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'Excavations at the lost biblical city of Ziklag'

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Where did the early Israelites come from? Was there ever a united monarchy under King David and Solomon as the Bible tells us and if so, when? Important insights into these questions were provided by our excavations at the archaeological site of Khirbet el Rai in southern Israel. We used a combination of archaeology, history records and scientific analysis to identify the site as the lost biblical city of Ziklag given to David when he was a mercenary for the Philistines. The talk explores the relationship between Canaanites, Philistines and Israelites when the world changed in the 11th century BC, the period known as the Early Iron Age.