## Brief Book Review: Discovering the City of Sodom

Discovering the City of Sodom: The Fascinating, True

Account of the Discovery of the Old Testament's Most Infamous City by

Steven Collins

My rating: <u>5 of 5 stars</u>

From the Back Cover: From respected archaeologist Dr. Steven Collins and award-winning author Dr. Latayne C. Scott comes the fascinating, true account of the frustrating search and exciting excavation of the city the Bible calls Sodom, which scholars and others had "misplaced" for hundreds of years. Like many modern-day Christians, Dr. Collins struggled with what seemed to be a clash between his heritage of belief in the Bible and the research regarding ancient history and human evolution. This crisis of faith led him to embark on a quest to put both his archaeological education and the Bible to the test by seeking out the lost ancient city, an expedition that has led to one of the most exciting finds in recent archaeology.

Brief Review: This book provides an excellent report of the archeological excavation of Tall el-Hammam in Jordan. For over a decade, this archaeological dig has systematically uncovered one of the largest fortified cities in the Levant. This middle bronze-age site was destroyed by a catastrophic fire, which left a thick ash layer that marked the end of the city. Mysteriously, it remained uninhabited for the next 700 years. The author makes a compelling argument for this site as the biblical city of Sodom. For those Bible-believers who enjoy archaeological finds, this is a must-read.