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ABSTRACT

Mounting archaeological data has begun to supplement the sparse documentary record for Late Bronze Age Highland Transjordan. Ongoing excavations at Tell Madaba present an opportunity to assess the current state of our knowledge, and to identify patterns of land use and settlement. The evidence indicates both sedentary and nomadic activity, and suggests a cultural landscape composed of small settled communities confined to the transit corridors that facilitated trade and commerce through the region, with the hinterland given over increasingly to a transhumant population.