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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

EXPLORING BIBLE TIMES, INC.  
(A FLORIDA CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT)

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of **EXPLORING BIBLE TIMES, INC.** ("Corporation"), does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes:

ARTICLE INAME OF CORPORATION, MAILING ADDRESS  
AND ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The name of this Corporation shall be **EXPLORING BIBLE TIMES, INC.** The mailing address of the corporation is, and its principal office shall be located at, P.O. Box 2687, Amarillo, Texas 79105-2687.

ARTICLE IIREGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation shall be 215 North Eola Drive, Orlando, Florida 32801, and the name of the initial registered agent for the Corporation shall be T. Scott Tufts.

ARTICLE IIIPURPOSES

Section 1. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized and shall be operated are as follows:

This document prepared by:  
T. Scott Tufts, Esq.  
Florida Bar No.: 0168841  
Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A.  
215 N. Eola Dr.  
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- (a) The Corporation is organized, and shall be operated, exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, the promotion of science expeditions and research of biblical history, culture, geography, and archaeology by providing video, graphics, animation, historical sources, archaeological reconstructions, geography, literary and linguistic biblical sources from expeditions and research for education and publication or any other activity in any sphere as may be deemed necessary for elucidation of the historical biblical period.
- (b) In furtherance of its charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, the Corporation may accept and acquire, by gift, devise, or otherwise, donations, money and property of every kind, nature and description from any person, firm, or entity, and hold, manage, administer, use, or allocate the same as the Corporation and its Board of Directors shall determine; provided, however, that no part of the net earnings, if any, of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any person having a personal or private interest in the Corporation or of any substantial contributor to the Corporation or to the benefit of any member of his or her family or corporation controlled, either directly or indirectly, by him or her, except for any reasonable allowances for salaries actually rendered and/or for reimbursements in reasonable amounts of expenses actually incurred in attending to the affairs of the Corporation.
- (c) The Corporation may engage in any other lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act which is not inconsistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or

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any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

- (d) No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by (i) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law or (ii) a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 of the Code or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Section 2. In the event this Corporation is in any year determined to be a "private foundation" as defined in Section 509(a) of the Code it shall:

- (a) Distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner so that it will not become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws.
- (b) Not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws.
- (c) Not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws.

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- (d) Not make any taxable investments as defined in Section 4944 of the Code, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws.
- (e) Not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### POWERS

This corporation shall be authorized to exercise the powers permitted corporations not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes; provided, however, that this Corporation, in exercising any one or more of such powers, shall do so in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it has been organized within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

#### ARTICLE V

##### NO MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall not have any members.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### TERM

This corporation shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved according to law.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### NAME AND ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the initial incorporator of this corporation is as follows:

T. Scott Tufts

215 North Eola Drive  
Orlando, Florida 32801

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ARTICLE VIIIBOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Except for the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation, whose names are set forth in Section 2, below, the Board of Directors shall be as determined and fixed by the bylaws of the Corporation; provided, however, that there shall never be less than three (3) directors. The initial Board of Directors set forth in Section 2, below, shall hold an organizational meeting, at the call of a majority of the directors, to complete the organization of the Corporation by appointing officers, adopting bylaws and carrying on any other business brought before the meeting. The directors calling any such organizational meeting shall give at least three (3) days notice thereof to each director so named, stating the time and place of any such meeting, which may be held in or out of the state. Such action may be taken without a meeting if the action taken is evidenced by one or more written consents describing the action taken and signed by each director.

Section 2. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Bruce Bordine	5935 Winkler Mill Rochester, Michigan 48306
Robert A. Bourne	1411 Via Tuscany Winter Park, Florida 32789
Dixie Johnston Fraley	9218 Cromwell Park Place Orlando, Florida 32827
Orel Hershisier	5277 Isleworth Country Club Dr. Windermere, Florida 34786
Dr. James C. Martin	2806 S. Lipscomb Amarillo, Texas 79109

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D.J. Snell

1101 North Kentucky Ave, Suite 100  
Winter Park, Florida 32789

Section 3. Directors must be natural persons who are eighteen (18) years of age or older but need not be residents of the state of Florida. The bylaws adopted by the Board of Directors may prescribe additional qualifications for directors and shall set forth the manner in which, and terms by which, directors shall be elected or appointed. Staggered terms for directors shall be permitted, with each director to hold office for as long as he or she is so qualified to do so for the term to which he or she is elected and appointed and until his or her successor is elected and appointed and qualified or until his or her earlier resignation, removal from office, or death.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### DEDICATION OF ASSETS AND DISSOLUTION

Section 1. The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes set forth herein and no part of the net earnings or assets of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any officer or director of the Corporation or to the benefit of any private individual. When appropriate, the Board of Directors may determine to reasonably compensate any officer of the corporation in accordance with and commensurate with the services performed by such person.

Section 2. Upon the dissolution and winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment or provision for payment of its debts and liabilities shall be distributed to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax laws, or to or among, the United States, the State of Florida or any local government(s) for exclusive public purposes.

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ARTICLE XBYLAWS

Subject to any limitations at any time contained in the Bylaws of this Corporation and in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, Bylaws of this corporation may be adopted, altered, amended or rescinded, and new Bylaws adopted, either by resolution of the Board of Directors or in the manner at any time provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIAMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended or amended and restated pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has hereto set his hand and seal on this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2001, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.



T. Scott Tufts



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ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby accepts the designation as Registered Agent of **EXPLORING BIBLE TIMES, INC.**

  
T. SCOTT TUFTS

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