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THE IVORY COMB

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Comb Inscription Coming to Southern in January 2025
Symposium on January 27

The ivory comb dating to 1700 BC discovered by Southern Adventist University and Hebrew University of Jerusalem archaeologists will be displayed at the Tennessee university's Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum from January 27 through May 2, 2025. The rare object features the oldest known complete, alphabetic sentence: **"May this tusk root out the lice of the hair and the beard."**

Featured in *The New York Times*, *Smithsonian*, *CNN*, and *BBC*, the small comb was named by

Christianity Today the #1 discovery in biblical archaeology. Southern's exhibit will be the only viewing in the United States of the linguistically significant artifact.

On January 27 a symposium open to the public will be held at Southern Adventist University featuring internationally recognized scholars Yosef Garfinkel, Daniel Vainstub, and Christopher Rollston, among others.



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