

WANT TO GO ON AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG THIS SUMMER?

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BILLINGS -- Dr. Elizabeth McNamer, Rocky Mountain College assistant professor of religions thought and a director of the Bethsaida Excavations Project, will be again taking students to dig at the site in Israel.

Lost for almost two thousand years, the site of Bethsaida was discovered in 1987. Rocky Mountain College joined the consortium of colleges supporting the dig in 1993. Unearthed in that times have been the largest city gates ever found in Israel dating back to the time of King David when it was the capital city of the Gesurites. One of the wives of David, Maccah, came from this place. It was destroyed by the Assyrians in 732 B.C., but later was rebuilt.

“Bethsaida is a town frequently associated with the ministry of Jesus and was home to five of the apostles. Buildings and artifacts found here are throwing light on early Christianity. It is one of the most important archaeological digs going on today,” said Dr. McNamer.

The group will leave on May 22 and return on June 8.

The public is welcome to apply to go with the RMC group.

If interested call Dr. McNamer at (406) 657-1076 or email mcnamere@rocky.edu if interested.

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