

‘Footprints of God’ Discovered in Israel, Puzzle Archaeologists

They are being referred to in some circles as “the footprints of God.”

But, though they are a phenomenal archaeological discovery, they are actually ancient manmade stone structures, possibly dating back to the time of Joshua and the entry of the children of Israel into the promised land after their 40-year exodus journey from Egypt.

Found just to the east of the Jordan River, these six sandal-shaped rock structures—one bigger than two football fields in length and 228 feet wide—are getting attention, not just from archaeologists, but increasingly from the Israeli public.

Perhaps the most famous of these sites is one found on Mount Ebal. Its unique feature is a massive altar found in the center measuring about 23 feet by 30 feet in size and a story high. Charred animal bones and ash were found in and around the altar.

Adam Zertal, the archaeologist who discovered the site, believes this is the altar Joshua created when Israel first entered the promised land. He believes it may be the one mentioned in the Bible (Josh. 8:30).

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