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Middle Bronze Age Chronology of the Levant: An Update

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Abstract

The past decade has seen significant advances in dating the Middle Bronze Age southern Levant. New radiocarbon sequences from several sites in Egypt and the Levant have challenged both the traditional and the low chronology and a new (high) chronological framework has been suggested. This paper presents a summary of the current evidence from an archaeological and radiocarbon point of view and discusses the synchronisation of the Levantine Middle Bronze Age with Egypt, Mesopotamia, and the Aegean. It further explores the historical implications of the high Middle Bronze Age chronology and calls for a new approach in chronological studies that is based on absolute calendrical dates and not on artificially constructed relative chronological phases.

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