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# The Town of Nebo Archaeological Project Survey of Wadi Jadidah, Jordan: An Assessment of the Early Bronze Age Finds

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## Abstract

Wadi Jadidah is located south-west of Khirbat al-Mukhayyat (Ancient Nebo) in west-central Jordan, and is most known for its dolmen fields, menhirs, and "Conder's Circle". This wadi and the surrounding region were extensively surveyed in the 1990's by a Danish team which also conducted preliminary excavations at "Conder's Circle". Refined dates of the pottery from this expedition suggest occupation during the Early Bronze I period. More recently, the Town of Nebo Archaeological Project (TNAP) conducted surveys in the same wadi system between 2017 and 2023. Primary goals of the Project were to identify potential clay sources, re-locate sites documented by the Danes dating to both the Pottery Neolithic and the Early Bronze I periods, and document the condition and preservation of the structures within the Fayha Dolmen Field to the south. This presentation will highlight the results of the TNAP surveys which identified additional unpublished Early Bronze I sites within the wadi system and re-mapped over 60 dolmens and other megalithic features establishing more precise coordinates than previously published. We will also discuss how this unique cluster of Early Bronze sites situated within the wadi interacts with the local "ritual" landscape and the larger regional Early Bronze environment.

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