



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Archaeological investigations in the area of the Cathedral of Madaba (Jordan)

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Abstract

As part of the "Discovering Madaba, a Project of Sustainable Tourism" funded by AICS and implemented by the University of Perugia, an archaeological investigation was undertaken in the area of the Cathedral. The city of Madaba is located southwest of Amman, along the ancient route that, through Mount Nebo, connected the Ancient Road of the Kings to the Jordan Valley. The city reached its maximum splendor in the Byzantine age when, starting from the 5th century, it was the seat of the Diocese. The Cathedral complex was located in the southern district of the city, on a terrace at the foot of the tell. Its remains were recognized for the first time in 1891. Since 1968 it has been the subject of numerous excavations that have brought to light some portions of the structure, consisting of a large church with three naves that opened onto a quadrangular courtyard supported by a mighty podium. This is the result of several construction phases. The intervention, carried out in several points of the courtyard, finally made it possible to verify what had already been investigated in the past and above all it allowed to clarify the different chronological phases of the religious complex.

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