

Israel Uncovers 1,700 Year-Old Mosaic That Sheds Light on Roman Empire

According to Dr. Amir Gorzalczany, the director of the current excavation, the diggings at the site exposed a villa that included a large luxurious mosaic-paved reception room, known as a triclinium.

An internal columned courtyard, also with mosaics, and a water system were also uncovered. "We found evidence for Mediterranean luxury that characterized the Roman Empire, including attributes such as fresco wall paintings," said Gorzalczany. The mosaics depict realistic and fantastic animals, complex geometric designs and marine scenes that incorporate a multitude of fish and two ships.

"The archaeological excavation that we carried out this month has contributed significantly to our understanding of the villa building," said Gorzalczany, according to the *Jerusalem Post*.