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Settlement Patterns in Wadi Rajib, Northern Jordan, from the Middle Bronze Age through the Iron Age

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Abstract

Wadi Rajib is an intermontane valley of the southern Ajlun Mountains in Northern Jordan, situated north of Wadi az-Zerqa, east of the Jordan Valley and west of Jerash. The seminal surveys of the region, conducted between the 1930ies and the 1960ies, produced hardly any evidence for settlement within Wadi Rajib between the Middle Bronze Age and the Iron Age with the notable exception of the Iron Age I. By intensive fieldwalking and the reinvestigation of previously surveyed settlement sites from 2021 to 2024, the Wadi Rajib Archaeological Project has produced new evidence for settlement of Wadi Rajib, especially in the Middle Bronze Age and the Iron Age II. These results suggest that the occupation of the valley was more intense, but also of a different character than thought before. This evidence is presented and discussed in the light of larger regional trends.

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