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***The Collapse of
Civilizations in 1177 BC
and the Emergence of
Israel***

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Sunday, January 11 • 7:30 p.m.
at B'nai Israel Congregation



During the Late Bronze Age the Mediterranean region hosted a complex international world in which Egyptians, Mycenaeans, Minoans, Hittites, Assyrians, Babylonians, Cypriots, and Canaanites all interacted, creating a cosmopolitan and globalized world-system.

This internationalism may have contributed to the apocalyptic disaster that ended the Bronze Age. After centuries of cultural and technological evolution, the international world of large empires and small kingdoms came to a

dramatic halt. With their end came the world's first recorded Dark Ages.

With their end also came opportunities for new peoples to establish themselves, including the Israelites. This lecture will show how the Israelites benefited by the devastated Egyptians receding from Canaan, and how both the Egyptian retrenchment and subsequent power vacuum provided the Israelite peoples the space they needed to become a nation.

This lecture will be held Sunday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m. at B'nai Israel Congregation (6301 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD), down the street from the JCCGW.

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