**Tel Dan Stele**: or inscribed stone

* Discovered in 1994 at Tel Dan in northern Israel
* King of Damascus commemorated victories over local ancient peoples including “Israel” and the “House of David”.
* The first time the name “David” has been recognized at any archaeological site.
* Scholars feels this is an authentic reference to the biblical King David.
* Inscription tablet dates to about 840 BCE
* Famous 6 chambered gates at Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer which also shows a united kingdom, reaching as far as northern Israel
* This is an extremely important archaeological find!!!
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