



Egypt in the Second Intermediate Period:  
weapons, foreigners, fighting





Weaponry from the tomb of Djehutyhotep at Deir el-Bersha



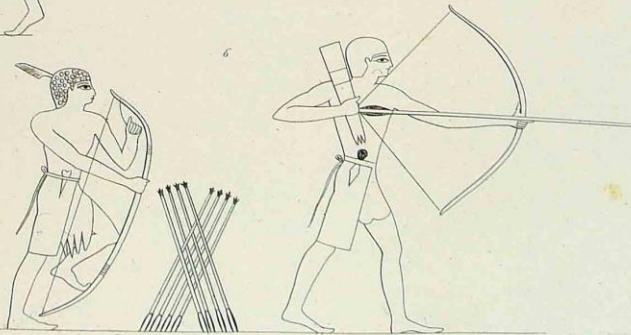
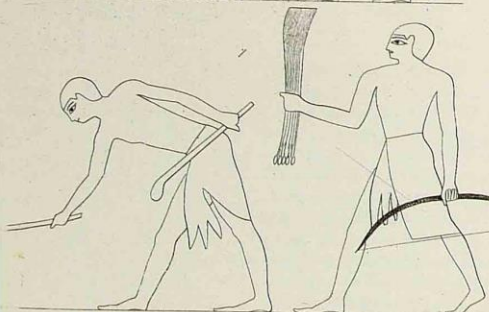
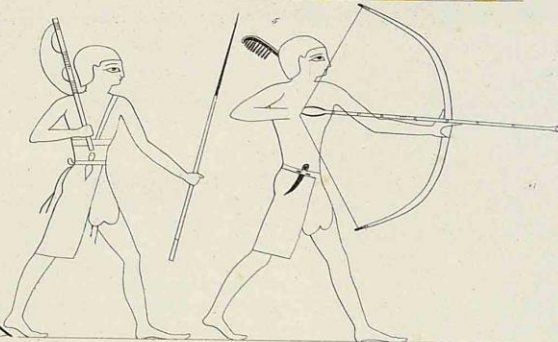
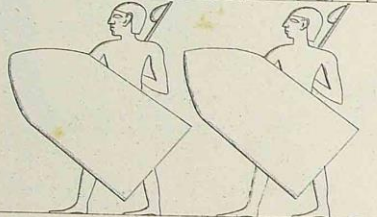
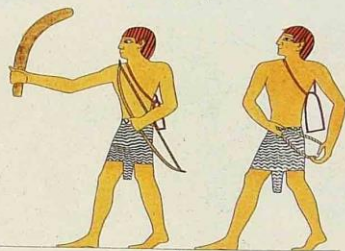
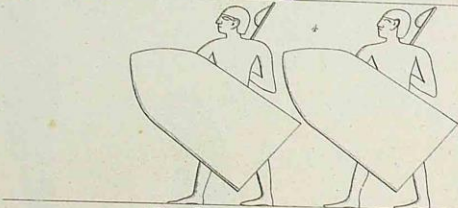


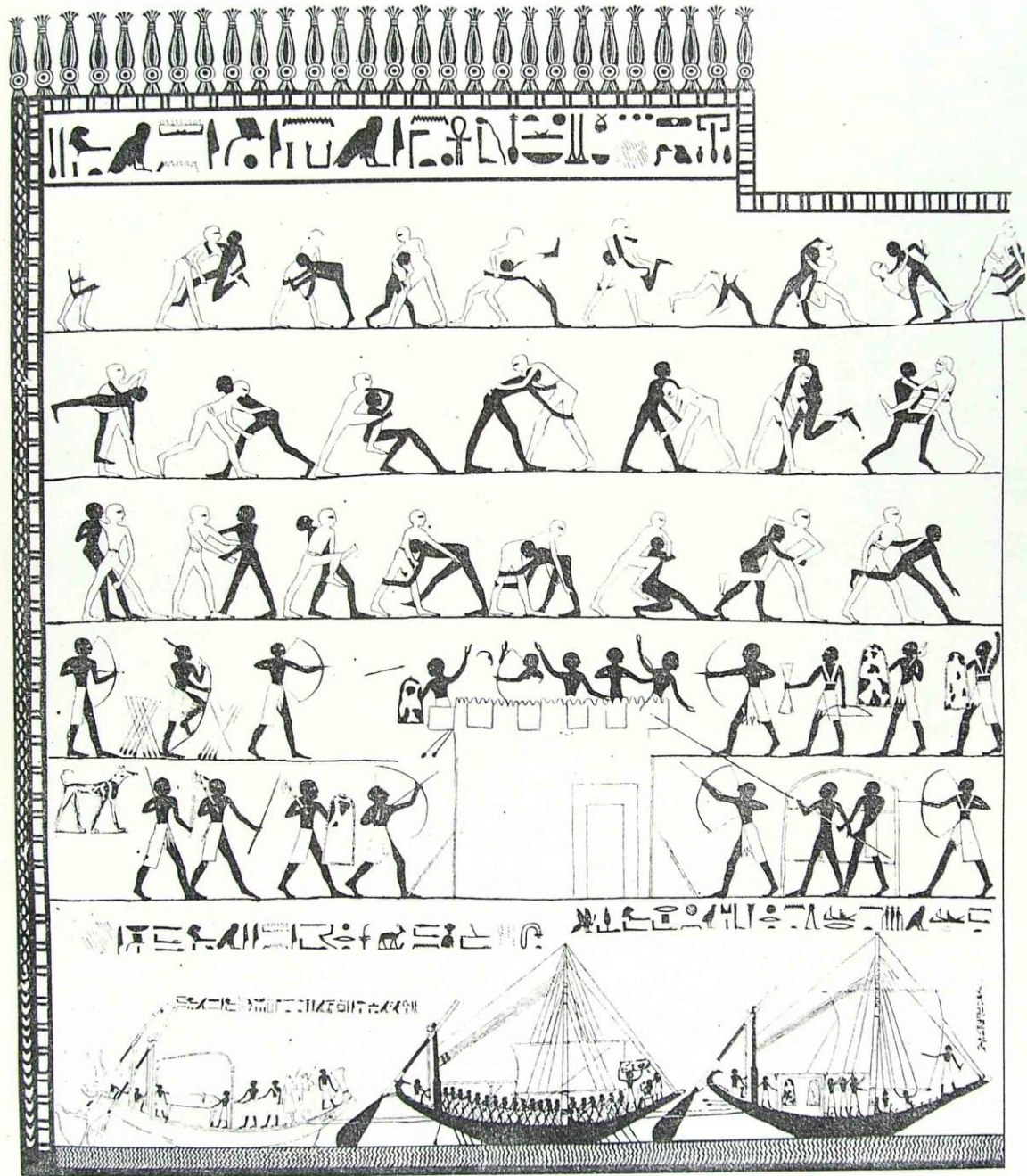
Model weapons from tombs  
(Middle Kingdom)



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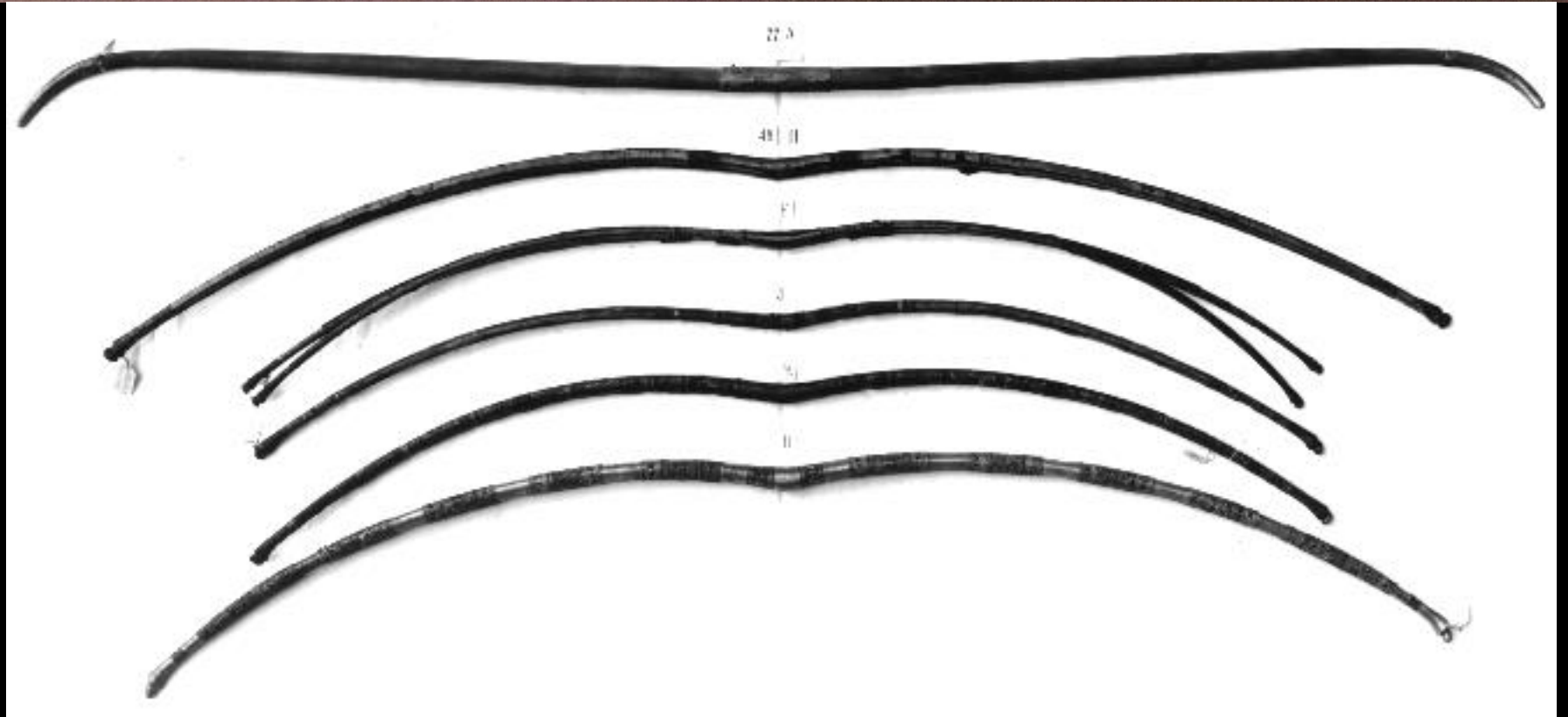












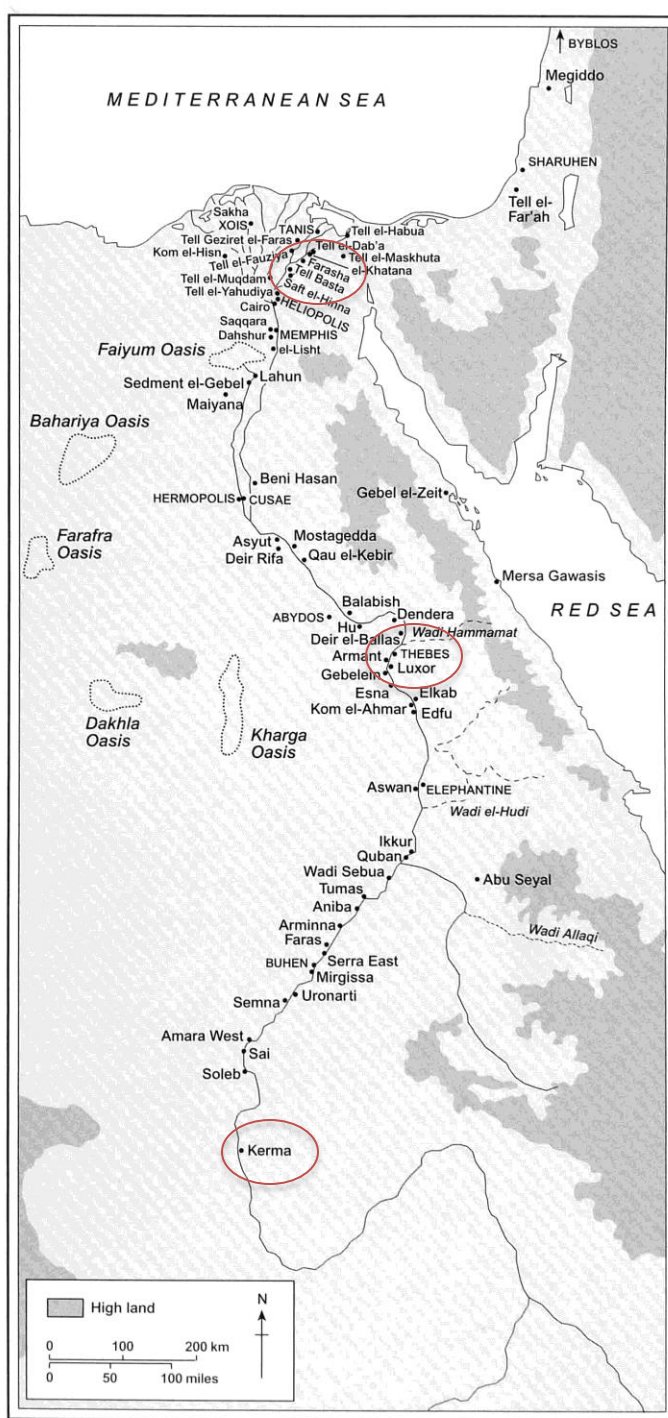
New Kingdom spear head and bows







The Second Intermediate Period: collapse and resurgence

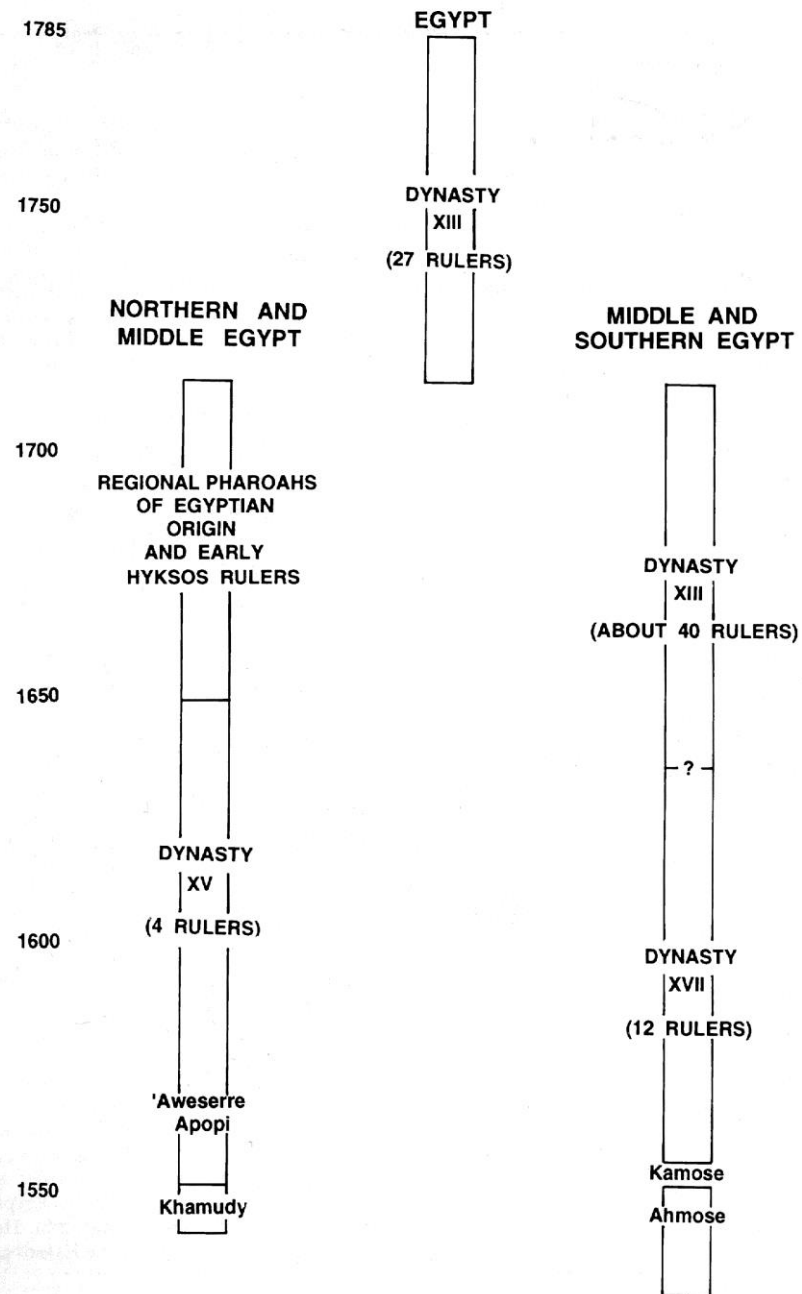


# The political situation in the Second Intermediate Period

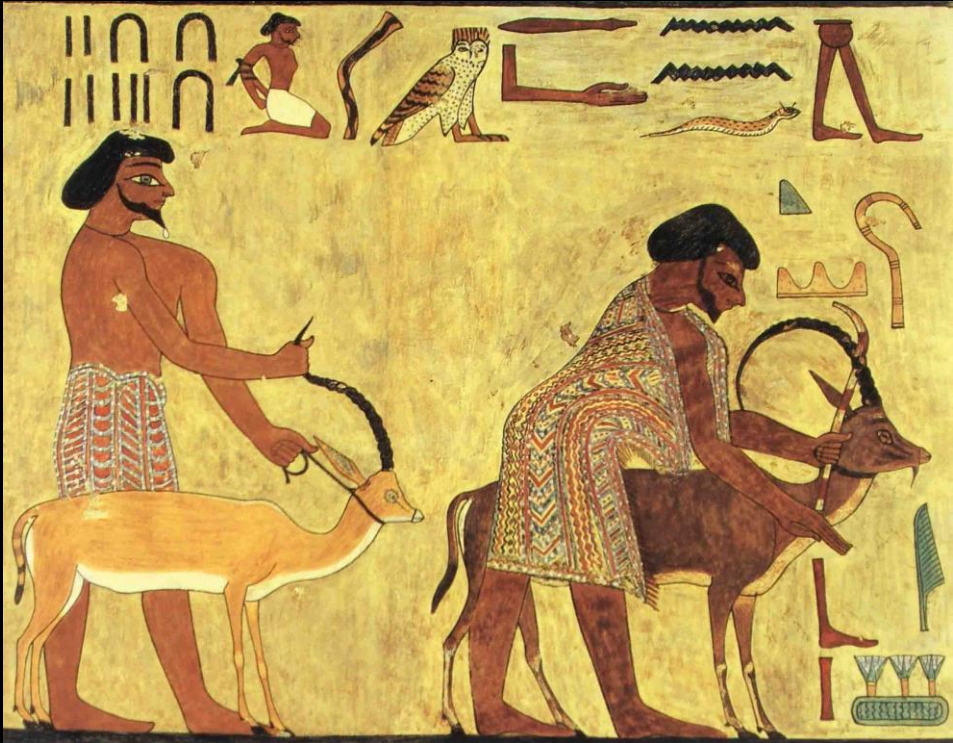
Three cities:

- Avaris/Tell el-Daba
- Kerma (in Nubia)
- Thebes

# Second Intermediate Period Chronology



Hyksos = Hekau-khasut, ‘rulers of foreign lands’

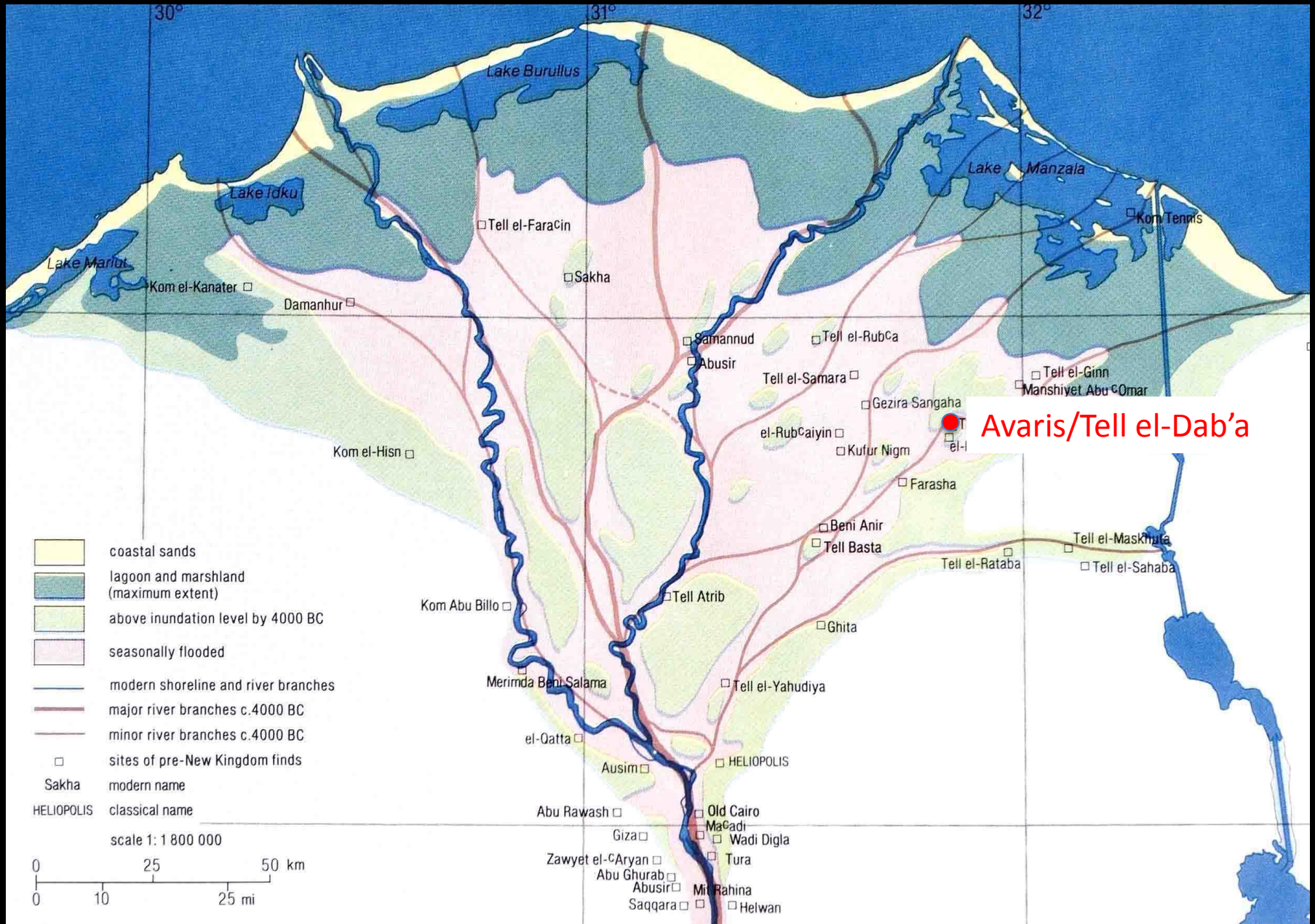


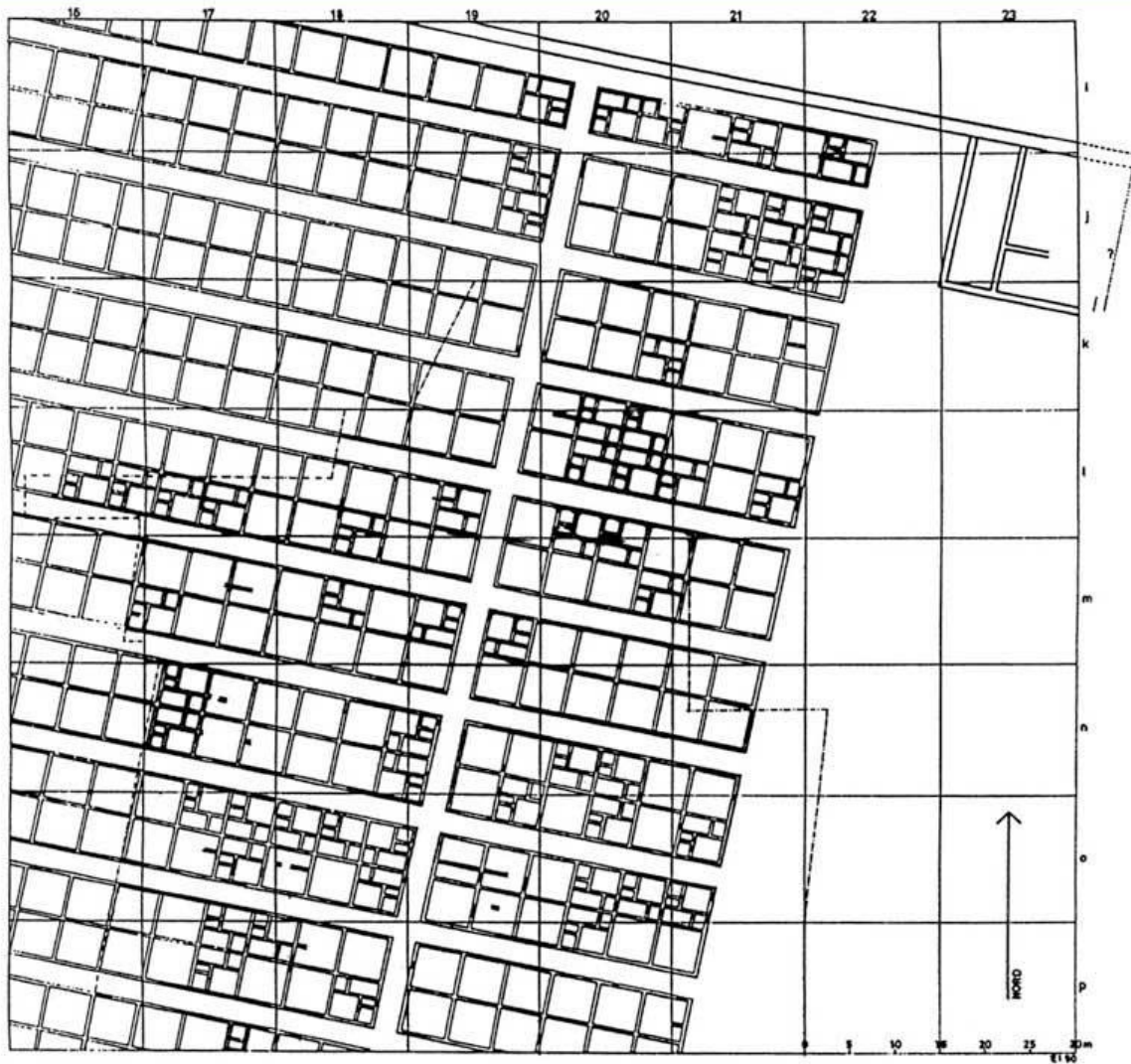
From the tomb of Khnumhotep at Beni Hasan





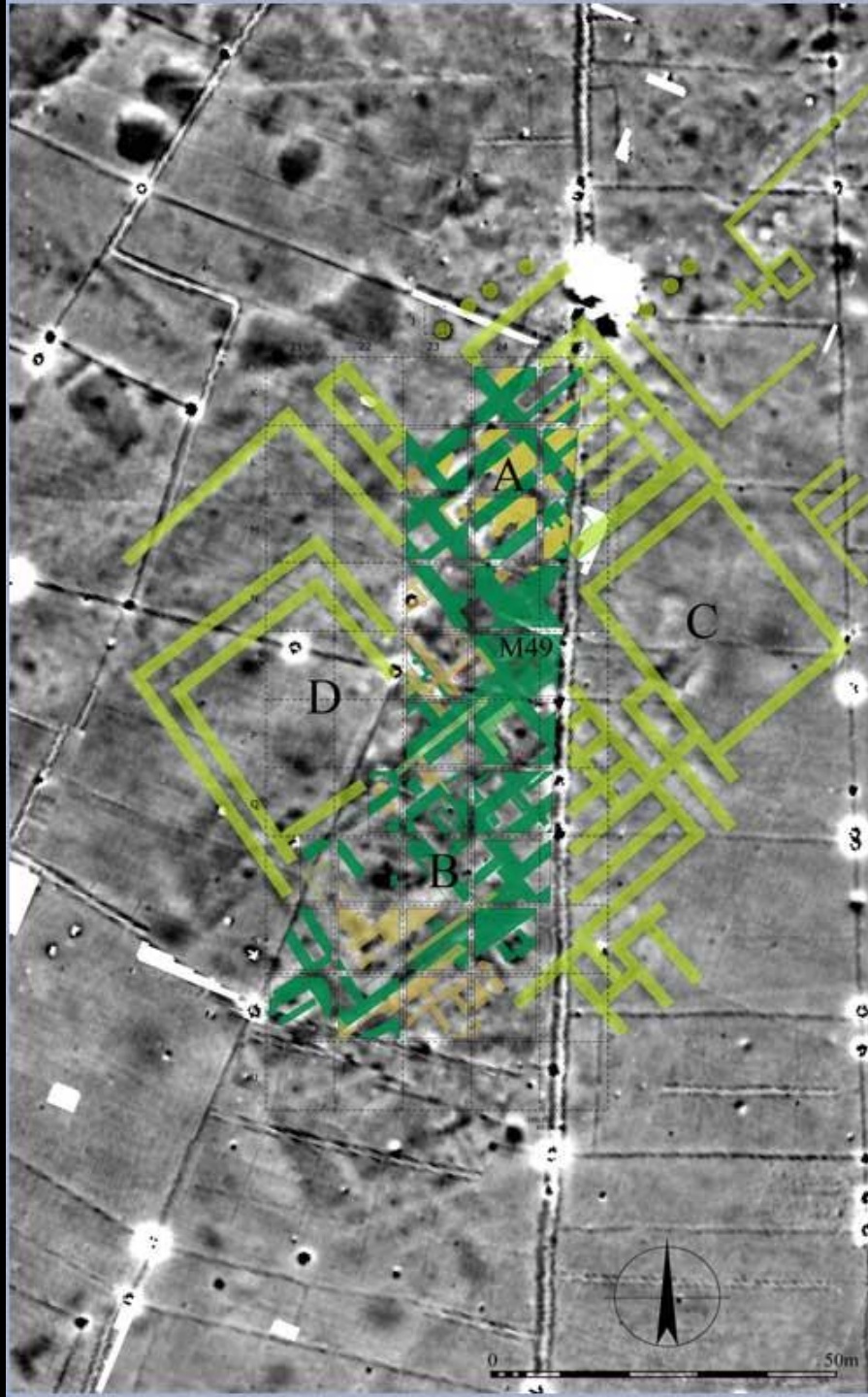
Asiatics in Khnumhotep's tomb at Beni Hasan





12<sup>th</sup> Dynasty remains at Avaris





15<sup>th</sup> Dynasty palatial structure



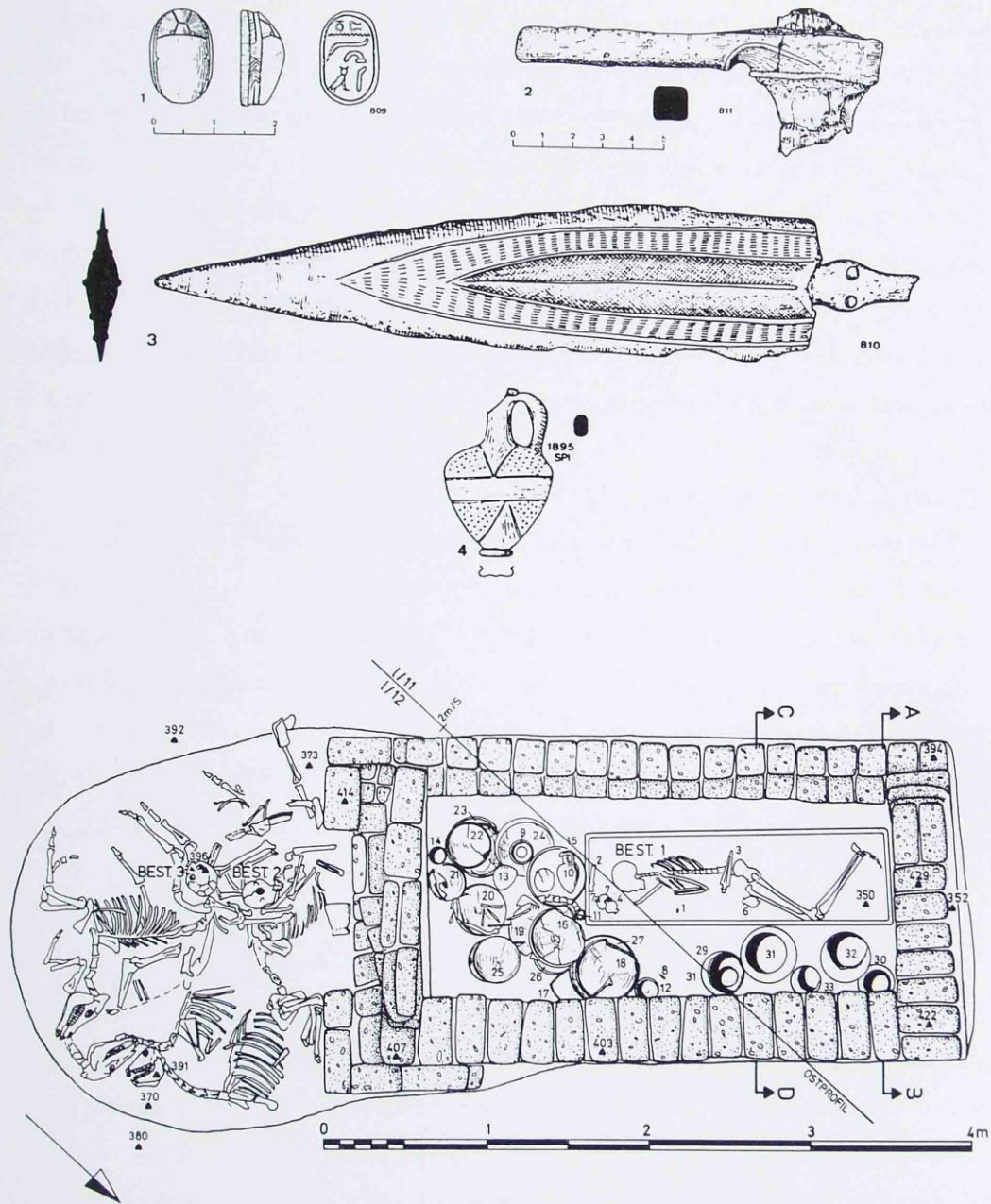
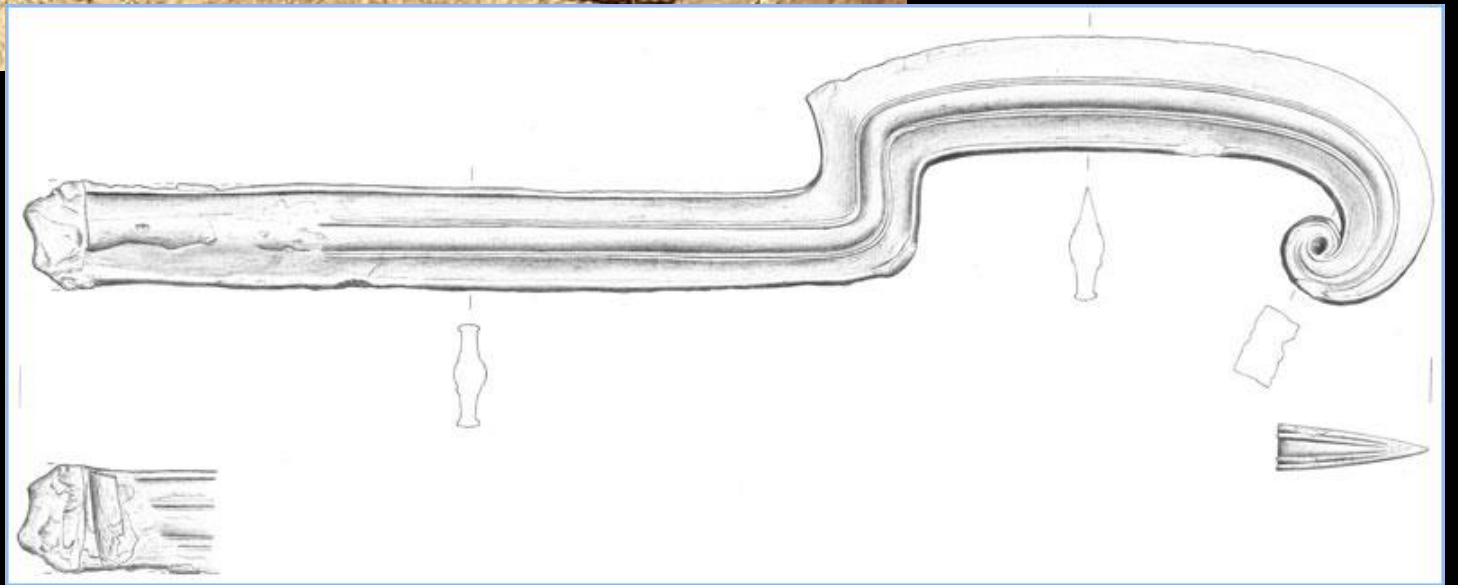


Fig. 35 Tomb A/II-1-no.5 of the deputy treasurer named 'Amu, 'the Asiatic'.





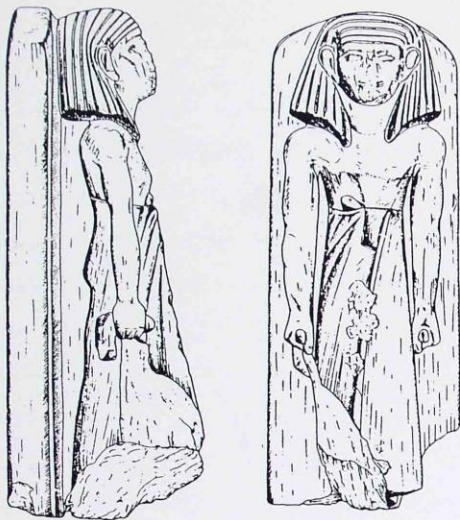


Fig. 23 Serpentine statuette of an official from palace tomb F/I-1/19-no. 1, stratum d/1 (reg. no. 5093).

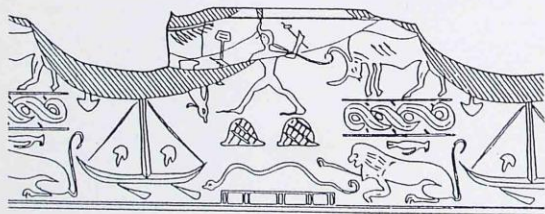


Fig. 25 Impression from cylinder seal depicting the north Syrian weather-god, found in the northern part of the palace of the early 13th Dynasty, stratum d/1 (reg. no. 2995).

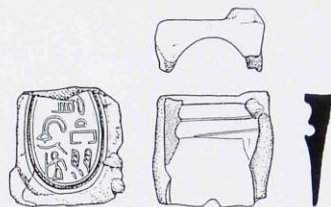


Fig. 24 Seal-impression of the treasurer of the King of Lower Egypt and chief steward named Aya from palace tomb F/I-m/18-no. 2, stratum d/1 (reg. no. 5696).

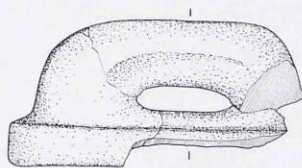


Fig. 26 Plumb-bob and stone float left in the courtyard of the palace by builders (reg. nos. 3117 and 3118).





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Fig. 52 Jamb of a doorway of the Hyksos Seker-her.



Fig. 53 Fragment of a stela mentioning the king's eldest son, Yanassy, son of Khayan. Height, 30 cm.

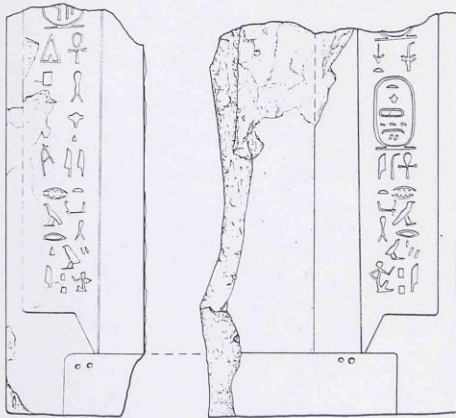


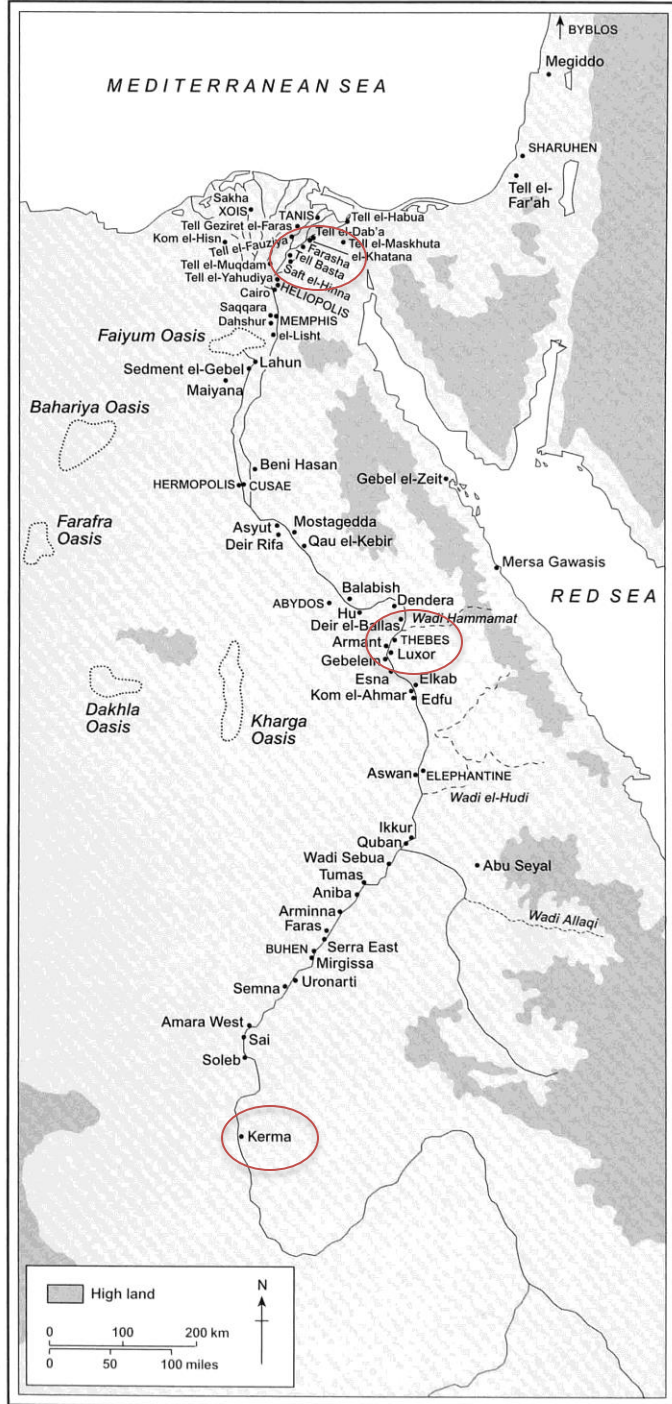
Fig. 54 Pseudo-naos with the name of the Hyksos Apophis and his sister, the princess Tany, mounted together with another fragment found at Tell el-Dab'a (right part after Simpson 1959: figs. 18-19). Height, 30 cm.





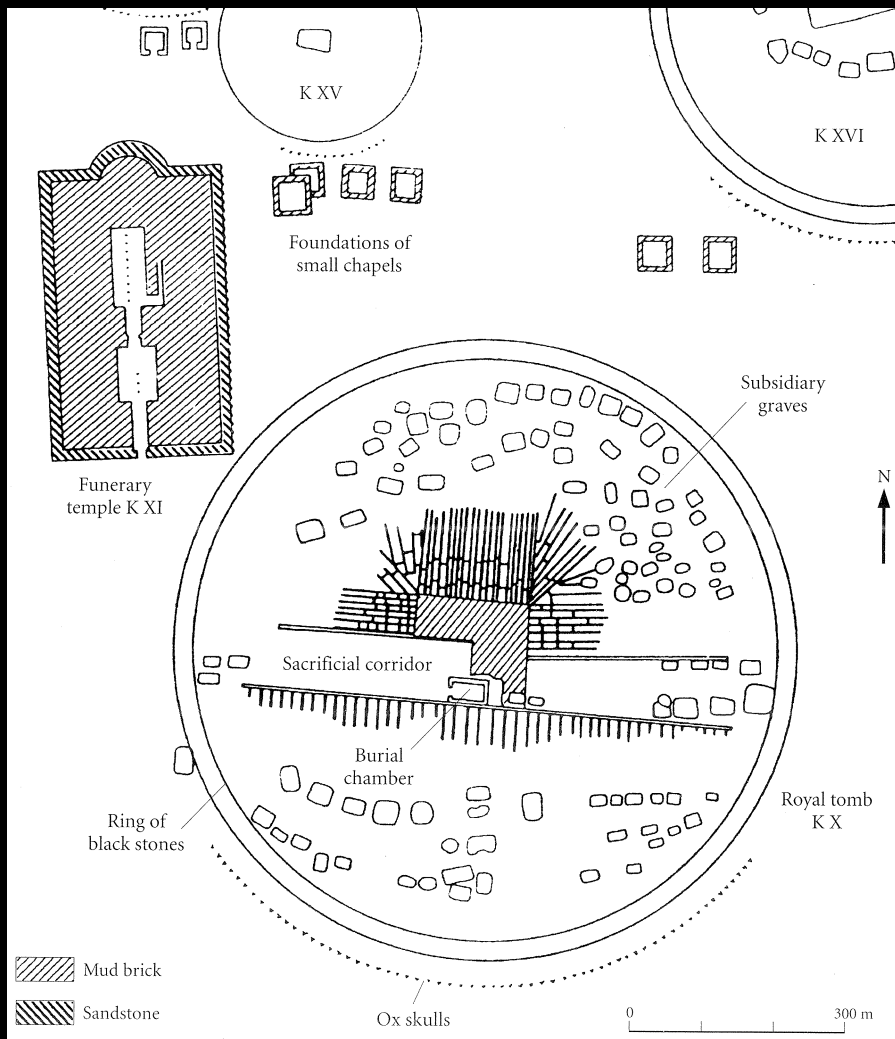


Two pits containing a total of fourteen hands were located in the outer compound (above) and two more pits containing one hand each were discovered beneath what is believed to have been a throne room.





The Site of Kerma

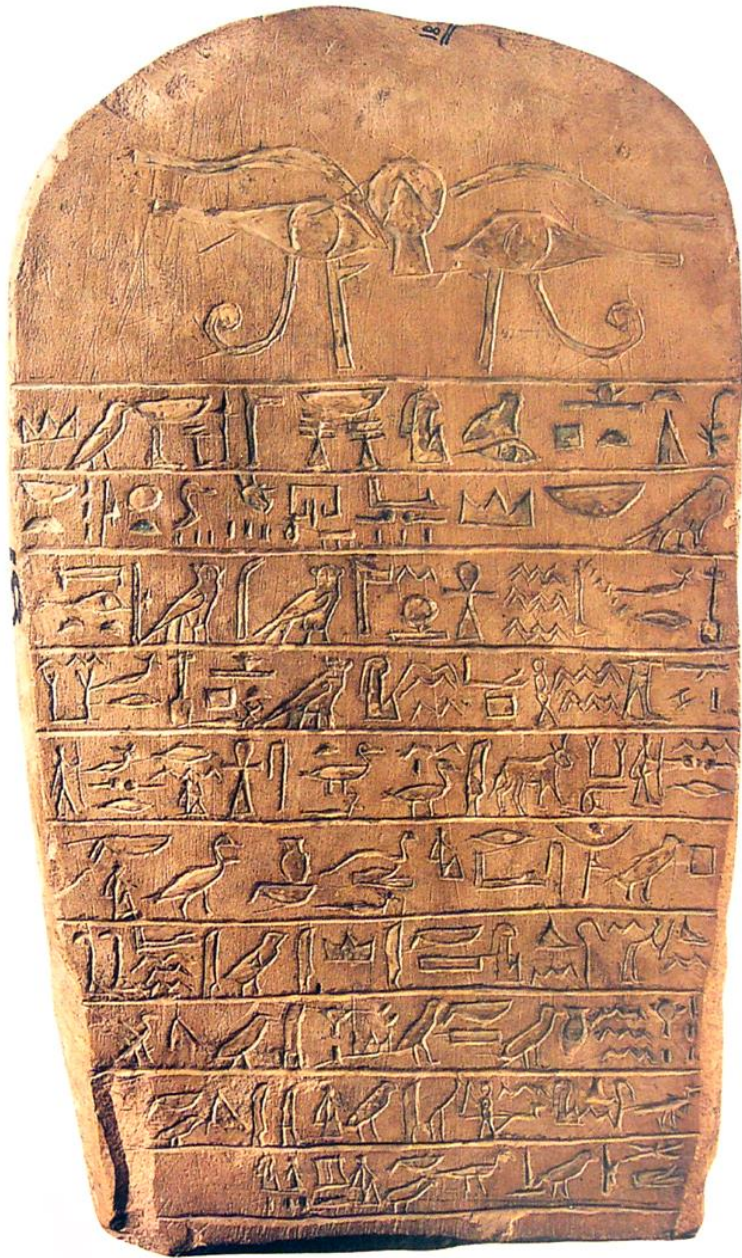


Royal tumuli at Kerma  
Sacrifice and bucrania



Kerma: Western Deffufa (temple site)

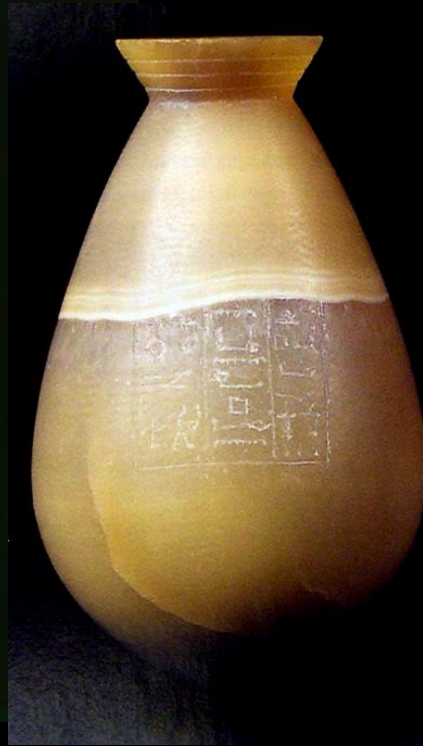




## Stela of Ka from Buhen

An offering that the king gives (to) Osiris, Lord of Busiris, the Great God, Lord of Abydos, and (to) Horus, Lord of Foreign Lands, that they may give an invocation offering consisting of bread and beer, oxen and fowl, and all things good and pure....

He says: I was a valiant servant of the ruler of Kush. I washed my feet in the waters of Kush in the following of the ruler Nedjeh.



Egyptian goods in Kerman tombs: exchange and booty from raids

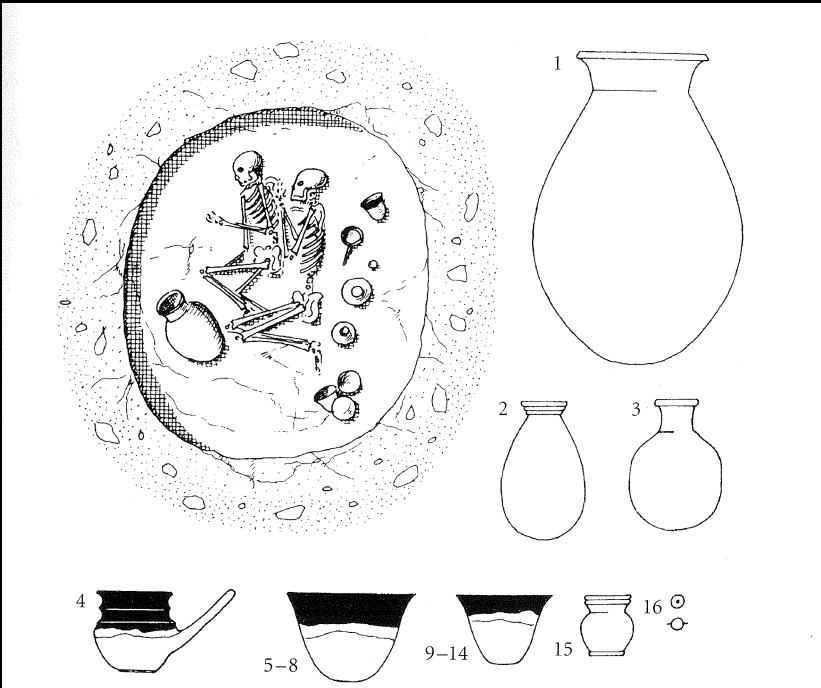
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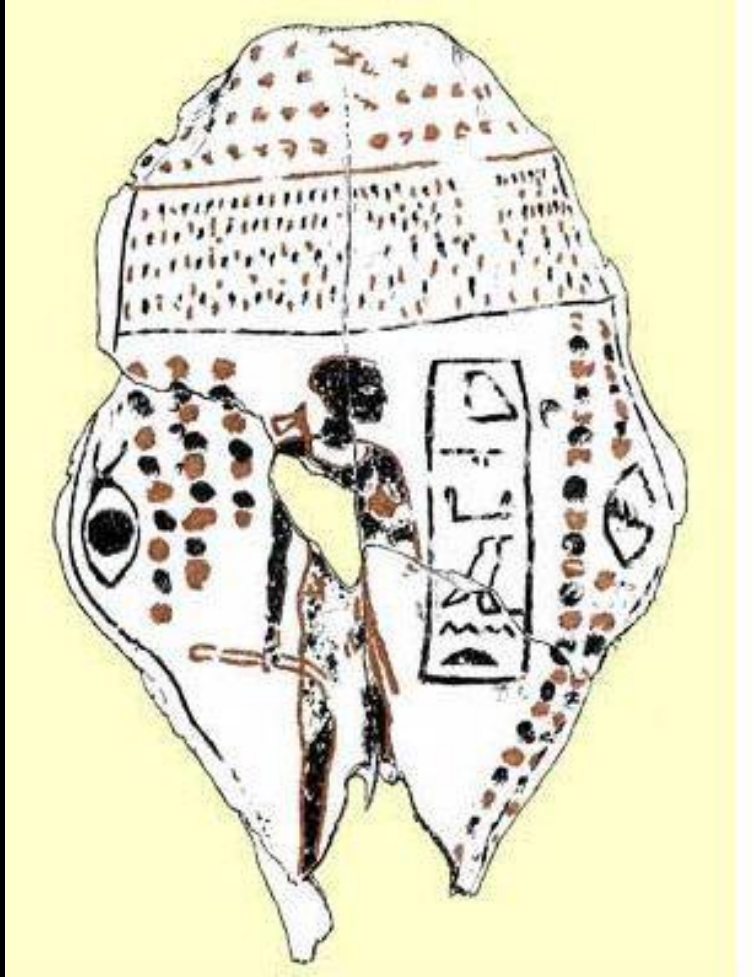
Deir Rifa:  
Pan-graves with  
Memphite and  
Tell el-Yahudiyah  
pottery

Mostagedda:  
Pan-graves with  
Upper Egyptian  
pottery

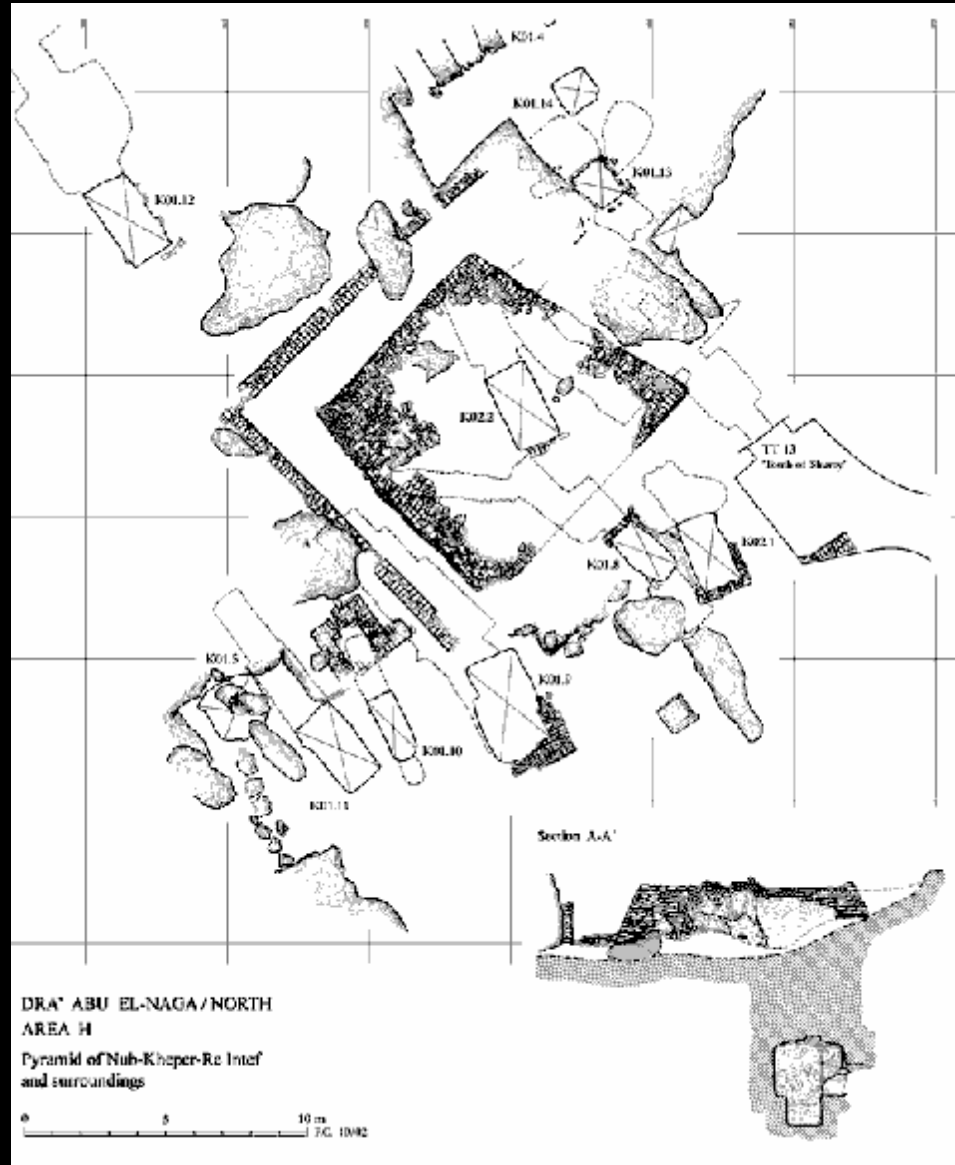
Pan-grave culture



Are the people of the Pan-Grave culture the Medjay?



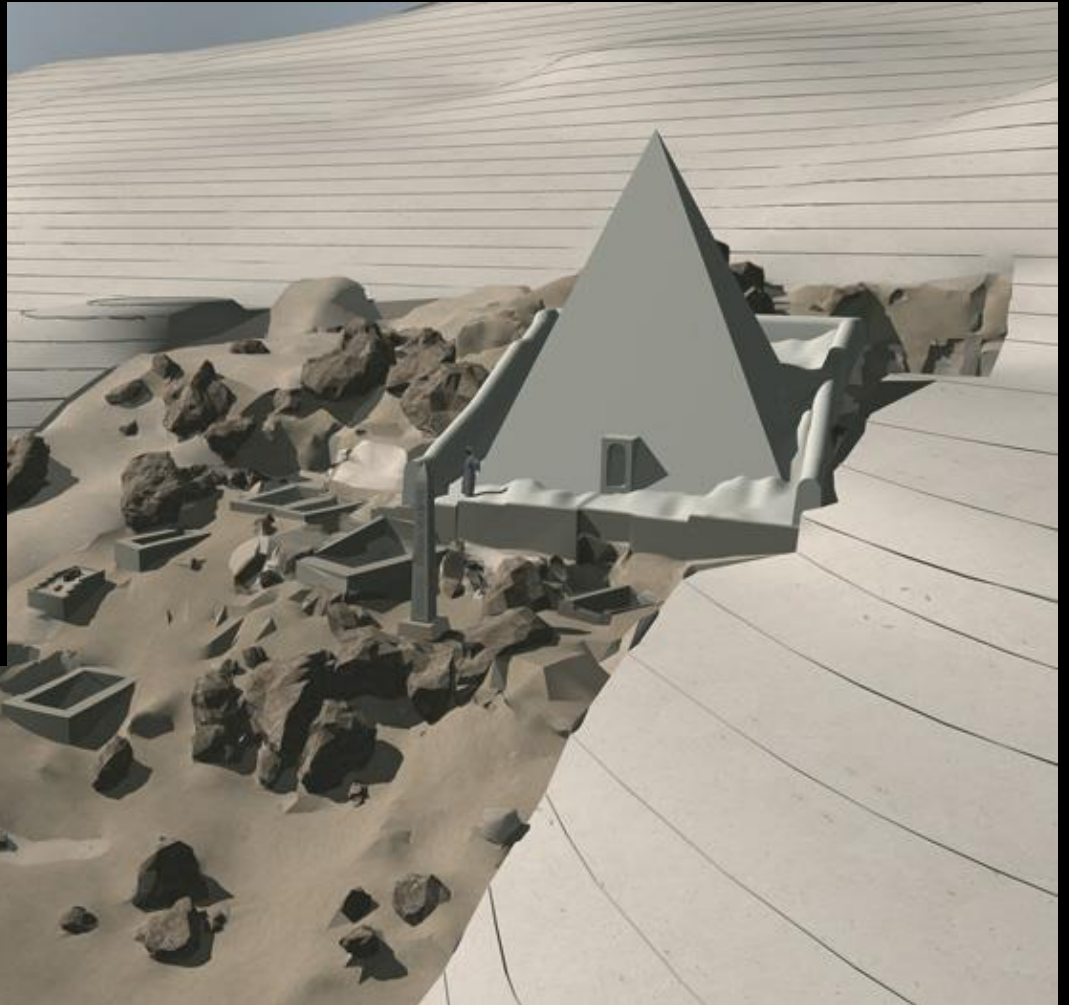
# The Theban 17<sup>th</sup> Dynasty



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Pyramid of Nub-Kheper-Re Intef  
and surroundings

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FIG. 10/92





## Sources for the War of Reunification at the end of the Second Intermediate Period

### Archaeological:

body of Seqenenre-Taa

campaign palace (?) at Deir el Ballas

remarkably little else – destruction layers at Nubian forts?

### Literary:

Two stelae set up at Karnak by Kamose

Rhind Mathematical Papyrus insert (only source from Hyksos point of view!)

Stela at Karnak set up by Ahmose for Ahhotep

Tomb autobiographies of soldiers from el-Kab, especially Ahmose, son of Ibana

### Pictorial:

relief scenes from the temple at Ahmose's pyramid complex at Abydos



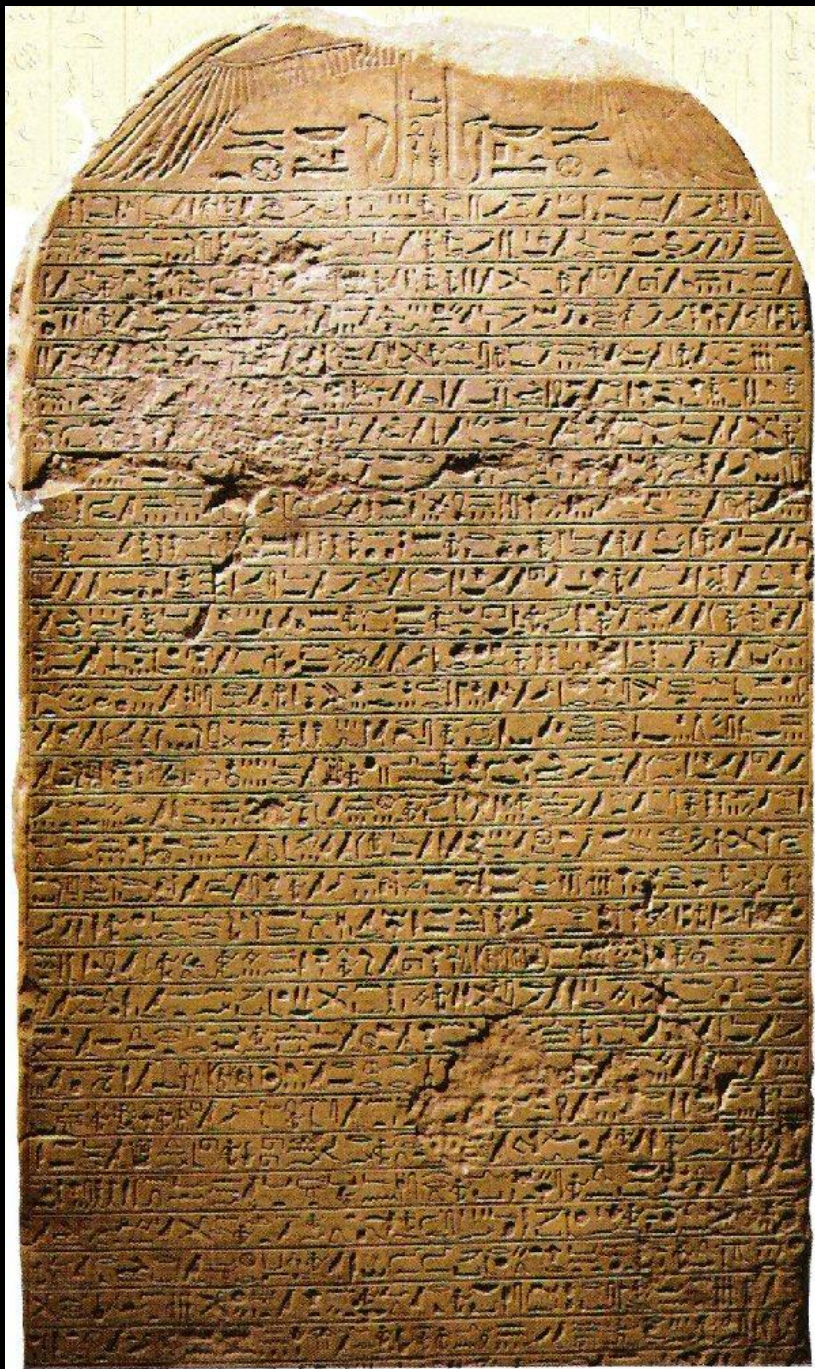
Seqenenre Taa – 17<sup>th</sup> Dynasty king  
Started the war of reunification  
against the Hyksos



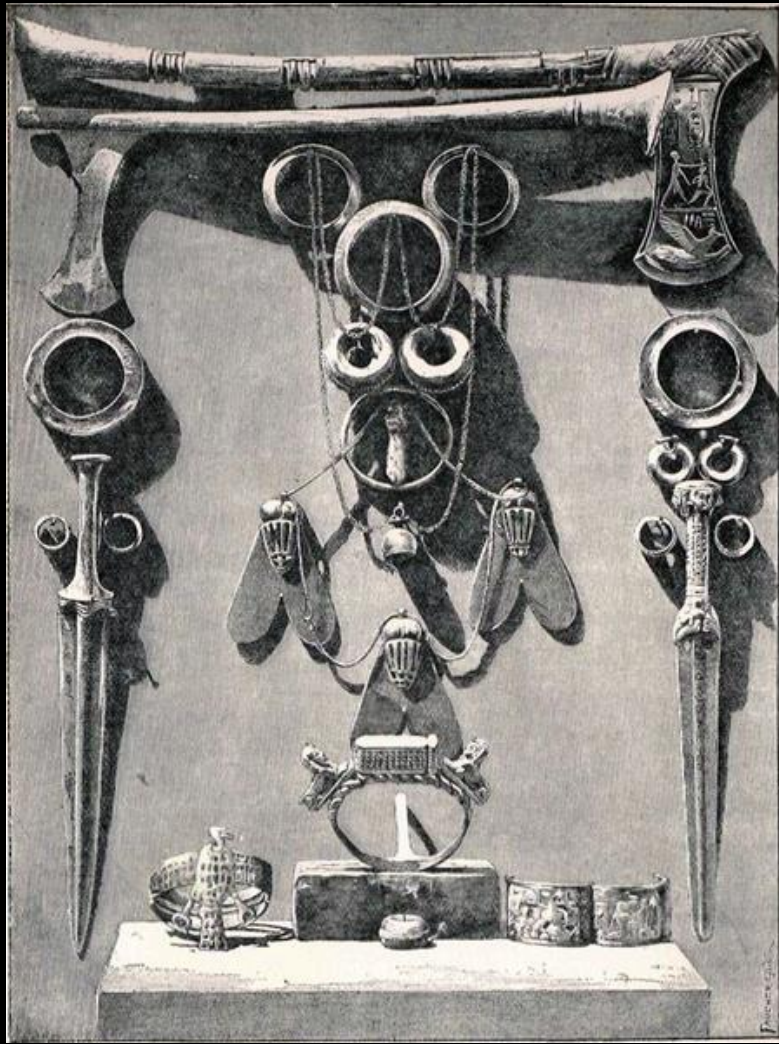


## Fortifications and palace at Deir el-Ballas





Stela of Kamose, last king of  
Dynasty XVII



From the stela of Ahhotep at Karnak, set up by Ahmose

“She is the one who has accomplished the rites and taken care of Egypt... She has looked after her soldiers, she has guarded her, she has brought back her fugitives and collected together her deserters, she has pacified Upper Egypt and expelled her rebels.”

## From the Rhind Mathematical Papyrus insert:

“Regnal year 11, second month of shomu,  
Heliopolis was entered. First month of akhet, day  
23, this southern prince broke into Tjaru. Day 25 –  
it was heard tell that Tjaru had been entered.  
Regnal year 11, first month of akhet, the birthday of  
Seth – a roar was emitted by the Majesty of this  
god. The birthday of Isis – the sky poured rain.”











Gold of Valor from the tomb of Ahhotep