



# Press Release

## Appointment of Canadian to Mount Ararat Archaeological Research Expedition

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Moncton, Canada—Rex Geissler president of Arclmaging a Colorado based Archaeological Imaging Research Consortium announces the appointment of David E. Graves, Director of Computer Services at Atlantic Baptist University, New Brunswick as the Director of Operations and expedition member of the Mount Ararat Archaeological Research Expedition in July/August, 2005. Mr. Graves will be the only Canadian member of a team comprising eighteen experts in various fields including glaciologists, archaeologists, computer GPR technicians and photographers.

Arclmaging is an experienced, and diverse group researchers who have documented more history and research in the search for Noah's Ark than anyone else. Arclmaging not only has scientific experience, but the team's members know Mount Ararat intimately by participating in dozens of expeditions on the mountain, and understand the specific research that is still uncompleted. The expedition goals are two-fold, survey the 17-square-mile ice cap on top of 17,000-foot Mount Ararat, Turkey with Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) and survey archaeological sites on and around Mount Ararat. Through the use of this advanced technology, Arclmaging seeks to verify the numerous eyewitness accounts that have seen or walked on Noah's Ark on Mount Ararat over the last 100 years. The late editor of the National Geographic Magazine, Dr. Grosvenor, once stated, "If the Ark of Noah is discovered, it will be the greatest archaeological find in human history, the greatest event since the resurrection of Christ, and it would alter all the currents of scientific thought."

Arclmaging is working in cooperation with the Archaeology Department of Atatürk University in Erzurum, Turkey and the Turkish Ministries in Ankara, Turkey. In 2001, Arclmaging applied for and received the first Turkish Federal permits since 1990 to perform research on Mount Ararat's ice cap. The required permit approval was a monumental success, as Turkey accepted Arclmaging's request over hundreds of declined applications during the past eleven years. After permission was granted, Arclmaging led a successful short-term expedition on Mount Ararat, discovering and documenting several hundred archaeological artefacts in preparation for the next six-week ice cap expedition. A subsurface survey of the Eastern Plateau was completed in 1988 by Arclmaging Vice President B.J. Corbin but with no evidence any man made anomalies. This year subject to Turkish approval (Research Visas) Arclmaging plans to survey the Ararat Anomaly, Western Plateau, Abich I, Abich II and Parrot Glacier. Heading the archaeological surveys will be Associates for Biblical Research (ABR) archaeologist Gary Byers.

David E. Graves is the Director of Computer Services, Information Security officer and adjunct Religious Studies faculty at Atlantic Baptist University, Moncton, New Brunswick since 1996. He also teaches Archaeology in the ABU-Oxford programme in Oxford, England. For the past ten years he has been President of Electronic Christian Media, having authored *The Biblical Scroll*, *Interactive Study Bible CD Rom* distributed through eGames Inc. He is presently working on his Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from the University of Aberdeen and Highland Theological College in Scotland. His research is focused on the Turkish city of Izmir (Smyrna). David is a member of the Associates for Biblical Research, Near East Archaeological Society, and The Canadian Archaeological Institute at Athens. He has travelled throughout the Middle East including Egypt, Turkey and Israel.

A four-course fund raising dinner and presentation will be held June 11, 2005 at 7:00pm at Glad Tidings Church to raise funds for technical ice climbing gear for the trip. Tickets are \$18.00 and may be purchased at the ABU bookstore or by calling (506) 863-6441.