

## Were Bronze Age civilizations felled by climate change?

Clutching a set of drills, scuba divers plunge into a bay near the Gulf of Corinth, in central Greece. On the seafloor, they punch a 4.5-meter-deep hole into history...

The divers are part of a scientific team excavating on land and underwater to investigate why a string of Late Bronze Age civilizations toppled—the Mycenaean kingdom in Greece, the Hittite Empire in Anatolia, and the New Kingdom of Egypt. Each fell around the same time, in the 12th century BCE.

[One of the project's leaders, Thomas Levy, an anthropologist at the University of California, San Diego] believes the cores may help explain how climate change contributed to the rapid downfall of the Mycenaean civilization.

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