

Middle Kingdom Chronology

11th Dynasty (starting in the middle) (at Thebes)

Nebhepetre Montuhotep (II)

Seankhkare Montuhotep III

Nebtawyre Montuhotep IV

12th Dynasty (at Itj-tawy)

Amenemhat I (former vizier?)

Senwosret I (probable co-regency with Amenemhat I)

Amenemhat II (probable co-regency with Senwosret I)

Senwosret II (probable co-regency with Amenemhat II)

Senwosret III

Amenemhat III (probable co-regency with Senwosret III)

Amenemhat IV

Sobeknefru

13th Dynasty (at Itj-tawy, then Thebes)

many kings of whom Neferhotep I and Sobekhotep IV are the best attested

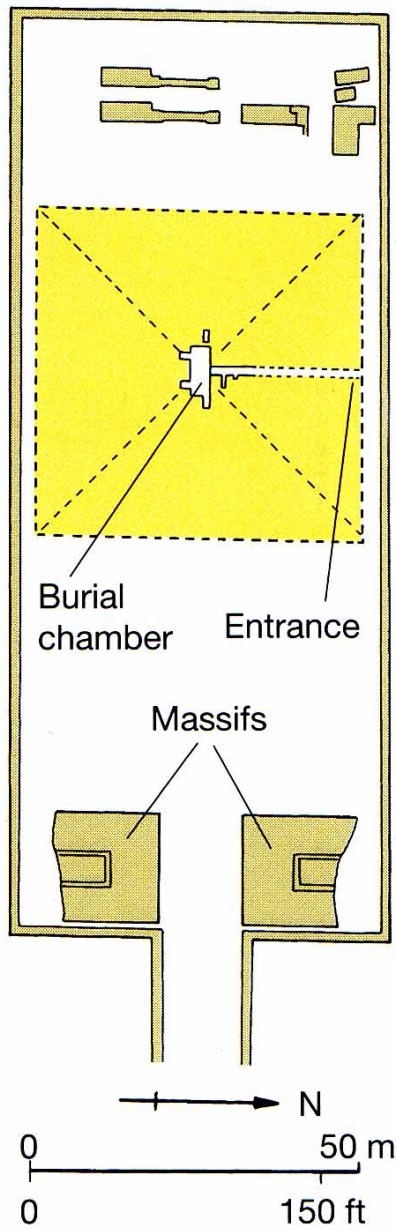
Excerpt from the Berlin Leather Roll (NK copy of a MK temple text):

Year 3, month 3 of Akhet, day 8, under the majesty of the king of Upper and Lower Egypt Kheperkare, Son of Ra Senwosret (I), true of voice, may he live for ever in eternity.

The king appeared with the double-crown; and a sitting took place in the hall, a consultation with his followers, the Friends of the Palace and the officials of the private chambers, with commands for their hearing, a consultation for their instruction. See, my Majesty is planning works, being mindful of a deed of excellence for the future. I will make a monument, and lay down durable decrees for Harakhti, as he bore me to do what should be done for him, to create what he commanded done. He placed me as shepherd of this land; he knew who would gather it together for him...

And these friends said, answering to their god: Utterance is in your mouth, and perception around you! O sovereign (Iph) whatever is to happen, that is your plan: the royal appearance as the uniter of the two lands to stretch the cord in your temple. It is noble to look to tomorrow, as something excellent for one's lifetime... Great are you, as you make monuments in Iunu, the sanctuary of the gods, before your father, the lord of the Great Mansion, Atum, the bull of the ennead. Create your mansion, provide for the offering stone, that it shall do service for the statue and be well disposed for your image for the fullness of all time... The rope was let loose, the line put on the ground, made into this temple.

Amenemhat II's Pyramid Complex at Dahshur



Amenemhat II annals from Memphis



Summary:

(1) Income

Arrival of foreign delegations: 14-15, 19

Trading and mining expeditions: 8 (and 9?), 16, 21

Military expeditions: (9?), 10, 20

Other activity by the king: 22

(2) Expenditure

Offerings and cult: 1-7, 11-13, 17-18, 24-29

Distribution of income: 23

Item 7: 'offering divine offerings when they are set up'

Item 8: 'despatching an expedition to Khenty-she' (Khenty-she means 'the one in front of the lake', and has the mountain-land determinative used for foreign lands - it has been identified as Lebanon from the products brought back by the expedition, recorded later in the inscription) (line 7)

Item 9: recruiting manpower

Item 10: 'despatching an expedition with an overseer of troops to destroy Syrian Iwa [...]'

Item 11: donation of cult equipment from the 'king's domain' to the cult of the god Mont in Iun(y) (Armant) and Djert(y) (Tod), each receiving a vessel of 'Asiatic copper'

Item 12: 'following the goddess [..] to her temple in Wadi Natrun'

Item 13: 'making a wood statue of the overseer of Wadi Natrun dwellers Ameny permitted (?) to him in Djefa-Amenemhat' (the place-name Djefa-Amenemhat has the hieroglyphic determinatives pyramid and town, and is probably therefore a settlement, small or large, near the pyramid of Amenemhat II at Dahshur) (line 10)

Item 14: arrival of deputation from Kush and Webat-sepet (Nubian Nile Valley and desert valleys), and record of the produce brought by them (lines 11-12)

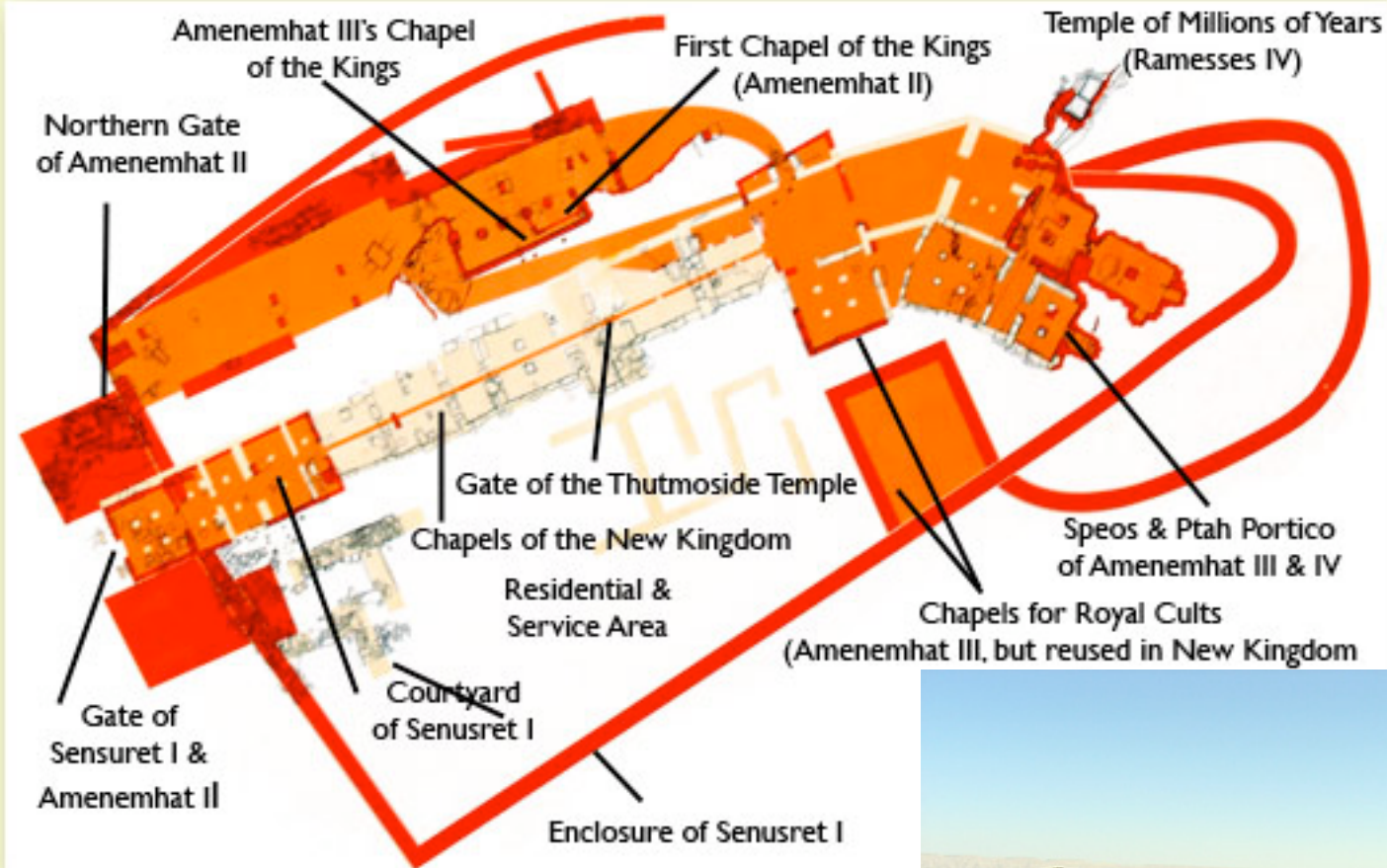
Item 15: 'arrival in obeisance of the children of rulers of Syria, bringing with them...' (followed by list of produce) (lines 12-13)



“Tod Treasure”

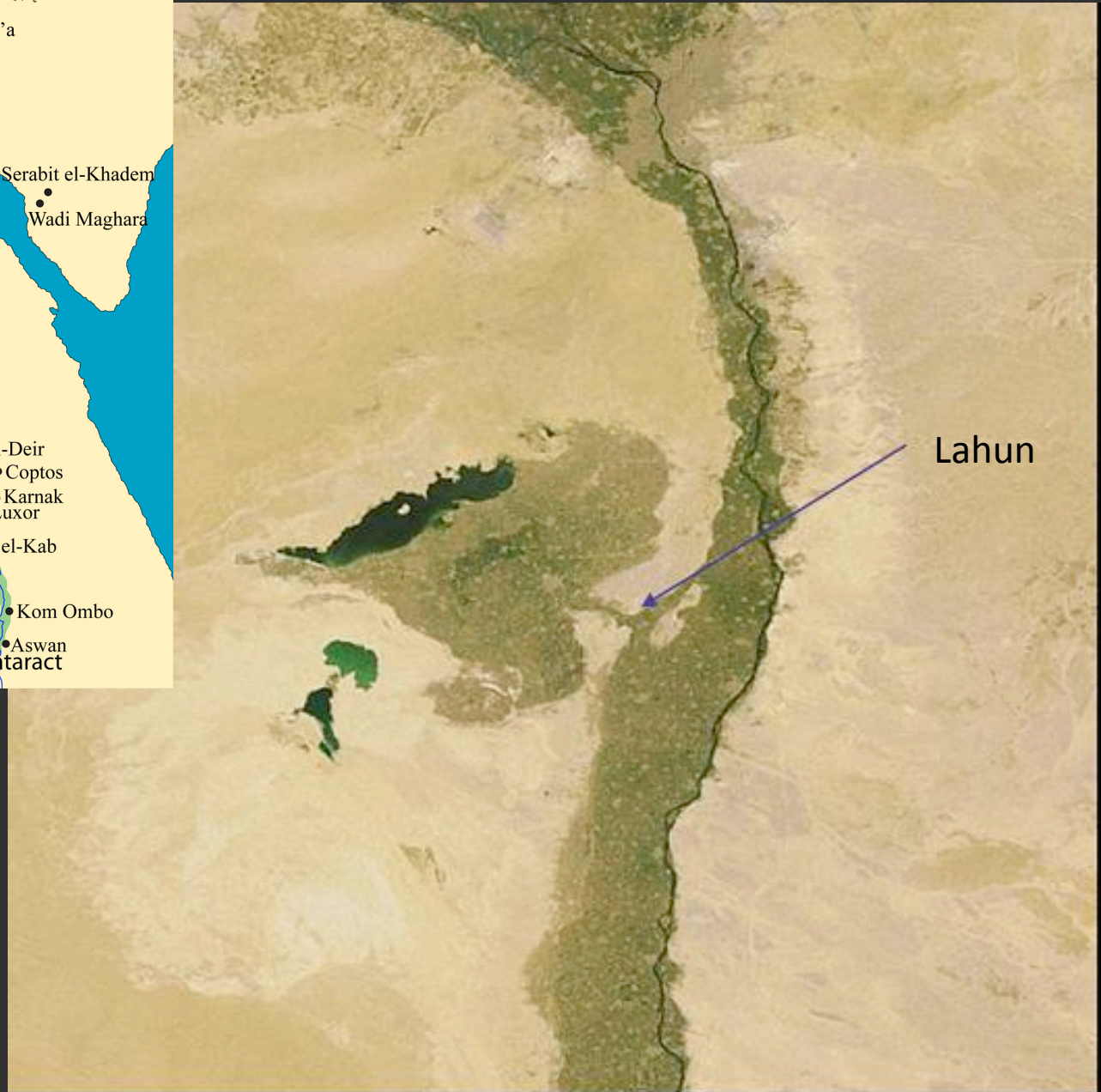
Silver bowls from the Levant and Aegean, gold, lapis in copper boxes with the name of Amenemhat II on them



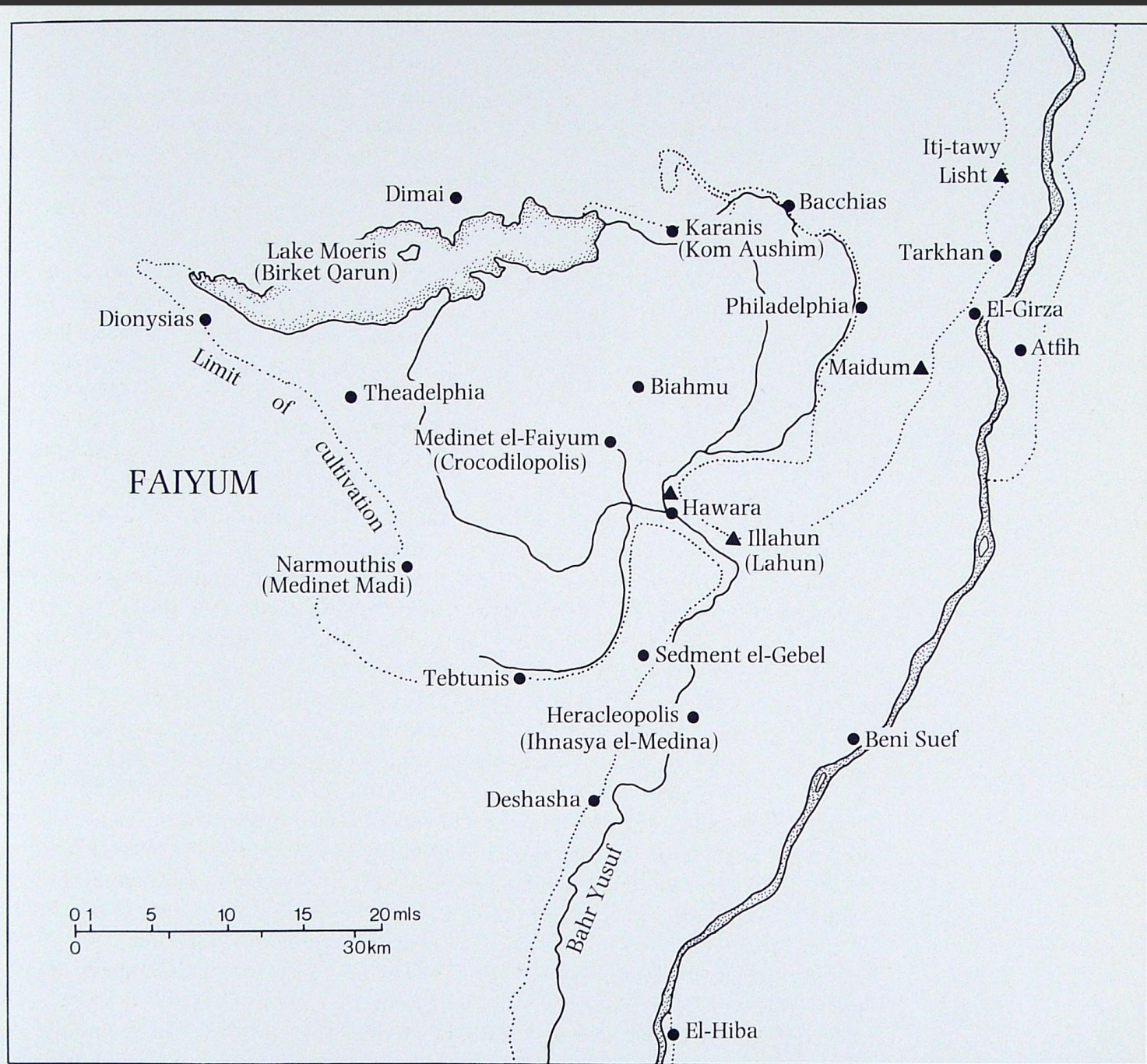


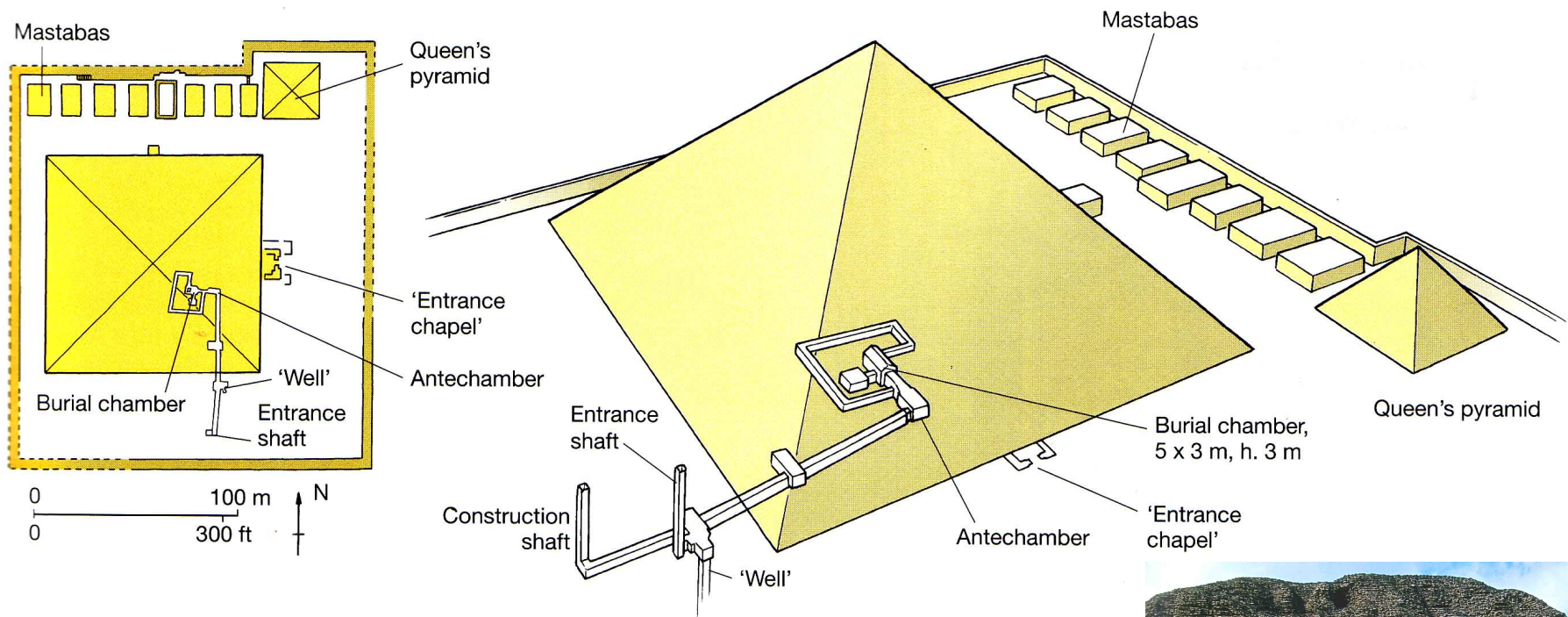
Serabit el-Khadim:
Hathor temple in the Sinai



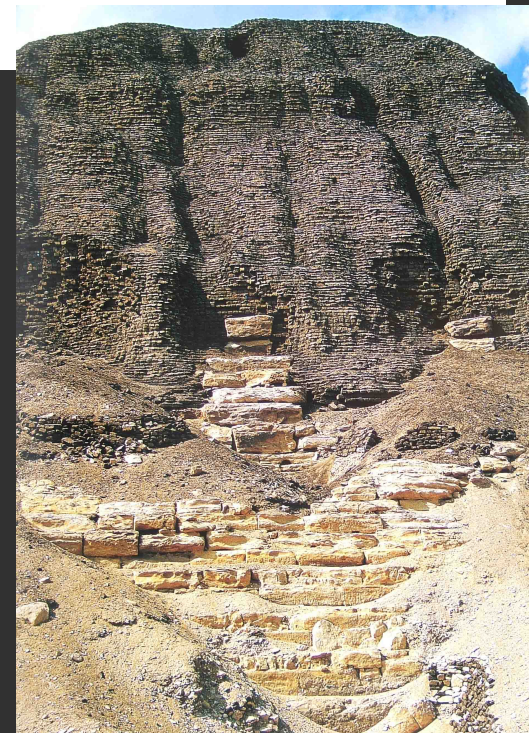


Senwosret II at
Lahun





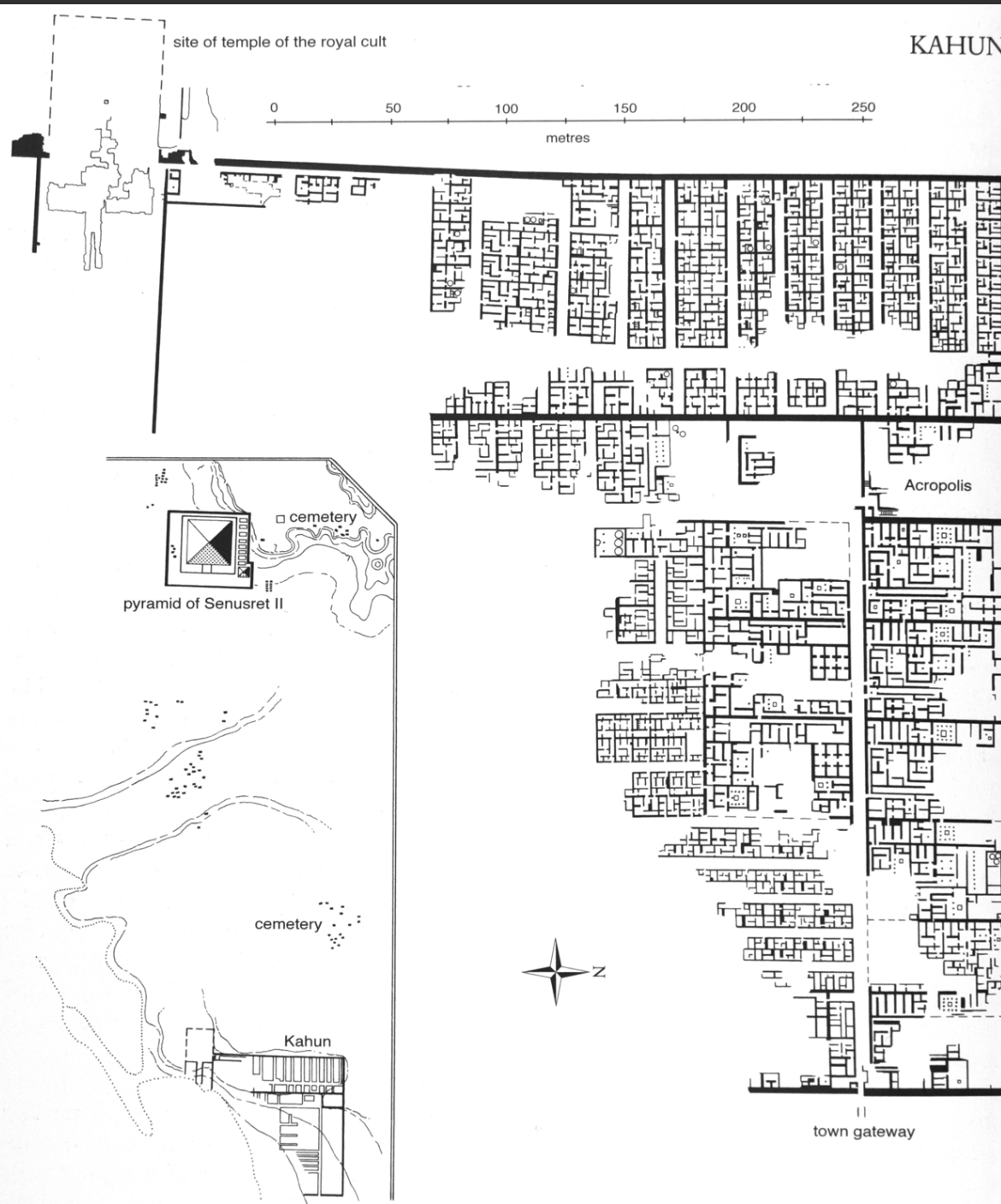
Senwosret II's pyramid at Lahun

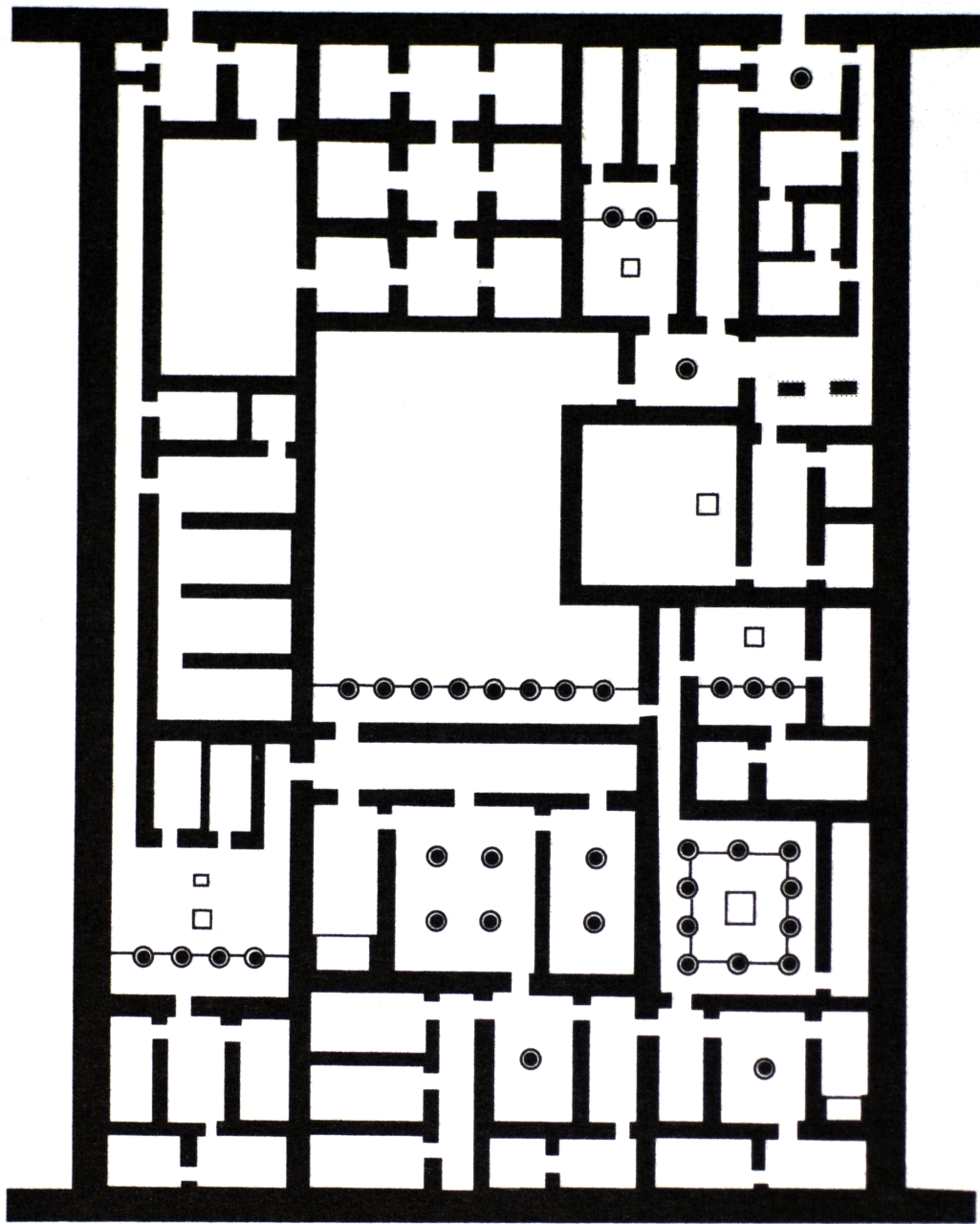




Jewelry of Princess
Sithathoriunet from Lahun

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Elite Kahun House
entered from North





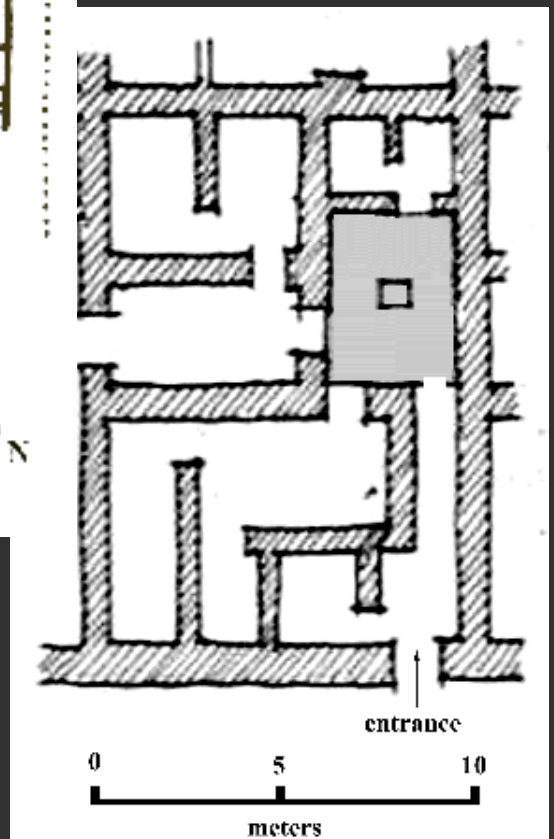
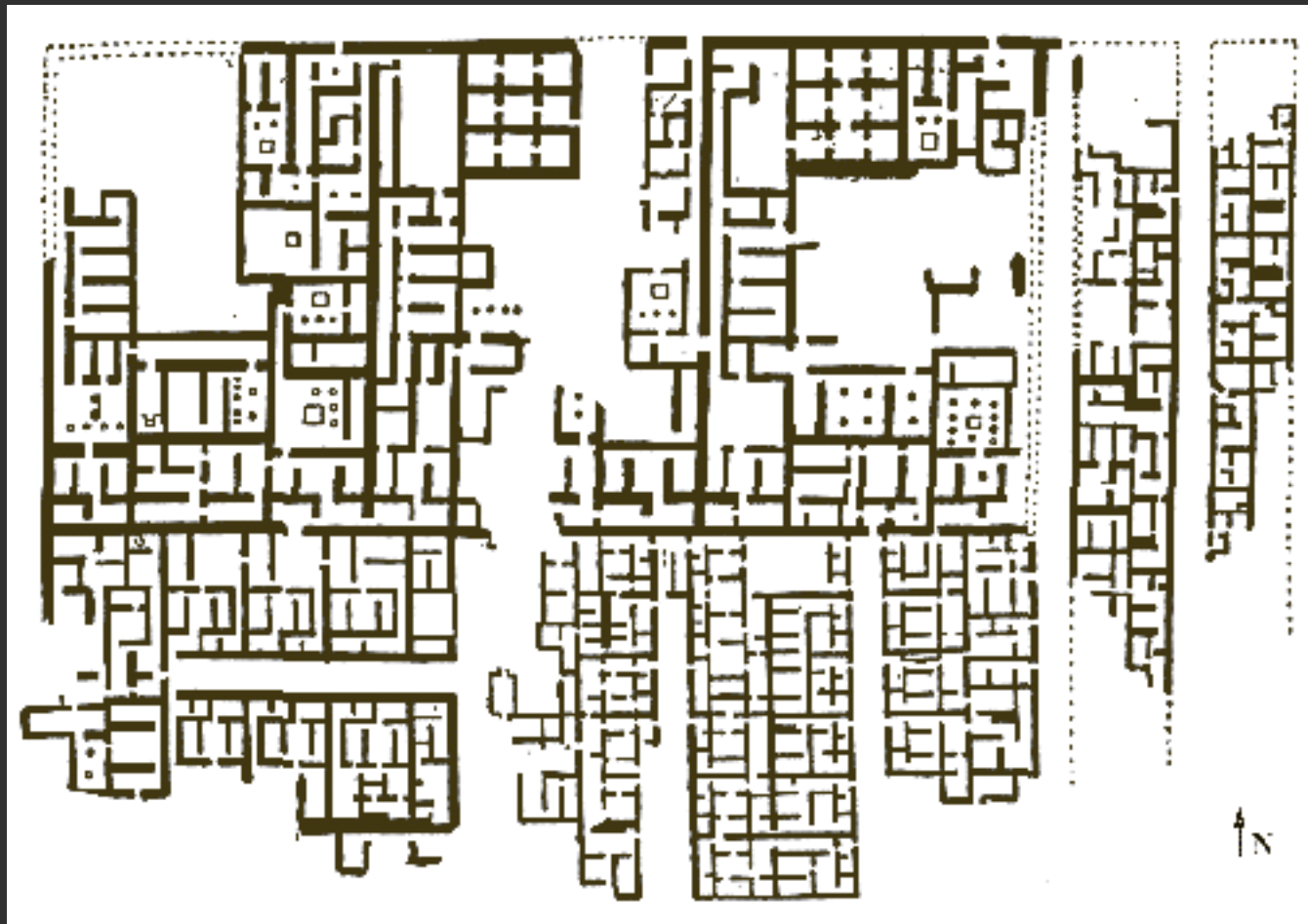
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Granary models from
private tombs





Smaller houses from Lahun



The Lahun Papyri

From the temple daybook:

Report of the fourth phyle of the temple priesthood who are withdrawing for the month. This is their statement:

All your affairs are safe and sound. We have examined all the goods of the temple and everything of the temple is safe and sound for the first phyle of the temple priesthood who are entering for the month.

Report of the first phyle of the temple priesthood who are entering for the month. This is their statement:

All your affairs are safe and sound. We have received all the goods of the temple safe and sound from the fourth phyle of the temple priesthood, who were withdrawing for the month. The temple is flourishing with all goodness.

(also from the daybook, a copy of a letter)

The count, overseer of the temple Nubkhaure, says to the lector-priest and chief Pepyhotep: “A statement that you should know that the Coming Forth of Sothis will happen on month 4 of Peret, day 16. Let this be noted by the temple priesthood of Power-of-Senwosret-true-of-voice, of Anubis who is upon his mountain, and of Sobek; also cause this letter to be entered in the temple daybook.