SMITHS AND PROPHETS
The Curse of Cain on History

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Map of the area and the location of the frequently mentioned sites.
Smiths and Prophets

Pastoralism and metallurgy emerged simultaneously in the arid Southern Levant. The values of coppersmiths left a deep mark on the nomads’ mythology. The symbolism of this cultic cooperation is documented not only in the rock art of the Negev Desert, but also in the pages of the Bible.

“A book that invites to ask new questions about pre-Islamic beliefs, rock art interpretation and the relevance of the metallurgical paradigm.”

- Nissim Amzallag,
author of The Copper Revolution