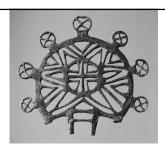




Copper alloy "standard" with two bulls And a stag Alacahoyuk royal tombs, Early Bronze Age III (Late 3rd millennium BC) Tomb B



Horoztepe near Alacahoyuk Copper alloy sistrum with horned animals



Open worked "standard" Alacahoyuk royal tombs, Early Bronze Age III (Late 3rd millennium BC) Tomb E

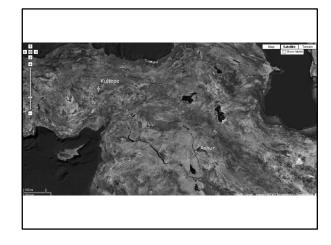


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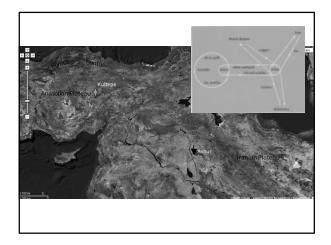


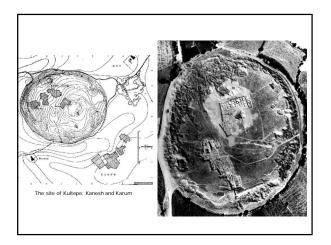
An Early Bronze age ritual standard, Alacahoyuk, Turkey

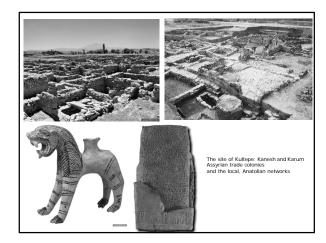


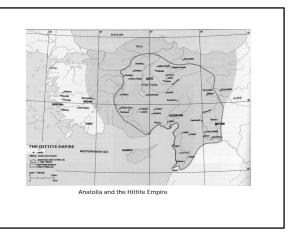


The site of Kultepe: Kanesh and Karum









The Hittite Empire: chronology

Hittite Old kingdom: Middle Kingdom (an "interregnum") Early Hittite Empire Hittite Empire period

1750-1500 BC 1500-1430 BC 1430-1360 BC 1360- 1175 BC

Some important kings

Old Kingdom (Middle Bronze Age) Hattušili 1650-1620 BC Muršili I 1620-1590 BC

Empire period (Late Bronze Age) Šuppiluliuma I 1344-1322 BC Muwatalli II1295-1271 BC

Tudhaliya IV Šuppiluliuma II

foundation of Hattuša expeditions to Mittani and Syria Sack of Babylon (1595 BC-marks the end of Middle Bronze Age in the Near East)

Syrian conquests, Aleppo and Karkamis Moves to Tarhuntassa, in the South. Battle Kadesh (1286 BC: vs. Ramesses II of Egypt)

Abandonment of Hattuša and major Hittite centers.

