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As bloody as the world wars were, they weren't particularly bad by historical standards. The 17th century was uniquely bad for 2nd millennium AD, with Little Ice Age & glut of specie leading to state collapses & population decline across Eurasia.

Falls of Rome & Tang in 1st millennium were worse, but at least they were recorded. Records of the even worse Bronze Age Collapse around 1200 BC barely survived for some areas, & for other regions all we have are archaeological indications that they regressed to the stone age. https://t.co/yK7RTJuQw3

> Bronze Age Collapse & resultant trade breakdown led to cession of bronze production in the Don River Basin. Locals reverted to stone & bone tools, then figured out how to make iron tools. Their neighbors adopted iron over the next few centuries. pic.twitter.com/HoDk52cLuH
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> — Nemets (@Peter_Nimitz) August 29, 2020

Further back in the 3rd millennium BC, an even worse series of catastrophes occurred - the Indo-European invasions - ending the Megalith Builder Civilization with their urban settlements & leaving much of Europe depopulated for 600 years. https://t.co/6MY752hjXN

> There are no traces of permanent Corded Ware settlements anywhere - strongly supporting that they were nomadic cattle herders. Only after Bell Beaker arrival in 2300 BC do sedentary agricultural settlements return. pic.twitter.com/GkPluSgbbt
>
> — Nemets (@Peter_Nimitz) May 3, 2020

By the time of their destruction the Megalith Builders themselves had been in a centuries long decline from their Golden Age in late 5th & early 4th millennium. Their great realms had likely disintegrated around 3500 BC into smaller chiefdoms engaging in endemic warfare. https://t.co/gjaA5fziBZ

> Shennan: massive EEF population growth in Ireland 4000-3600 BC, followed by population decline & reforestation 3600-3400 BC. pic.twitter.com/HksEl16OjH
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> — Nemets (@Peter_Nimitz) June 18, 2020

The Megalith Builders themselves were the result of WHG chieftains overthrowing the decadent EEF chiefs like those of the Linear Ceramics around 4400 BC & subjugating an 1800 year old neolithic civilization. Possibly related to spread of copper-working. https://t.co/d4SzdRo7gD

> Resurgence of Hunter-Gatherer ancestry in Copper Age Balkan EEF populations of mid 4000s & return of hunter-gatherers cultural customs. EEF Cucuteni\u2013Trypillians experienced this too - were 80% EEF, 10% EHG, 10% WHG in ancestry, showing they mixed with local HGs. pic.twitter.com/Tqf5yoc99U
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> — Nemets (@Peter_Nimitz) July 26, 2020

The EEFs had settled Europe after the worst catastrophes following the Last Ice Age - the Storegga Slides. A continental shelf collapsed & resulting tsunamis drowned an entire landmass (Doggerland) while floods elsewhere in Europe devastated WHG communities. https://t.co/lfxaKYijEL

> Please note that there was also terrible flooding in the Balkans in 6200 BC & the EEF invaded Europe from Anatolia via Greece at the same time. pic.twitter.com/oSS3r3l2AP
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> — Nemets (@Peter_Nimitz) May 7, 2020

The mother civilization collapsed around 8300 BC & only began to recover 800 years later. https://t.co/zk8liJRfdk

> The first dark age from 8300 BC to 7500 BC pic.twitter.com/8ONTVjB48X
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> — Nemets (@Peter_Nimitz) April 23, 2019

There were probably civilizations before civilization that fell but never rose again. https://t.co/qNb4LuAjD7

> Primitive farming as early as 21000 BC pic.twitter.com/rZsVhGasi9
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> — Nemets (@Peter_Nimitz) April 22, 2019

While mankind does fall, stagnant, & decline - the trend in the long term is progress. Even our declines & falls are getting less worse with every cycle.