

ANATOLIAN ARCHAEOLOGY

Middle & Late Chalcolithic, Early Bronze Age

3.000 BC

4.000 BC

5.000 BC

6.000 BC



The ill-known
“Middle” and “Late”
Chalcolithic Periods in
Anatolia



onset of Balkan influences



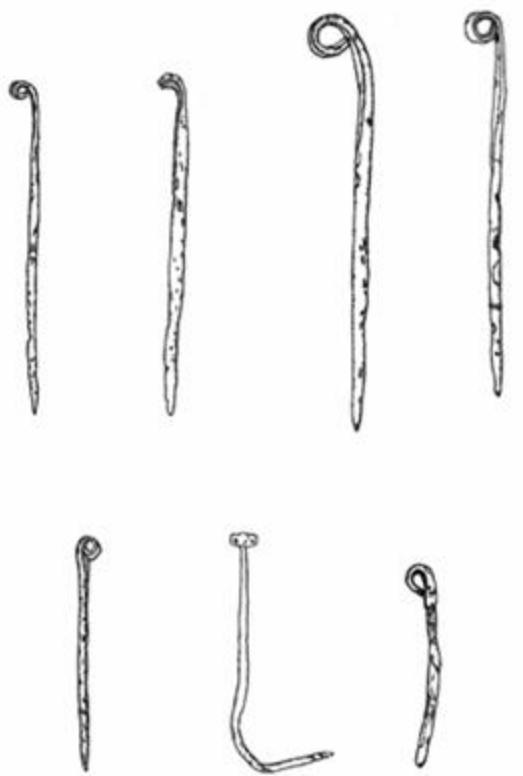
BLACK SEA



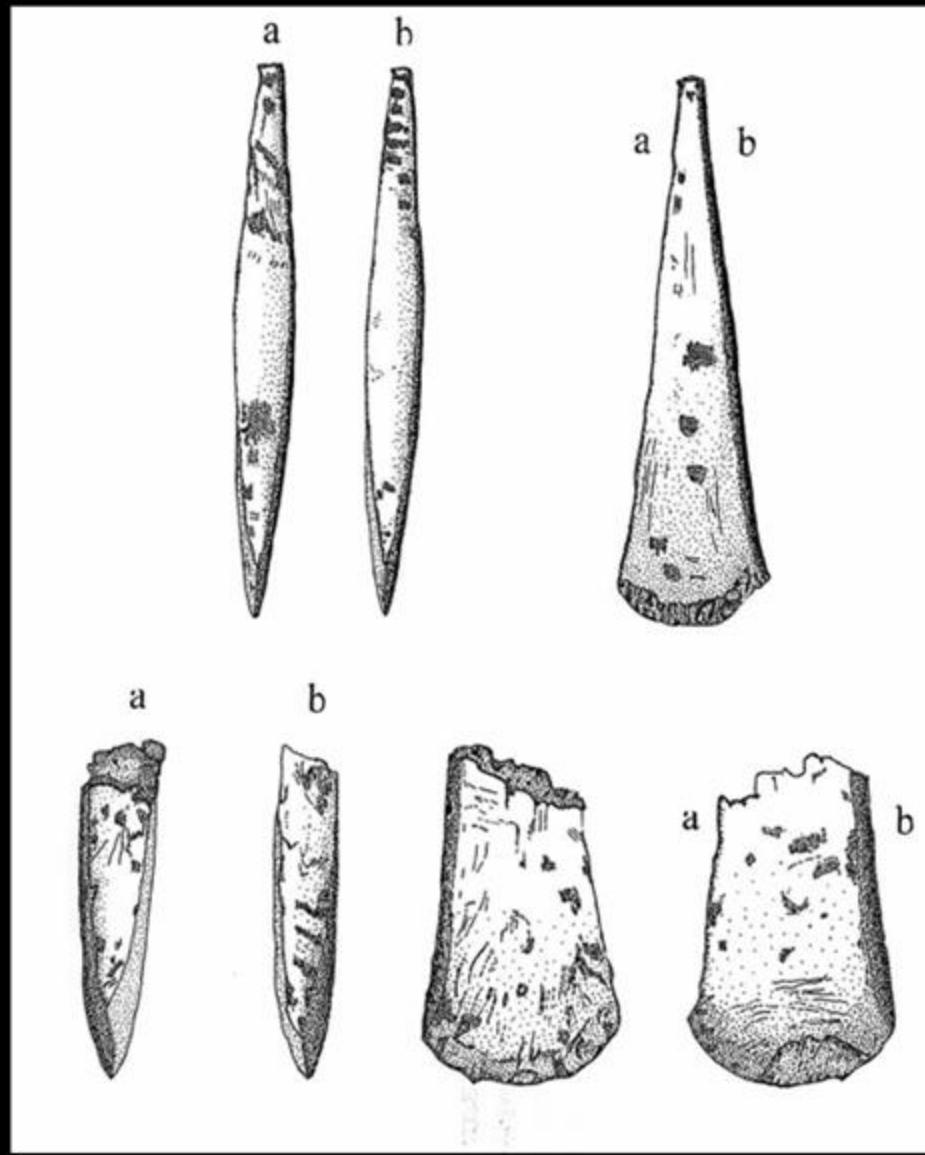
MIDDLE CHALCOLITHIC (C. 5500-4200 BC)

- Only recently recognised as a period with own characteristics
- Badly known in terms of economy and social development
- Marks a departure from the Neolithic/Early Chalcolithic mode of existence but some features from these times are still continuing
- Re-shuffling of external relations (Balkans, SE Turkey)





Mersin-Yumuktepe XVI
Metal artifacts from
arsenical bronze





Chalcopyrite = oxidic copper ore

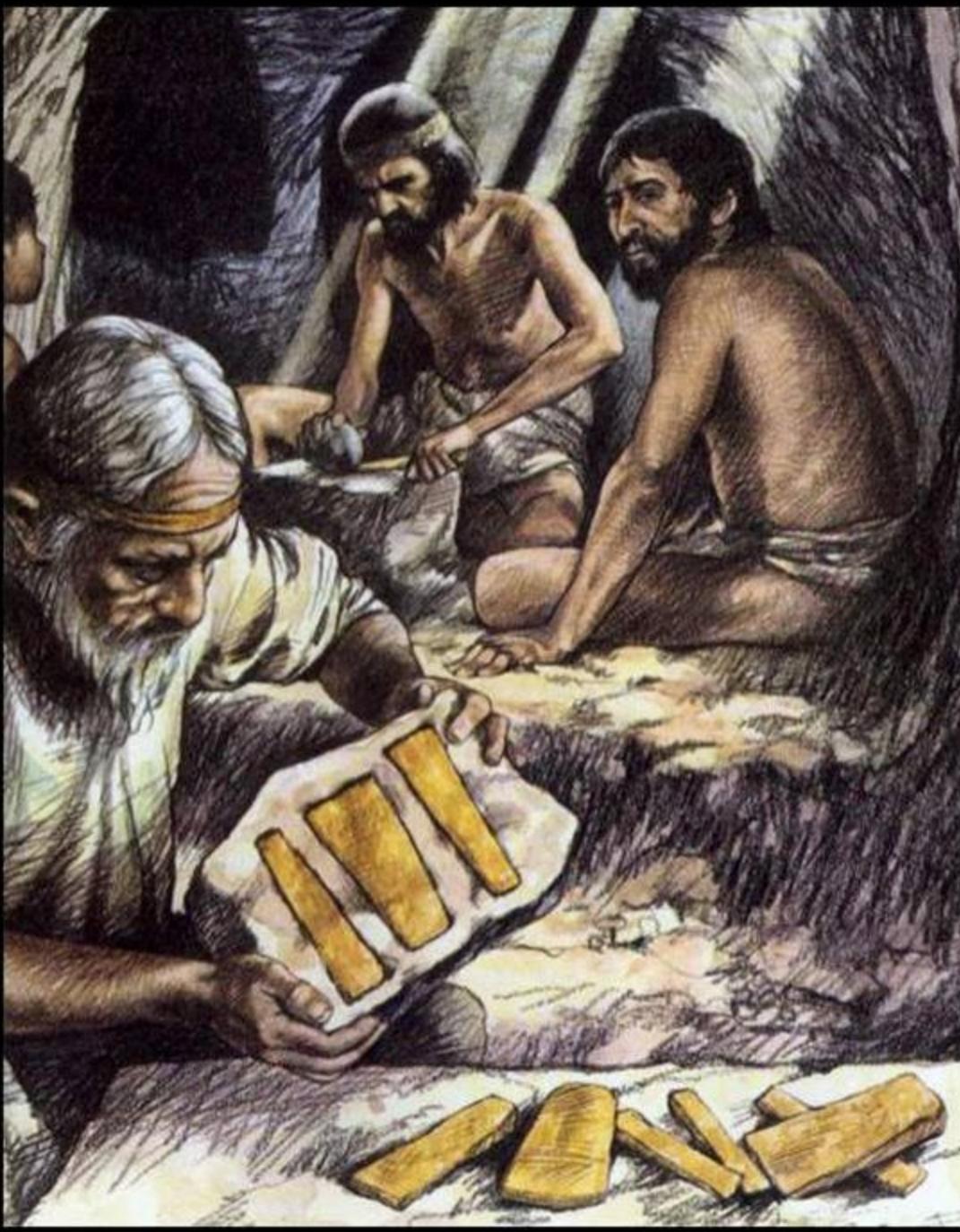
Reduced at high temperatures

Complex preparation of ore

Use of alloys (mixture of different metals)

Arsenical Bronze !!!



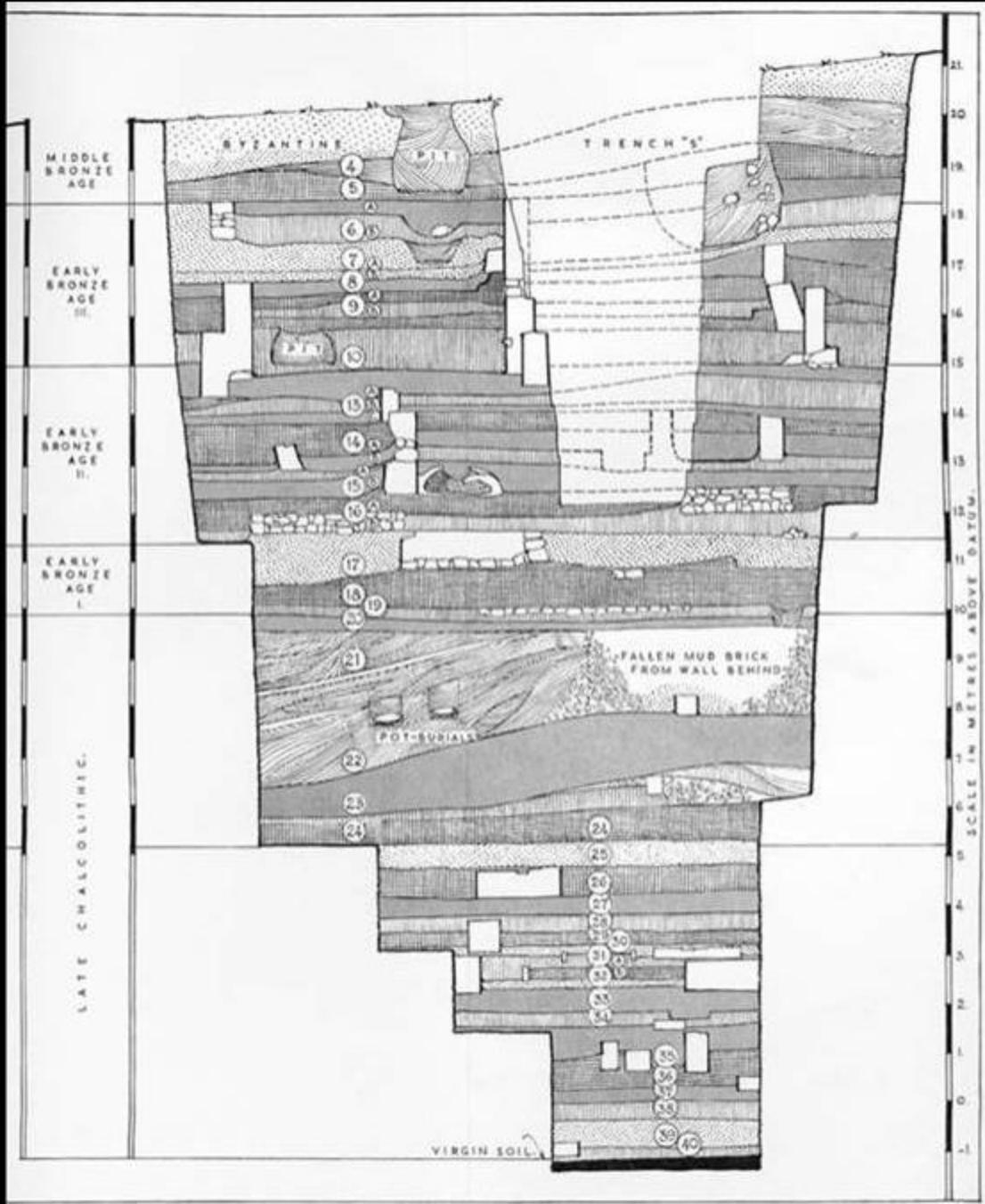


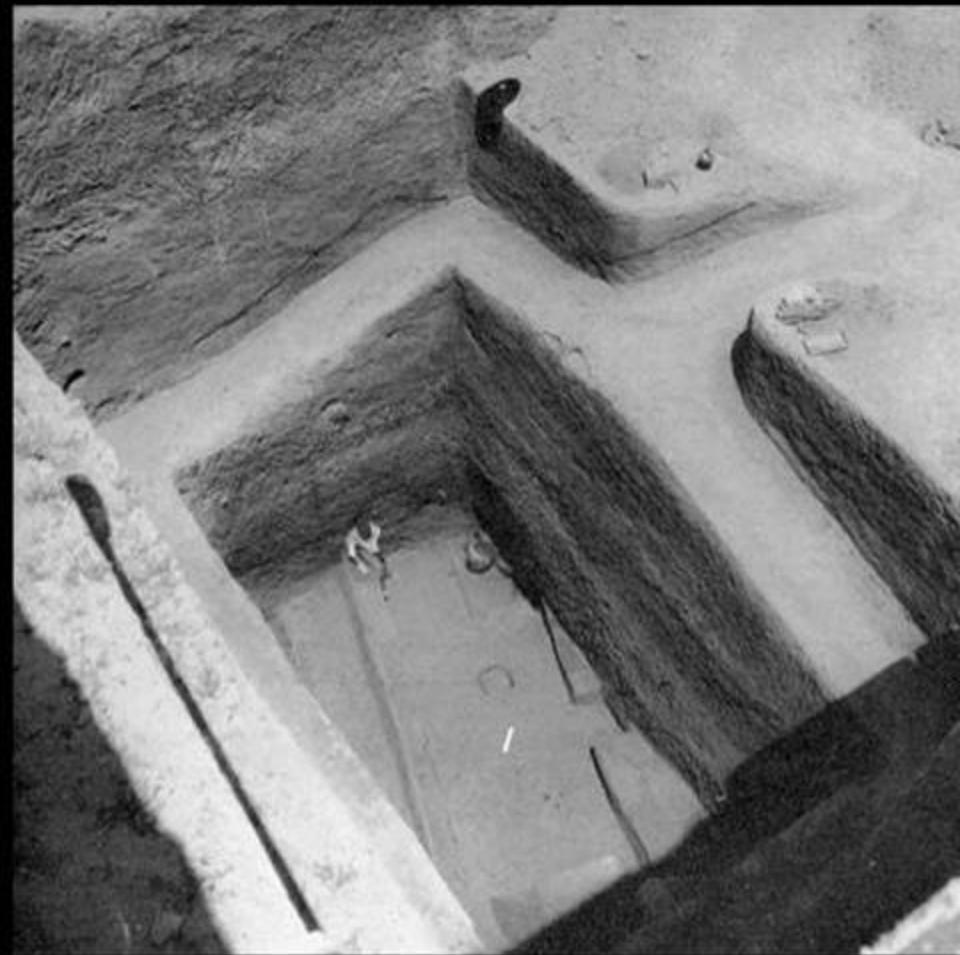
LATE CHALCOLITHIC (C. 4200-3000 BC)

- Some significant social and economic changes at the beginning of the period
- Related to an abrupt climatic shift toward dryer and cooler conditions around 4000 BC?

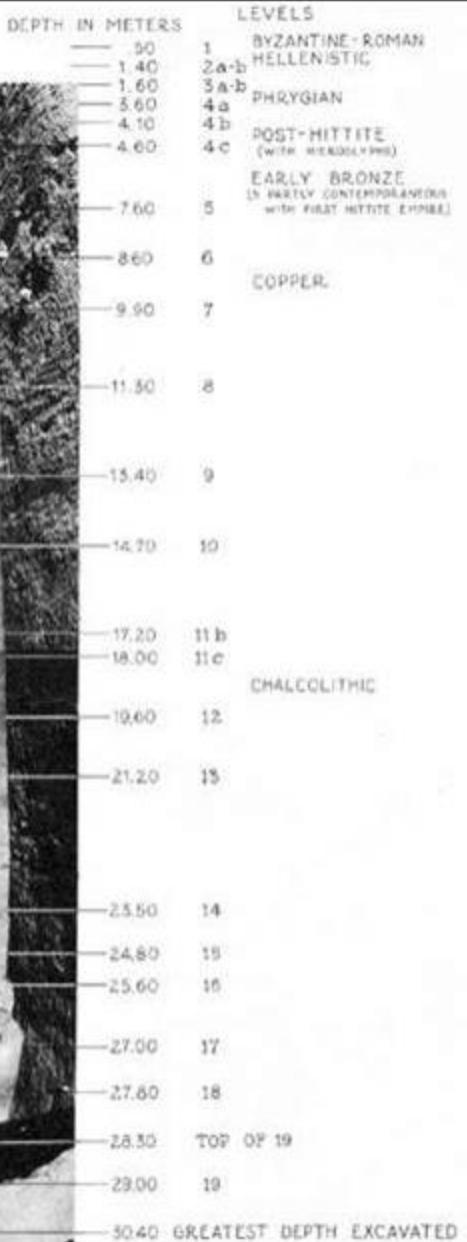


Beycesultan Deep Sounding



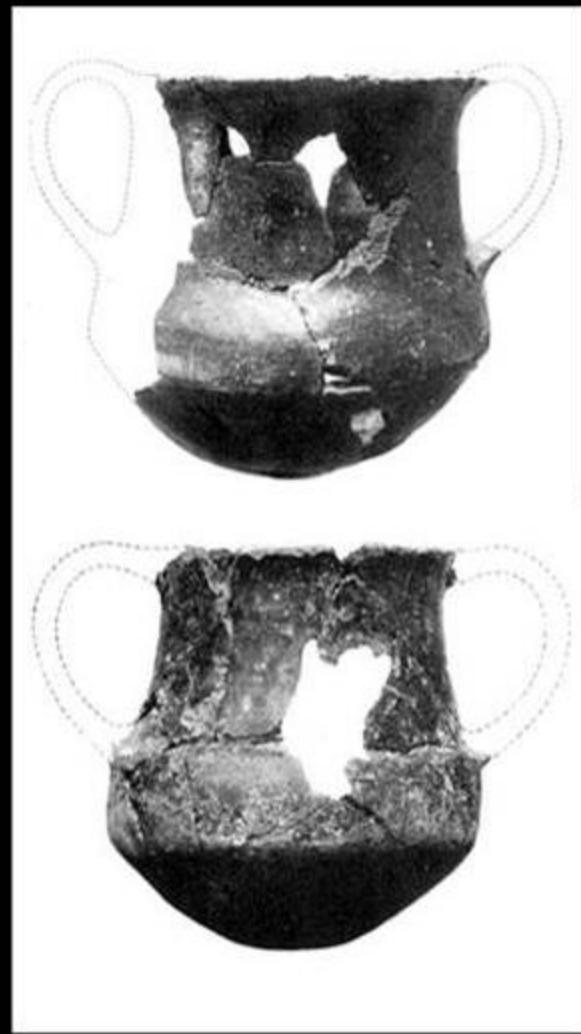


Beycesultan - Deep Sounding exposing Late Chalcolithic layers

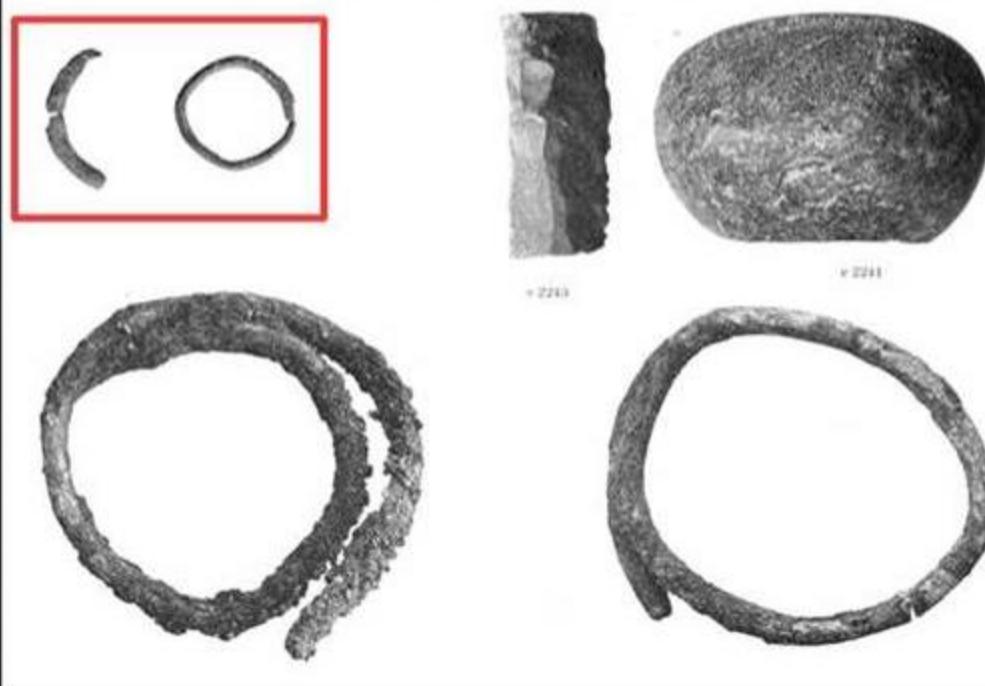


A STRATIFIED CULTURE SEQUENCE ONE HUNDRED FEET (THIRTY AND A HALF METERS) DEEP,
EXTENDING UPWARD FROM CHALCOLITHIC TO PHRYGIAN REMAINS

Alışar Höyük - Deep Sounding



Alişar Höyük
Set of drinking vessels (jug & cup)



Alişar Höyük

**Burial in the
Late Chalcolithic Level 14**

including two silver ear rings

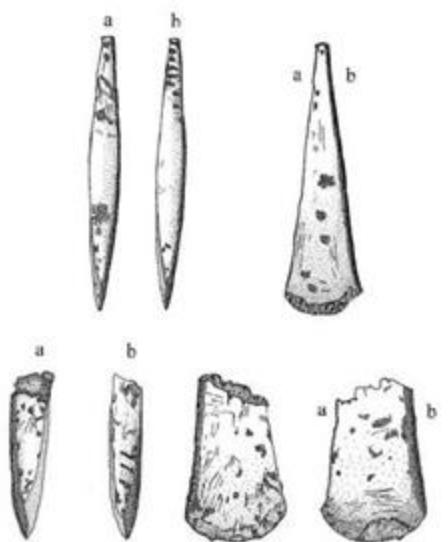


**Silver finds in the 4th millennium BC
(indicated in red)**

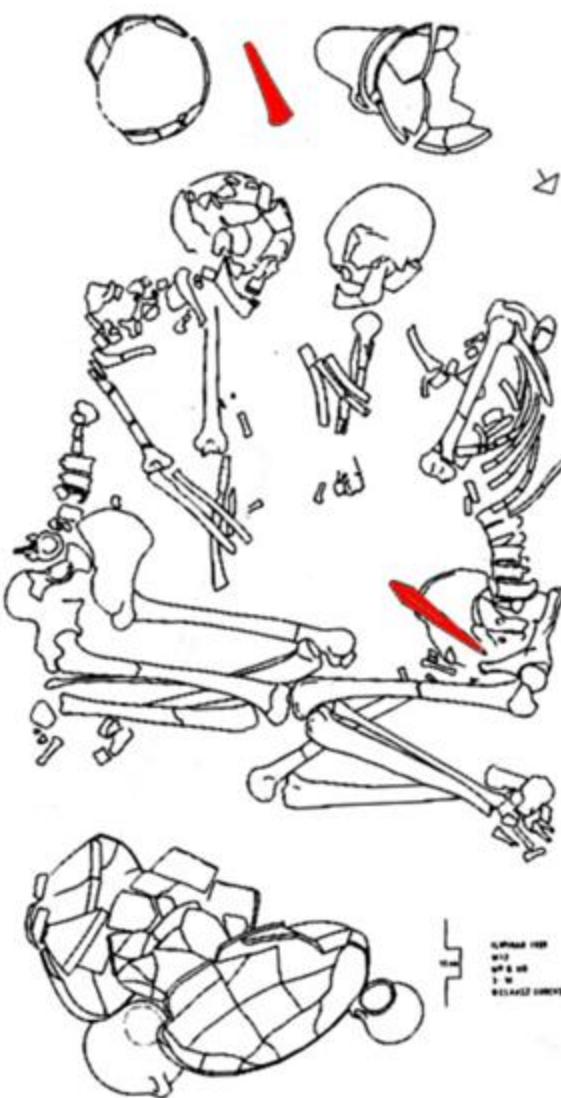
EMERGENCE OF A WARRIOR IDEOLOGY – ORGANISED VIOLENCE AS A SOURCE OF PRESTIGE



Büyük
Güllücek
(5th mill.
BC)



Mersin-
Yumuk-
tepe (5th
mill. BC)



Çamlıbel Tarlası
(4th mill. BC)

İlıpınar (4th mill. BC)

Innovative features in Anatolia during the late 5th / 4th millennia BC

- fragmentation / re-shuffling of cultural affiliation
- increased stability of settlement locations
- increasing evidence for warfare-related ideology
- cultivation of the grape?
- introduction of loom weaving
- introduction of woolly sheep?

Evidence indicates

- disturbance of development at the beginning of the period
- changes in social relations
- profound changes in economic practices
- a more intensive use of space



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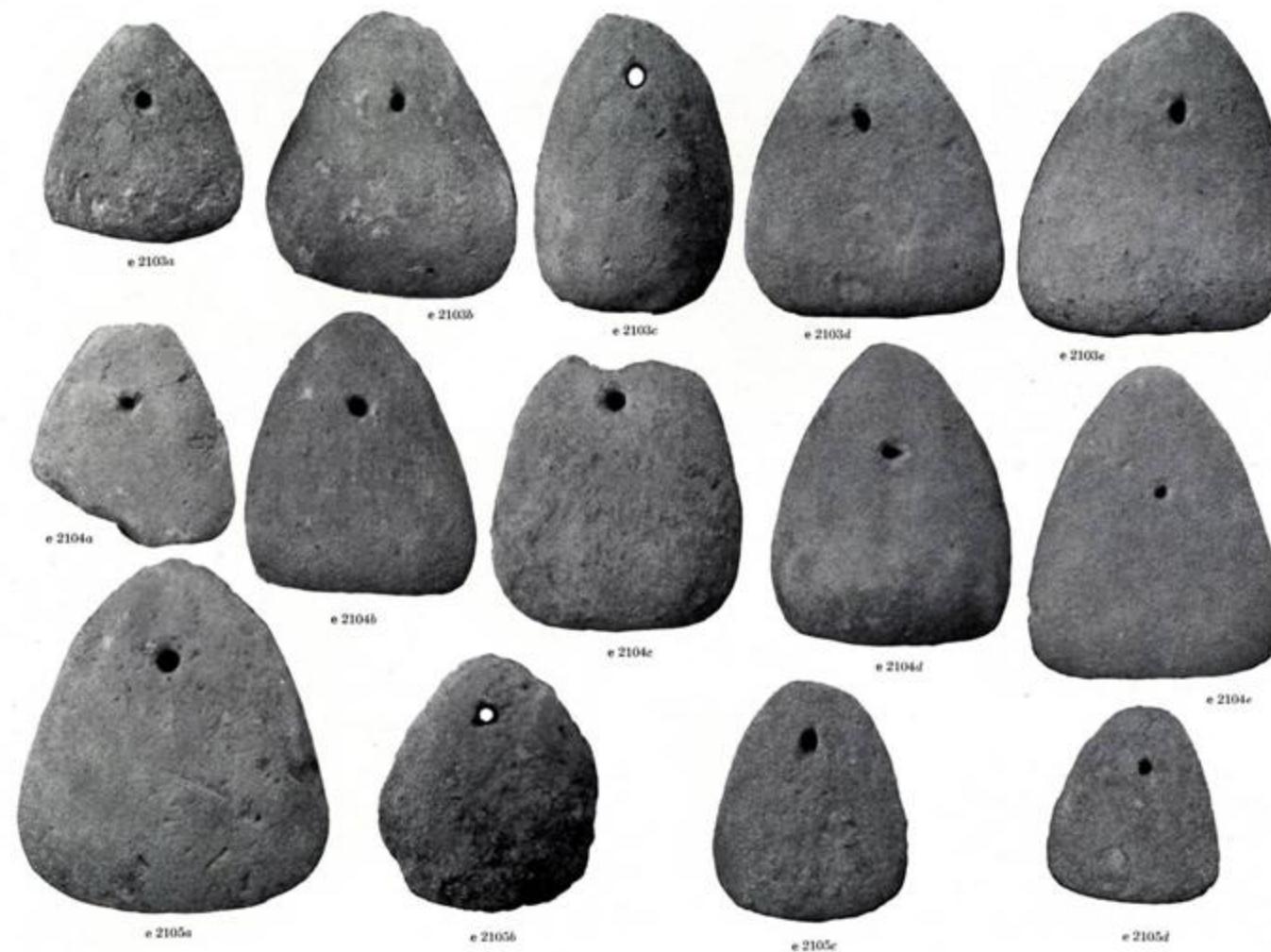


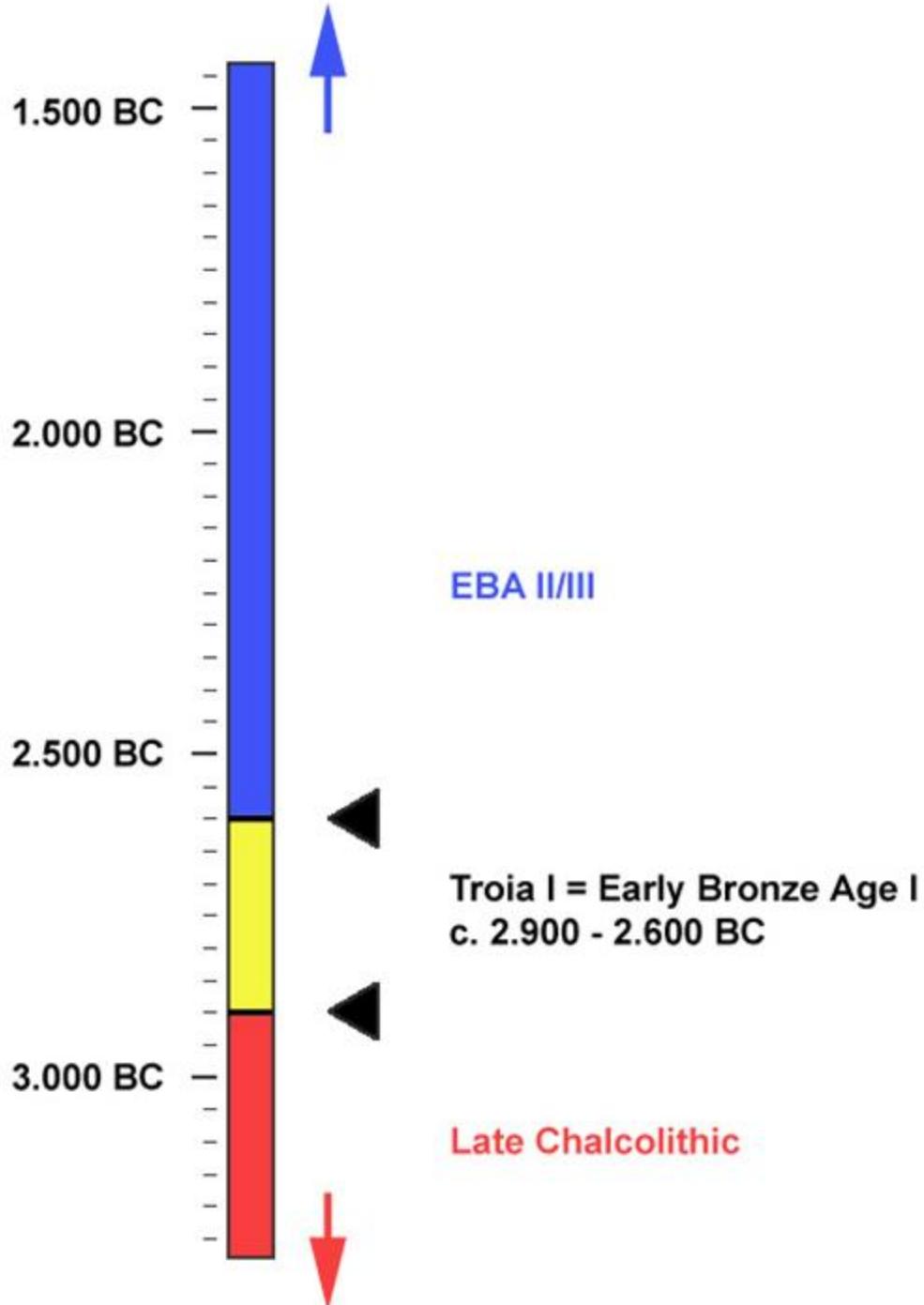
FIG. 99.—LOOM WEIGHTS. SCALE, 1:2

Innovative features in Anatolia during the late 5th / 4th millennia BC



THE MIDDLE/LATE CHALCOLITHIC PERIOD AS A RESEARCH PROBLEM

- Break with preceding traditions
- They are often (but wrongly) seen as periods with little historical significance
- New developments in metallurgical techniques: smelting, casting, alloying, silver, lead
- Increasing settlement stability
- Emergence of an economy in which wool plays an important part
- Emergence of ritualistic behaviour structured around the consumption of alcohol
- Increasingly positive connotation of intra-human aggression (warrior complex)
- No pronounced changes at the transition into the Early Bronze Age



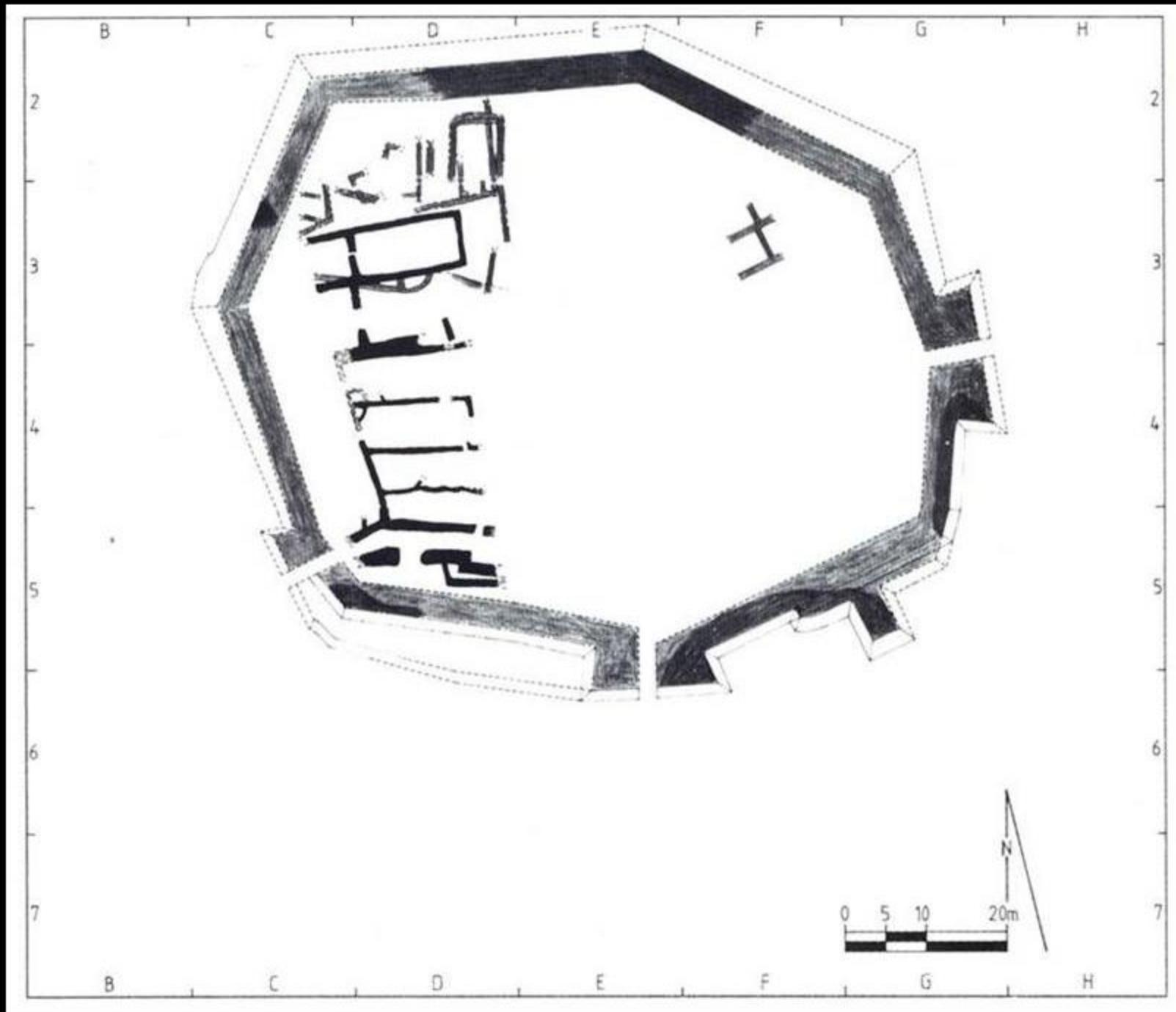
Karadeniz

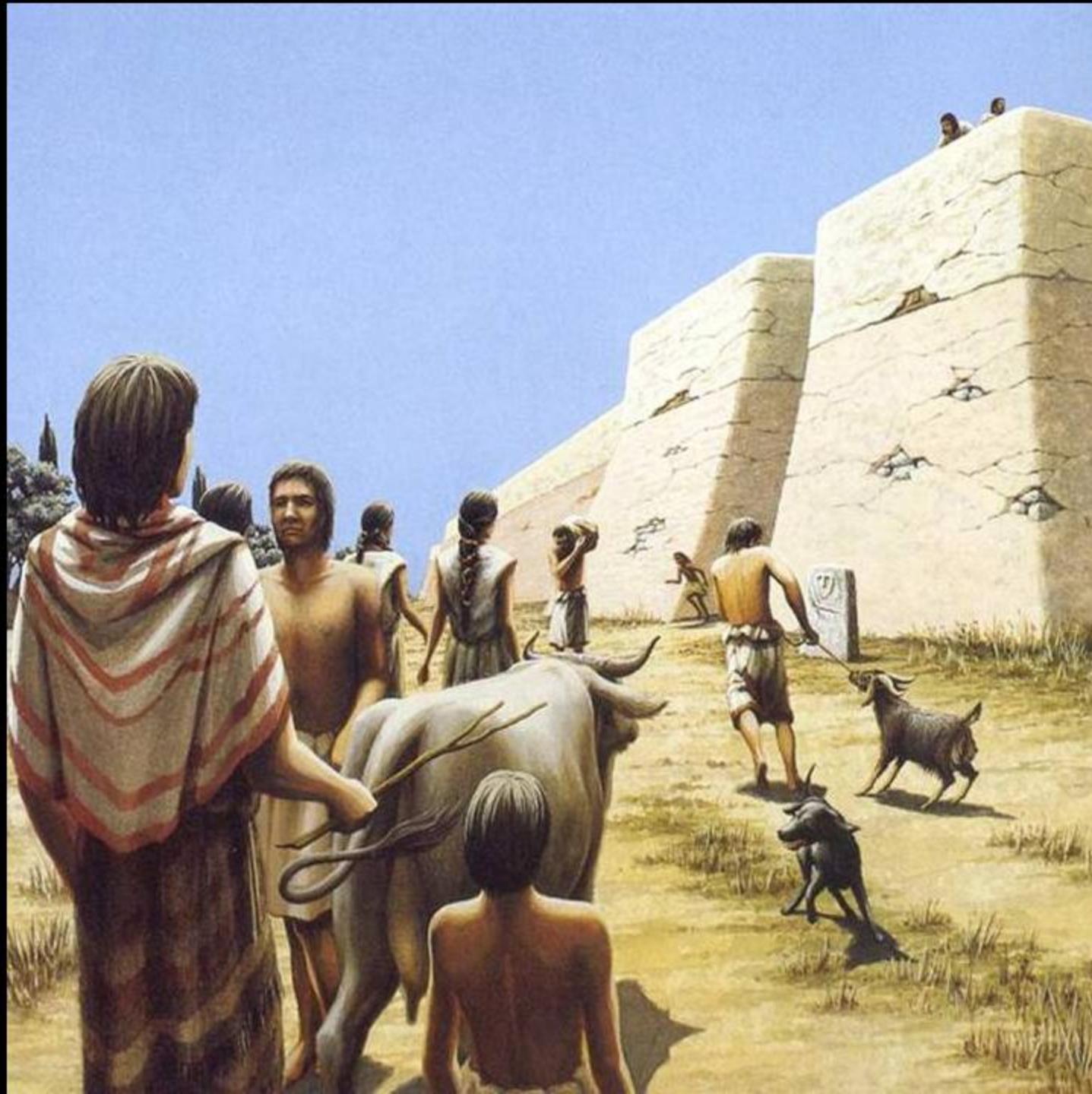


Anatolia in the 3rd Millennium BC

TROIA I

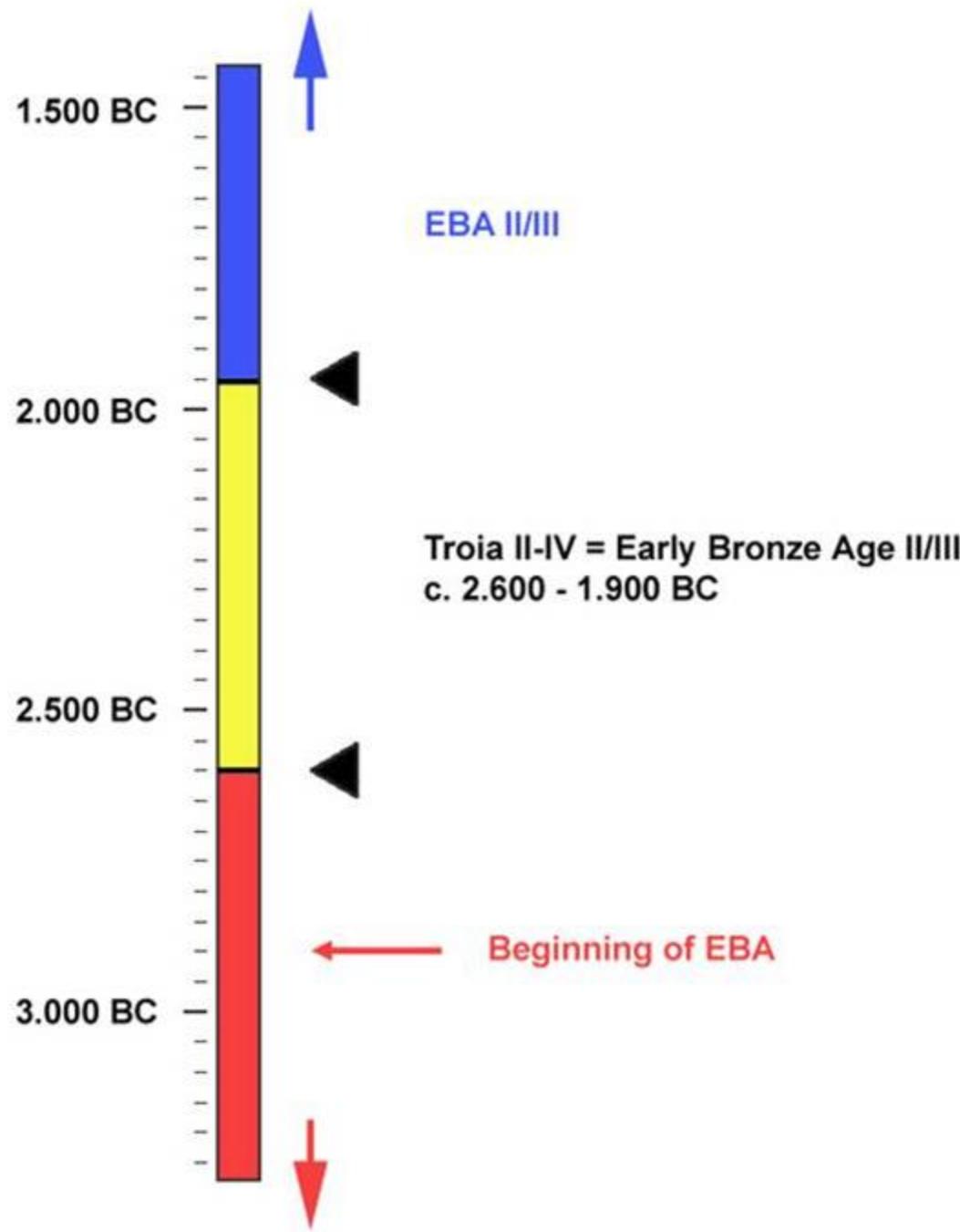












New Features Appearing in the 3rd Mill. BC

Massive Fortifications

Division of Settlements in Upper and Lower Cities

Wheelmade Pottery

Tin Bronze

Display of Wealth, Gold

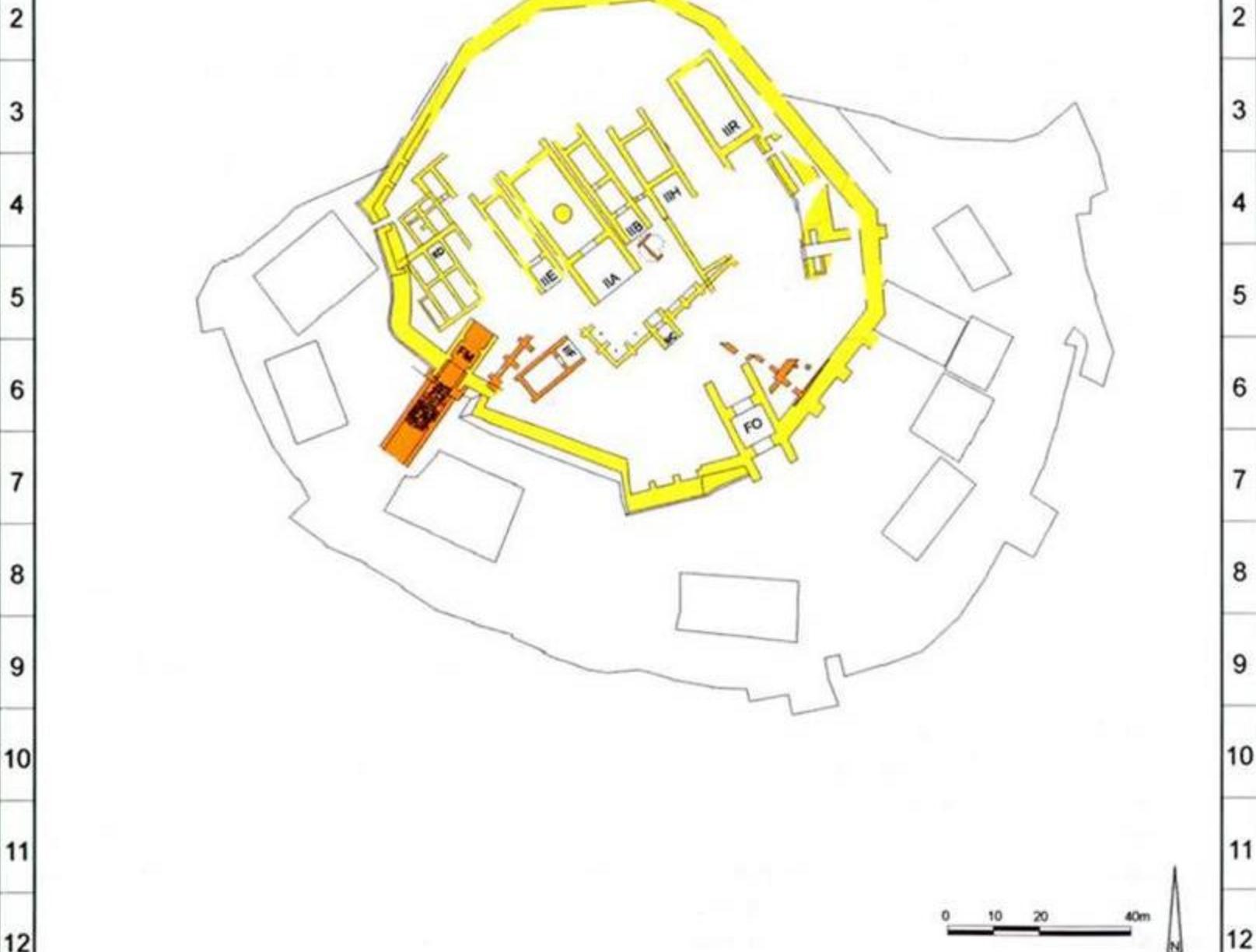
New Weaponry: Lance, Battle Axes, Battle Maces

Long Distance Trade Contacts

Troy



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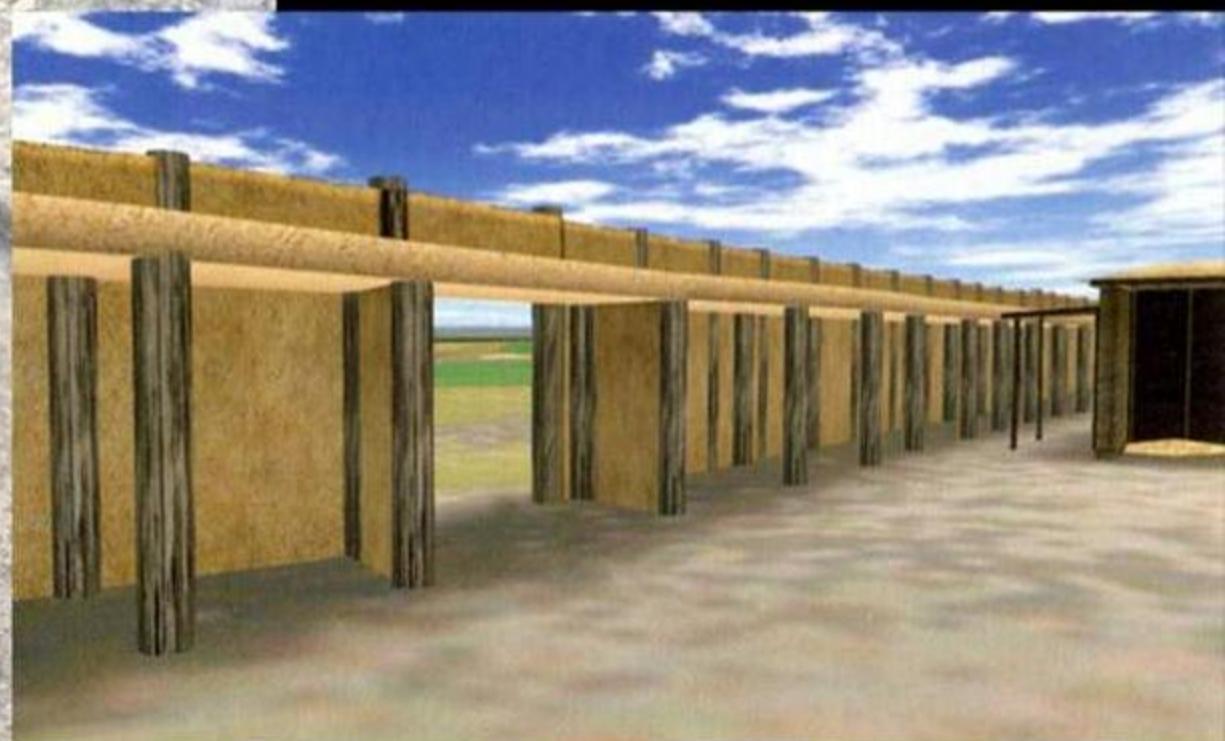
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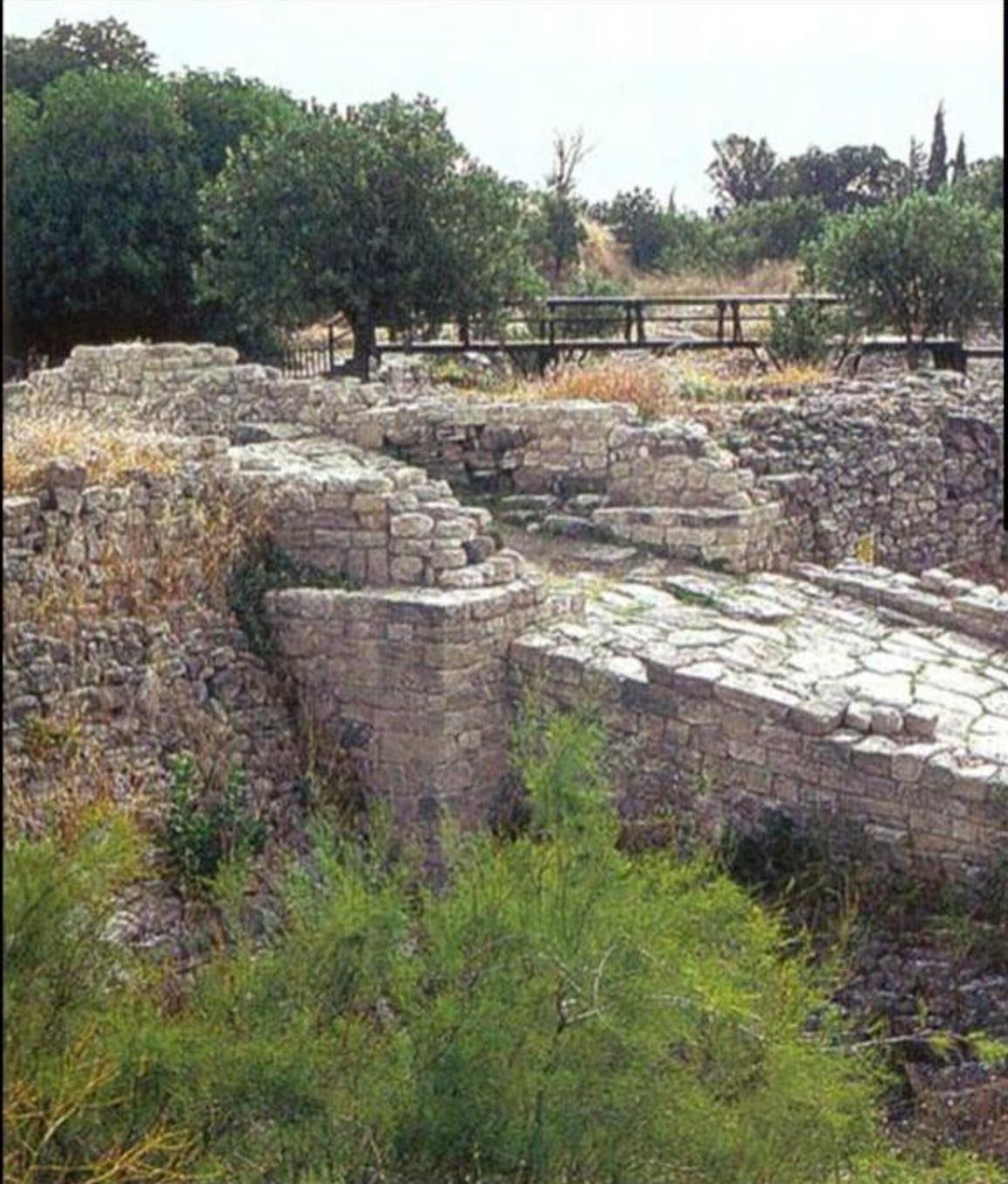
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Troia II

The wooden fortification of the Lower City













**Ring made from
pure (Iranian?) Tin**

**Found at Thermi on the
Island of Lesbos
ca. 2500 BC**

**This is the oldest
tin artifact
yet known !**

The shading marks the area where the earliest tin bronzes appear around 2500 BC



○ großes
Zinnvorkommen
○ kleines

● großes
Goldvorkommen
● kleines

◆ Lapislazuli

▨ frühe Zinnbronzen



**Displaying Wealth
in the 3rd Millennium BC**

**Battle Axes
made from exotic materials**

**The specimen at the bottom
is made from
Afghan lapis lazuli**

Gold Bottle



Silver Bottle





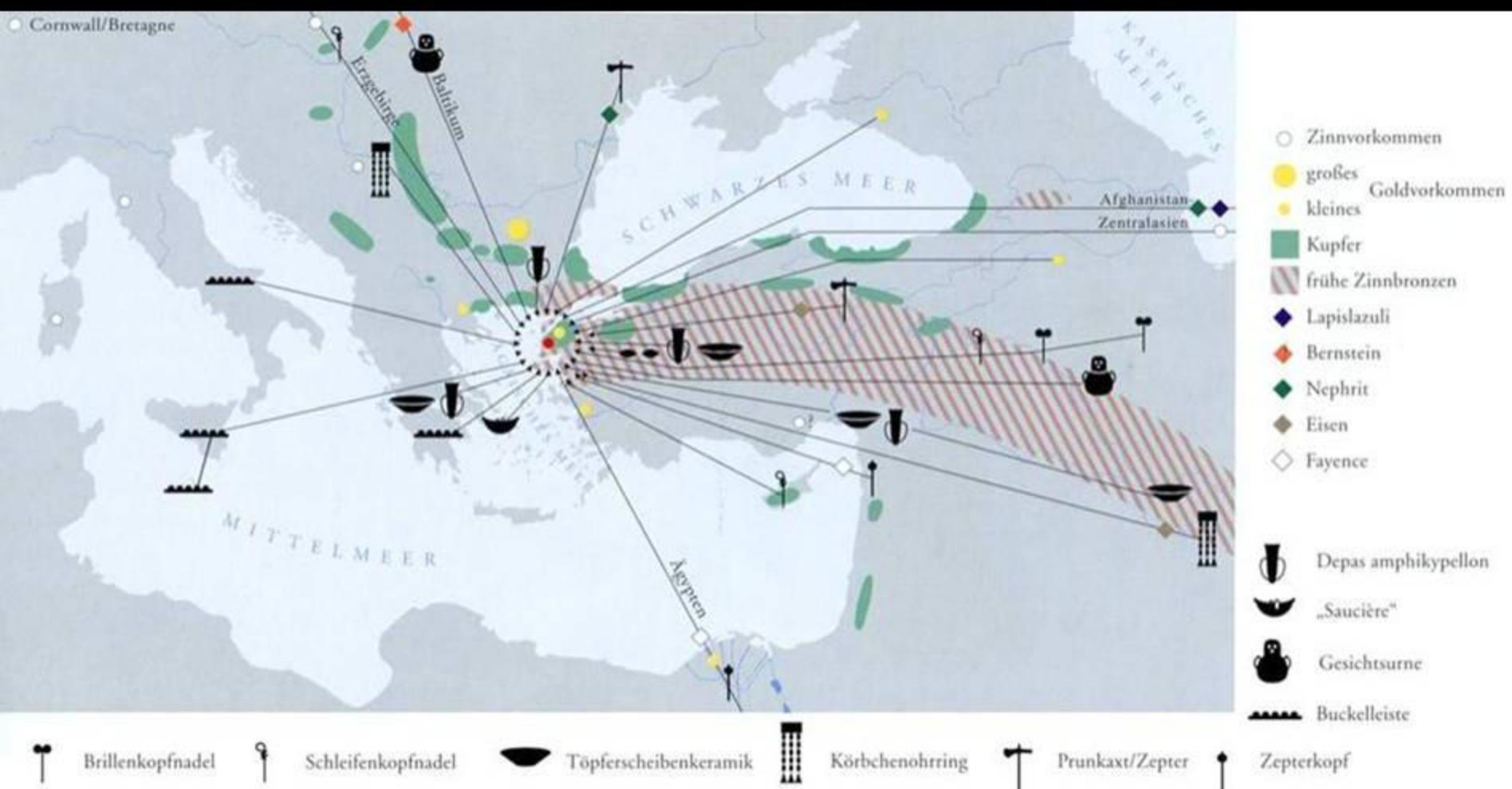




Rock crystal “lenses”



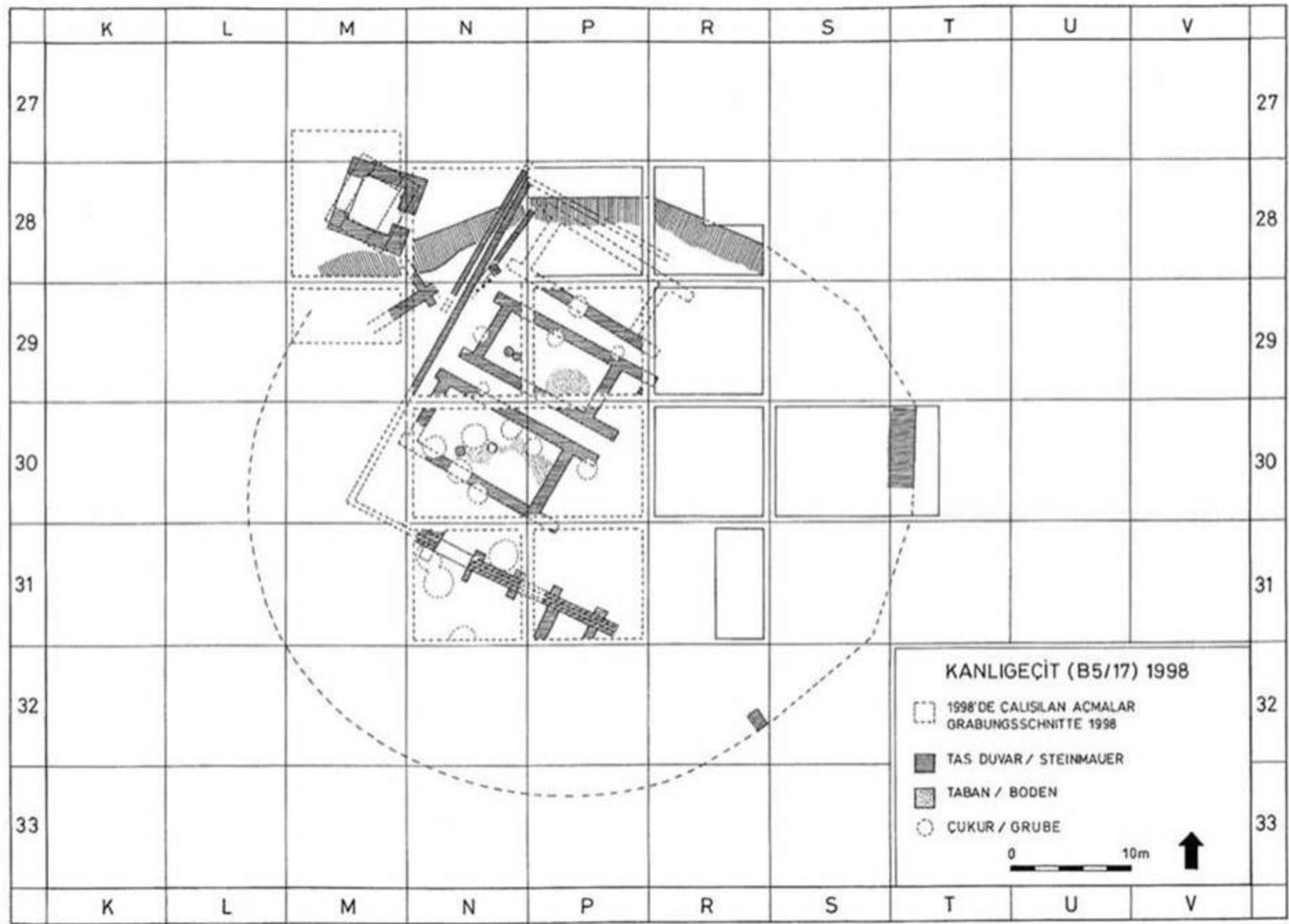
Cornwall/Bretagne



WHERE DO THE SPECTACULAR FINDS OF EBA TROY COME FROM?

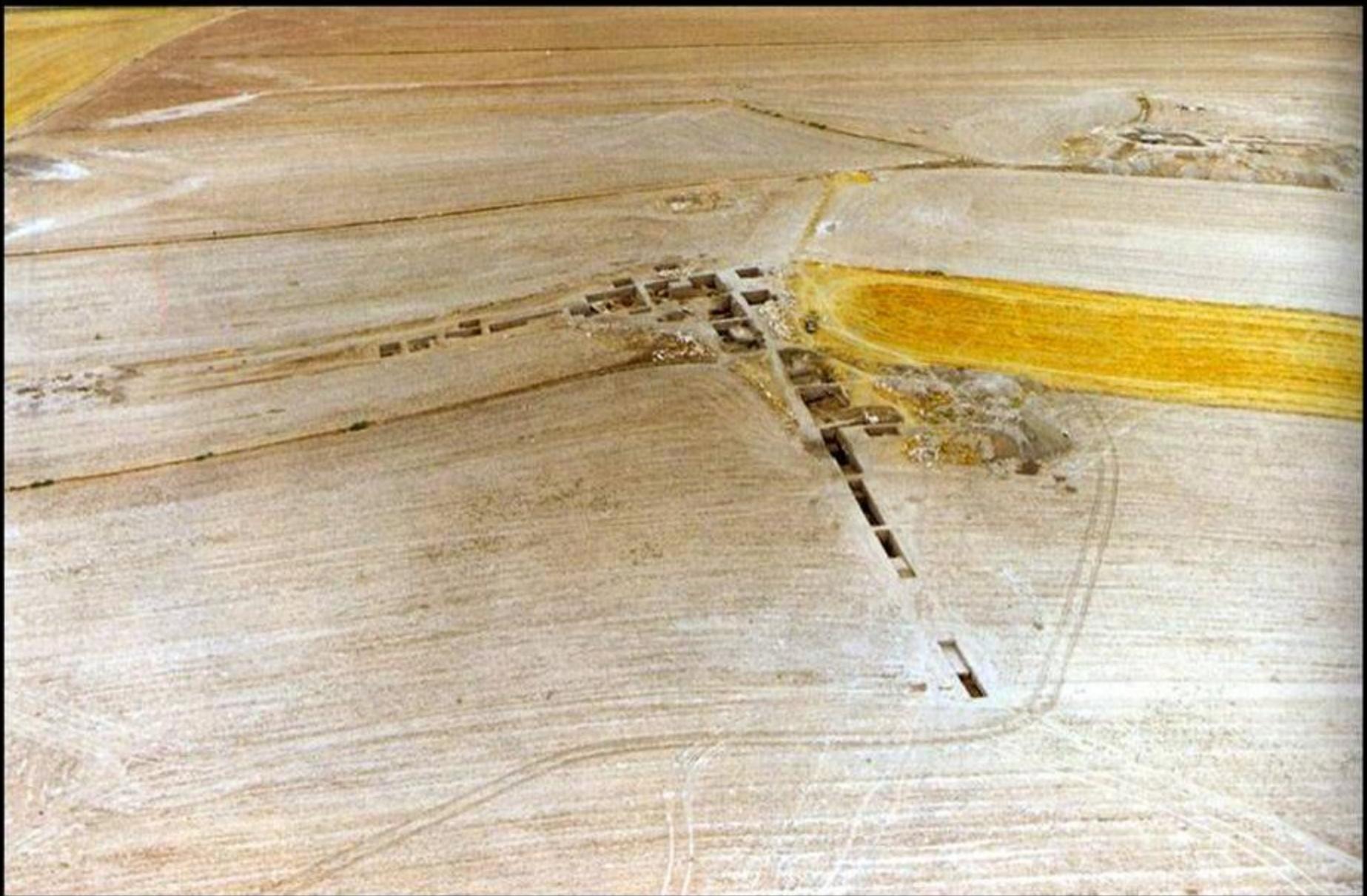
- All of them come from the citadel (high status context)
- All come from contexts of deliberate removal from the living culture (pits, caches...)



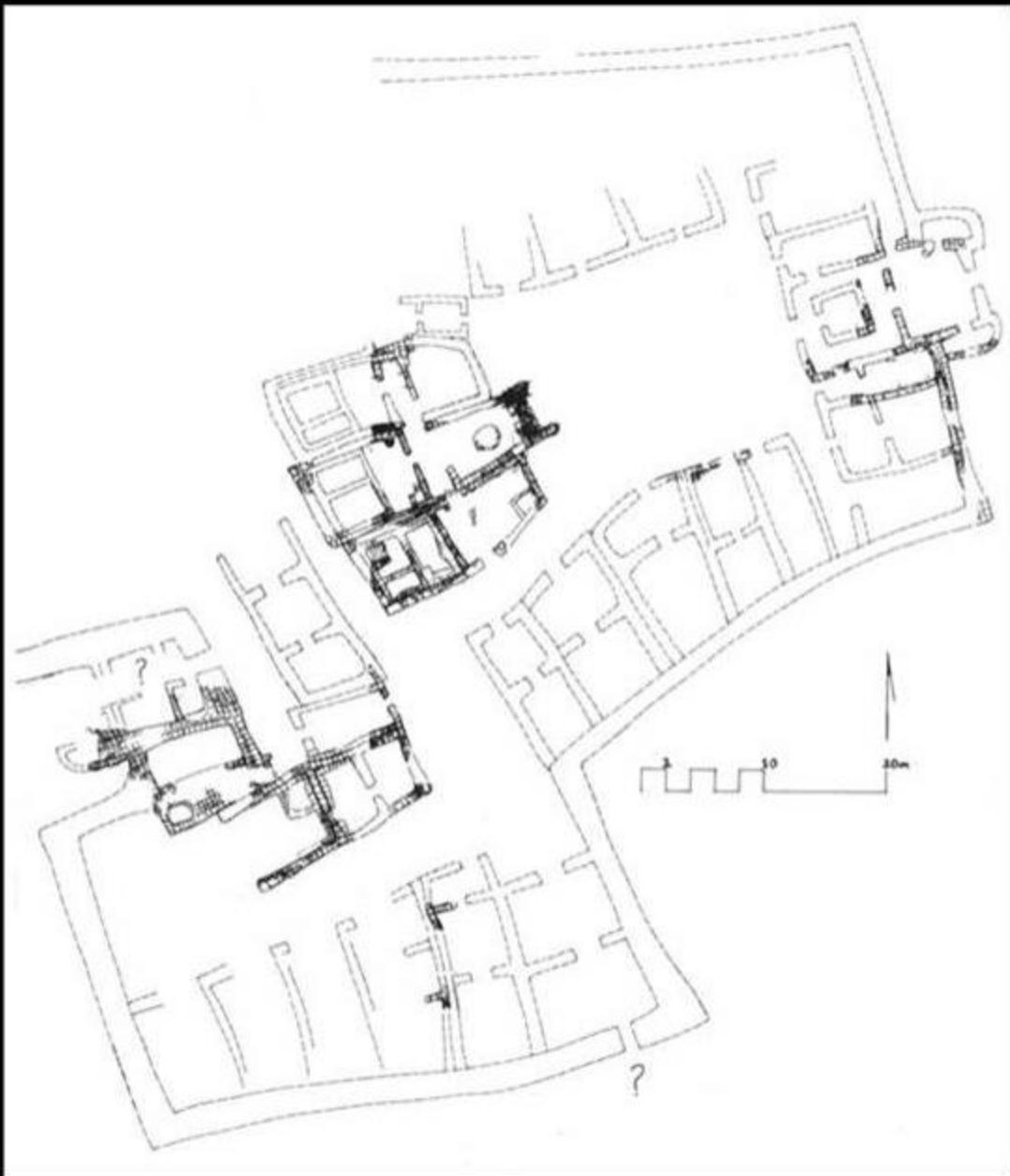


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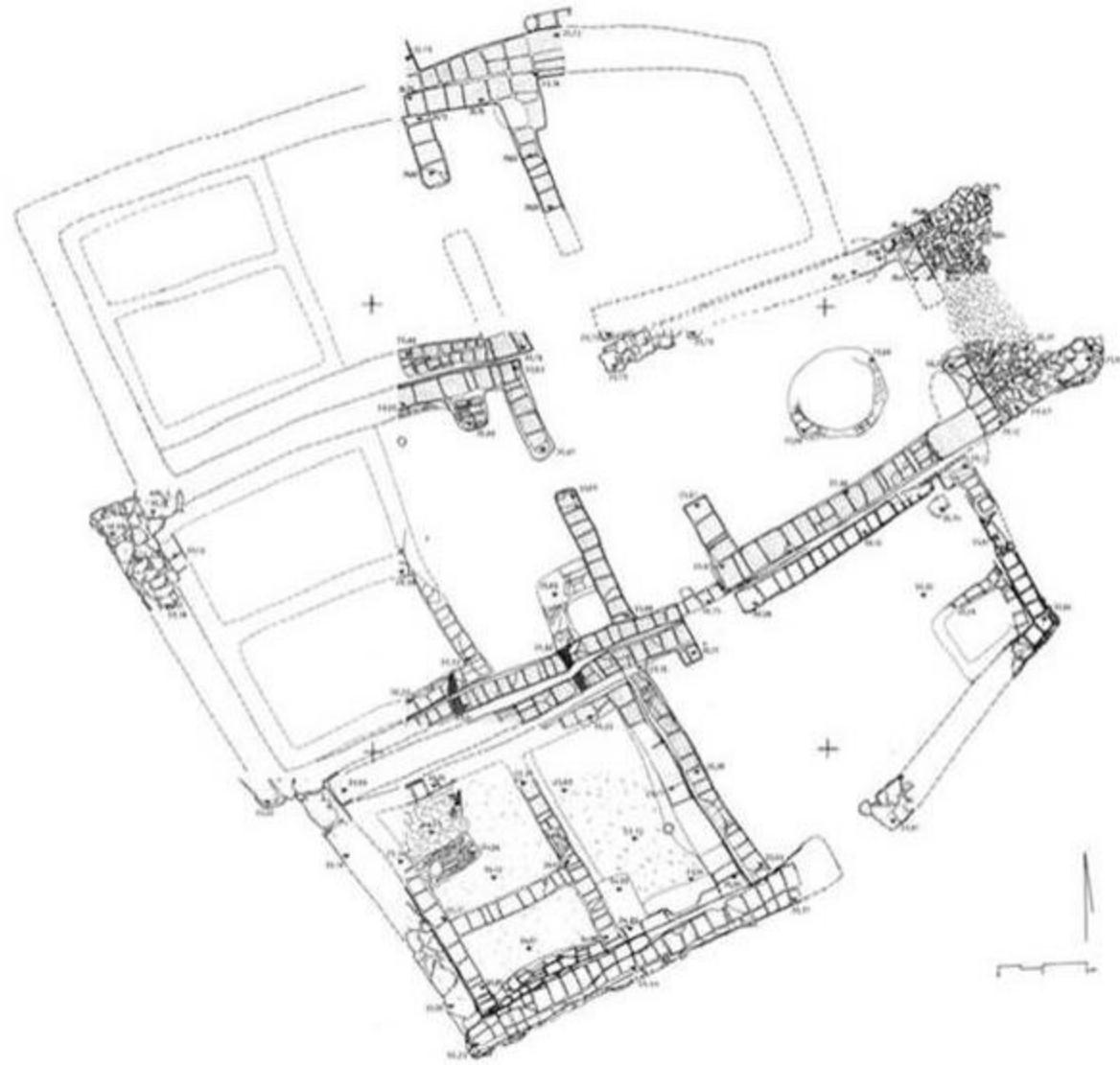


Küllioba (Eskişehir)



Küllüoba

Plan of Upper City



Küllüoba



Külliöba – Two Depas Amphikypellon



Depas Amphikypellon



Tankards



A2-Teller



Syrische Flaschen

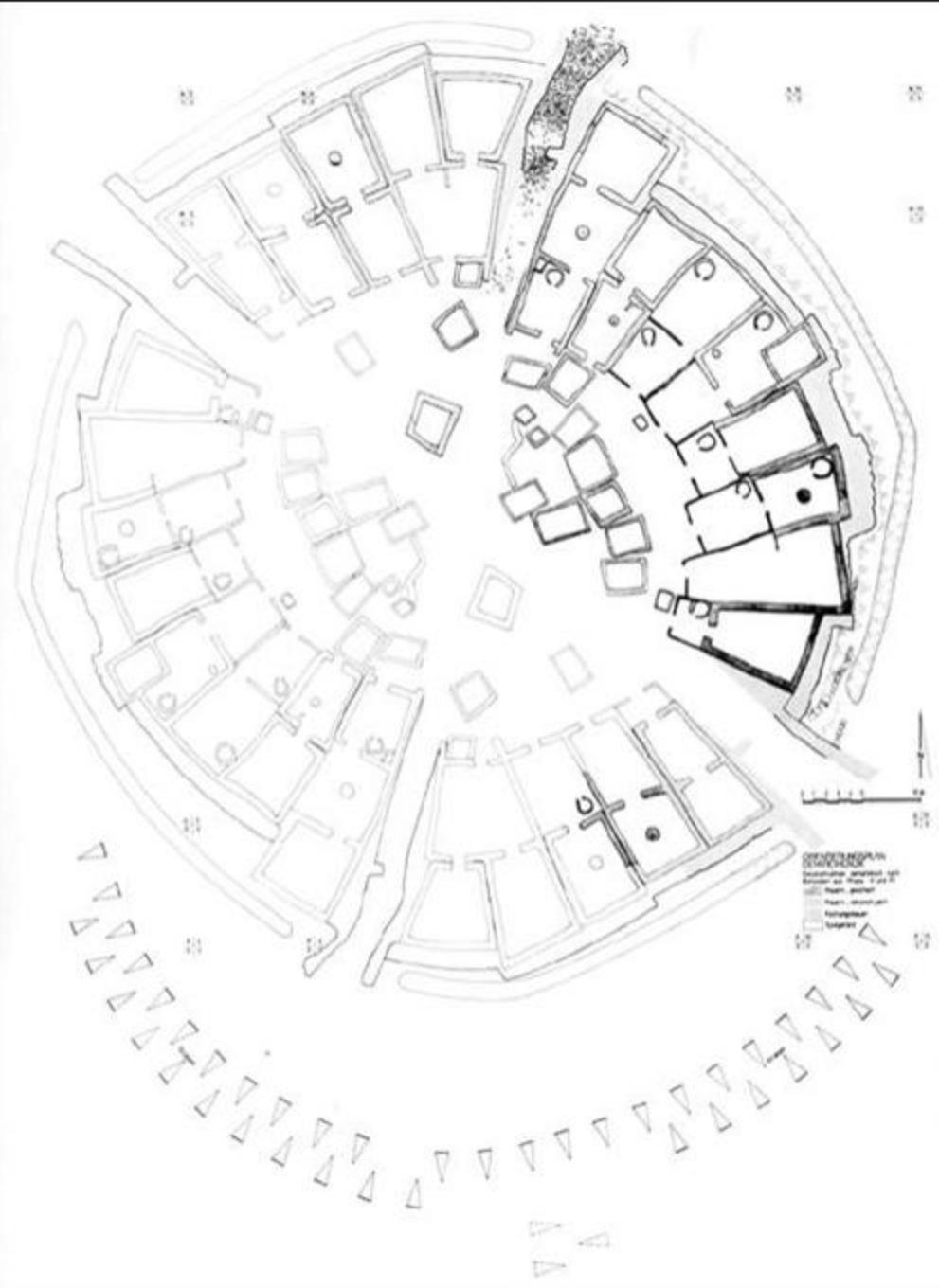
Regions suitable for Grape Production shaded in dark



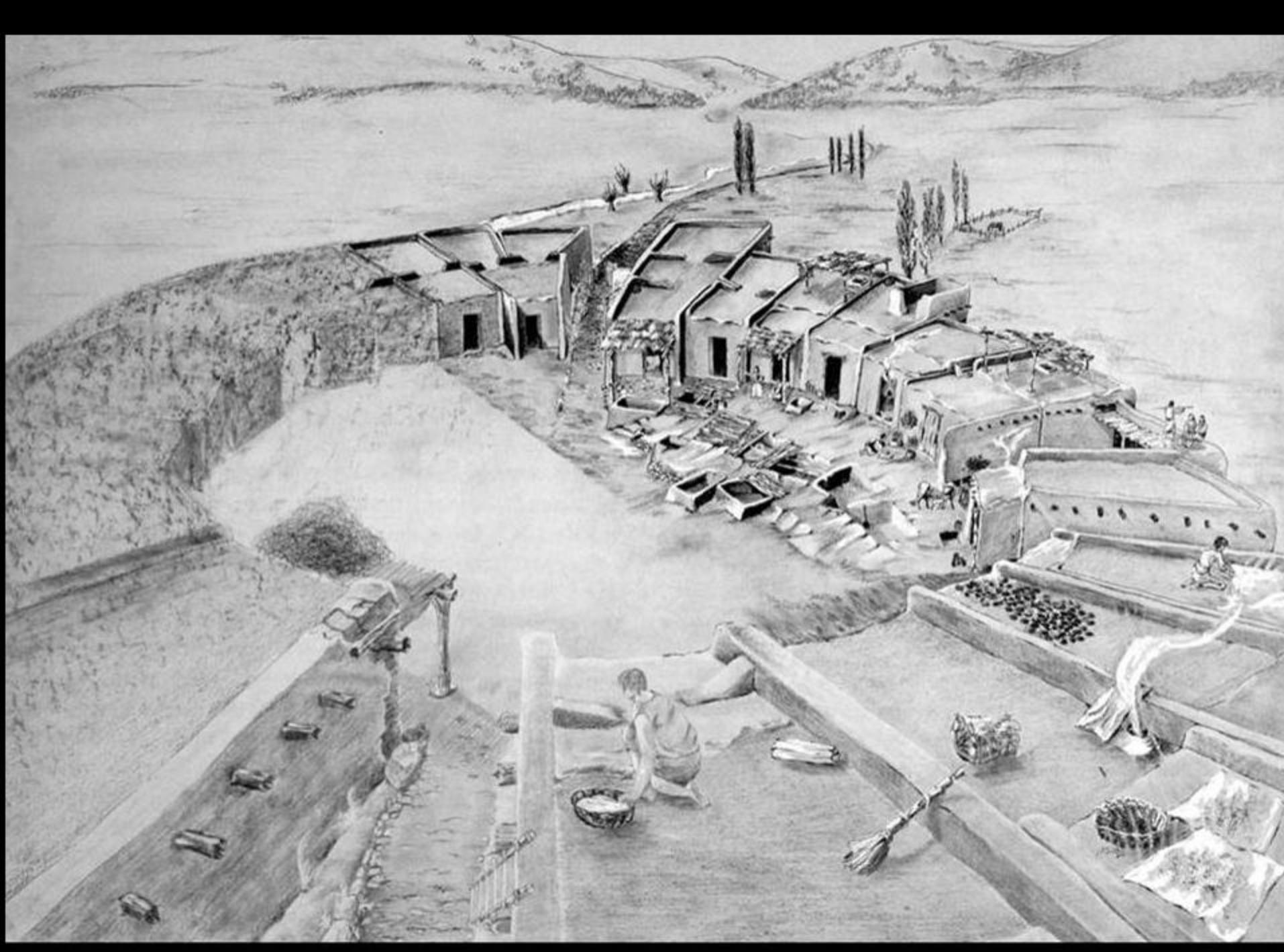




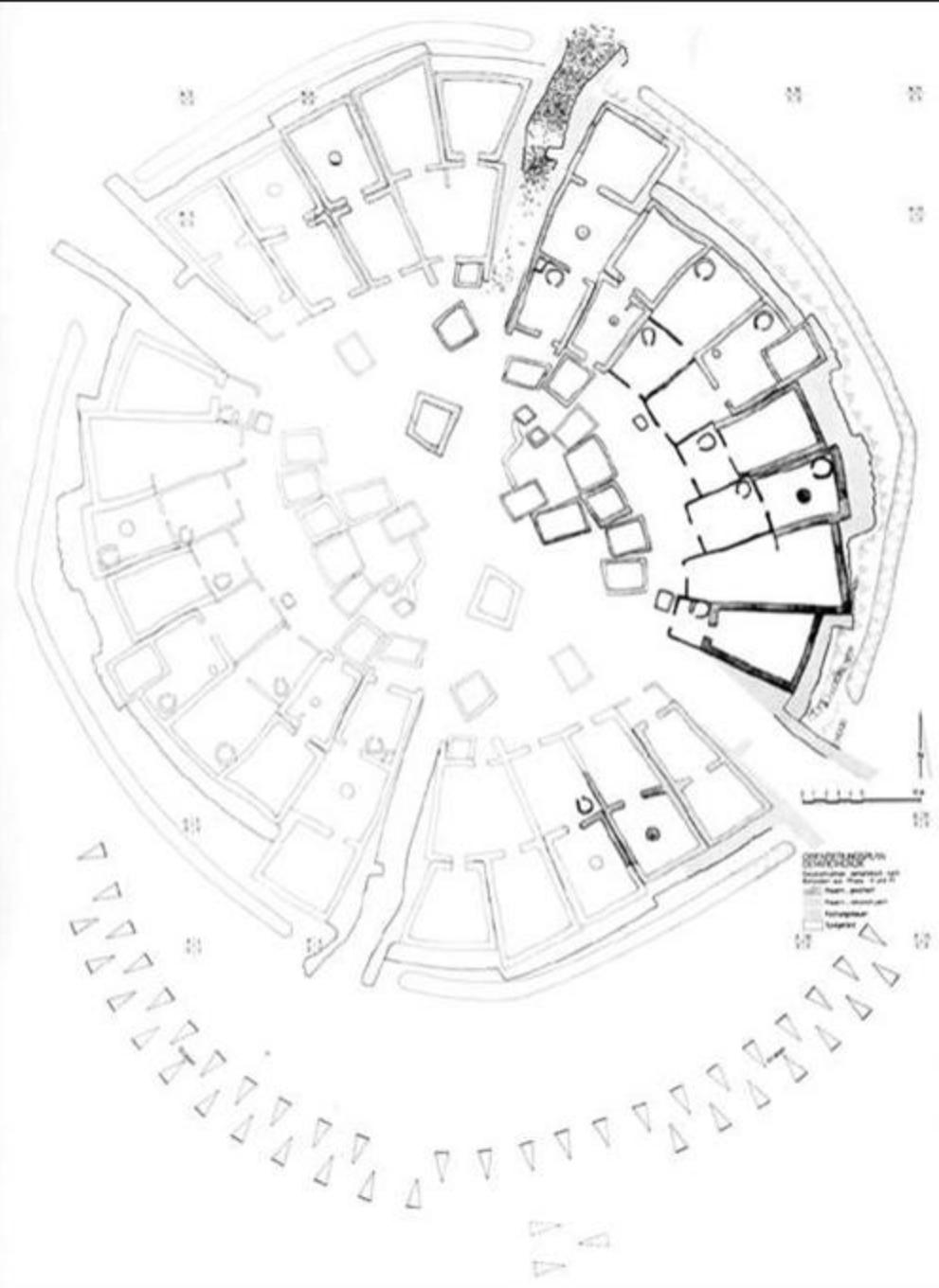
Demircihüyük (Eskişehir)



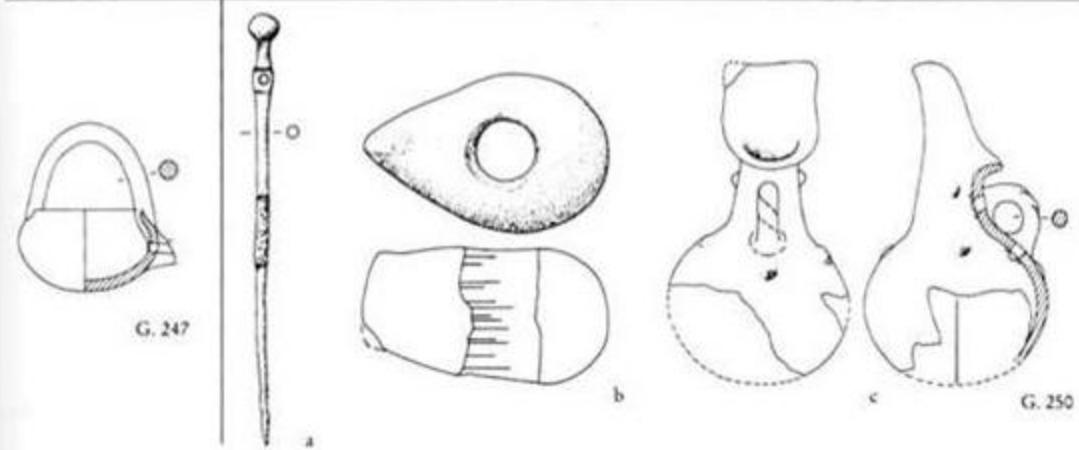
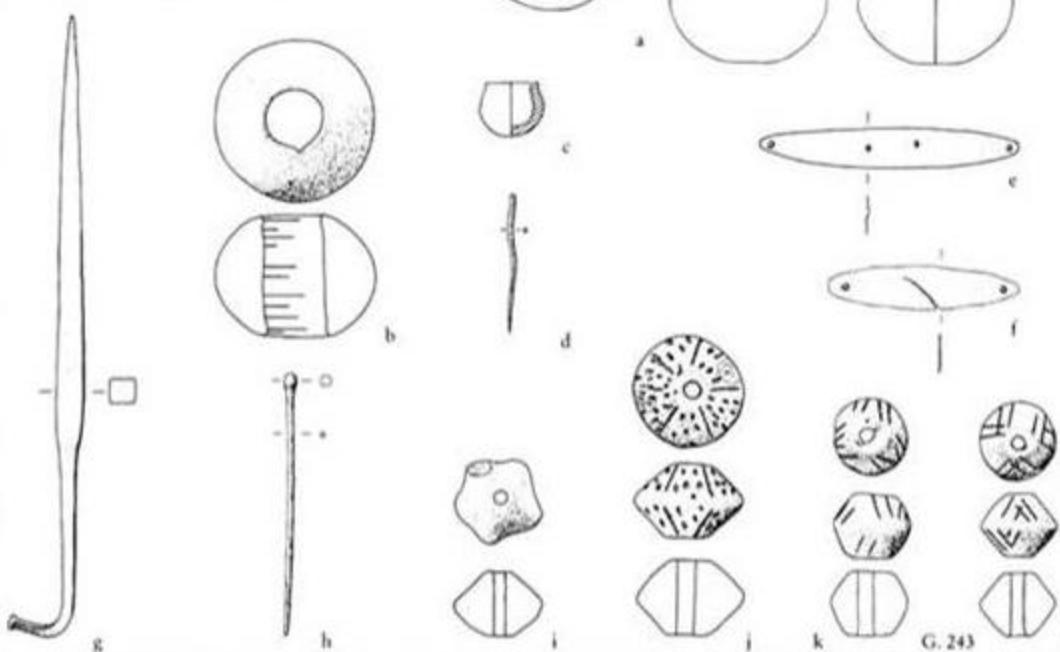
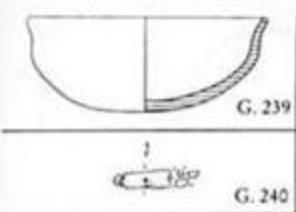
Demircihüyük
Settlement Plan







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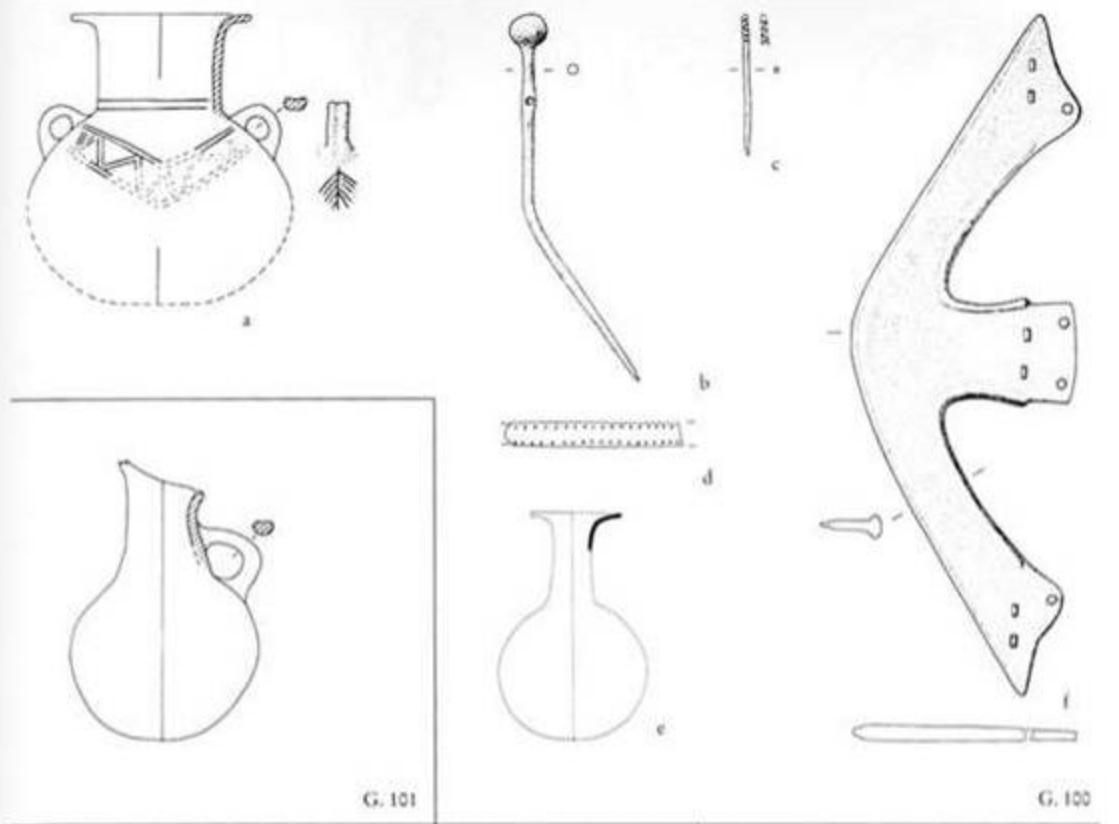
Demircihüyük
Sarıket Necropolis

Grave Inventories

Demircihüyük

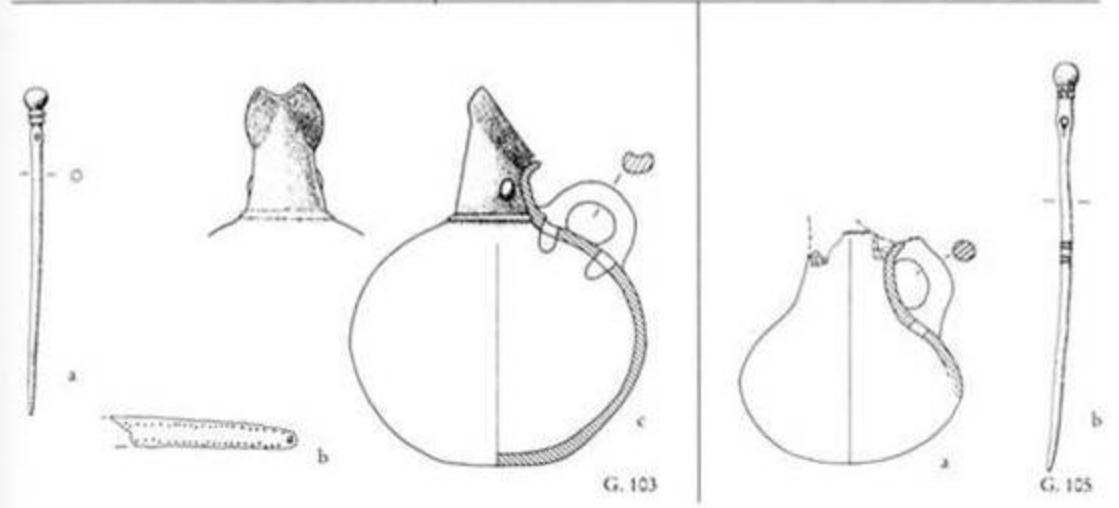
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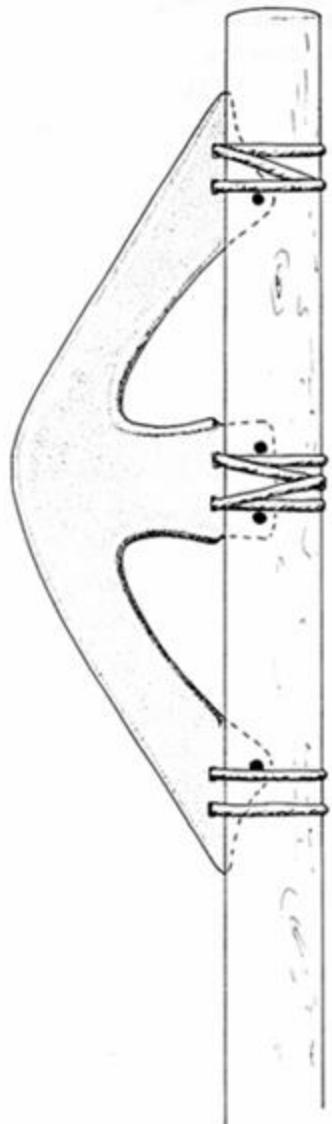
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Demircihüyük

Sarıket Necropolis

Battle Axe

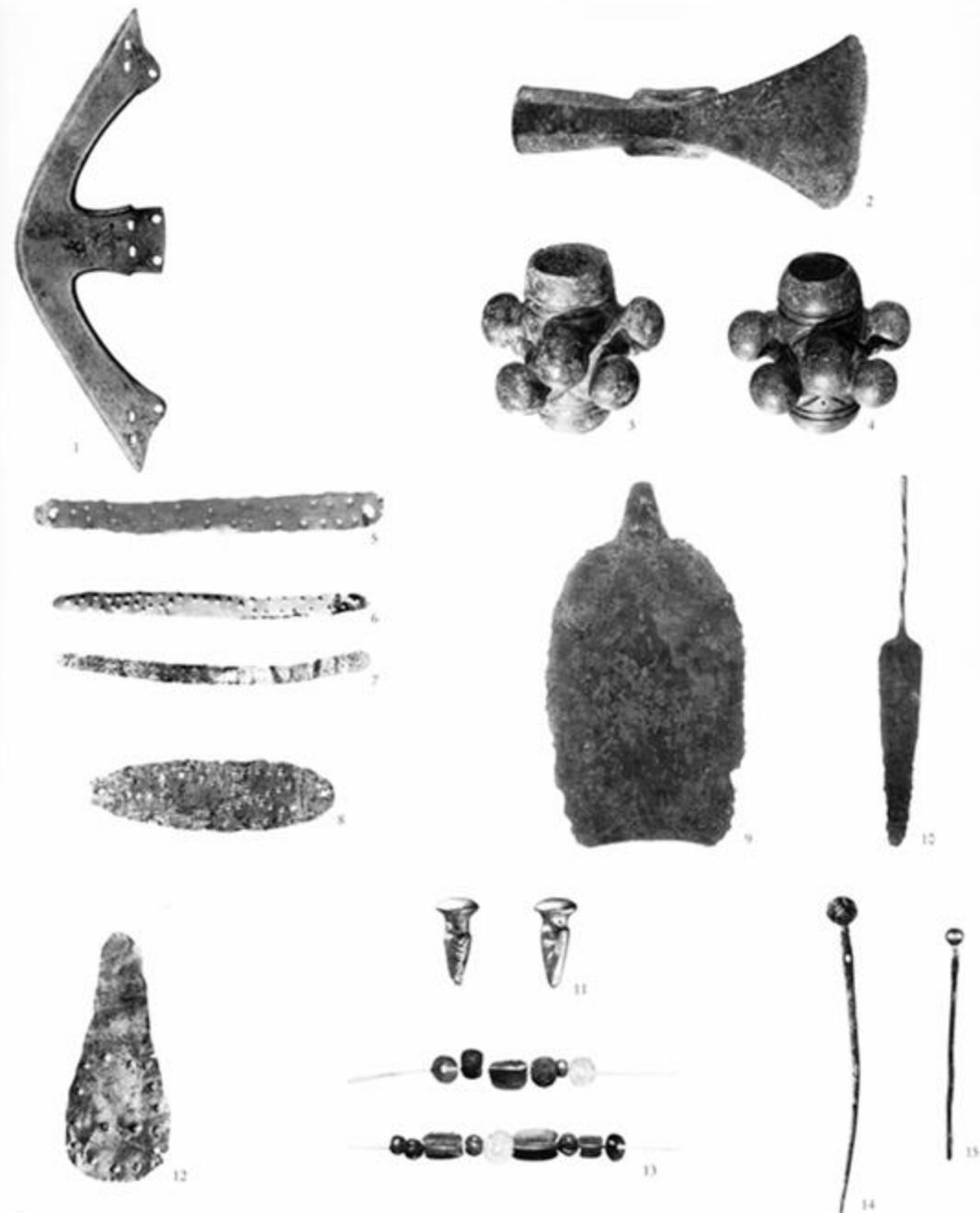
**and its Reconstructed
Fitting**

**Demircihüyük
Sarıket Necropolis**

**Metal Finds
from the Graves**

Note:

**Battle Axe
Maces
Daggers / Spear Heads
Gold Ornaments**





**Selection of Stone and Metal Weapons
from the Demircihüyük-Sarıket Necropolis**



Demircihüyük – Sarıkent Necropolis

Male Cranium (Skull Bone) with Lethal Injury from Blow with a Stone Axe



Demircihüyük
Sarıket Necropolis



**Selection of Drinking Vessels (Beak-Spouted Jugs)
that are a Standard Part of the Grave Inventory**

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Aerial Photograph from the 1930s

The mound

Alaca Höyük
(Çorum)

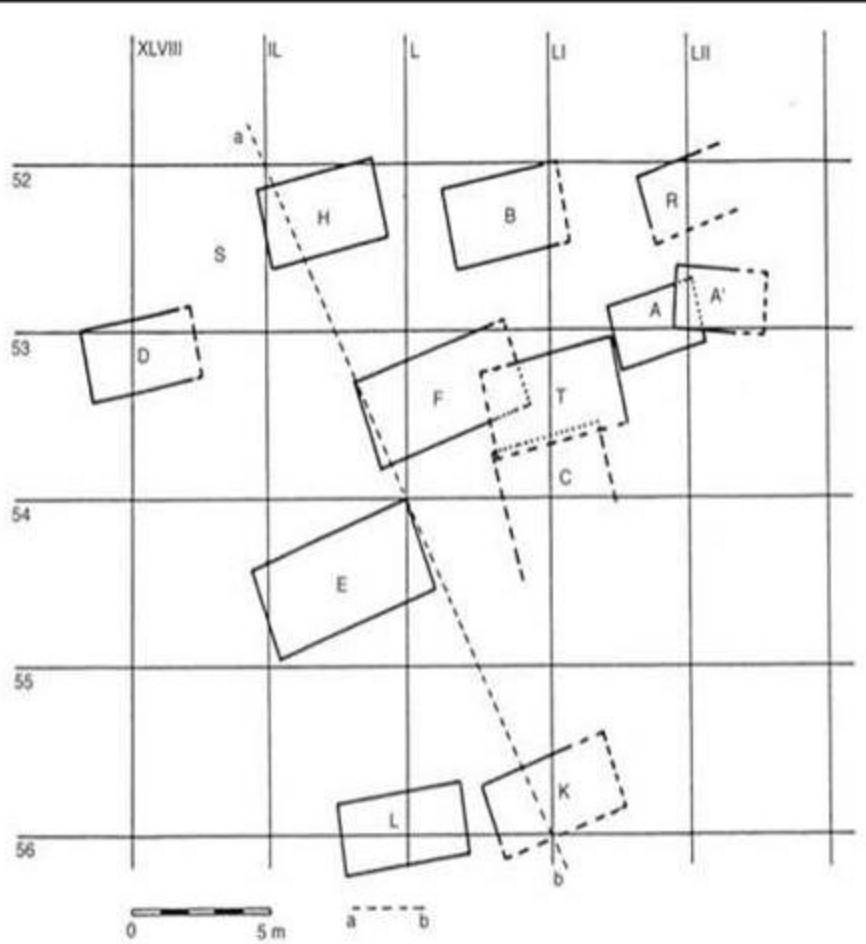
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Tell Site



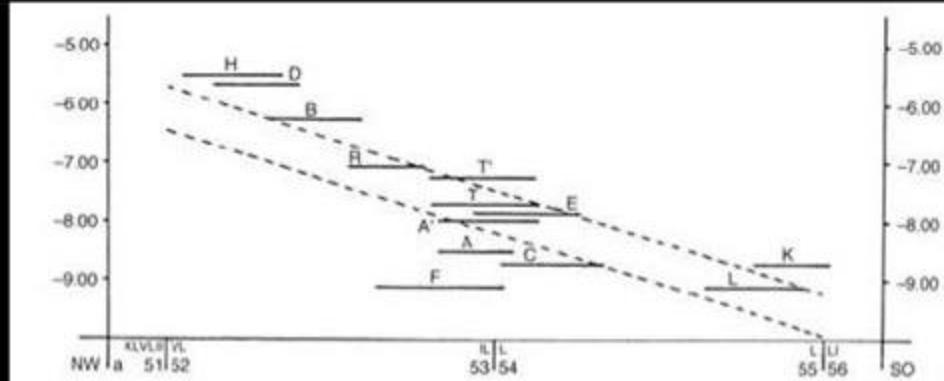
Reconstructed EBA Tomb chamber
at
Alaca Höyük

note the heavy timber covering
and the platform in the corner
where the deceased was placed
to rest

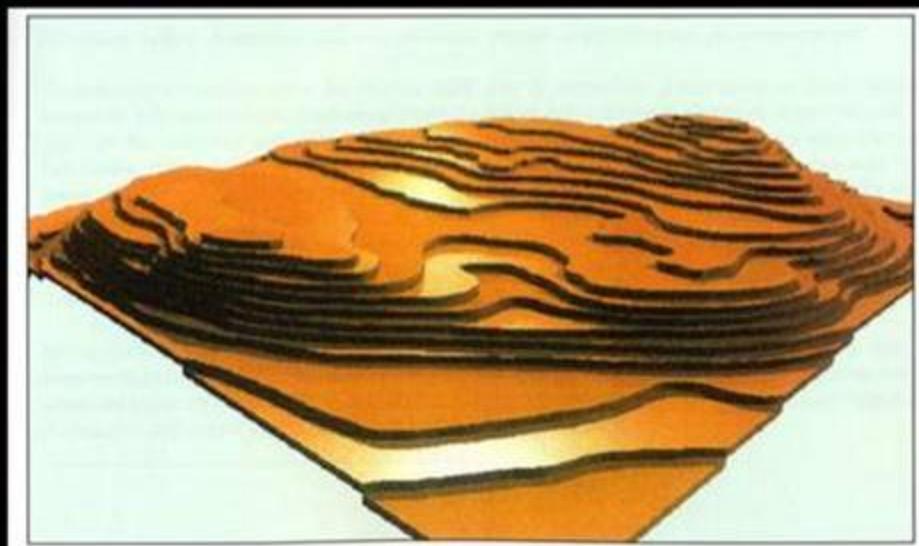




**Placement of the chambers
at a “theatre” slope
at the settlement limit**

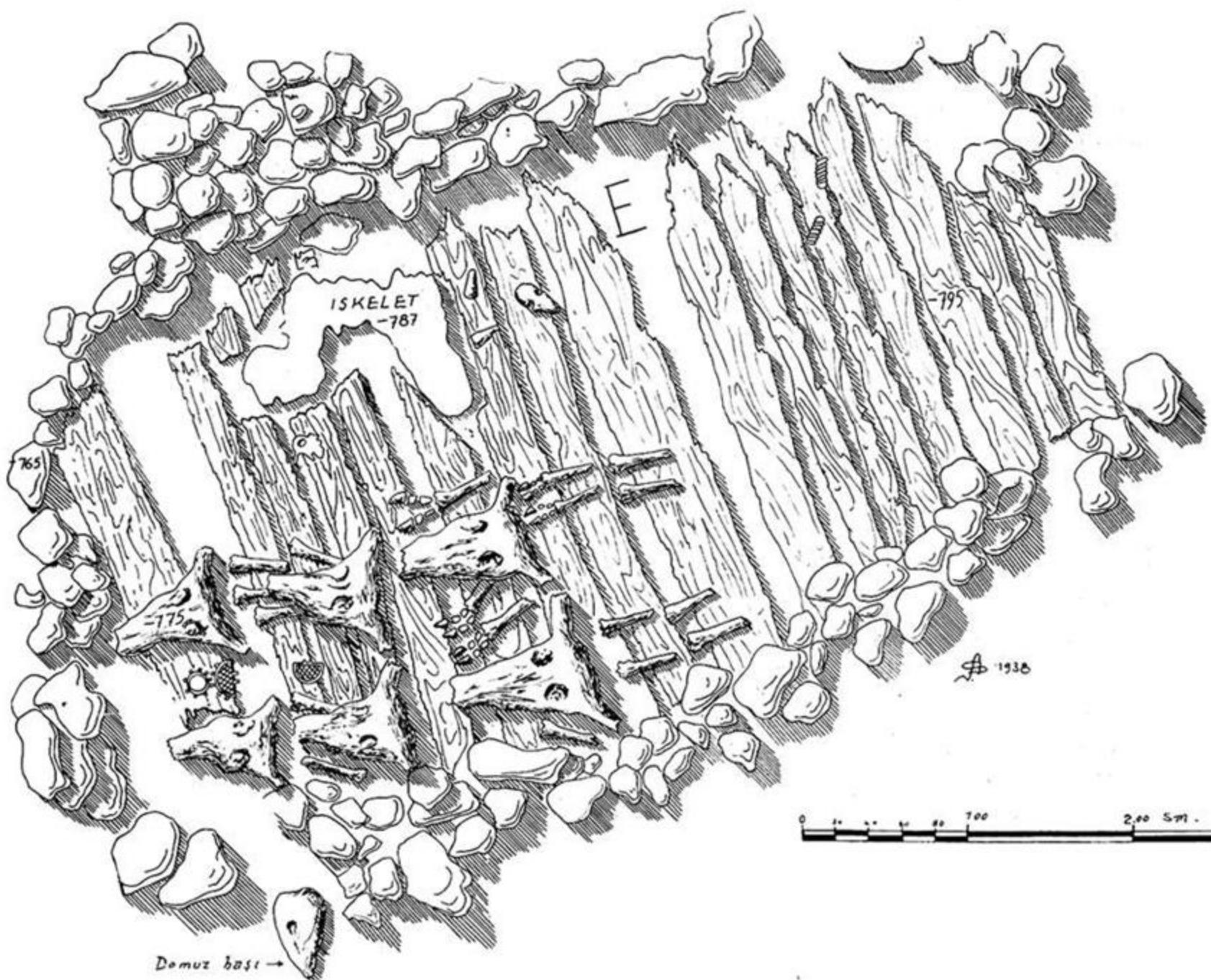


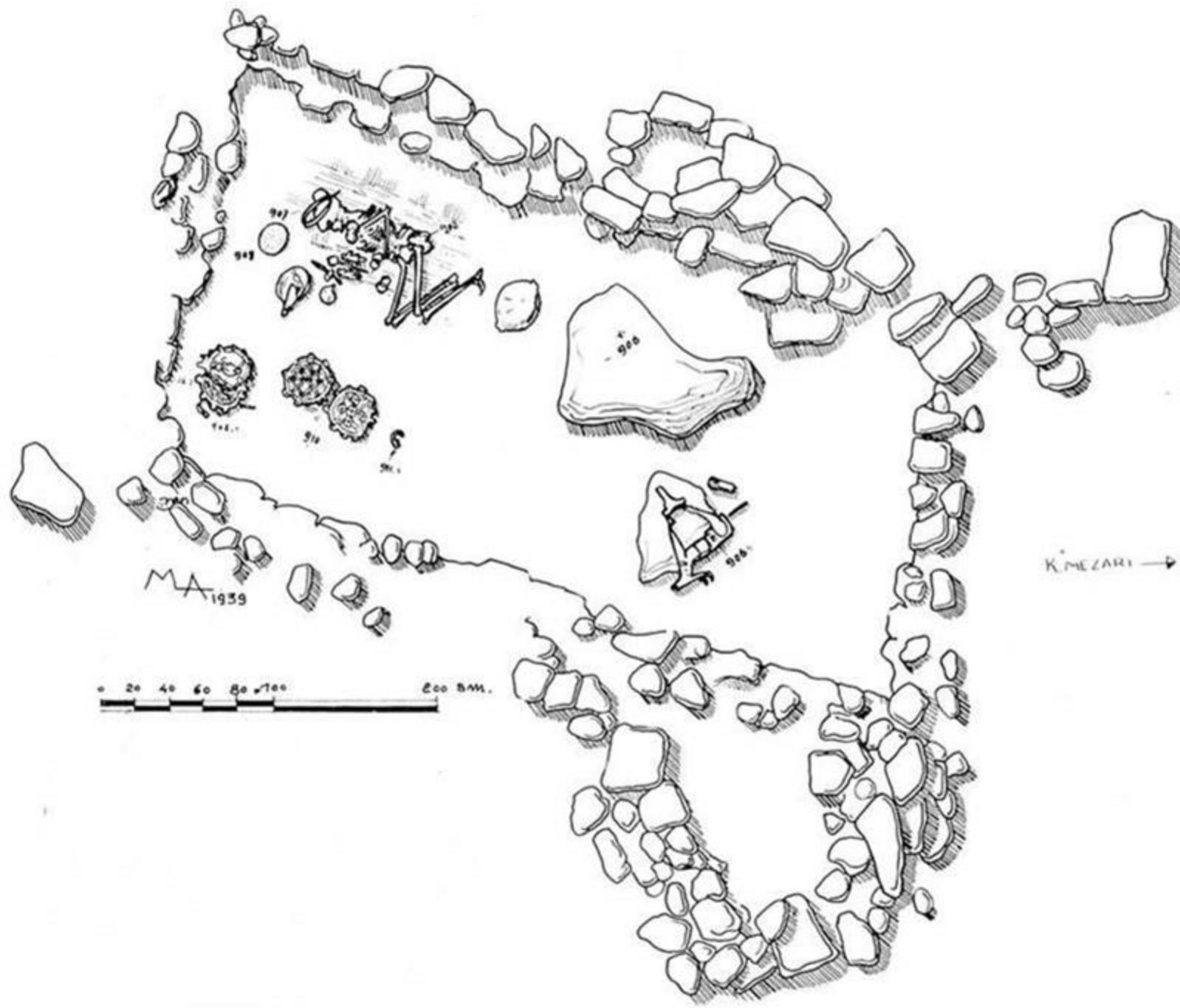
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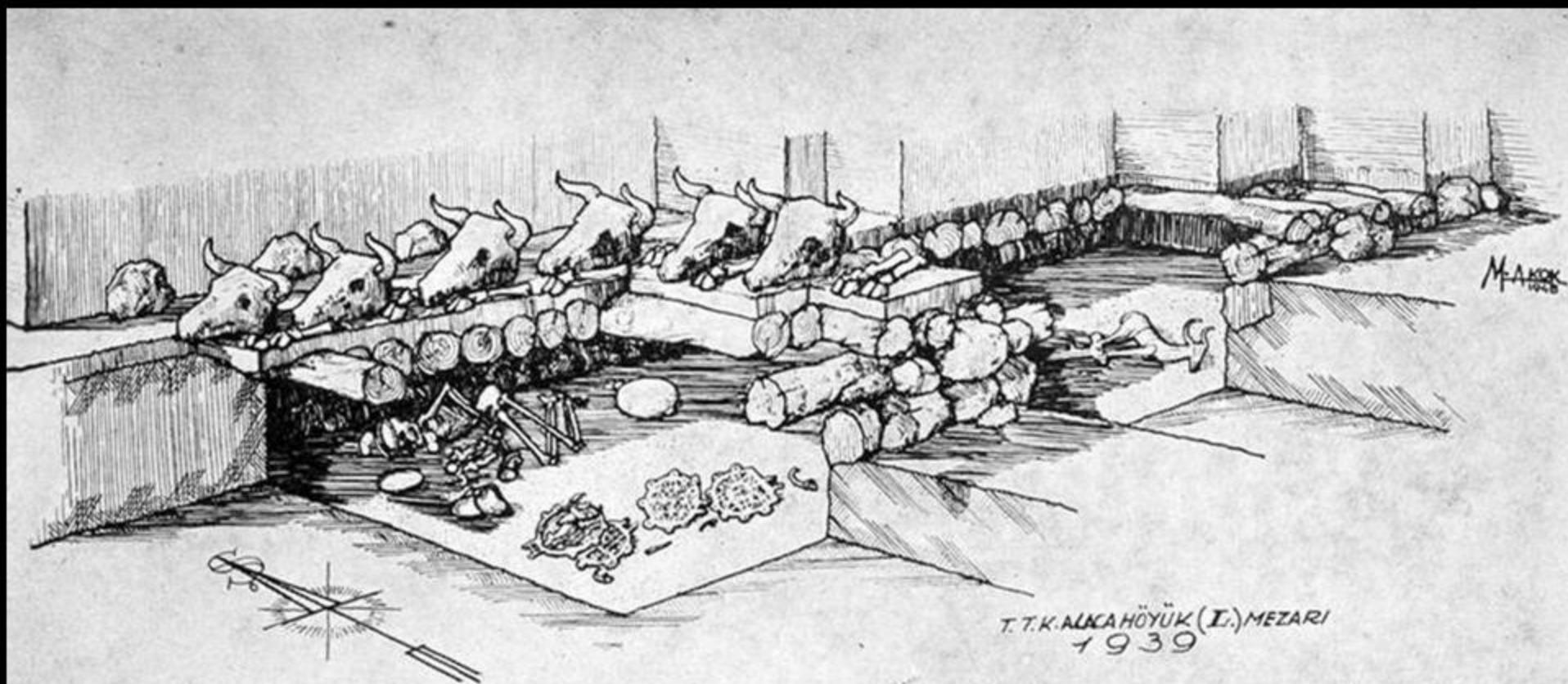


Computer generated view of Alacahöyük in relief

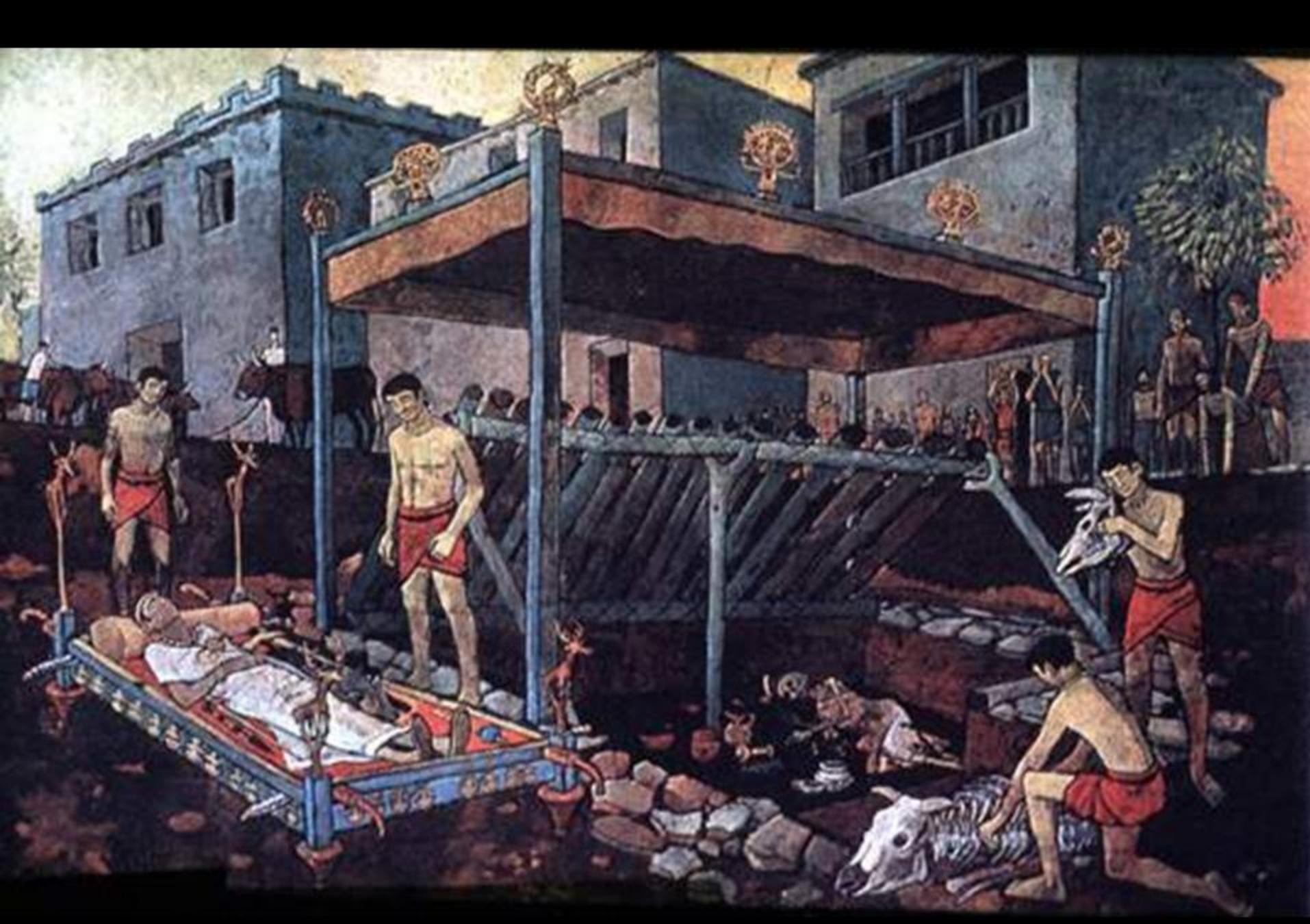
The Tombs were meant to be seen !



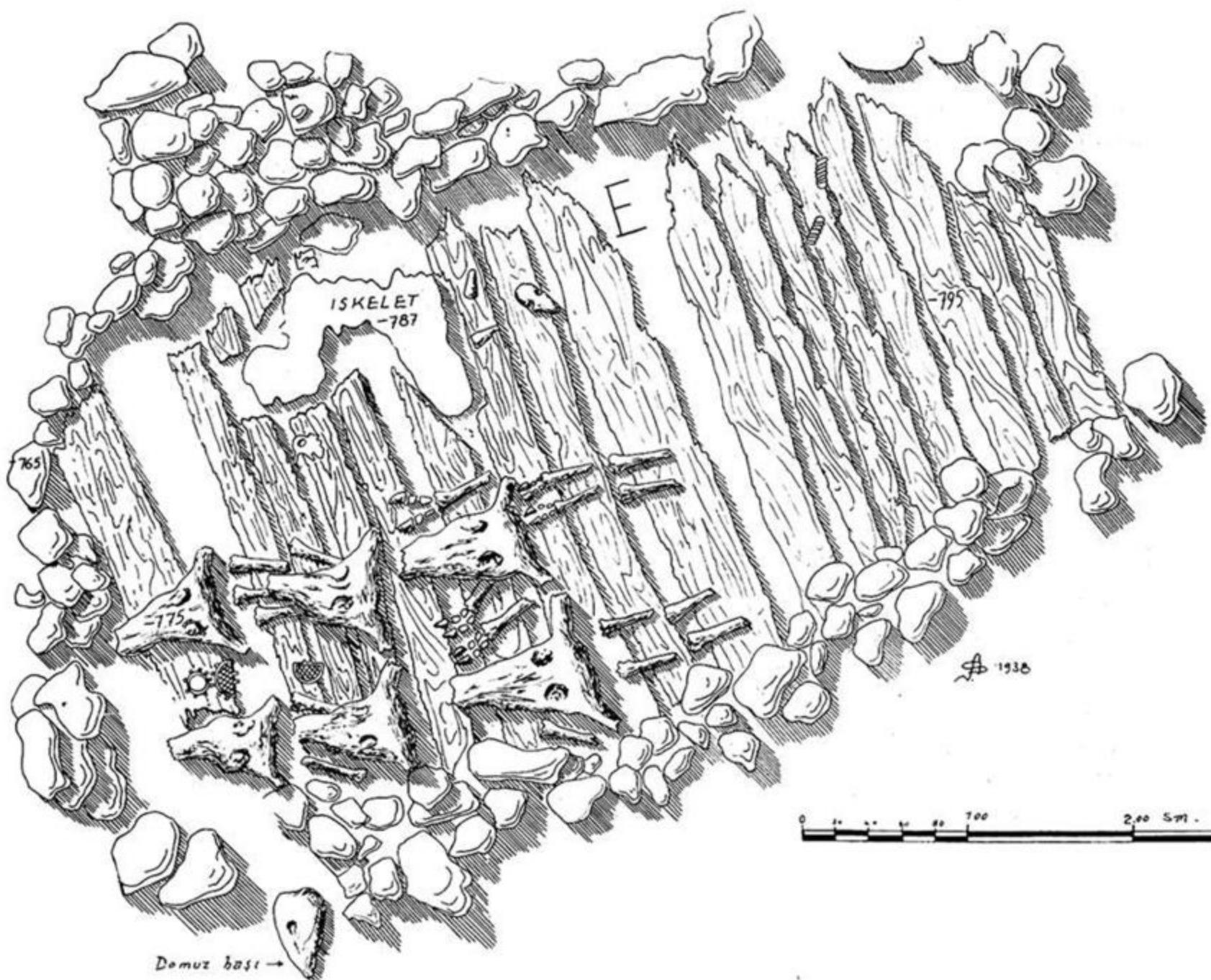


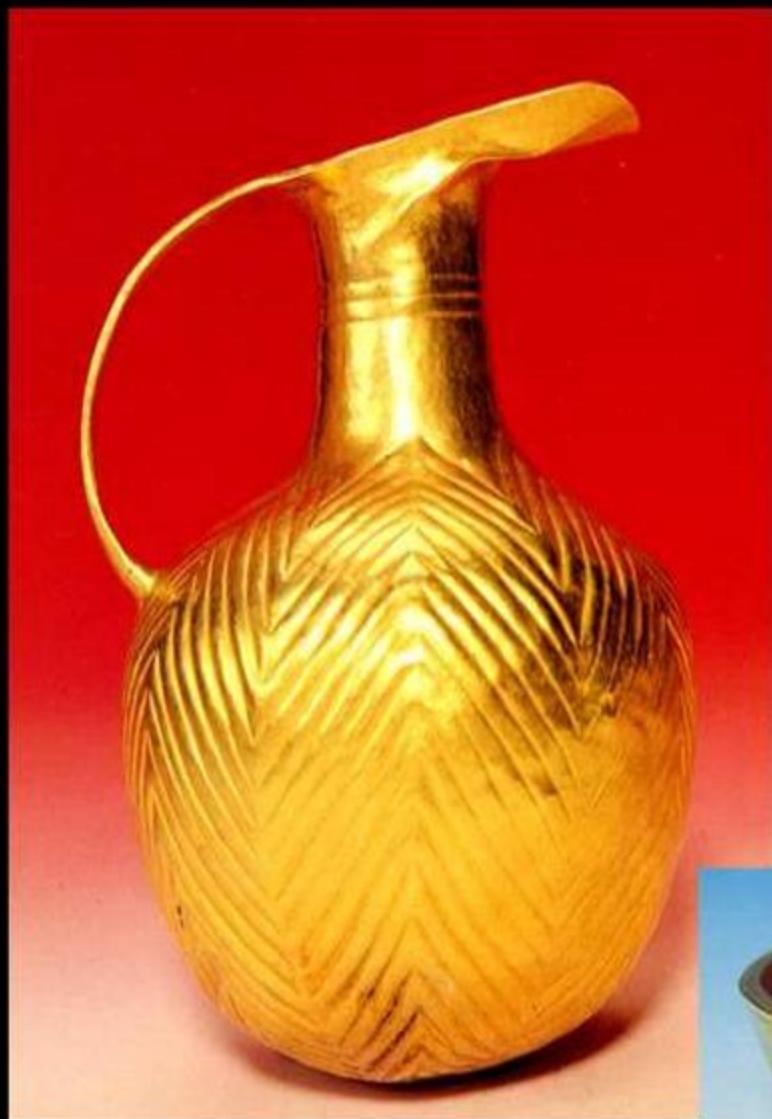


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1939











Horoztepe



Hasanoğlu



Alaca Höyük



Troia







Sistra
from
Horoztepe





Sword from Alaca Höyük

Blade made from iron (!), hilt and sheath coated with gold



Gold Mace from Alaca Höyük



Bronze Mace from Horoztepe





EBA SOCIETY AND ELITE BEHAVIOUR: LOGICAL PRECURSOR TO THE STATE?

- Akurgal: “Hattian Kings” (Alaca Höyük Graves)
- İkiztepe EBA: “Early Hittite”
- In Common Usage: Early Bronze Age “Kingdoms” or
“Principalities”

Metallurgy as the Driving Factor?



DEFINITION OF CENTRALISATION: THE PROBLEMS OF THE TOP-DOWN PERSPECTIVE

- “Kingdoms” or “Principalities” = Micro States? What is the meaning of these terms?
- How much over-all complexity is there in Anatolian EBA societies?
- Top-down Approach Over-Emphasises Elite Behaviour (which may be driven by its own specific directives)

COMPLEX ORGANISATION IN 3RD MILLENNIUM BC SOCIETY

Distorted Picture:

- “Complex” Behaviour or Practices Restricted to Top Layer of Society
- Evidence Displays Clear Signs of Being Intentionally Arranged for Visual Impact



