The Highlands Of Canaan: Agricultural Life In The Early Iron Age

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The connection between conquest and Late Bronze/Early Iron age emergence is rendered moot, however, if the traditional 1400-1375 B.C. date for the conquest can be sustained, for the 'emergence' of Israel as traditionally understood would have occurred at least 150 years before the close of the Late Bronze period. Historical-critical analysis resulted, in the early 20th century, in a view of the conquest that was indeed military and destructive in character, but one that was not undertaken by 12. [149]. Regardless of one's view of the date of the conquest and occupation of Canaan, the biblical narratives - the only ones extant that deal directly and unambiguously with these events - must be examined carefully in themselves and against the cultural and environmental milieu in which they took place.