

Kom el-Hetan, Mortuary Temple of Amenhotep III





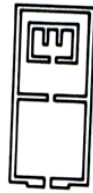


Amenhotep III from outside his mortuary temple, Thebes  
("Colossi of Memnon")





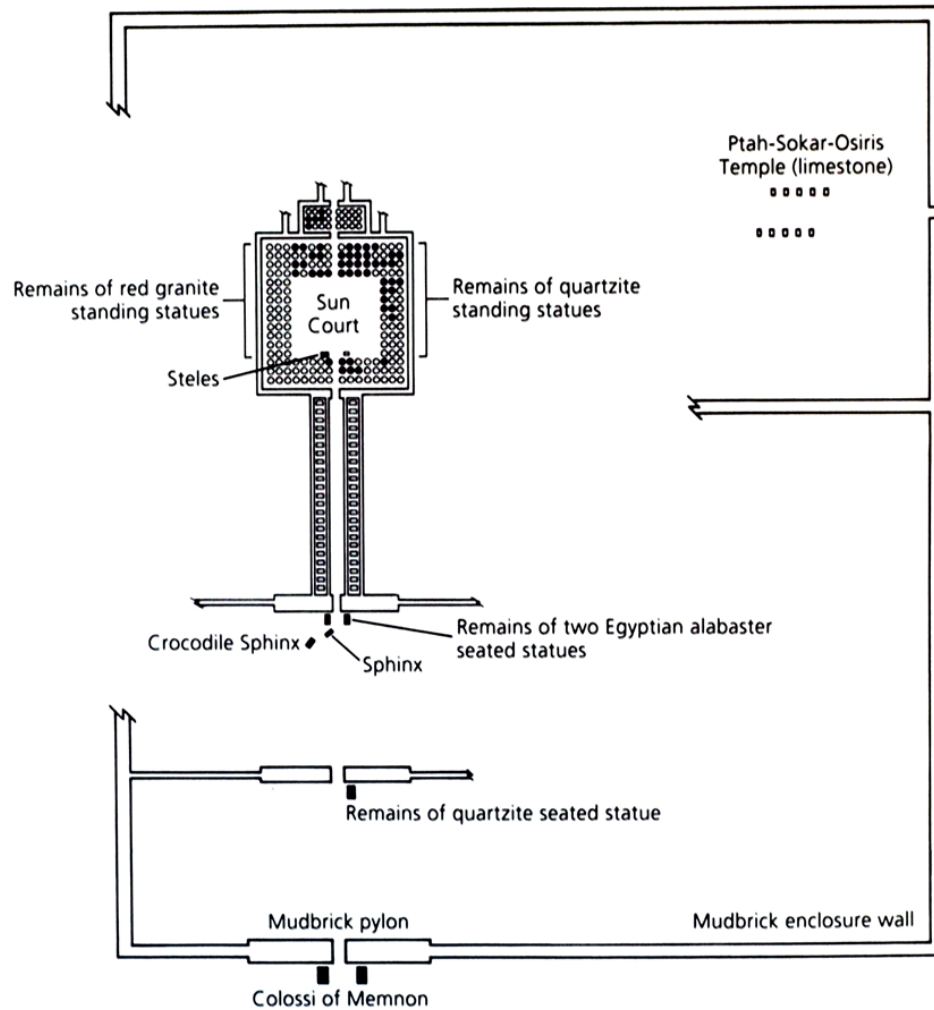




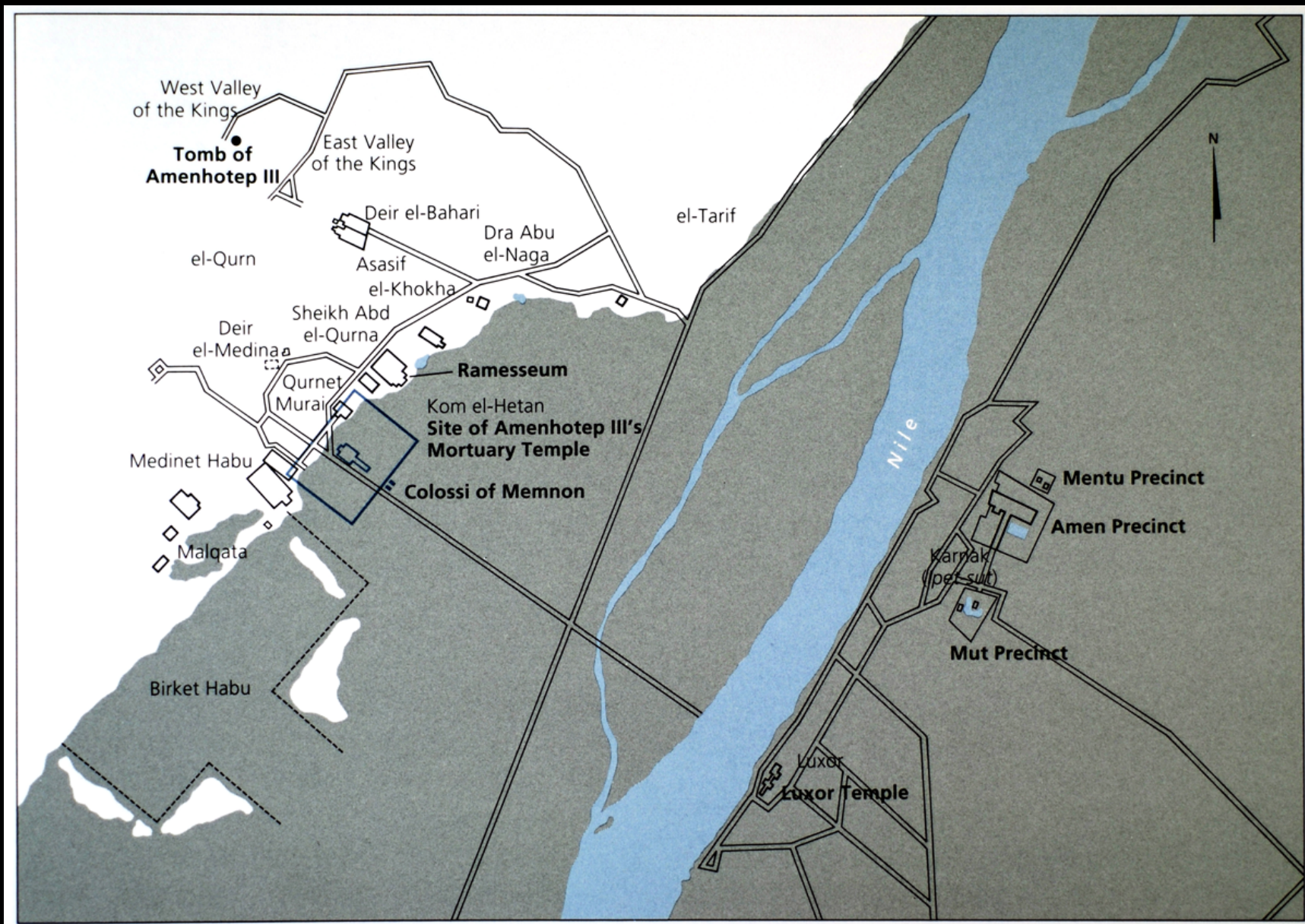
Temple of Amenhotep son of Hapu



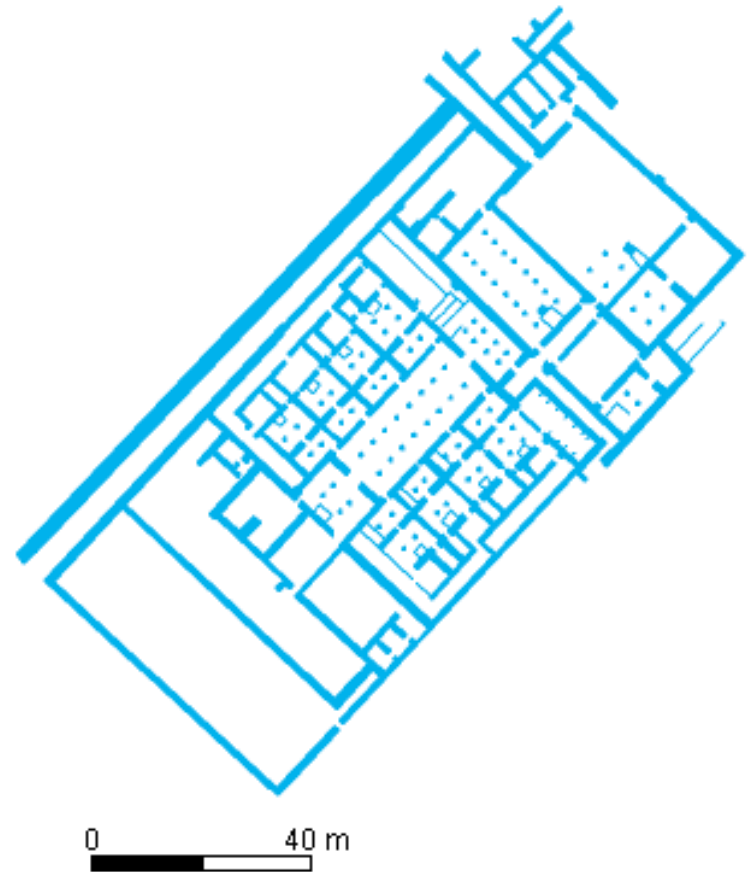
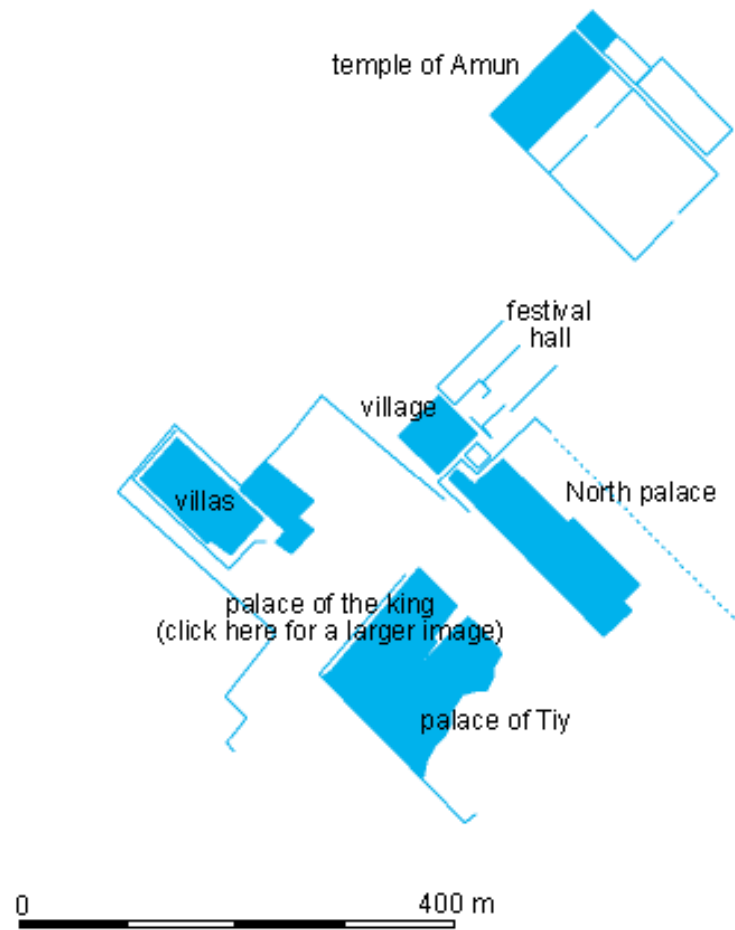
Remains of two quartzite standing statues











Malkata (Palace of the Dazzling Aten), palace of Amenhotep III at Thebes, West Bank





Painted plaster from Malkata



Malkata today





Ceramic, faience, and glass vessels from Malkata







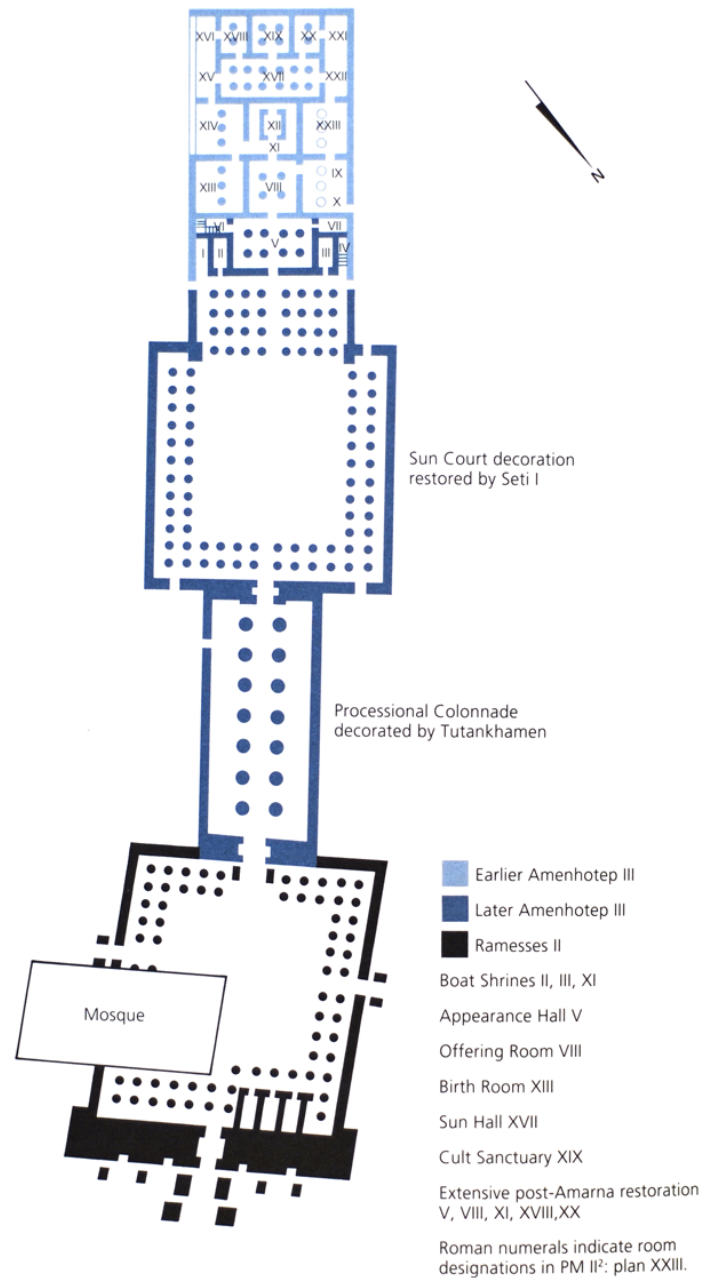
Birket Habu (artificial harbor at Malkata)





Luxor Temple, looking North toward Karnak



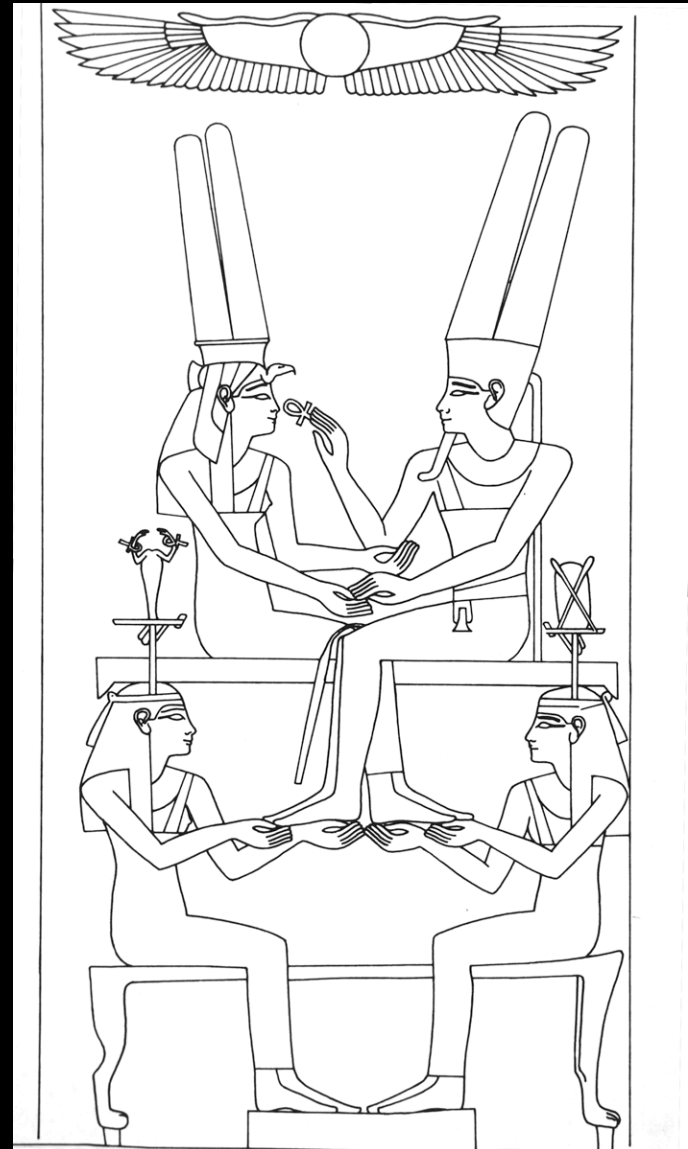




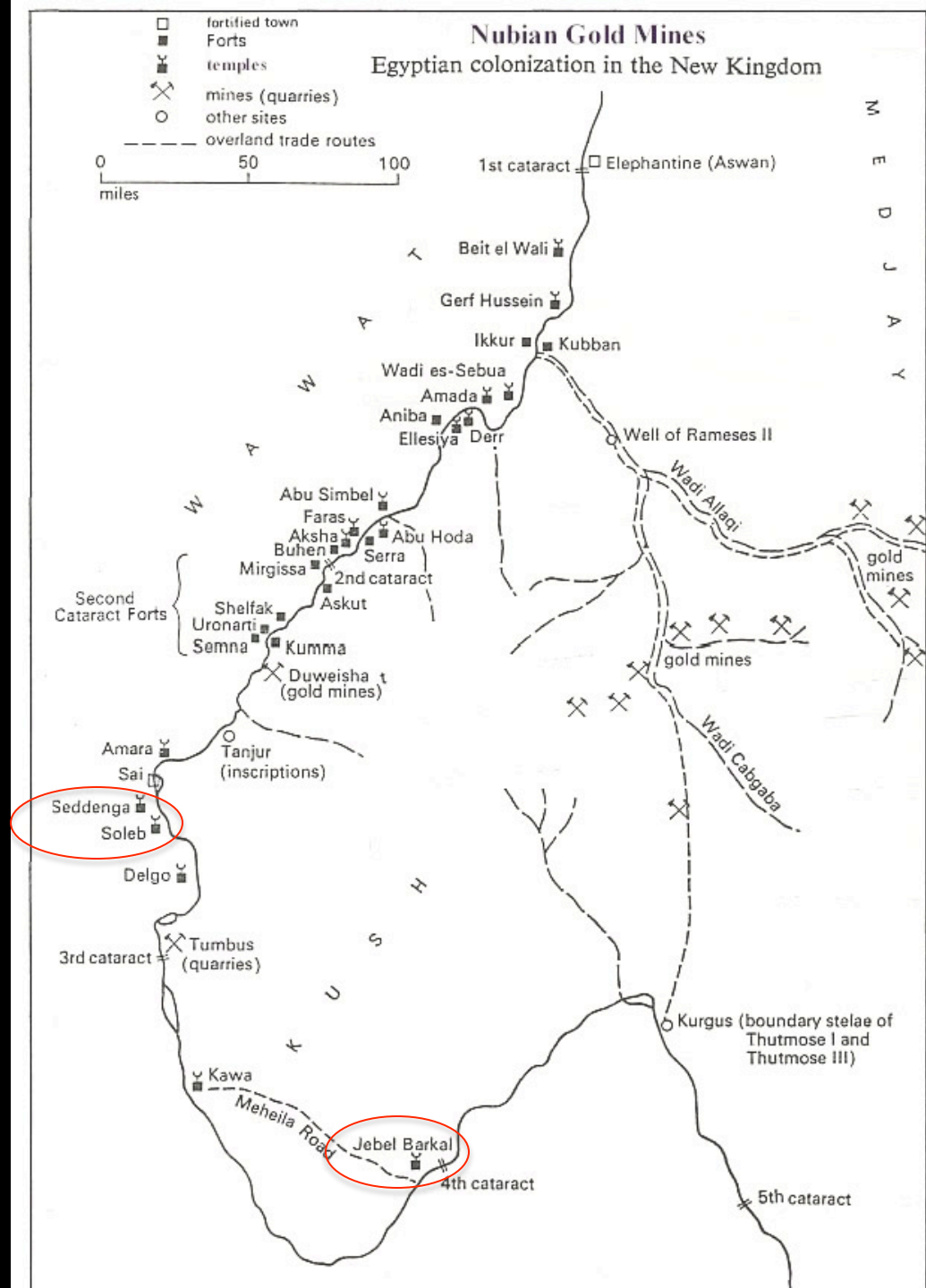
Amun crowns Amenhotep III, Luxor Temple



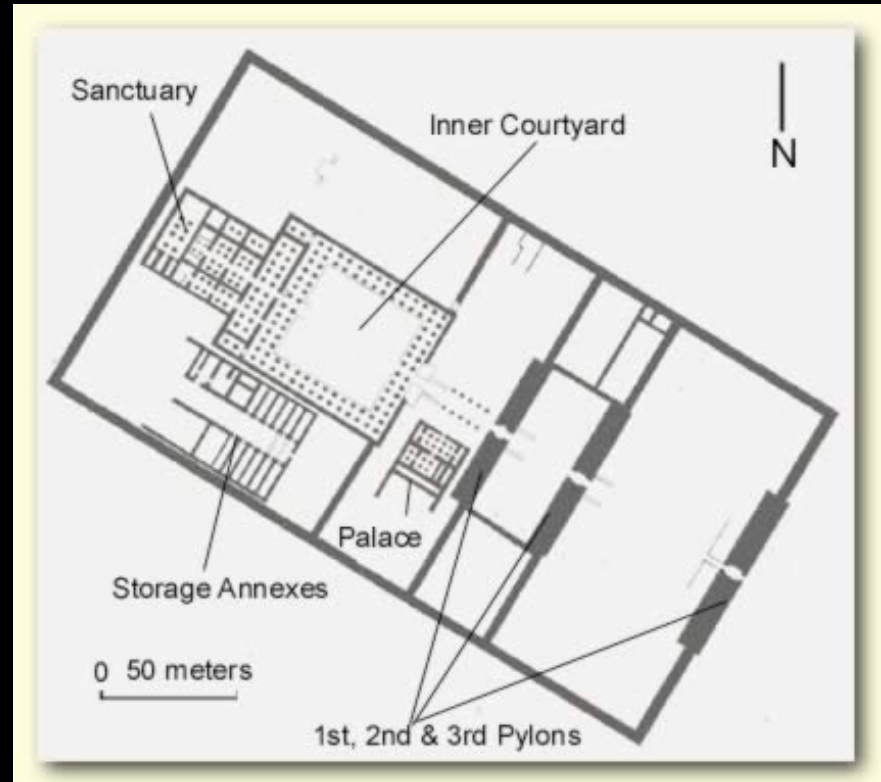
## Kingship and divinity in the reign of Amenhotep III: Luxor Temple



## Egyptian colonization in the New Kingdom







Soleb Temple  
Dedicated to cults of both Amun-Ra and  
Nebmaatra, Lord of Nubia







Amunhotep III as worshipper  
and god from Soleb



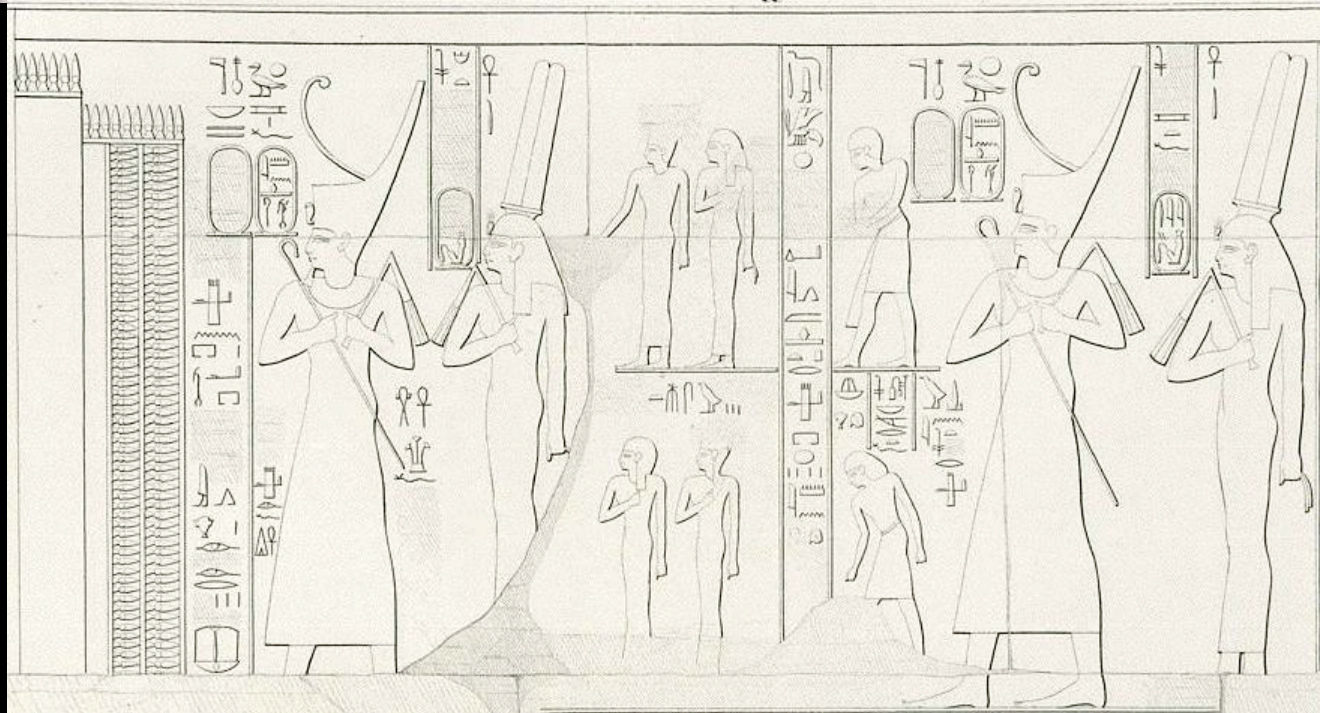
## "Marriage" Scarab

Year 11 The Living Horus Strong Bull Appearing in Truth. He of the Two Goddesses Establishing Laws, Pacifying the Two Lands. The Golden Horus, Great of Valour, Smiting the Asiatics. King of Upper and Lower Egypt, Lord of the Two Lands, **Neb-Maat-Re** Son of Re, **Amenhotep** Ruler of Thebes, given life

The Great Royal Wife **Tiye**, may she live. The name of her father is **Yuya**, the name of her mother is **Tuya**. She is the wife of the mighty king whose southern boundary is as far as Karoy, whose northern is as far as Naharin.













## **Marriage to Gilukhepa (from another set of commemorative scarabs)**

Year 10 under the majesty of Horus: Mighty bull appearing in truth; Two Ladies: Who establishes laws, who pacifies the Two Lands; Gold Horus: Great of strength, who smites the Asiatics; The king of Upper and Lower Egypt, lord of action: **Nebmaatre**, whom Re chose; Son of Re: **Amenhotep**, ruler of Thebes, given life, and the great king's wife **Tiye** (may she live!). The name of her father is **Yuya**, the name of her mother is **Tuya**.

Marvel brought to His Majesty (l.p.h.): **Gilukhepa**, daughter of the prince of Naharina Satirna, and 317 women of her harem.



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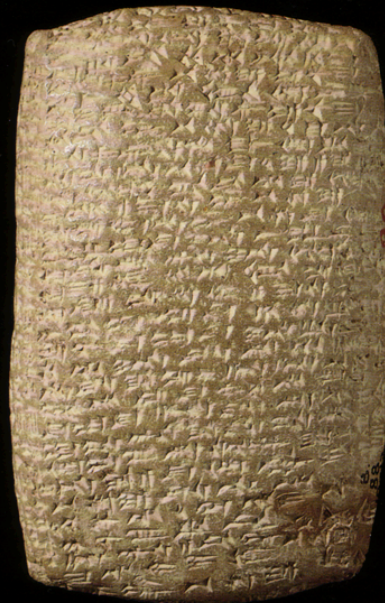
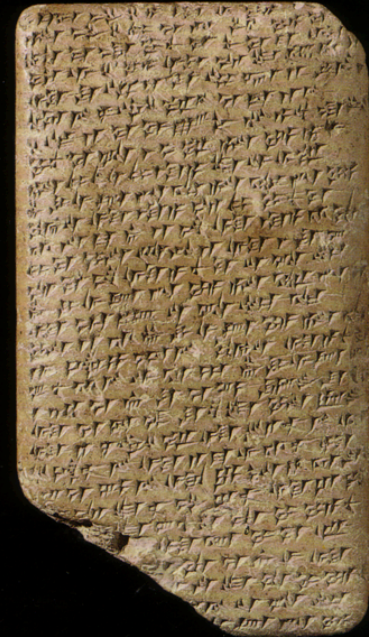


## Statue bases from Kom el-Hetan



“All of the difficult lands north of Asia.  
All of the lands of the Phoenicians and  
Nubia are at the feet of this good  
god. . . . The great ones of all of the  
southern and the northern foreign  
lands, who did not know to come to  
Egypt since the god’s time, come on  
their knees united in one place, so  
that the breath of life may be given to  
them, their tribute on their backs.”





Foreign relations in  
the reign of  
Amenhotep III known  
mostly from the  
Amarna letters

EA 2

Say to Mimmuwareya (Amenhotep III), the king of Egypt, my brother: Thus Kadashmanenlil, the king of Karaduniyash (Babylonia). For me and my country all goes very well. For you, for your wives, for your sons, for your magnates, your horses, your chariots, and your entire country, may all go very well.

With regard to my brother's writing me about marriage, saying "I desire your daughter", why should you not marry her? My daughters are available, but their husbands must be a king or of royal blood. These are the only ones whom I accept for my daughters. No king has ever given his daughters to anyone not of royal blood.

Your daughters are available. Why have you not given me one?

(Reverse)

...fine horses...20 wooden....of gold.... I send to you as your greeting gift. 60 shekels of lapis lazuli I send as the greeting gift of my sister...your wife.



### EA 3

Say to Nimuwareya, the king of Egypt, my brother: Thus Kadashmanenlil, the king of Karaduniyash, your brother. For me all indeed goes well. For you, your household, your wives, and for your sons, your country, your chariots your horses ,your magnates may all go very well.

With regard to the girl, my daughter, about whom you wrote to me in view of marriage, she has become a woman, she is nubile. Just send a delegation to fetch her.

...When I sent a messenger to you, you have detained him for six years, and you have sent me as my greeting-gift, the only thing in six years, 30 minas of gold that looked like silver. That gold was melted down in the presence of Kasi, your messenger, and he was witness. When you celebrated a great festival you did not send your messenger to me, saying “come to eat and drink”. Nor did you send me my greeting-gift in connection with the festival. It was just 30 minas of gold that you sent me....

... for ten wooden chariots, and ten teams of horses I send to you as your greeting-gift.

EA 153

To the king, my lord: Message of Abi-Milku, your servant. I fall at your feet seven times and seven times. I have carried out what the king, my lord, ordered. The entire land is afraid of the troops of the king, my lord. I have had my men hold ships at the disposition of the troops of the king, my lord. Whoever has disobeyed has no family, has nothing alive. Since I guard the city of the king, my lord, my safety is the king's responsibility. May he take cognizance of his servant who is on his side.



To the king, my lord, my god, my Sun: message of Aziru, your servant. I fall at the feet of my lord seven times and seven times.

My lord, my god, my Sun, what more do I seek? I seek to see the gracious face of the king, my lord, my Sun, forever. Baaluya and I are your servants.

I am guarding the land of the king, my lord, and I am devoted to the service of the king, my lord. Safe and sound, I would see the gracious face of the king, my lord.

My lord, Khatip and I are coming, and may my lord know that I will be there in all haste.

The king of Khatti is staying in Nukhashshe, and I am afraid of him. Heaven forbid that he come into Amurru and the land of the king, my lord.

Because of these things I have been staying on. Just let him depart and return to his own land, and straightaway I will make the journey with Khatip. I am a servant of the very, very gracious king.

My lord, do not worry at all. I will be there! My only concern has been the king of Khati, but now I shall be there to see the face of my Sun, my lord....