From Nomadism to Monarchy?
“The Archaeology of the Settlement Period” Thirty Years Later

Wednesday–Thursday, 15–16 March 2017

Wednesday, March 15

12:45 Gathering

13:00 Welcome and Introduction
Oded Lipschits, Omer Sergi, and Ido Koch (Tel Aviv University)

SESSION 1 | 13:15–14:30
Chair: Ido Koch (Tel Aviv University)

Philistines, Canaanites and Egyptians: The Early 12th Century BCE Revisited
Shirly Ben-Dor Evian (The Israel Museum, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv University)

Settlement Oscillations in the Southern Levant in Light of Climate Changes
Dafna Langgut (Tel Aviv University)

Notes on Scribal Practices in the Early Iron II
David Vanderhooft (Boston College)

14:30 Break

SESSION 2 | 15:00–16:15
Chair: Omer Sergi (Tel Aviv University)

The Book of Josiah or the Book of Joshua?
Excavating the Literary History of the Story of the Conquest
Cynthia Edenburg (Open University of Israel)

Geographical Observations on the Old North Israelite Tales in Judges
Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University)

The Role of the Ark in the Conquest Accounts and in the Book of Samuel
Thomas Römer (Collège de France and University of Lausanne)

14:30 Break

SESSION 3 | 16:45–18:25
Chair: Yuval Gadot (Tel Aviv University)

Under Hazor’s Shadow: The Upper Jordan Valley in the Iron I
Assaf Kleinman (Tel Aviv University)

Sixty Years after Aharoni: A New Look at the Iron I Settlement in the Upper Galilee
Ido Wachtel (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The Early Iron Age in the Northern Coastal Plain (Western Galilee)
Gunnar Lehmann (Ben Gurion University of the Negev)

Canaanites in a Changing World: The Jezreel Valley during the Iron I
Eran Arie (The Israel Museum, Jerusalem)

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

11:45 Gathering

SESSION 4 | 12:00–13:15
Chair: David Vanderhooft (Boston College)

An Untold Story: The Human-like Figures and the Snake on an Architectural Model from Beth-Shean’s Northern Temple
Tallay Ornan (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

Late Bronze/Iron Age Animal Economy: Continuity vs. Change
Lidar Sapir-Hen (Tel Aviv University)

Production Autonomy to Centralization: The Iron I-III Transition from a Metallurgical Perspective
Naama Yahalom-Mack (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

13:15 Break

SESSION 5 | 13:45–15:00
Chair: Dafna Langgut (Tel Aviv University)

The Iron I Settlement of Tall ZirāꜤa in Northern Jordan: Transitions between the Late Bronze Age and the Iron II
Dieter Vieweger (German Protestant Institute of Archaeology Jerusalem and Amman [DEI], University of Wuppertal [BU])

From Communities to Kingdoms across Western Jordan: Tracing Uneven Trajectories of Development
Benjamin Porter (University of California, Berkeley)

15:00 Coffee Break

SESSION 6 | 15:30–17:10
Chair: Erez Ben-Yosef (Tel Aviv University)

Societal Transformations in Southwest Canaan during the Late Second Millennium BCE
Ido Koch (Tel Aviv University)

Like Frogs out of a Pond: Identity Formation in Early Iron Age Philistia and Beyond
Aren Maeir (Bar Ilan University)

The Many Beginnings of Israel: An Archaeological and Historical Perspective from the Central Canaanite Hill Country
Omer Sergi (Tel Aviv University)

Were There Israelites? The Demographic, Cultural and Political Change of the Iron I “Highlanders”
Yuval Gadot (Tel Aviv University)

17:10 Break

SESSION 7 | 17:40–19:10
Chair: Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University)

Greetings
Leo Corry (Dean, The Lester and Sally Entin Faculty of Humanities, Tel Aviv University)
Ran Barkai (Chair, The Jacob M. Alkow Department of Archeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures, Tel Aviv University)
Oded Lipschits (Director, The Sonia and Marco Nadler Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University)

Awarding of Scholarships
The Rise of the Israelite Monarchy in Retrospective
Nadav Na’aman (Tel Aviv University)

The Rise of Ancient Israel: The Need for Revision on Almost Every Front
Israel Finkelstein (Tel Aviv University)

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