(s)

Soil: color, texture, inclusions

Topsoil - dark brown, crumbles, roots and insects

Pottery wt. 3.3 Kg

Other finds

Ldm Ras al Fukara
Span E/MB - E/Modum

Description and extent

Bulk trim on west side of trench
Kedesh

Unit: CA 9.10. A2H
Date dug: 7-1-09
Locus: CA90044

Beg. Levels: 464, 45
End levels: 464, 14

Under unit(s): CA 9.6. 157
Over unit(s)

Volume: 360 L

Soil: color, texture, inclusions
Light gray, crumbly, limestone inclusions, dry

Pottery wt: 57 kg
20% pebbles and small cobbles

Ldm: Sparta + Semi Fine
Span: E/MB - Puri-Tell

Other finds:
1397 - shell bead: pierced sea shell
1398 - pumice freq. industrial
1399 - 13 bone frags

Description and extent
Taking a 15 cm pass from S. wall of building toward the rubble pit in SW corner of trench to determine if rubble is a feature. The rubble does have some feature-like characteristics. The stones are all laid flat, like paving, but they slope downward somewhat from S to N. There is only one layer of stones, as one would expect from paving. Level at S 464.63 j at N 464.42. The stones do not abut on the S wall of the building.
Kedesh

Unit CA 9.6.161
Date dug 2.7.09

Beg. Levels 464.34
Under unit(s) CA 9.6.161
Volume 50 L

Soil: color, texture, inclusions
Semina 160

Pottery wt. 10 kg

End levels 464.18
Over unit(s) 162

Other finds
Ldm Persian semifine torpedo rim
Span Early/Middle Bronze to Persian

Description and extent
Removal of soil between the feature uncovered by CA 9.6.160 and the S wall of the building. This soil may have been part of a foundation trench cut through the feature for the construction of the Hellenistic S building wall.
Kedesh

Unit CA 9.6.162  Date dug 2.7.09

Beg. Levels  N 464.18, S 464.16

Under unit(s) CA 9.6.157/160

Volume 500 l

Soil: color, texture, inclusions Silty yellow soil, hard-packed. An animal Warren occupies the N part of the trench. Cobble 10%

Pottery wt. 8.9 kg

Ldm semifine/sandy/coak
Span Early Bronze to Persian/Hellenistic

Other finds
1459 - 32 bone frags
14160 - 2 shell frags
14161 - 1 iron wire frag

Description and extent 10 cm pass bounded at N by S wall of building, at E by drain, at S by trench edge, and at W by uncertain feature.

Begin  END
N 1.59  1.78
S 1.61  1.80
Kedesh

Unit: CA 9.6.163  Date dug: 2.7.09  Locus: CA961644

Beg. Levels: N 453.93, S 463.97  End levels: N 463.93, S 463.92

Under unit(s): CA 9.6.162  Over unit(s):

Volume: 300 L

Soil: color, texture, inclusions:  
Silty, yellow, hard packed. Animal remains.

Cobble 10%

Pottery wt: 1.05 kg  
Other finds:

1402 - 12 bone frags.
74123 - pierced IT disk RBC7

1509 TCOOS

Ldm: Spatter + strap handle in unk fab.
Span: Early Bronze to Persian or Hellenistic (more likely)

Description and extent:

15 cm pass over trench, same as CA 9.6.162.
Uncovered a patch of hay with a candy wrapper in it, which was the animal's den.

Begin:
N 1.78  
S 1.80

End:
1.84  1.85
Along the S wall of the building we came down upon the ledge that is the top of the wide Persian wall below the Hellenistic wall. Elev of ledge, 463.95.
Kedesh

Unit CA9.6.1104    Date dug 7-2-09

Beg. Levels 464.40

Under unit(s) CA9.6.158

Volume 140 L

Soil: color, texture, inclusions
Light gray, dry, fine, 25% small rocks and pebbles

Pottery wt. < 5 kg

Ldm Local Fine
Span Iron Age to Hellenistic

Other finds

Description and extent
Taking a pass just north of the southern wall of the building in order to create a level surface for our next 5-10 cm pass. Came down on large rocks and some degraded limestone in the SW corner.

End W 1.5 m
Kedesh

Unit CA 9.6.165  Date dug 2/7/09

Beg. Levels W 464.25, E 464.23

Under unit(s) CA 9.6.164

Volume 4

Soil: color, texture, inclusions Yellowish brown, silty, 80% pebble

Pottery wt. 0.15 kg  Other finds

Ldm Local Fine
Span Early/Middle Bronze to Hellenistic

Description and extent A pass along the entire trench N of the wall.

Start  End on 158 1.65
W on 164 1.57

Locus CA96045

End levels W 464.20, E 464.12

Over unit(s)
Kedesh

Unit CA9.6.166  Date dug 3-7-09

Locus CA96045

Beg. Levels W 464.00, E 464.12

End levels W 464.07, E 464.05

Under unit(s) 165

Over unit(s) 167, 169

Volume 210 L

Soil: color, texture, inclusions
Yellow-Brown, silty, 20% rocks (small)

Pottery wt. 6.5 kg

Ldm semitine, sandy/rock
Span Early/middle Bronze to Persian/Hellenistic

Description and extent

15 cm pass N of the S wall of the building. The rubble uncovered by 165 in the SW corner continues to the E along the S wall of the building. In the SE corner near the drain the rubble has numerous degraded limestone inclusions. We have decided to leave this rubble and take it as a separate unit (cu 167).
Kedesh

Unit CA 9.8.1612  Date dug 3-7-09  Locus 1996045

Beg. Levels
W 464.64, E 464.18
Under unit(s)
165, 166
Volume 930L

End levels
W 464.64, E 464.61
Over unit(s)
168

Soil: color, texture, inclusions
Yellow-Brown, silty, 90% cobbles and large rubble, limestone, degraded

Pottery wt. 8.7 kg
Ldm Local fine + splatter
Span Late Bronze to Hellenistic

Other finds
149K - 4 bone frags

Description and extent
Taking a pass just north of the southern wall of the building in order to remove rubble and take it down to the same level as unit 118.

This rubble may have been the fill of a foundation trench for the S wall. Limestone inclusions can still be seen near the wall at the end of the pass. We will take another pass along the wall to remove the soil with these inclusions.
Kedesh

Unit CA 9.6.168     Date dug 5-7-09

Beg. Levels
W 464.04, E 464.81

Under unit(s)

Volume 230 L

Soil: color, texture, inclusions
Yellowish brown, silty, limestone and pebble

Pottery wt. 5.75 kg

Ldm Local fine, sandy loam
Span Early/middle Bronze to Hellenistic

End levels
W 463.88, E 463.82

Over unit(s)

Other finds
1497-9 bone frags

Description and extent
A pass along the N side of the S wall to remove soil with limestone inclusions that seems to be a continuation of the rubble removed in CA 9.6.167. We came down upon the ledge of the Persian wall below the Hellenistic S wall of the building. The rubble and limestone inclusions have been completely removed. The limestone inclusions were particularly dense, and the soil very hard-packed, on the E side against the drain. Came down upon the ledge of the Persian wall.

END

W 1.85
E 1.91
Kedesh

Unit CA 9.6.169  Date dug 3.7.09  Locus CA 9.6.045

Beg. Levels  
W 464.30, E 464.12
Under unit(s) CA 9.6.166

Volume 280

End levels  
W 463.89, E 463.89
Over unit(s)

Soil: color, texture, inclusions  Yellowish brown, silty, pebble 33%

Pottery wt. 1.0 kg

Ldm  semifine, burnished
Span  Early/middle Bronze to Persian

Other finds  1498 - 9 bone frags

Description and extent

Removal of soil in the N half of the trench to bring it to the level of the bottom of the possible foundation trench for the Hellenistic well excavated by 167/8. This unit would be the fill cut by the Hellenistic foundation & trench.

End  
W 1.84  E 1.84
Kedesh

Unit CA 9.6.170  Date dug 5.7.09

Beg. Levels  Top of drain capstone 464.51

Under unit(s)

Volume 100L

Soil: color, texture, inclusions

Pottery wt. 0.82 kg

Other finds

Ldm [FM? + spotted neckless cookpan]
Span Persian to Hellenistic

Description and extent

Dismantling of S part of later drain where it abuts on the S wall of the building.

Removed 11 structural stones and a few cobbles packed between them.

Continued Northward to remove the soil packed against the W side of the later drain to define the edges of the drain and to show the relationship between the two drains.
Kedesh

Unit CA 976.180 Date dug 5.7.09

Beg. Levels

Under unit(s)

Volume 450 L

Soil: color, texture, inclusions

Pottery wt. 0.4 kg

Other finds

Ldm Local fine
Span N/A

Description and extent

Dismantling of drain. Removed 4 stones from W side of drain abutting on N side of S wall of building.
Kedesh

Unit CA 9.6.172  Date dug 6.7.09  Locus U96009

Beg. Levels

Under unit(s)

Volume 60 L

Soil: color, texture, inclusions 3 stones; beneath, dark yellowish brown, hard-packed, numerous limestone inclusions.

Pottery wt. 1.50 kg

Ldm local fine + sandy loam
Span Early/middle Bronze +

Other finds 1532 - 3 bone frags

Description and extent

Removal of 3 stones from the late drain. The stones were resting on soil, which contained numerous limestone inclusions. This soil was removed to a level below the ledge of the Persian wall.
Kedesh

Unit CA9.6.173  Date dug 6/7/09

Beg. Levels 463.89

Under unit(s)
  CA9.6.169

Volume 50 L

Soil: color, texture, inclusions

Pottery wt. 0.46 kg
  Ldm sandy cock + spatter
  Span early/middle Bronze to Persian/Hellenistic

Other finds
  1583 - 4 bone frags
  1584 - 3 frags of copper alloy utility plate

Description and extent

Removal of soil W of earlier drain to show bottommost course w/ soil below. "Earlier drain" may be a wall rather than a drain.
Kedesh

Unit CA 9.6.174  Date dug 6/7/09  Locus cleaning

Beg. Levels

Under unit(s)

End levels

Over unit(s)

Volume

Soil: color, texture, inclusions Brown, loose - topsoil

Pottery wt.  3kg

Other finds

Ldm Styrofoam cup, (semi fine + sandy/cook)
Span N/A

Description and extent

Removal of one stone from the drain and the soil in the mouth of the drain inside the S wall of the building. This includes some soil just N of the mouth of the drain.

Just under the stone that was removed, a styrofoam cup was revealed.

Came down on a series of paving stones that create a floor in the bottom of the drain channel. These are at the same level as the top of the Persian wall.

There is no break in the line of the Persian wall along the line of the drain channel.