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The Madaba Plateau at the End of the Iron Age

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Abstract

During the sixth century BCE, the kingdoms of Transjordan, long vassals to the Mesopotamian empires, fell beneath Achaemenid rule. This transition ultimately resulted in significant sociopolitical and economic changes throughout the region, and yet the nature of these changes and their effects are not well understood. Questions center on aspects of continuity or disruption in relation to sites and their material culture, and the way these archaeological remains can contribute to a broader understanding of sociopolitical and economic systems. This paper draws together recent archaeological and survey work by the Khirbat al-Mukhayyat Archaeological Project (KMAP) on the western edge of the Madaba Plateau, namely highlighting the results of excavation work at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat, and survey work at several nearby sites including the Rujm al-Mukhayyat, Tall Ma'in, and Khirbat Libb. The preliminary analyses of these archaeological remains add new, significant sites to the discussion of the end of the Iron Age on the Madaba Plateau.

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