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Chronological Aspects of the Early Iron Age in the Hula Valley: Hazor, Abel Beth Maacah, and Dan

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Abstract

Eleven excavations seasons at Tel Abel Beth Maacah yielded a continuous occupation sequence from the Middle Bronze II to the Iron IIA. The Early Iron Age sequence is particularly robust, spanning the 12th to late 9th century BCE. Multiple radiocarbon dates were obtained from secure contexts along this sequence, providing a chronological framework which serves both to understand processes and events at the site and as a yardstick for similar developments in the Hula Valley, with an emphasis on the major sites Hazor and Dan. These dates will be presented and significant research questions will be addressed, including the chronology of multiple destructions during the Iron I, the settlement following the latest Iron I destruction, and the abandonment/destruction of Abel Beth Maacah at the end of the Iron IIA. These data have potential to shed light on historical events and processes, such as Aramean campaigns, economic and cultural ties with the Phoenician coast, and the expansion of the Israelite kingdom to the region.

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