

ABSTRACT

The aim of this Bachelor's thesis is to examine material culture attributed to Hittite provenance which was found in today's Israel and as well as to provide an examination of biblical mentions of *the sons of Heti* or *Hittites* in the Old Testament. The Hittites and the Hittite empire have received their name partly from their biblical mentions but it is still a remaining question to which extent the ancient nation of Hittites has migrated to and culturally impacted ancient Canaan. The thesis follows the development of archaeological and historical research focused on modern day Turkey, the birthplace of the Hittite empire and modern day Israel, the promised land of Canaan and is set in contemporary scientific discourse. The main body of this work is aimed at dissecting Hittite-attributed material finds from Israel and at providing an analysis of biblical verses relating the presence of Hittites in the land of Canaan while attempting to come to a stand alone conclusion. The thesis is also accompanied by various photographs and drawings of published archaeological finds.

KEYWORDS

Canaan; Hittites; biblical archaeology; material culture; biblical text