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New Insights into the Origins of Middle Bronze Age Megiddo

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Abstract

The work of the Megiddo Expedition in recent years has added significantly to the understanding of the early part of the Middle Bronze Age at the site. This paper will review the latest discoveries that have an impact on the origins, absolute chronology, and character of the resettlement of the city at the beginning of this period. Overall, the evidence seems to suggest that the process of resettling Megiddo was quite rapid, and the settler's vision of what a "city" should be was quite specific and fully formed. Thus, Megiddo might be offered up as a case-study for what constituted an ideal city, if one were to set out to create one afresh. We will also consider the implications of these findings on the definition of MB Urbanism in the Levant, particularly in its manifestation in the southern part of the region.

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