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Editorial Announcements

The present fascicle of *JAEI*, falling as it does between the special 5.1 issue on Maritime Interconnections and 5.3, which will be another special issue - on Egyptian interconnections with Cyprus - constitutes a “regular” rather than a themed issue. Five full-length articles address a variety of topics ranging from archaeological studies in interconnections to a linguistically-based response to a previously published *JAEI* article.

Samuel Mark’s analysis of two theories regarding imports into Egypt during the Neolithic Period looks at a period of time not often examined in the journal, and we welcome this chronological extension of its purview. Nicholas Wernick’s study of problems with thrusting spears at the Battle of Kadesh provides a finely focused study on an aspect of military history of interest both to Egyptologists and others. Rachael Sparks’ equally focused and valuable contribution, “Fishing for Meaning” looks at Egyptian-style material and links to objects and practices in Egypt that have been found at Tell el-‘Ajjul in the Southern Levant.

“Toward Pinpointing the Timing of the Egyptian Abandonment of Avaris During the Middle of the 18th Dynasty” by Douglas Petrovich provides a reinterpretation of the data concerning the possible timing of the abandonment of Avaris. Manfred Bietak, whose findings are discussed, has indicated that he hopes to provide a note regarding his own thoughts on this matter.

Last, but by no means least, we also draw attention to Joachim Quack’s response to an article published by Christopher Hays in *JAEI* 4.2 on an Egyptian loan word in the Book of Isaiah and the Deir ‘Alla Inscription. The Board and Editors of *JAEI* believe that ongoing assessment is an important aspect of the scholarly process and encourage this as much as possible.

Rounding out these studies, *JAEI* 5.2 also contains two reviews: a detailed review of Adam Zertal (ed.), *El-Abwat, A Fortified Site from the Early Iron Age Near Nahal ‘Iron, Israel* by Jeffrey P. Emanuel, and a full review of Caitlin E. Barrett’s *Egyptianizing Figurines from Delos* by Rebecca Miller Ammerman.

The Editors