

CATALOGUE OF SITES

1) Ain Abu Nukhayla

Location: southern Jordan (Wadi um)

Relative chronology: MPPNB/LPPNB – Chalcolithic – Bronze age

Absolute chronology: 8625±85/-80 - 8365 ±120/-115 BP

Excavations: 1999-2001

Size of excavated area: 1200 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: 1200 m²

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 3

Number of evaluated structures: 11 (12 in total)

Type of the ground plan: circular, transitional

Settlement type: long-term, seasonal encampment

Environmental zone: SU-DE

Altitude (m asl): 1000

AAP (December/mm): 8

Temperature (°C): 32,3 (max_June); 4,1 (min_December)

Geomorphology: sandstone inslberg region: alluvial fan, aeolian sand

Flora: benthic species (*Amphora sp.*, *Denticula subtilis*, *Denticula cf. elegans*, *Encyonem minutum*, and *Navicula halophila*), nutlets of *Arnebia cf. Decumbens*, seed coat of *Acacia/Prosopis* type, a fragment of *Gypsophila sp.* (Caryophyllaceae), *Capparaceae*, *Juniperus sp.*, *Quercus sp.*, *Anacardiaceae* family

Fauna: ovicaprid (*Capra aegaegrus*, *C. hircus*, *C. ibex*, *Ovis orientalis*), gazelle, foxes (*Vulpes sp.*), hares (*Lepus capensis*)

Watercourse: Wadi Rum

Reference:

Henry D. O. et al 2003: The Early Neolithic Site of Ayn Abū Nukhayla, Southern Jordan. *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*, 330, 1–30.

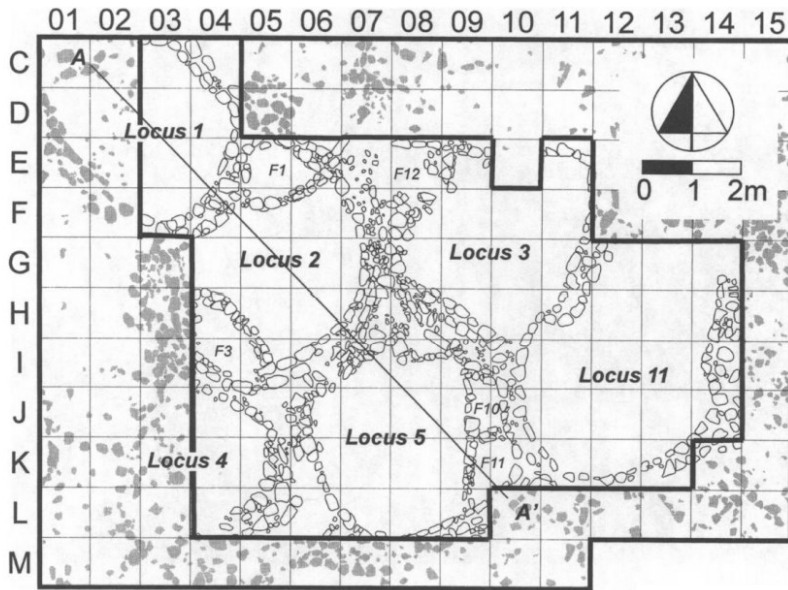


Fig. 1: Block I. (Henry et al 2003, Fig. 5)

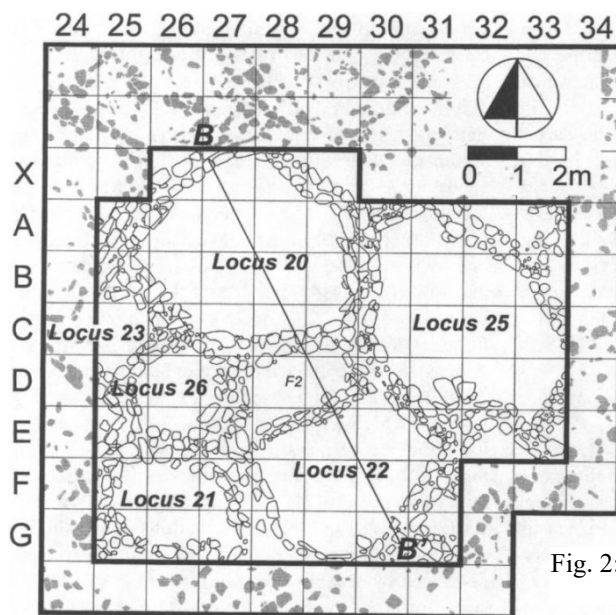


Fig. 2: Block II. (Henry et al 2003, Fig. 6)

2) Abu Gosh

Location: central Israel

Relative chronology: PPNB – PN

Absolute chronology: 8895 ± 60 BP

Excavations: 1920 (discovery), 1950, 1967, 1995

Size of excavated area: 1500 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: 15000 m²

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 1

Number of evaluated structures: 2

Type of the ground plan: rectangular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: MED

Altitude (m asl): 700

AAP (December/mm):

Temperature (°C): 28,9 (max_June); 6,9 (min_December)

Geomorphology: Dolomites and limestones, terra rossa and rendzina soils

Flora: -

Fauna: Goats; bezoar goat (*Capra aegagrus*) and ibex (*Capra ibex nubiana*), gazelle, cattle, pigs

Watercourse: A small drainage basin on the eastern side, local shallow water-table, small tributary of Nahal Kesalon

Reference:

Khalaily H. – Marder O. 2003: The Neolithic Site of Abu Ghosh: The 1995 Excavations. Jerusalem.

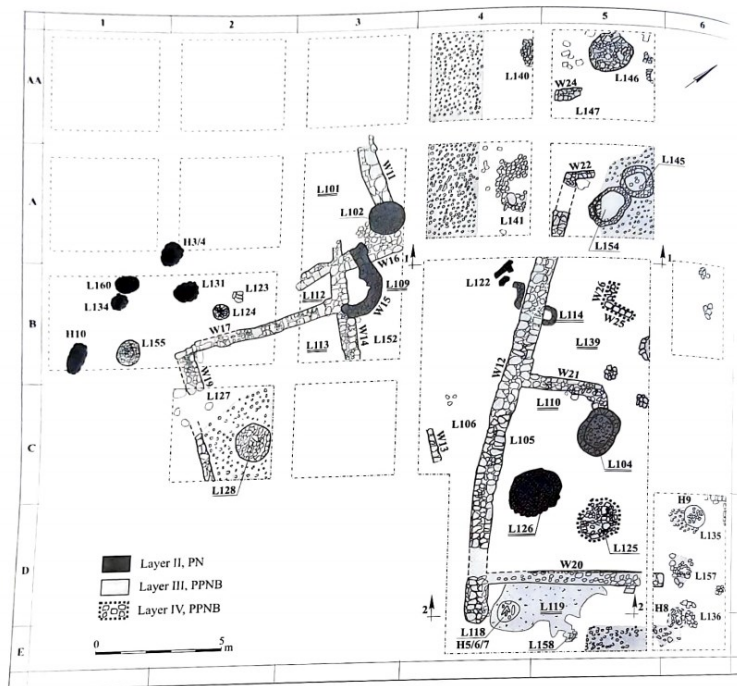


Fig. 3: Abu Gosh, general plan (Khalaily – Marder 2003, Fig. 3.1)

3) Ainab 1

Location: south-eastern Jordan

Relative chronology: EPPNB

Absolute chronology: -

Excavations: 2014

Size of excavated area: -

Size of Neolithic settlement: -

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 1

Number of evaluated structures: 1

Type of the ground plan: circular

Settlement type: seasonal

Environmental zone: SA-AR

Altitude (m asl): 950

AAP (December/mm): 4

Temperature (°C): 34 (max_June); 1 (min_December)

Geomorphology: sandstone bedrock formation from Lower Cretaceous/Santonian periods

Flora: -

Fauna: -

Watercourse: -

Reference:

Štefanisko D. 2016: Chipped industry of 'Ainab 1A, Early Pre-Pottery Neolithic B site at Jabal 'Ainab (South-East Jordan). Magister Diploma thesis, Masaryk University, Brno.

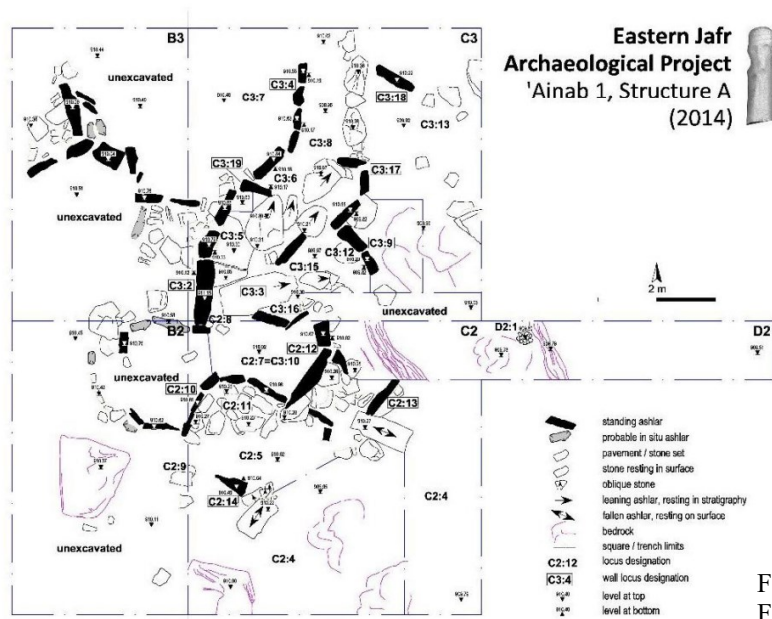


Fig. 4: Ainab 1, plan of structure A (Štefanisko 2016, Fig. 9)

4) Abu Salem

Location: southern Israel (central Negev Highlands)

Relative chronology: late Harifian – PPNB

Absolute chronology: -

Excavations: 1969, 1971–72, 1974, 1981–82

Size of excavated area: 44,5 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: 100-150 m²

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 1

Number of evaluated structures: 4

Type of the ground plan: circular

Settlement type: seasonal

Environmental zone: IR-TUR

Altitude (m asl): 960

AAP (December/mm): 32

Temperature (°C): 27,9 (max_June); 4,5 (min_December)

Geomorphology: loess plateaus, middle Eocene bedrock

Flora: *Pistacia atlantica*, *Chenopods*

Fauna: wild sheep, onager, aurochs, + gazelle, ibex, hare, caracal, hyena, and leopard (?) present today

Watercourse: Wadis Nahal Horesha (NE) and Nahal Lotz (S)

Reference:

Gopher A. – Goring-Morris A. N. 1998: Abu Salem: A Pre-Pottery Neolithic B Camp in the Central Negev Highlands, Israel. *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 312, 1–20.

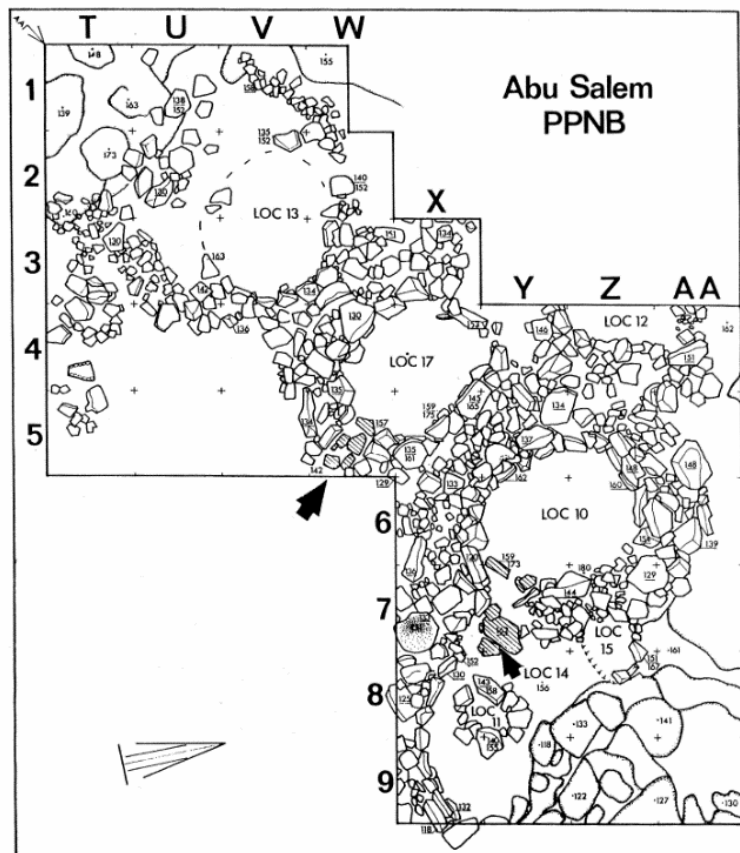


Fig. 5: Abu Salem, site plan (Gopher – Goring-Morris 1998, Fig. 5)

5) Beidha

Location: southern Jordan

Relative chronology: Natufian - PPNB – Nabatean

Absolute chronology: 9128 ± 103 - 8546 ± 100 BP

Excavations: 1958-1867, 1983

Size of excavated area: 1800 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: 3600 m²

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 3

Number of evaluated structures: 37 (61 in total)

Type of the ground plan: circular, transitional, rectangular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: IR-TUR

Altitude (m asl): 1020

AAP (December/mm): 37

Temperature (°C): 29 (max_June); 3,4 (min_December)

Geomorphology: alluvial fill terrace abutting the sandstone cliffs

Flora: oak (*Quercus calliprinos*), juniper (*Juniperis phoenicea*), *Crataegus azarolus*, *Pistacia palaestina*, *P. atlantica*, *Rhamnus palaestina*, and *Daphne linearifolia*

Fauna: *Capra aegagrus* / *Capra ibex*

Watercourse: Seyl Aqlat: small seasonal watercourse, cutting the site on the west / seasonally drained by Wadi el Ghurab

Reference:

Byrd F. B. 2005: Early Village life at Beidha, Jordan: Neolithic spatial organization and vernacular architecture. The excavations of Mrs. Diana Kirkbride-Halbaek. Oxford.

Comer C. D. 2003: Environmental History at an Early Prehistoric Village: An Application of Cultural Site Analysis at Beidha, in Southern Jordan. *Journal of GIS in Archaeology*, Volume I, 105–115.

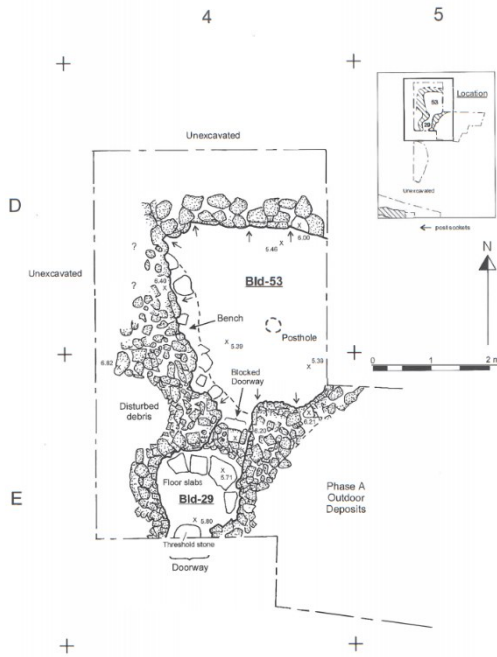


Fig. 6: Beidha, buildings 29/53, phase A (Byrd 2005, Fig. 208)

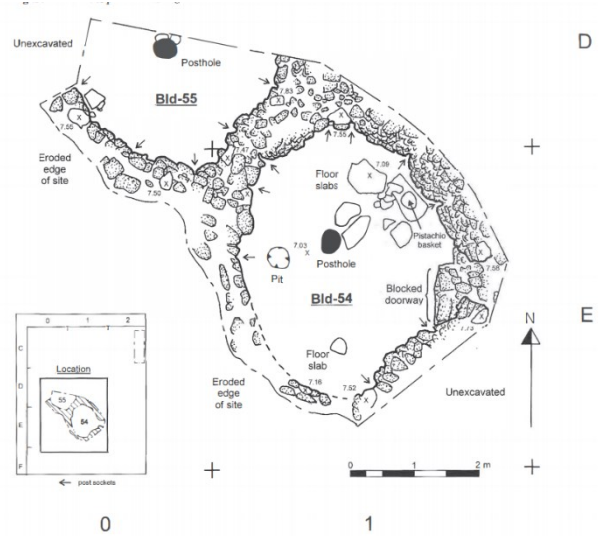


Fig. 7: Beidha, buildings 54/55, phase A (Byrd 2005, Fig. 212)

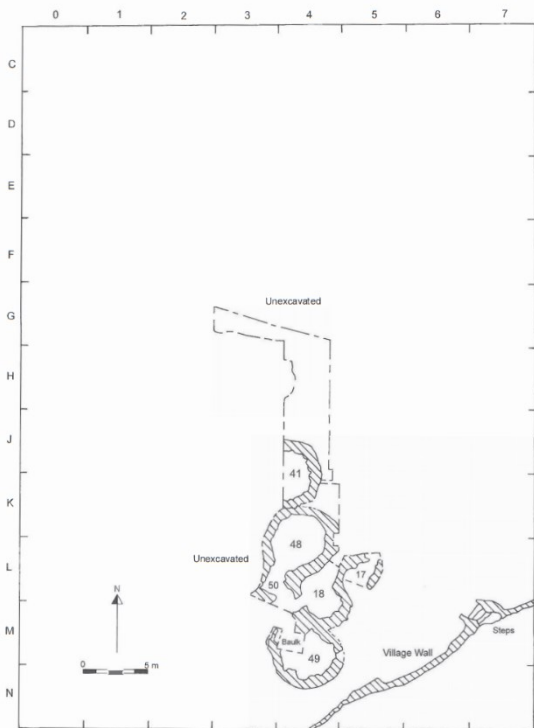


Fig. 8: Beidha, plan of subphase A1 buildings (Byrd 2005, Fig. 45)

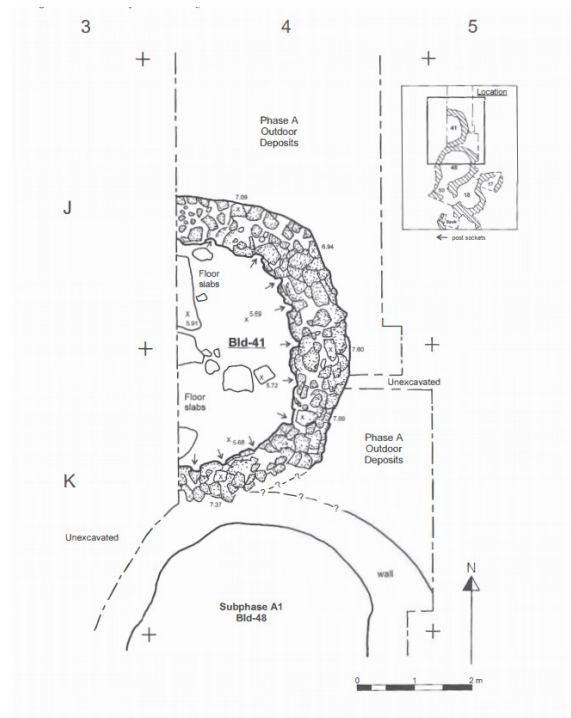


Fig. 9: Beidha, building 41, subphase A1 (Byrd 2005, Fig. 135)

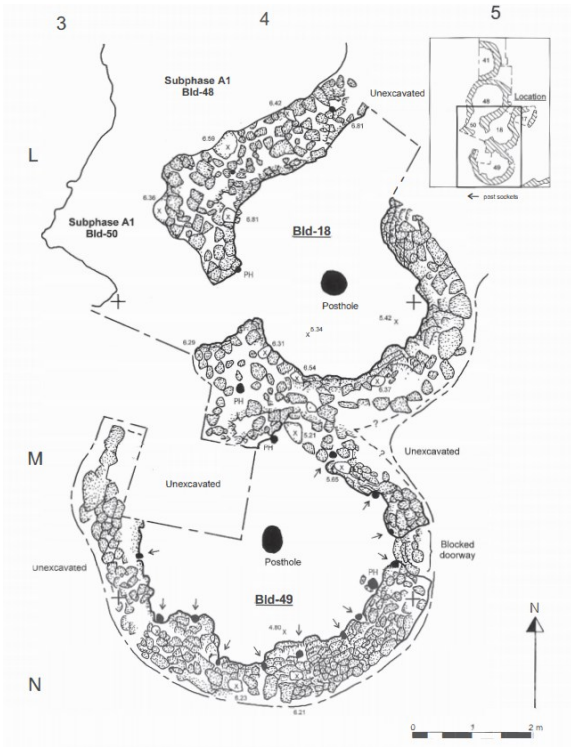


Fig. 10: Beidha, buildings 18/49, subphase A1 (Byrd 2005, Fig. 147)

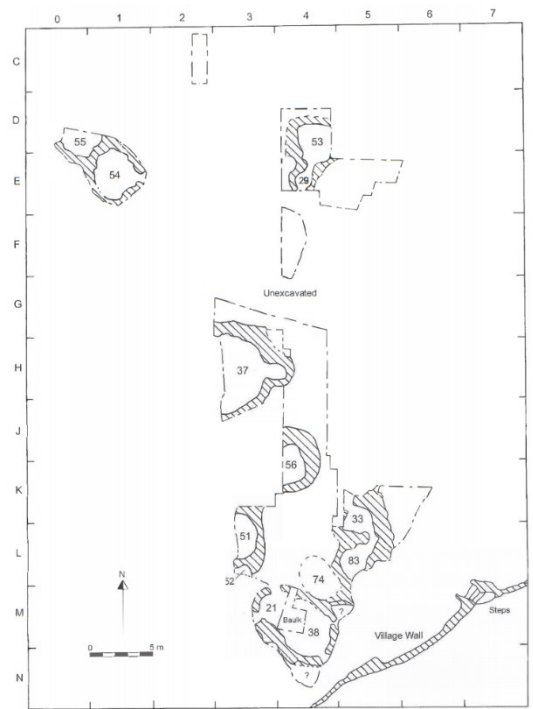


Fig. 11: Beidha, plan of subphase A2 buildings (Byrd 2005, Fig. 45)

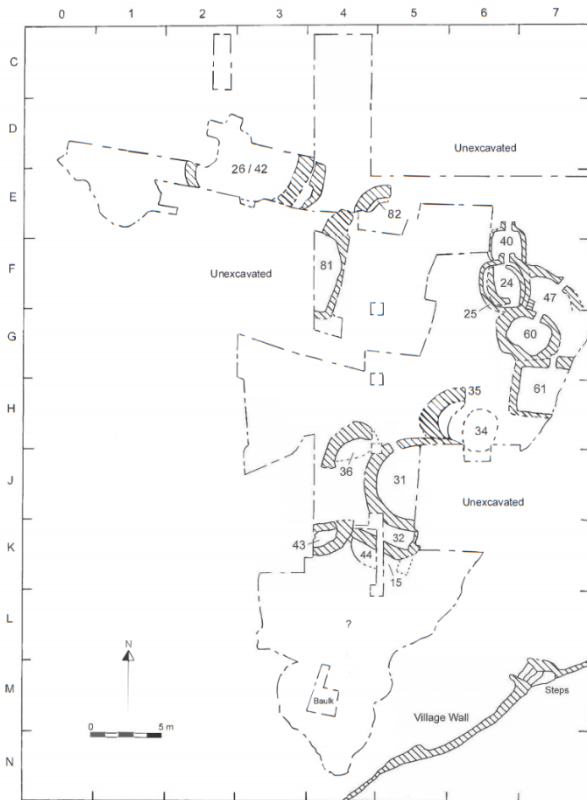


Fig. 12: Beidha, plan of B phase (Byrd 2005, Fig. 48)

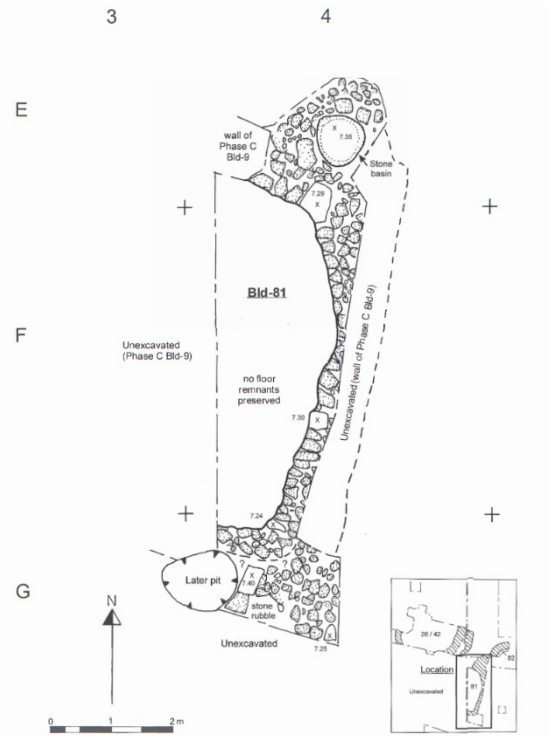


Fig. 13: Beidha, building 81, north-central B phase (Byrd 2005, 279)

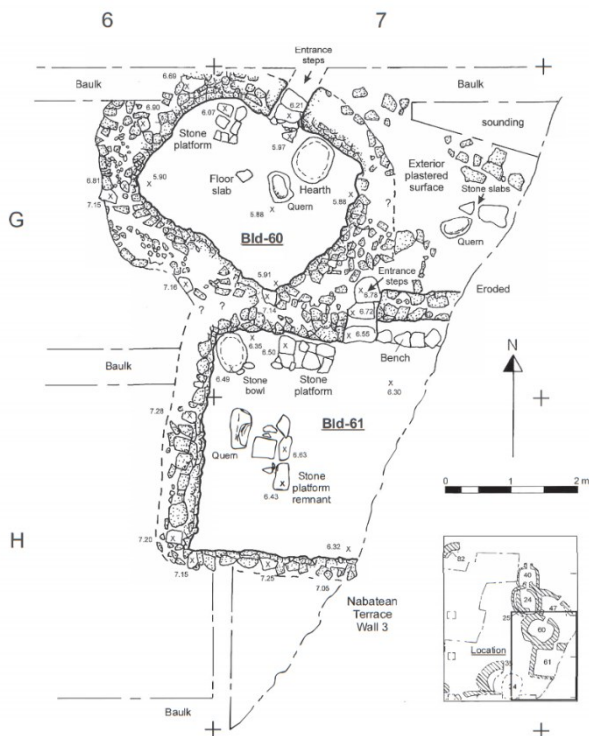


Fig. 14: Beidha, building 60/61, northeast B phase (Byrd 2005, Fig. 268)

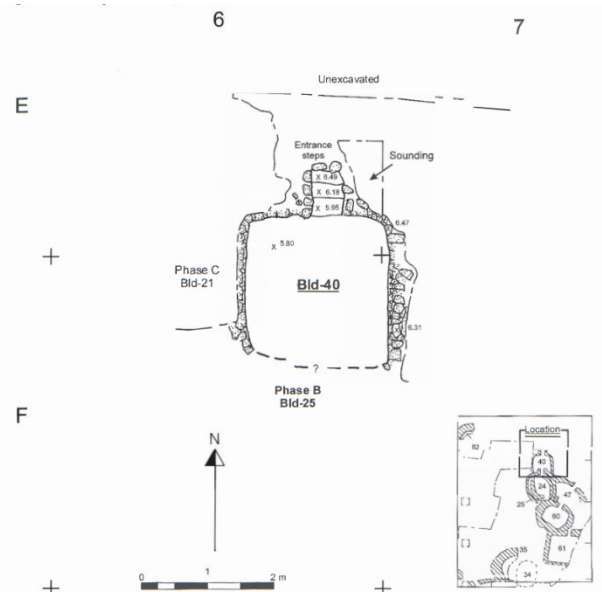


Fig. 15: Beidha, building 40, northeast B phase (Byrd 2005, Fig. 245)

6) Dja' de el-Mughara

Location: northern Syria

Relative chronology: PPNA – EPPNB – pre-Halaf

Absolute chronology: 9610 ± 170 – 8990 ± 100 BP

Excavations: 1991, 2006

Size of excavated area: -

Size of Neolithic settlement: -

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 3

Number of structures in total: -

Type of the ground plan: circular, rectangular

Settlement type: seasonal

Environmental zone: IR-TUR

Altitude (m asl): 346

AAP (December/mm): 53

Temperature (°C): 34,6 (max_June); 2,5 (min_December)

Geomorphology: Middle quaternary terrace; gravel and pebbles metamorphic rocks, Euphrates alluvial plain

Flora: Tamarix sp., Salix sp., Populus euphratica (poplar), pistachio tree, almond (Amygdalus sp.), maple (Acer sp.) (“presteppic” forest). Deciduous oak (Quercus f.c.). Dja' de in contact with steppe of Jezireh. Lentils, wild grapes, wild cereals: barley (Hordeum spontaneum) and engrain (Triticum boeoticum / urartu), weeds (commensal "weeds" of cereals)

Fauna: Wild cat, swamp cat, Mesopotamian fallow deer, badger, wild boar, marbled polecat, aurochs (wooded valley), gazelle, hemione, mouflon, partridge, raptors

Watercourse: on the Euphrates river bank

Reference:

Coquenet E. 2000: Dja'de (Syrie), un village à la veille de la domestication (seconde moitié du 9e millénaire av. J.-C.). In: Guilaine J. (ed.), Les premiers paysans du monde, naissance des agricultures (séminaire du Collège de France), Paris, 63–79.

Coquenet E. 2016: Dja' de el-Mughara (Aleppo). In: Kanjou Y. – Tsuneki A. (eds.) A history of Syria in one hundred sites, 51–53.

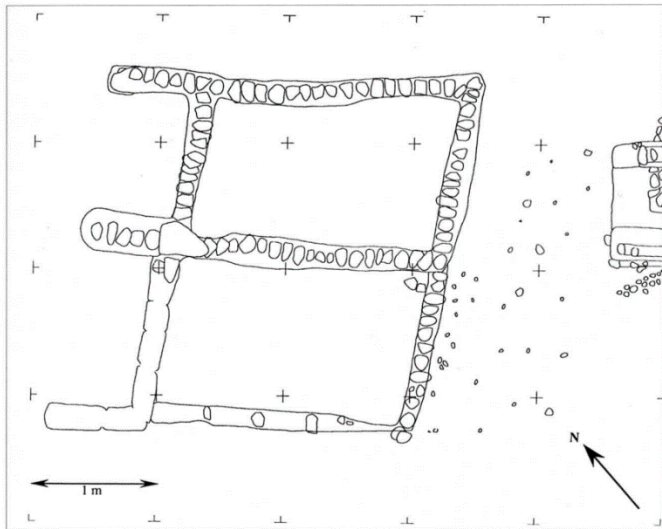


Fig. 16: Dja'de el-Mughara, „Maison des morts“ (Coqueugniot 2000, Fig. 1)

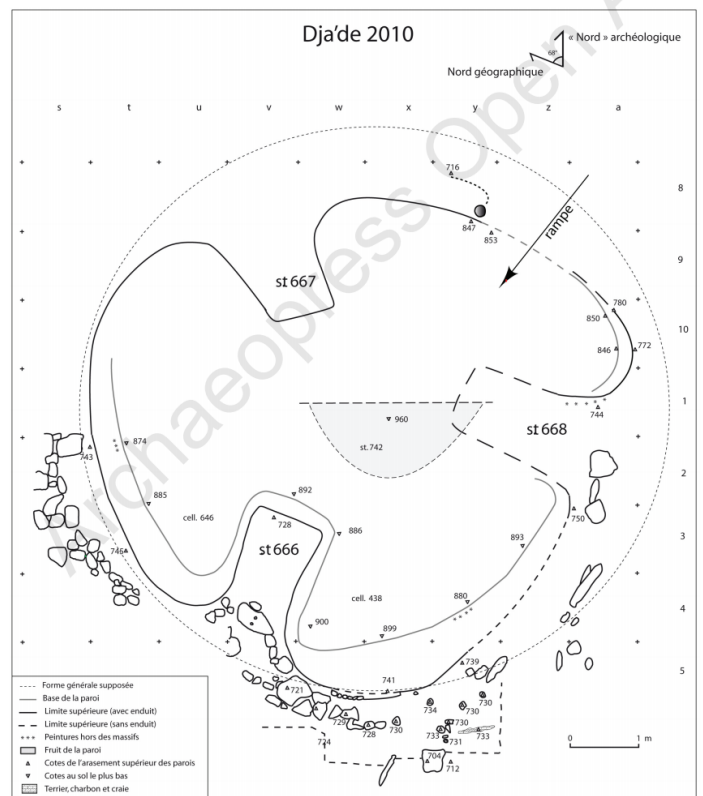


Fig. 17: Dja'de el-Mughara, The communal building (Coqueugniot 2016, Fig. 1)

7) Ein Qadis I

Location: southern Israel (Negev Highlands)

Relative chronology: EPP (Ramonian) - PPNB - Byzantine

Absolute chronology: -

Excavations: 1982

Size of excavated area: 25 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: -

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 1

Number of evaluated structures: 1

Type of the ground plan: transitional

Settlement type: seasonal

Environmental zone: IR-TUR/SA-AR

Altitude (m asl): 520

AAP (December/mm): 114

Temperature (°C): 29,8 (max_June); 8,9 (min_December)

Geomorphology: -

Flora: -

Fauna: -

Watercourse: -

Reference:

Gopher A. – Goring-Morris A. N. – Rosen S. A 1995: 'Ein Qadis I: a pre-pottery Neolithic B occupation in eastern Sinai. Atiqot XXVII, 1533.

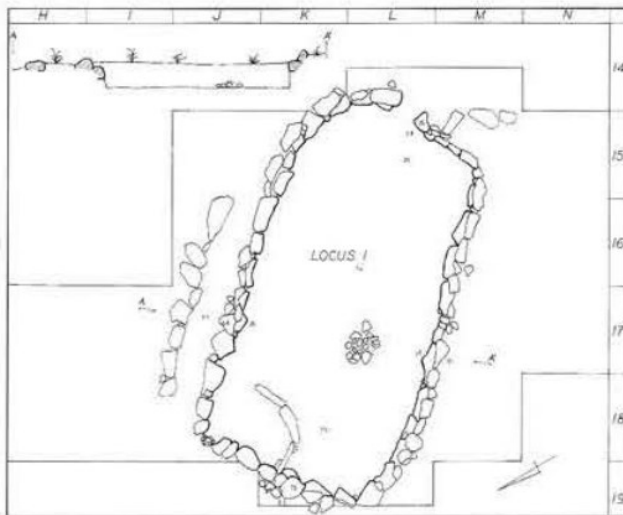


Fig. 18: Ein Qadis I, Locus I (Gopher – Goring-Morris – Rosen 1995, Plan 2)

8) Horvat Galil

Location: northern Israel (Upper Galilee)

Relative chronology: E/MPPNB – PN – EBA – IA -Hellenistic – Byzantine

Absolute chronology: 9340 ± 70 - 8950 ± 100 BP

Excavations: 1985, 1986, 1989

Size of excavated area: 70 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: 20-30 000 m² (estimated)

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phase: 2

Number of evaluated structures: 1 (1 in total)

Type of the ground plan: transitional

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: MED

Altitude (m asl): 430

AAP (December/mm): 152

Temperature (°C): 28,5 (max_June); 11 (min_December)

Geomorphology: Cenomanian-Turonian limestone formations: mostly terra rosa soil

Flora: Mediterranean forest, quercus-pistacia, charred horsebean (*Vicia faba*), wheat and barley + *Pistacia palaestina*, other unidentified *Pistacia* species, *Quercus calliprinos*, *Olea europea* and *Platanus orientalis*.

Fauna: mountain gazelle, fallow deer, wild boar, carnivores, haree, birds, rodents, fish

Watercourse: Steady water References 'Ain Matzor, 'Ain Bartut (SW), 'Ain Tamir (SE): 1-2 km from the site

Reference:

Gopher A. 1997: Horvat Galil – an early PPNB site in the Upper Galilee, Israel. Tel Aviv. Journal of the Institute of Archaeology of Tel Aviv University 24:2, 183-222.

Gopher A. 1989: Horvat Galil and Nahal Betzet I: Two Neolithic sites in the Upper Galilee. Israel Prehistoric Society 1989, 82-92.

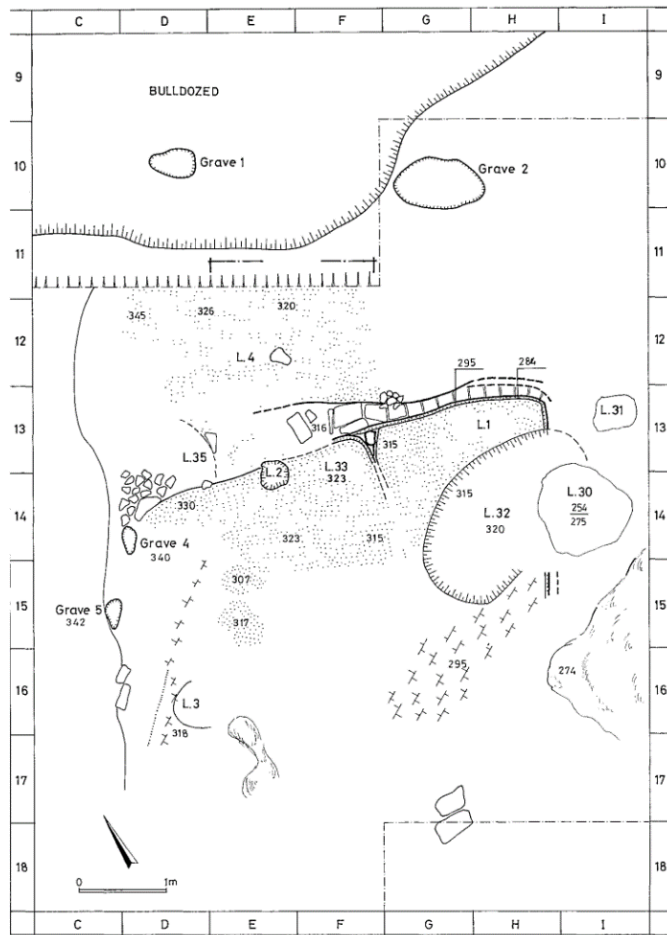


Fig. 19: Horvat Galil, plan of Area A (Gopher 1997, Fig. 6)

9) Jerf el-Ahmar

Location: northern Syria

Relative chronology: PPNA-EPPNB

Absolute chronology: $9965 \pm 55 - 9395 \pm 55$ BP

Excavations: 1995–1999

Size of excavated area: 1200 m^2

Size of Neolithic settlement: 1200 m^2

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 4

Number of evaluated structures: 31 (88 in total)

Type of the ground plan: circular, transitional, rectangular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: IR-TUR

Altitude (m asl): 570

AAP (December/mm): 45

Temperature (°C): 34,5 (max_June); 2,2 (min_December)

Geomorphology: alluvial valley: chalk / steppe: limestone and colluvium

Flora: “corridor forest”: alder, elm, vine, tamarisk, willow, ash/steppe: almond tree, wild barely

Fauna: gazelle (*Gazella subguturosa*), wild cattle (*Bos primigenius*), equids (*Equus hemionus*, *E. africanus*), birds, Mesopotamian deer, aurochs, wild boar, swamp cats, beaver, donkey, fox, hedgehog, hare

Watercourse: left bank of the Euphrates, ca 1 km from the site

Reference:

Stordeur D. - Abbès F. 2002: Du PPNA au PPNB mise en lumière d'une phase de transition à Jerf el Ahmar (Syrie). In: Bulletin de la Société préhistorique française 99:3, 563-595.

Stordeur D. 2015: Le village de Jerf el Ahmar (Syrie, 9500-8700 av. J.-C.): L'architecture, miroir d'une société néolithique complexe. Paris: CNRS éditions.

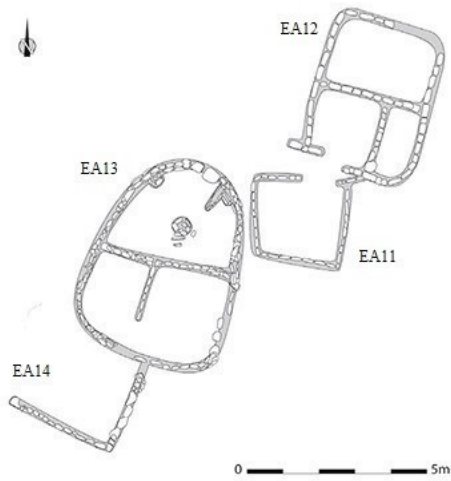


Fig. 20: Jerf el-Ahmar, EA 11/12/13/14, Niveaux 0/E (Stordeur 2019, Fig. 41.1)

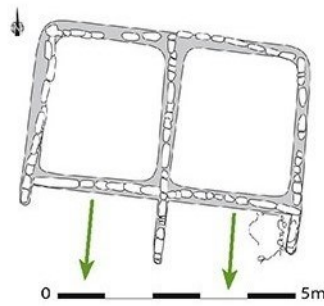


Fig. 21: Jerf el-Ahmar, EA10, Niveaux II/W (Stordeur 2019, Fig. 55.1,2)

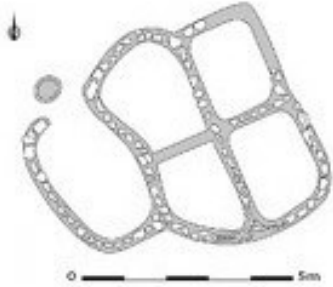


Fig. 22: Jerf el-Ahmar, EA59, Niveaux -II/IE (Stordeur 2019, Fig. 45.4)

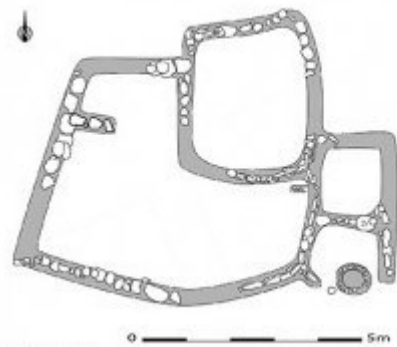


Fig. 23: Jerf el-Ahmar, EA 20, Niveaux 0/E (Stordeur 2019, Fig. 46.3)

10) Jericho (Tell es-Sultan)

Location: Israel (Palestinian Autonomous Authority)

Relative chronology: Natufian – PPN – PN – BA – IA

Absolute chronology: 9850 ± 240 – 8200 ± 200 BP

Excavations: 1907–1908, 1930–1936, 1952–1958

Size of excavated area: 25 000 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: 25 000 m²

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 2

Number of structures in total: -

Type of the ground plan: circular, transitional, rectangular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: SU-DE

Altitude (m asl): 825

AAP (December/mm): 39

Temperature (°C): 35,9 (max_June); 10,2 (min_December)

Geomorphology: Alluvial soils

Flora: -

Fauna: Gazelle, Ovicaprid (*Capra aegagrus*),

Watercourse: Ain es-Sultan in close vicinity

Reference:

Kenyon K. M. 1957: Digging up Jericho. London.

Kenyon K. M. 1981: Excavations at Jericho: Volume Three. The architecture and stratigraphy of the tell. London.

Clutton-Brock J. 1971: The Primary Food Animals of the Jericho Tell From the Proto-Neolithic to the Byzantine Period. *Levant*, 3:1, 41-55.

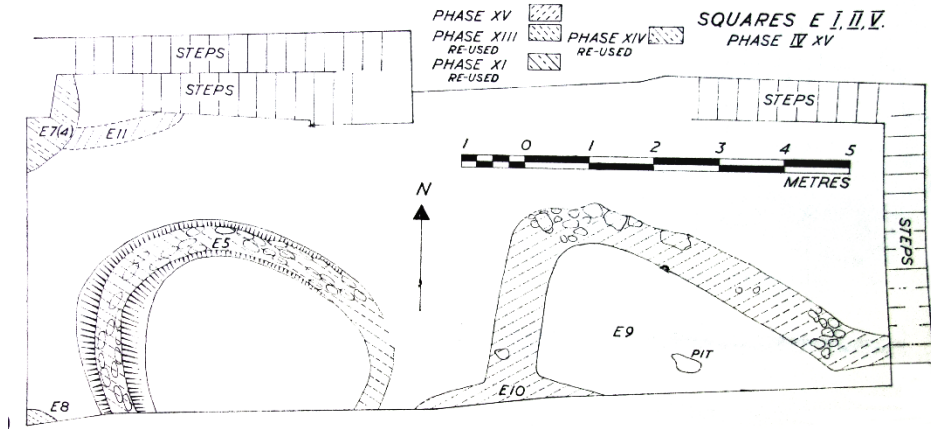


Fig.23: Jericho, Sq. EI, II, V. IV.xv (Kenyon 1981, Pl.300.b)

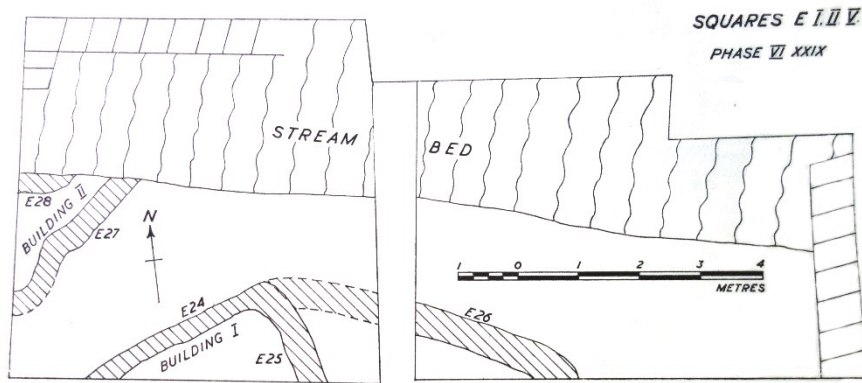


Fig. 24: Jericho, Sg. EI, II, V.VI.xxix (Kenyon 1981, Pl.302.b)

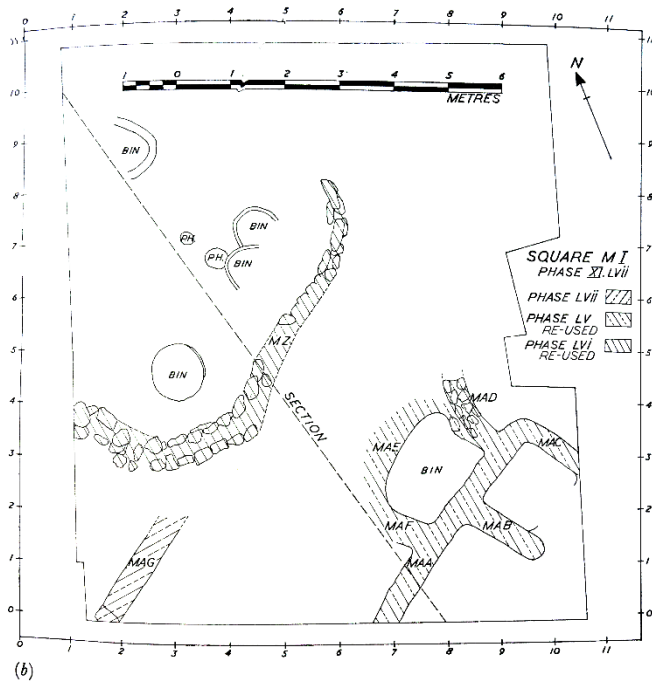


Fig. 25: Jericho, Sq. M I. XI.lv, lvi, lvii. (Kenyon 1981, Pl. 281b)

(b)

11) Motza

Location: central Israel

Relative chronology: E/M/LPPNB – FPPNB (PPNC) – LPN –EBA Ia -MBA II – IA – Ottoman period

Absolute chronology: 9310 ± 30 – 8890 ± 45 BP

Excavations: 1960s, 1993, 2005, 2002–2003, 2012–2013, 2015/2017 (test excavations)

Size of excavated area: 150 m² (2002–2003)

Size of Neolithic settlement: 90 000 m²

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 5

Number of evaluated structures: 5

Type of the ground plan: circular, rectangular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: MED

Altitude (m asl): 700

AAP (December/mm): 103

Temperature (°C): 29,5 (max_June); 7,3 (min_December)

Geomorphology: Hard dolomite/limestone: limestone shelves and marl layers, terra rosa soils

Flora: Mediterranean woodland zone

Fauna: mounatin gazelle (*Gazella gazella*), aurochs (*Bos primigenius*), wild boar (*Sus scrofa*), goat (*Capra sp.*), fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), wild cat (*Felis silvestris*), hare (*Lepus capensis*), rodents and insectivores + tortois (*Testudo graeca*) and bird bones

Watercourse: Wadi Nahal Soreq, abundant springs along the valleys (Motza, Soreq).

Permanent water References: Nahal Arza

Reference:

Khalaily H. et al 2007: Excavations at Motza in the Judean hills and the early pre-pottery Neolithic B in the southern Levant. In: *Paléorient* 33:2, 5–37.

Khalaily H. – Vardi J. 2020: The New Excavations at Motza: An Architectural Perspective on a Neolithic ‘Megasite’ in the Judean Hills. In: Khalaily H. – Re’em A. – Vardi J. – Milevski I. (eds.), *The Mega Project at Motza (Moza): The Neolithic and Later Occupations up to the 20th Century*. *New Studies in the Archaeology of Jerusalem and Its Region*, 69–100.

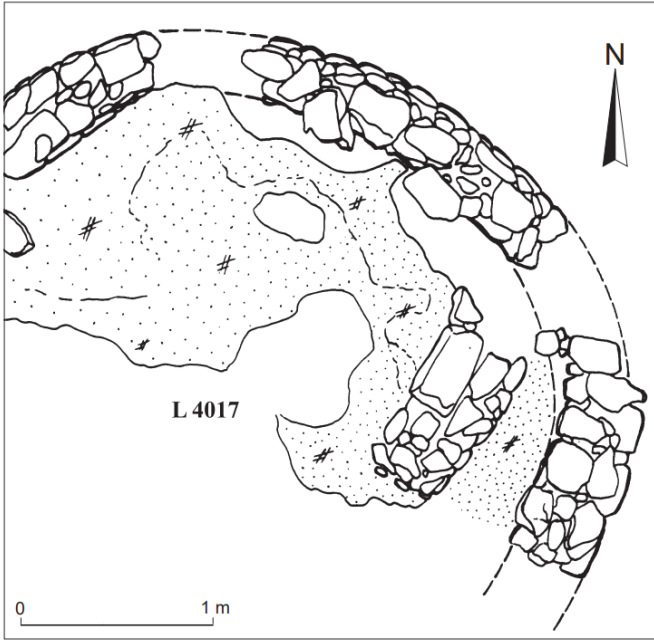


Fig. 26: Motza, structure L 4017 (Khalaily et al 2007, Fig. 4)



Fig. 27: Motza, rectangular house (Khalaily et al 2007, Fig. 5)



Fig. 28: Motza, MPPNB structure B10 (Khalaily – Vardi 2020, Fig. 9)

12) Mujahiya

Location: northern Israel (Golan Heights)

Relative chronology: EPPNB

Absolute chronology: -

Excavations: 1970s, 1985

Size of excavated area: 60 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: -

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 2

Number of evaluated structures: 3

Type of the ground plan: circular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: MED

Altitude (m asl): 80

AAP (December/mm): 99

Temperature (°C): 32,7 (max_June); 8 (min_December)

Geomorphology: Basaltic rock/limestone exposures

Flora: Bushes and grass typical of the Mediterranean bata, almonds, pistacia atlantica

Fauna: Gazelle (62%), bovids (24%), goats 10%), pigs (5%)

Watercourse: 500 m NW of the Mujahiya springs ('En Mei Geha)

Reference:

Gopher A. 1990: Mujahiya, an early pre-pottery Neolithic site in the Golan Heights. Tel Aviv. Journal of the Institute of Archaeology of Tel Aviv University 17, 115–143.

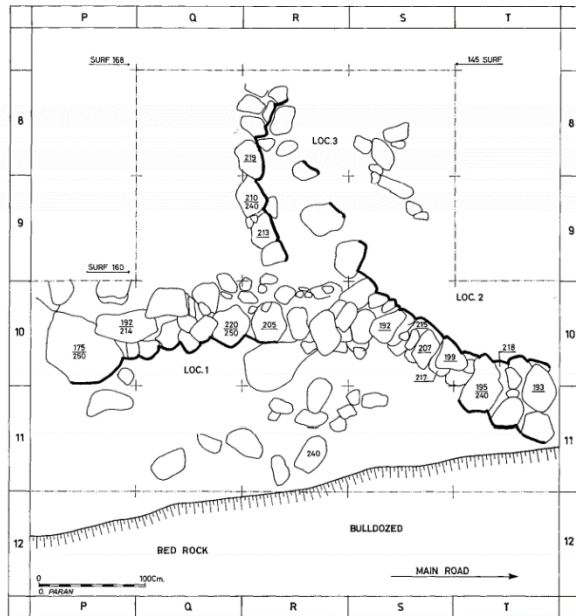


Fig. 29: Mujahiya, plan of Area A (Gopher 1990, Fig. 5)

13) Munhata

Location: northern Israel

Relative chronology: PPNB – PN – MBA IIB

Absolute chronology: 9160 ± 500 BP

Excavations: 1954 (prospection), 1962-63, 1963, 1964

Size of excavated area: 1250

Size of Neolithic settlement:

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 4

Number of evaluated structures: 4

Type of the ground plan: circular, rectangular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: MED

Altitude (m asl): 215

AAP (December/mm): 77

Temperature (°C): 35,1 (max_June); 9,6 (min_December)

Geomorphology: - m²

Flora: -

Fauna: -

Watercourse: Jordan river

Reference:

Perrot Jean. 1964: Les deux premières campagnes de fouilles à Munhatta (1962–1963). Premiers résultats. Syria. Tome 41 fascicule 3–4, 323–345.

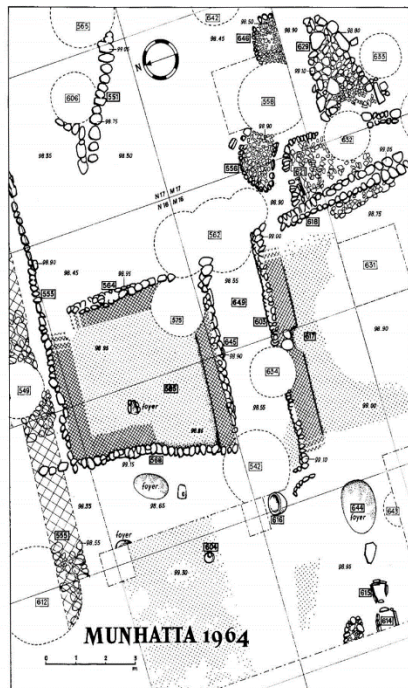


Fig. 30: Munhatta, plan of L-O 14-17 sectors (Perrot 1964, Fig. 1)

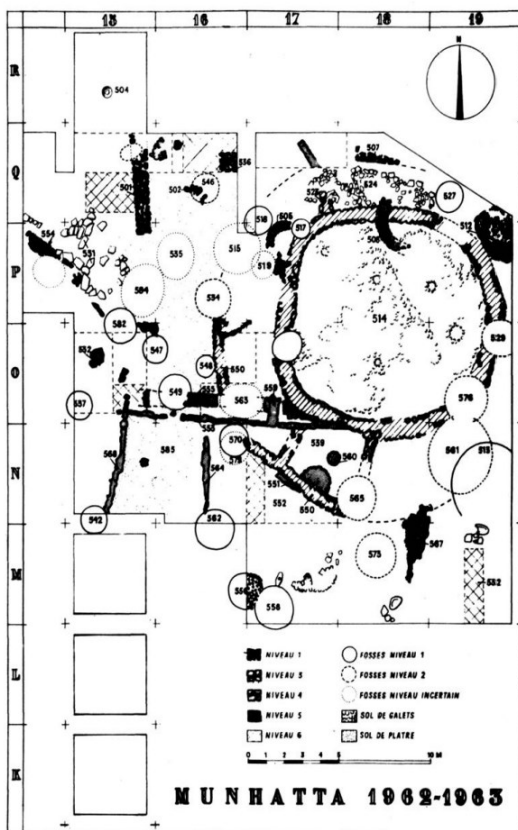


Fig. 31: Munhatta, plan of the 1962-1963 season (Perrot 1964, Fig. 2)

14) Nahal Betzet I

Location: northern Israel

Relative chronology: PPNB – PN – Byzantine

Absolute chronology: -

Excavations: 1985-1987

Size of excavated area: 70 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: 2000 m²

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 2

Number of evaluated structures: 2

Type of the ground plan: circular, rectangular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: MED

Altitude (m asl): 210

AAP (December/mm): 162

Temperature (°C): 28,1 (max_June); 10,1 (min_December)

Geomorphology: -

Flora: Mediterranean vegetation

Fauna: gazelle (50%), wild boar (37%), deer (6%)

Watercourse: -

Reference:

Gopher A. 1989: Horvat Galil and Nahal Betzet I: Two Neolithic sites in the Upper Galilee. Israel Prehistoric Society 1989, 82-92.

15) Nahal Efe

Location: southern Israel (north-eastern Negev Highlands)

Relative chronology: MPPNB – chalcolithic/EBA

Absolute chronology: 8789 ± 40 BP

Excavations: 1990, 2015

Size of excavated area: 2000 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: 1000 m²

Number of the Neolithic settlement phases: 1

Number of evaluated structures: 1

Type of the ground plan: circular

Settlement type: seasonal

Environmental zone:

Altitude (m asl): 320

AAP (December/mm): 28

Temperature (°C): 33,7 (max_June); 8,2 (min_December)

Geomorphology: limestone

Flora: *Retama Raetam*

Fauna: -

Watercourse: left bank of Nahal Efe stream

Reference:

Borrell F. et al 2015: Nahal Efe A Middle Pre-Pottery Neolithic B Site in the North-eastern Negev Preliminary Results of the 2015 Pilot Season. *Neo-lithics* 2/15, 33–41.

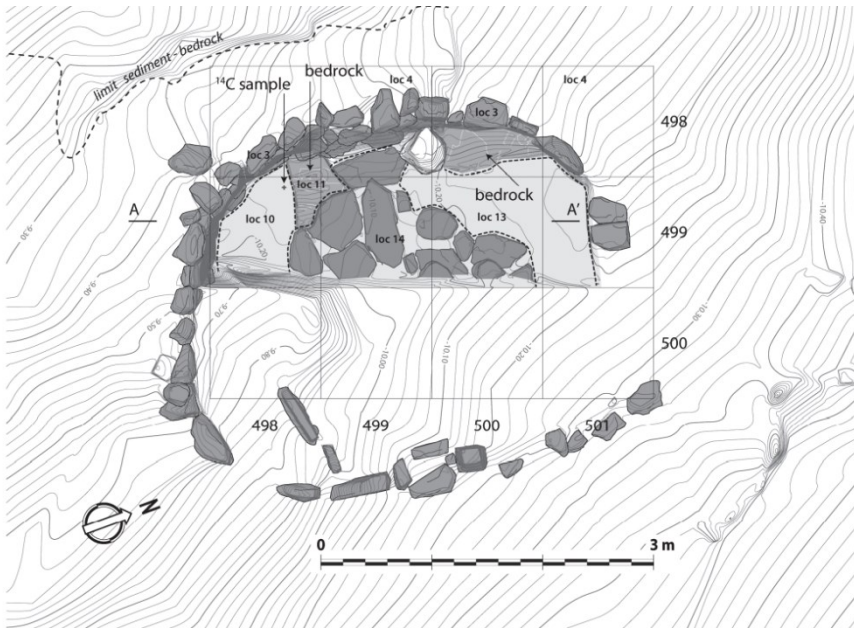


Fig. 32: Nahal Efe (Borrell et al 2015, fig. 7)

16) Nahal Hava

Location: southern Israel (central Negev Highland)

Relative chronology: PPNB

Absolute chronology: -

Excavations: 2010

Size of excavated area: -

Size of Neolithic settlement: -

Number of the Neolithic settlement phases: 1

Number of evaluated structures: 2 (5 in total)

Type of the ground plan: circular

Settlement type: seasonal

Environmental zone: IR-TUR/SA-AR

Altitude (m asl): 750

AAP (December/mm): 36

Temperature (°C): 27,5 (max_June); 4,2 (min_December)

Geomorphology: -

Flora: -

Fauna: -

Watercourse: left bank of a small tributary Wadi Nahal Hava

Reference:

Birkenfeld M. – Goring-Morris A. N. 2013: Nahal hava: a PPNB campsite and Epipalaeolithic occupation in the central negev highlands, Israel. In: Borrell F. – Ibáñez J. J. - Molist M. (eds.) Stone Tools in Transition: From Hunter-Gatherers to Farming Societies in the Near East, 73–85.

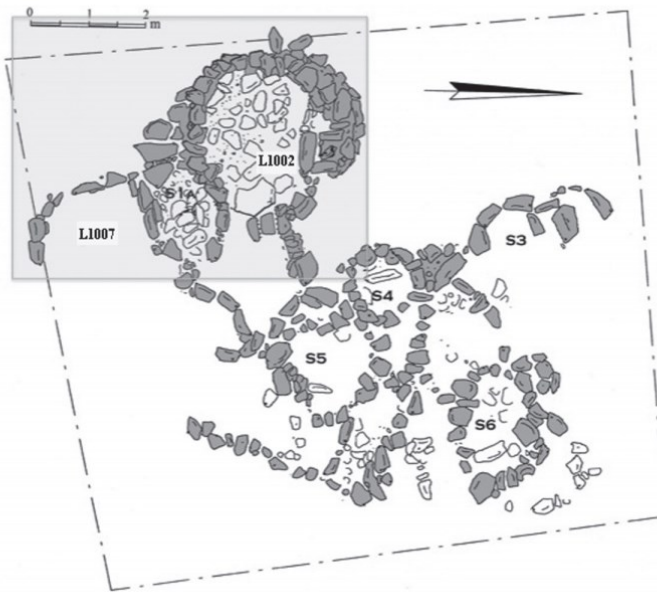


Fig. 33: Nahal Hava, plan of HAV I, investigated area shaded (Birkenfeld 2013, Fig. 3)

17) Nahal Issaron

Location: southern Israel (southern Negev)

Relative chronology: M/LPPNB – PN – BA II

Absolute chronology: 9195 ± 70 – 7950 ± 110 BP

Excavations: 1980-1981

Size of excavated area: 230 m^2

Size of Neolithic settlement: $> 500 \text{ m}^2$

Number of the Neolithic settlement phases: -

Number of evaluated structures: 8

Type of the ground plan: circular, transitional

Settlement type: seasonal

Environmental zone: SA-AR

Altitude (m asl): 544

AAP (December/mm): 9

Temperature (°C): 33,2 (max_June); 6,7 (min_December)

Geomorphology: alluvial fan

Flora: *Anabasisidion-Articulatae* alliance and the *Acacietum tortilis* association

Fauna: *Capra* sp., *Gazella* sp., wild ass, rare wild hare

Watercourse: Wells of Be'er Milhan, Be'er Meteq (Rift valley): 10 km southward and the spring 'En Yotvatah southeast

Reference:

Goring-Morris – Gopher A. 1983: Nahal Issaron: A Neolithic Settlement in the Southern Negev: Preliminary Report of the Excavations in 1980. *Israel Exploration Journal*, 33: 3/4, 149-162.

Carmi I. et al. 1994: Dating the prehistoric site Nahal Issaron in the southern Negev, *Israel. Radiocarbon* 36:3, 391–398.

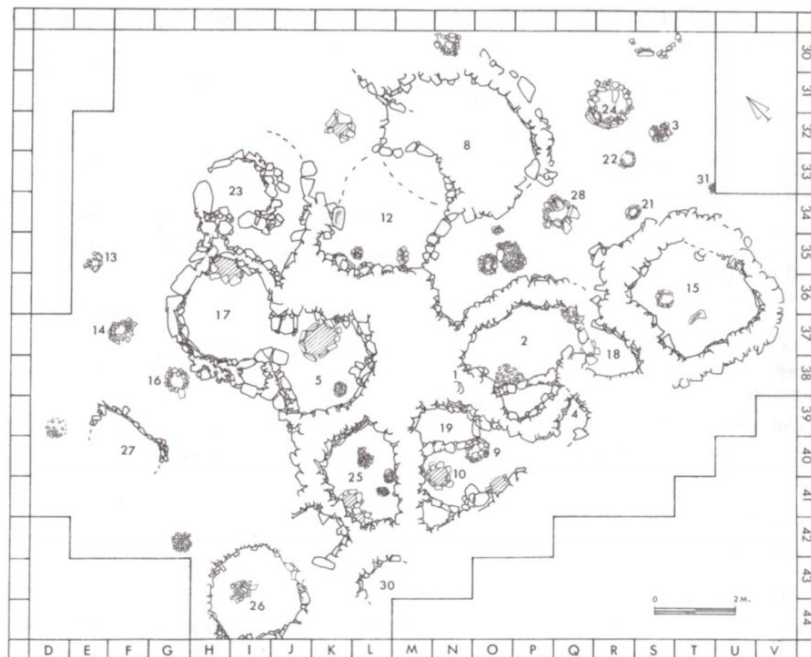


Fig. 34: Nahal Issaron, plan of layer C (Goring-Morris – Gopher 1983, Fig. 3)

18) Nahal Reuel

Location: southern Israel (southern Negev)

Relative chronology: MPPNB

Absolute chronology: 8670 ± 60 – 8550 ± 90 BP

Excavations: 1980– 1981

Size of excavated area: 76 m^2

Size of Neolithic settlement: 400 m^2

Number of the Neolithic settlement phases: 1

Number of evaluated structures: 3

Type of the ground plan: circular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: SA-SY

Altitude (m asl): 434

AAP (December/mm): 9

Temperature (°C): 35 (max_June); 7,8 (min_December)

Geomorphology: limestone ridge

Flora: Tamarix sp., Haloxylon persicum, Retama raetam

Fauna: -

Watercourse: at the northern bank of Nahal Reuel

Reference:

Ronen A. et al 2001: Nahal Reuel, a MPPNB site in the Negev, Israel. Qaurtar 51, 115–156.

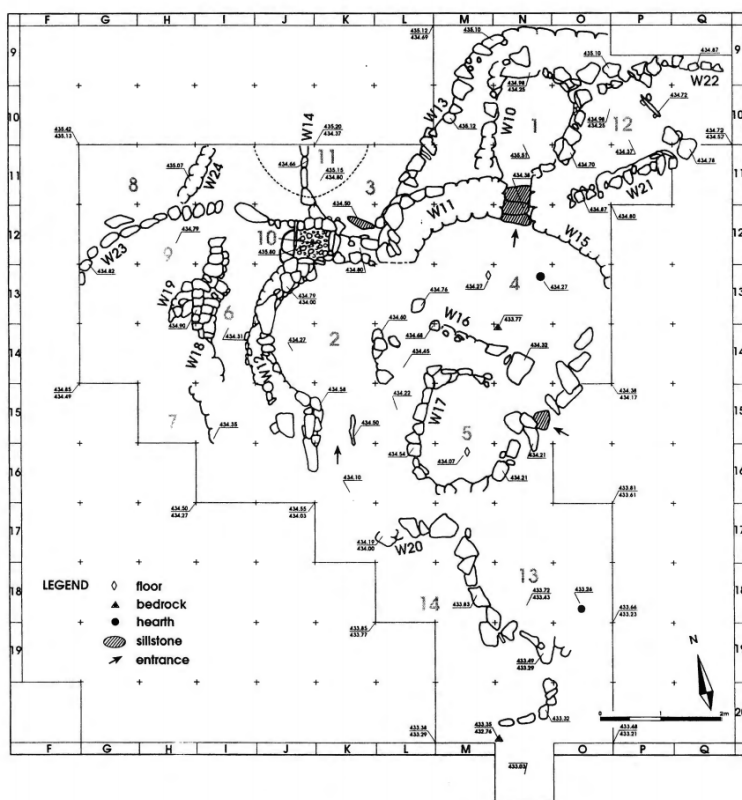


Fig. 35: Nahal Reuel, general plan (Ronen et al 2001, Fig. 4)

19) Nahal Yarmuth 38

Location: central Israel

Relative chronology: MPPNB

Absolute chronology: -

Excavations: 2017– 2018

Size of excavated area: 700 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: 1000-2000 m²

Number of the Neolithic settlement phases:

Number of evaluated structures: 5 (5 in total)

Type of the ground plan: rectangular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: MED

Altitude (m asl): 330

AAP (December/mm): 105

Temperature (°C): 29,9 (max_June); 8,8 (min_December)

Geomorphology: -

Flora: -

Fauna: wild goat (*Capra aegagrus*), mountain gazelle (*Gazella gazella*), auroch (*Bos primigenius*), wild boar (*Sus scrofa*), fallow deer (*Dama mesopotamica*), red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)

Watercourse: -

Reference:

Gopher A. et al 2019: Nahal Yarmuth 38: a new and unique Pre-Pottery Neolithic B site in central Israel. *Antiquity* 93 (371), 1–8.



Fig. 36: Nahal Yarmuth 38, aerial photo (Gopher et al 2019, Fig. 2)

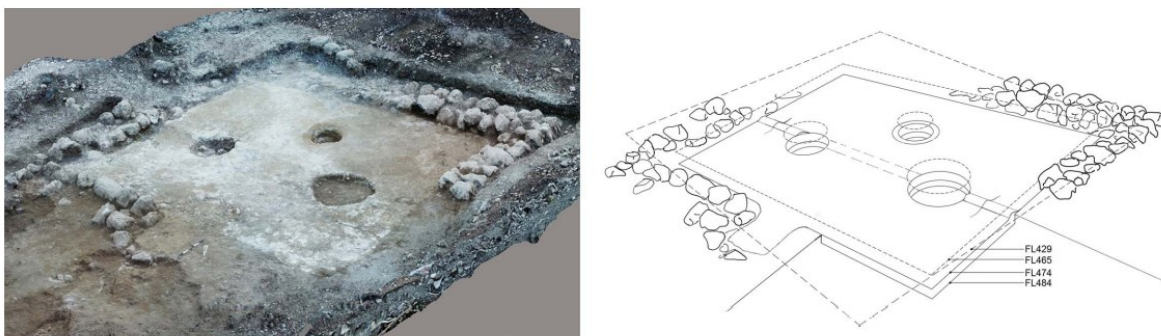


Fig. 37: Nahal Yarmuth 38, structure V, southeast (Gopher et al 2019, Fig. 3)

20) Nemrik 9

Location: northern Iraq

Relative chronology: PPNA – PPNB

Absolute chronology: 9970 ± 170 – 8570 ± 150 BP

Excavations: 1985-1989

Size of excavated area: -

Size of Neolithic settlement: 25 000 m²

Number of the Neolithic settlement phases: 3

Number of evaluated structures: 10 (19 in total)

Type of the ground plan: circular, transitional

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: IR-TUR

Altitude (m asl): 345

AAP (December/mm): 101

Temperature (°C): 37 (max_June); 2,5 (min_December)

Geomorphology: Pleistocene terrace

Flora: Steppe parkland: ash, walnut, tamarisk, pistachio / mixed oak forest / legumes
grains from the site (vetch, lentil, pea)

Fauna: antelopes, gazelles, jackal, horse (steppe parkland) / red deer, roe deer, wild boar,
aurochs (oak forest) / birds, crayfish (claws), sheep, goat, pig, cow, snails (on site faunal
material)

Watercourse: flanked by two wadis (not present-day), Tigris 2 km away

Reference:

Kozłowski S. K. 1989: Nemrik 9, a PPN Neolithic site in Northern Iraq. *Paléorient*, 1989, 15:1, 25–31.

Kozłowski S. K. – Kempisty A. 1990: Architecture of the Pre-Pottery Neolithic Settlement in Nemrik, Iraq. *World Archaeology* 21:3, 348– 362.

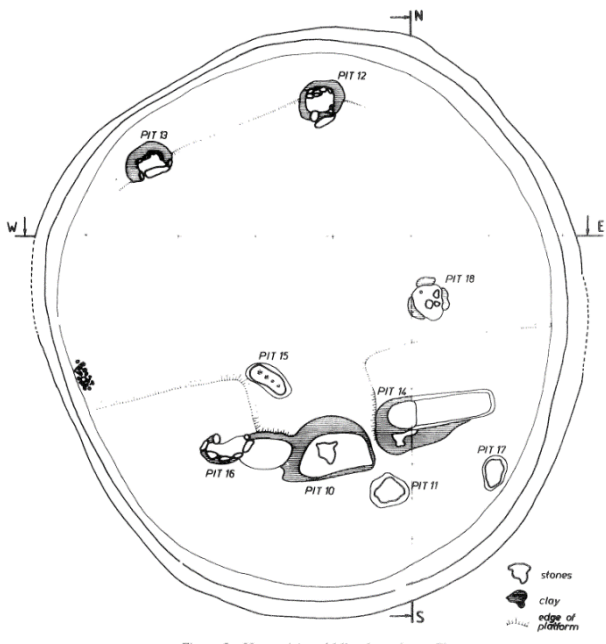


Fig. 38: Nemrik 9, house 1A, middle phase (Kozłowski – Kempisty 1990, Fig. 3)

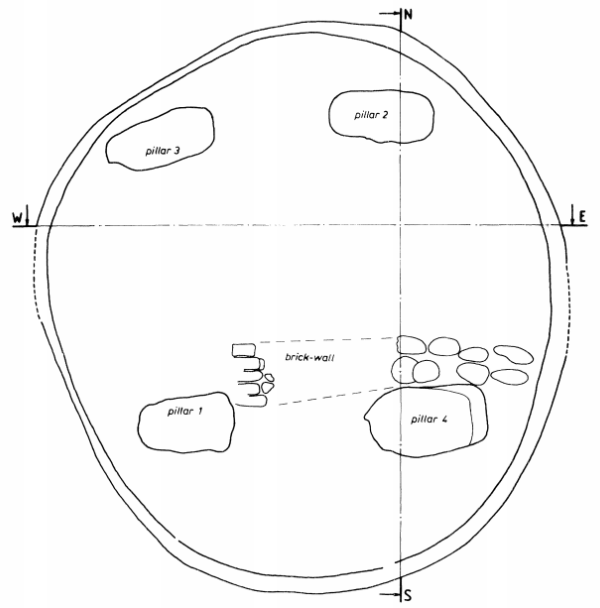


Fig. 39: Nemrik 9, house 1, latest phase (Kozłowski – Kempisty 1990, Fig. 5)

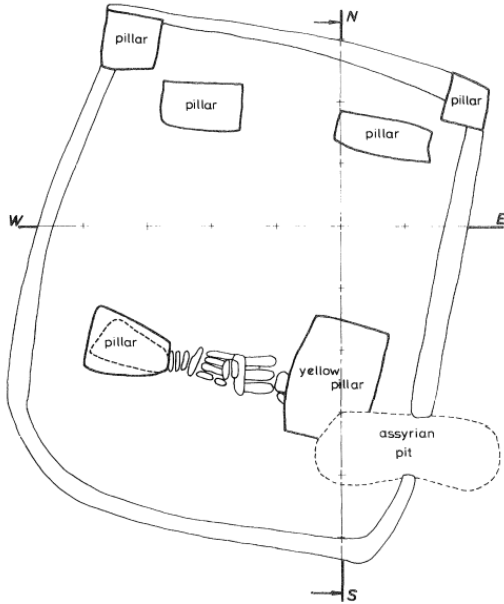


Fig. 40: Nemrik 9, house 2, latest phase (Kozłowski – Kempisty 1990, Fig. 6)

21) Qermez Dere

Location: northern Iraq

Relative chronology: PPNA (Khiamian) – PPNB

Absolute chronology: 9710 ± 85 – 9580 ± 95 BP

Excavations: 1987-1989-1990

Size of excavated area: -

Size of Neolithic settlement: 6000 m²

Number of the Neolithic settlement phases: 2

Number of evaluated structures: 7 (7 in total)

Type of the ground plan: circular, transitional

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: IR-TUR

Altitude (m asl): 326

AAP (December/mm): 60

Temperature (°C): 36,5 (max_June); 3,2 (min_December)

Geomorphology: limestone/marl

Flora: Wild grain: einkorn (*Triticum boeoticum* ssp. *thaoudar*), barley (*Hordeum spontaneum*), bitter vetch (*Vicia ervilia*), lentils. Tamarisk (*Tamarix*), pistachio (*Pistacia*), *Chenopodiaceae*, *Leguminosae*

Fauna: birds, hare, fox, equid, gazelle, caprine, cattle, polecat, badger, cat

Watercourse: on the eastern site of a wadi

Reference:

Watkins T. – Baird D. – Betts A. 1989: Qermez Dere and the early aceramic Neolithic of northern Iraq. *Paléorient* 15:1, 19–24.

Watkins T. et al. 1995: Qermez Dere, Tel Afar, North Iraq: Thirm Interim Report. In: Watkins T. (ed.) *Qermez Dere, Tel Afar: Interim report No 3*. Edinburgh.

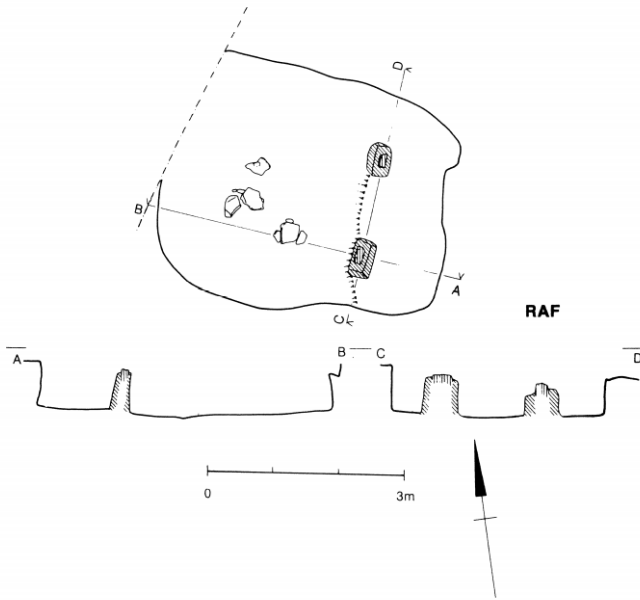


Fig. 41: Qermez Dere, house RAF (Watkins 1995, Fig. 2.3)

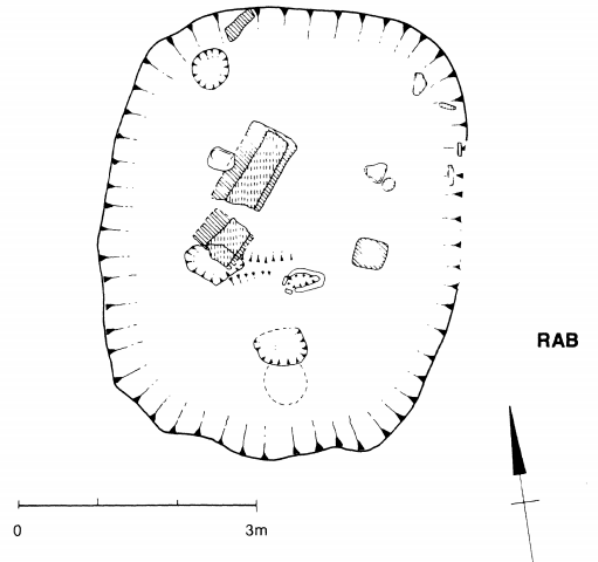


Fig. 42: Qermez Dere, house RAB (Watkins 1995, Fig. 2.6)

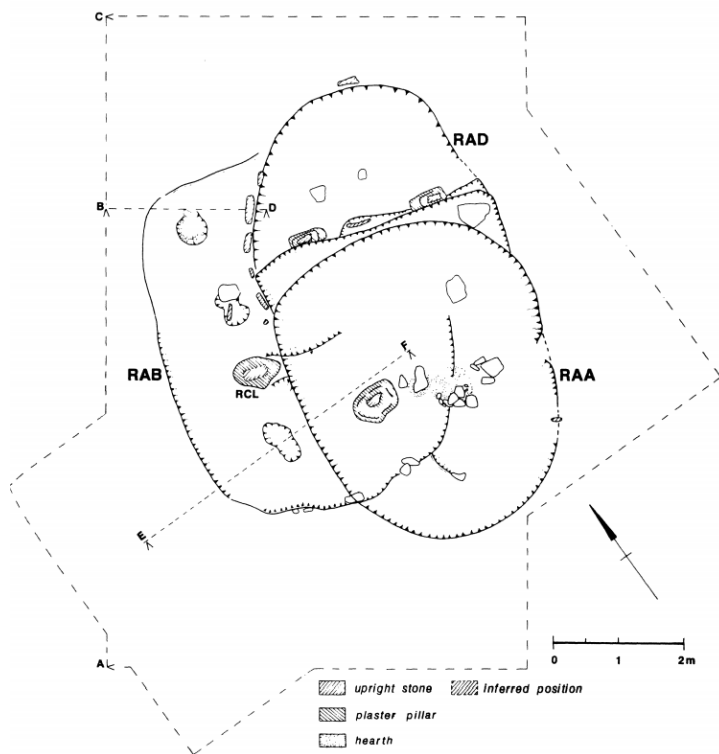


Fig. 43: Qermez Dere, houses RAA/RAB/RAD, general plan (Watkins 1995, Fig. 2.5)

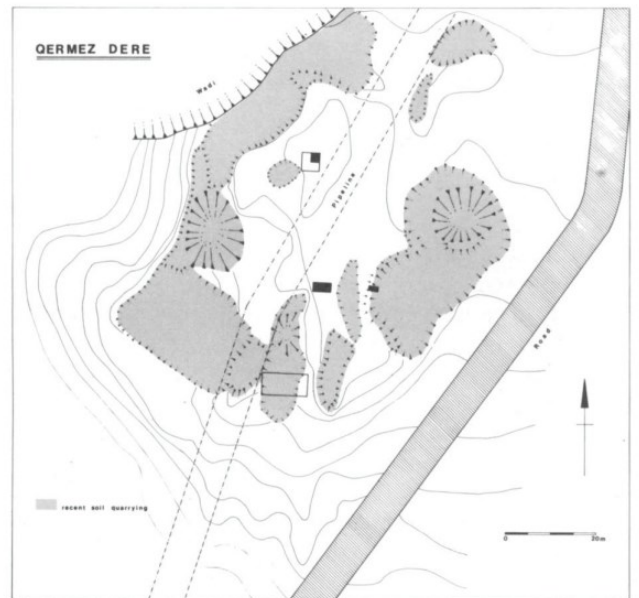


Fig. 44: Qermez Dere, plan of the site (Watkins 1995, Fig. 3)

22) Shkarat Msaied

Location: southern Jordan

Relative chronology: EPPNB - MPPNB - PN - Nabatean/Roman period

Absolute chronology: $9590 \pm 90 - 8880 \pm 80$ BP

Excavations: 1999–2001, 2002–2005, 2010, 2014–2016

Size of excavated area: 600 m^2

Size of Neolithic settlement: -

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 6

Number of evaluated structures: 16

Type of the ground plan: circular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: SA-AR

Altitude (m asl): 1000

AAP (December/mm): 41

Temperature (°C): 28,3 (max_June); 3,1 (min_December)

Geomorphology: sandstone, limestone

Flora: stone oak, juniper, pistachio (present veg), wild plants: *Aegilops* sp., *Malva* sp., legumes: *Medicago* sp., *Astragalus* sp. + *Cyperaceae* family. Grains of emmer wheat, wild pistachio (*P. atlantica*).

Fauna: Goat (*Capra* sp.), sheep (*Ovis* sp.), pig (*Sus* sp.), onager/wild ass (*Equus* sp.), gazelle (*Gazella* sp.), dog/wolf (*Canis* sp.), badger (*Meles meles*), fox (*Vulpes* sp.), leopard (*Panthera pardus*), hyrax (*Procavia capensis*), Cape hare (*Lepus capensis*), rodent (*Rodentia* sp.), turtle (*Testudo* sp.), bird, shark

Watercourse: no present day permanent spring in the vicinity

Reference:

Jensen C. H. et al 2005: Preliminary Report on the Excavations at Shkarat Al-Musay'id, 1999-2004. Annual of The Department of Antiquities of Jordan 49, 115-134.

Hermannen B. D. et al 2006: Shkarat Msaied: The 2005 Season of Excavations. ' A Short Preliminary Report. Neo-Lithics 1/06, 3-7.

Kinzel M. et al 2011: Insights into PPNB Architectural Transformation, Human Burials, and Initial Conservation Works: Summary on the 2010 Excavation Season at Shkārāt Msaied. Neo-Lithics 1/11, 44-49.

Kinzel M. 2018: Neolithic Shkārāt Msaied: latest results. In: AL-Salameen Z. M. – Tarawneh M. B (eds.), Refereed Proceedings of the First Conference on the Archaeology and Tourism of the Maan Governorate, 3rd- 4th October, 2017: 93-104.

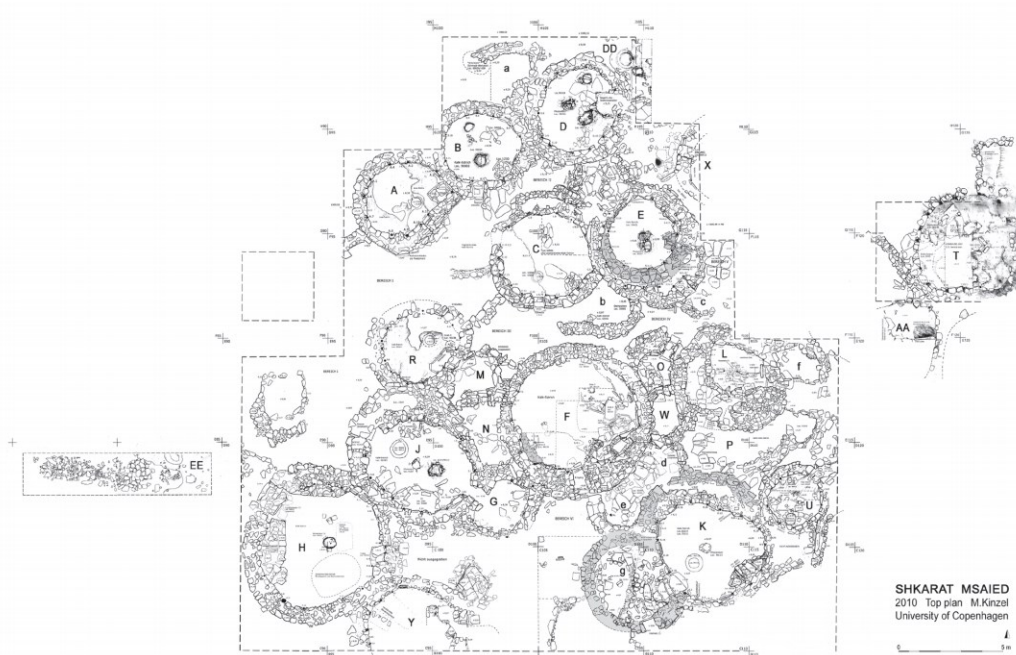


Fig. 45: Shkarat Msaied, top plan, 2010 season (Kinzel et al 2011, Fig. 1)

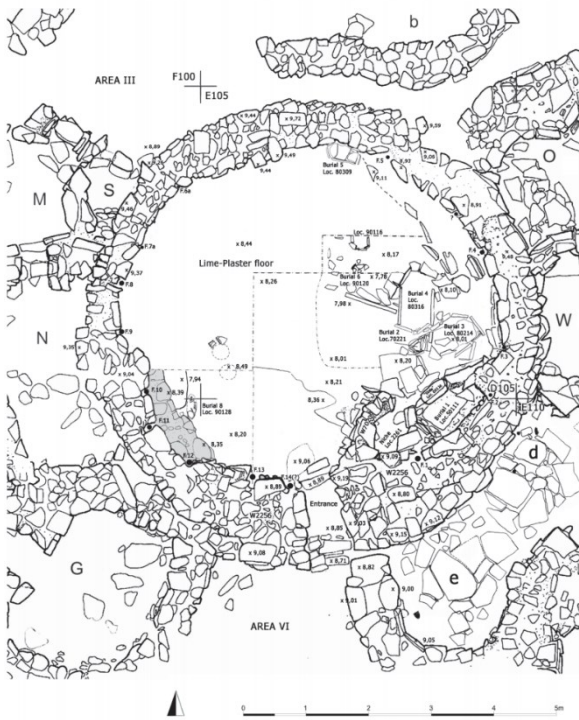


Fig. 47: Shkarat Msaied, building 'g' (Kinzel et al 2011, Fig. 4)

Fig. 46: Shkarat Msaied, unit F plan (Kinzel et al 2011, Fig. 5)

23) Tell Aswad

Location: southwest Syria

Relative chronology: EPPNB – MPPNB – LPPNB

Absolute chronology: 9805 ± 115 – 9020 ± 60 BP

Excavations: 1971-1972, 2001-2007

Size of excavated area: 1000 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: -

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 3

Number of evaluated structures: 4

Type of the ground plan: circular, transitional, rectangular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: IR-TUR

Altitude (m asl): 600

AAP (December/mm): 38

Temperature (°C): 33,1 (max_June); 1,8 (min_December)

Geomorphology: neogene basalt

Flora: steppe flora: Chenopods, Rhamnus, Crataegus shrubs, pistachios (*Pistacia atlantica*) / water markers: reed, “massete” (Typha), Scirpus, Tamarisk, ash, elm, poplar + *Charophyte oogonia*. / fig, wheat, cedar

Fauna: gazelles, equines, “outardes”, goats / small carnivores: fox, cat, badger, swamp cat

Watercourse: tell located on flat lake plain, formerly probably on the margins of former lake Ateibé

Reference:

Stordeur D. et al 2010: Le PPNB de Syrie du Sud à travers les découvertes récentes à Tell Aswad. Hauran V: La Syrie du sud du Néolithique à l’antiquité Tardive 1, 41–68.



Fig. 48: Tell Aswad, house EA 43 (Stordeur et al 2010, Fig. 4.2)

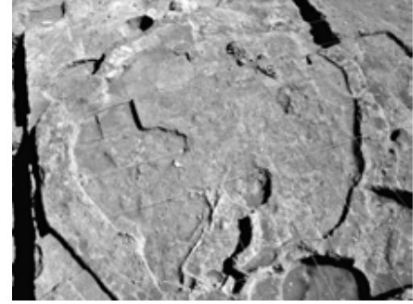
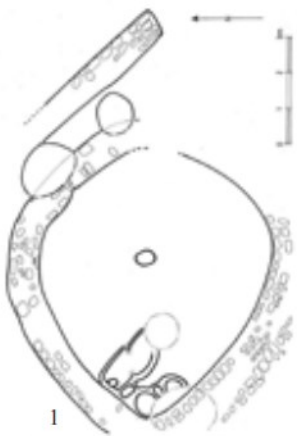


Fig. 49: Tell Aswad, large building EA 21 (Stordeur et al 2010, Fig. 5.2-3)



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Fig. 50: Tell Aswad, house EA 14 (Stordeur et al 2010, Fig. 5.1)

24) Tell Mureybet

Location: northern Syria

Relative chronology: Natufian - Khiamian - PPNA (Mureybetian) - E/MPNNB

Absolute chronology: 9600 ± 150 – 9030 ± 150 BP

Excavations: 1964–65, 1971–74

Size of excavated area: 965 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: -

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 4

Number of evaluated structures: 13 (20 in total)

Type of the ground plan: circular, rectangular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: IR-TUR

Altitude (m asl): 302

AAP (December/mm): 38

Temperature (°C): 34,8 (max_June); 2,4 (min_December)

Geomorphology: Limestone, flint

Flora: Wild cereals (barley, einkorn, rye), weeds (*Polygonum*, *Scirpus*), pistachio, *Quercus*

Fauna: Equids, gazelle, aurochs, fallow deer, wild sheep, boars, birds/fishes

Watercourse: west bank of the Euphrates, currently flooded by lake Assad

Reference:

Évin J. – Stordeur D. 2008: Chronostratigraphie de Mureybet apport des datations radiocarbone . In: Le site néolithique de Tell Mureybet (Syrie du Nord): en hommage à Jacques Cauvin. Ibáñez J. J. (eds.). Bar International Series 1843 (1), 21–32.

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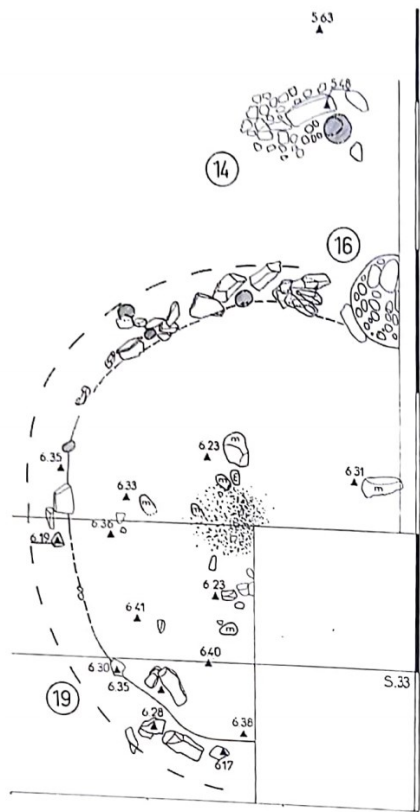


Fig. 51: Tell Mureybet, plan of 16b niveau (Stordeur – Ibáñez 2008, Fig. 36)

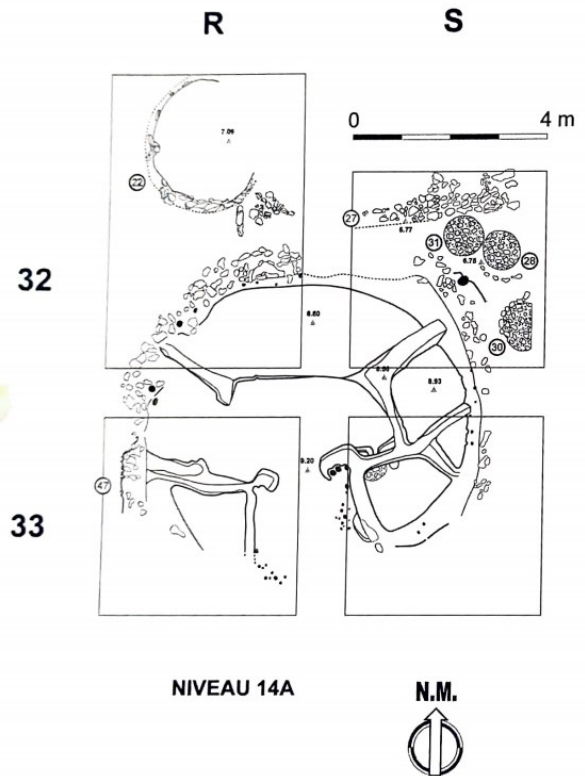


Fig. 52: Tell Mureybet, plan of 14a niveau ((Stordeur – Ibáñez 2008, Fig. 25)

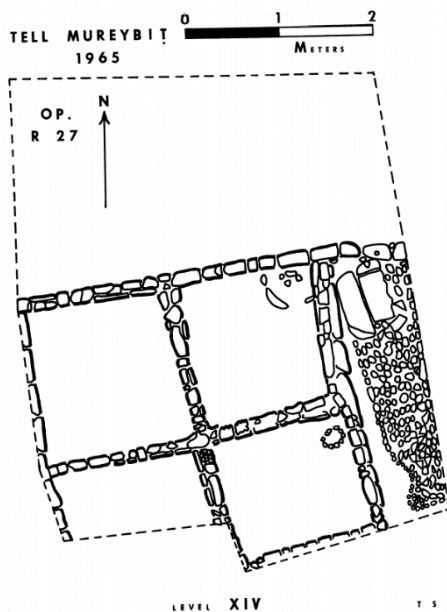


Fig. 53: Tell Mureybet, plan of Structure 16 (van Loon 1968, Fig. 6)

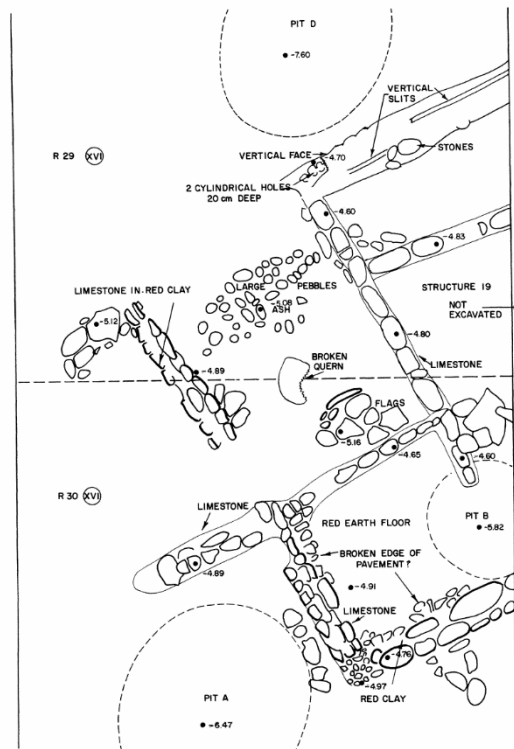


Fig. 54: Tell Mureybet, plan of structure 19 (van Loon 1968, Fig. 7)

25) Tell Qaramel

Location: northwestern Syria

Relative chronology: protoN – E/M/L PPNA – E/M BA – IA

Absolute chronology: 9880 ± 80 – 9420 ± 100 BP

Excavations: 1999-2011

Size of excavated area: 800 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: 35 000 m²

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 3

Number of evaluated structures: 22 (98 in total)

Type of the ground plan: circular, transitional, rectangular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: IR-TUR

Altitude (m asl): 443

AAP (December/mm): 66

Temperature (°C): 32,5 (max_June); 2,2 (min_December)

Geomorphology: "red soils", limestone

Flora: grains and spikelet bases of cereals: *Triticum boeoticum*, *Triticum/Secale*, *Triticum diccocum*, *Hordeum spontaneum*. Pulses: Lens, Pisum/Vicia/ Lathyrus, Vicia. Fruits: Pistacia, Pistacia, Amygdalus

Fauna: Mammals: goats/sheep, gazelle. Ruminants: fallow deer, red deer, antelopes.

Equidae: onagers (*Equus hemionus onager*), African donkey (?) (*Equus asinus*).

Carnivora: polecat (*Mustela putoris*),

Watercourse: in the basin of the river Qoueiq

Reference:

Mazurowski R. F. – Yartah T. 2002: Tell Qaramel. Excavations, 2001. Polish Archaeology in the Mediterranean 13, 295–307.

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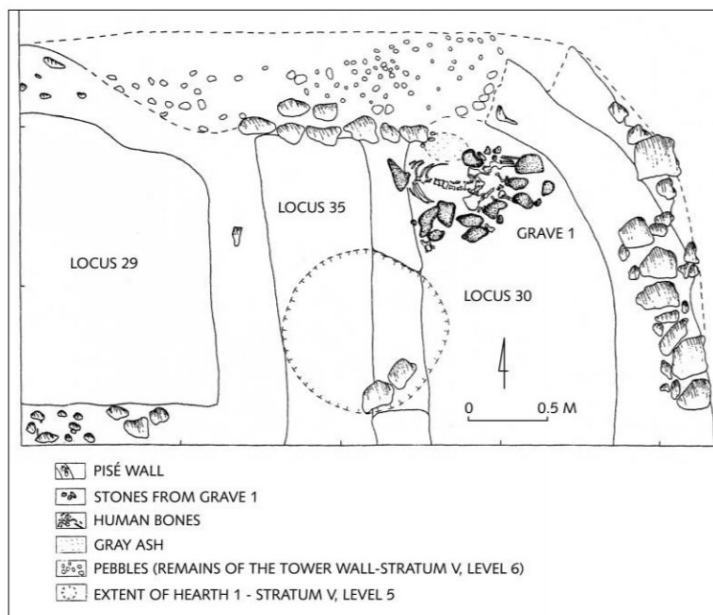


Fig. 55: Tell Qaramel, Sq. K-7 c. Stratum V, level 7 (Mazurowski 2005, Fig. 1)



Fig. 56: Tell Qaramael, Sq. K-7. Plan of features in stratum V, level 6 (Mazurowski 2004, Fig. 4)

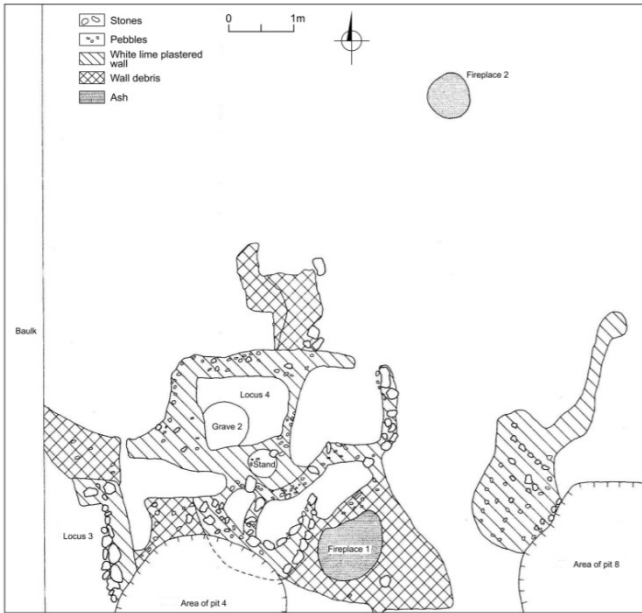


Fig. 57: Tell Qaramel, Sq. L-4b, d/M-4a, c. Stratum III, level 1 (Mazurowski 2010, Fig. 12)

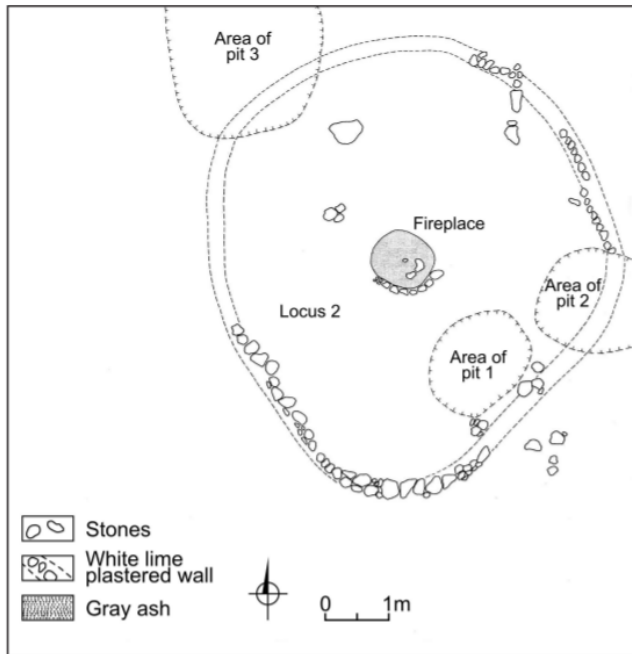


Fig. 58: Tell Qaramel, L-4 b,d / M-4 a,c. Stratum II, level 2 (Mazurowski 2010, Fig. 10)

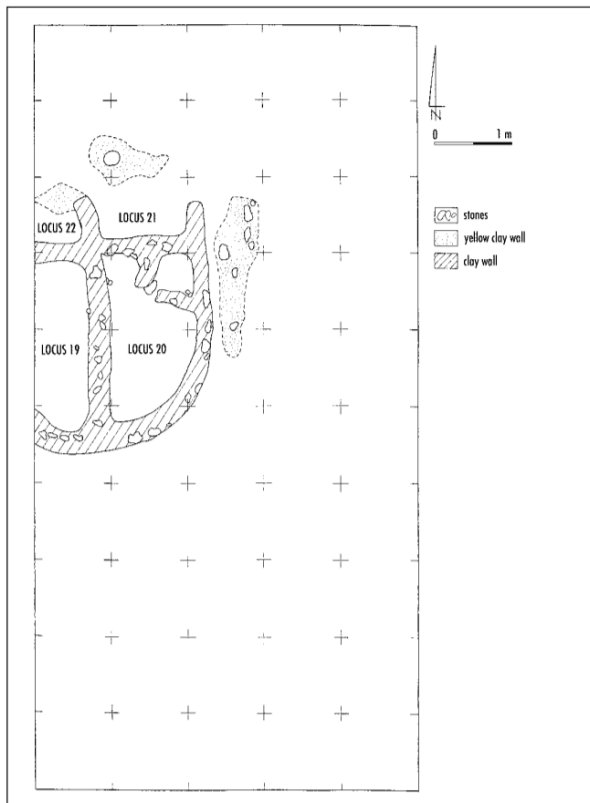


Fig. 59: Tell Qaramel, Sq. K-6 a,c. Top of layer XI (stratum IX) (Mazurowski – Yartah 2002, Fig. 3)

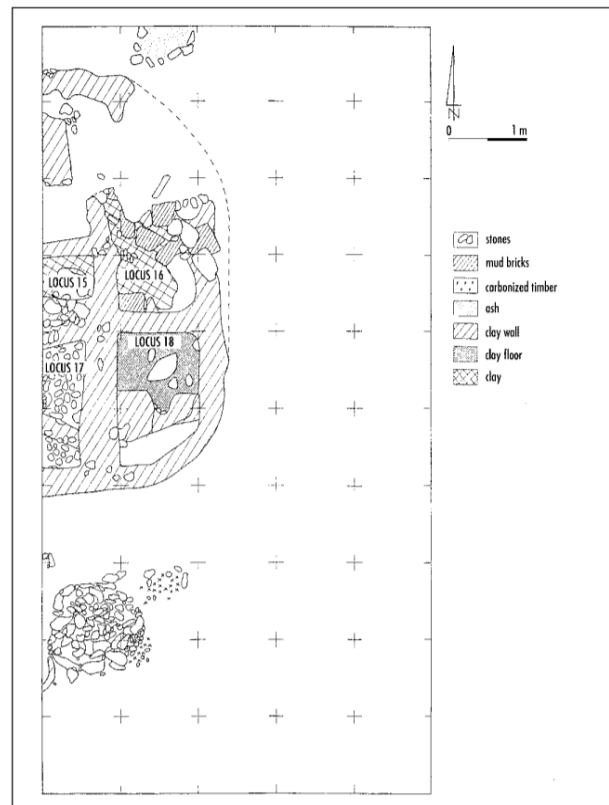


Fig. 60: Tell Qaramel, Square K-6 a,c. Bottom of layer X (stratum VIII) (Mazurowski – Yartah 2002, Fig. 5)

26) Tell Qarassa North

Location: southern Syria

Relative chronology: EPPNB – late Neolithic – late Chalcolithic

Absolute chronology: 9340 ± 40 – 8940 ± 50 BP

Excavations: 2007, 2009, 2010

Size of excavated area: 239 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: -

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 1

Number of evaluated structures: 1

Type of the ground plan: transitional

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: IR-TUR

Altitude (m asl): 741

AAP (December/mm): 51

Temperature (°C): 30,9 (max_June); 3,1 (min_December)

Geomorphology: Leja basaltic plateau

Flora: *Pistacia* sp., *Salicaceae* cf. *Salix* sp., *Cyperaceae* family (i.e. sedges), *Pooideae* (C3 grasses)

Fauna: Goat (*Capra* sp.), gazelle (*G. subgutturosa* and *G. gazella*), pig (*Sus* sp.), cattle (*Bos* sp.), Mesopotamian fallow deer (*Dama mesopotamica*), dog (*Canis familiaris*), badger (*Meles meles*), fox (*Vulpes* sp.), wild cat (*Felis sylvestris*), hare (*Lepus* sp.), spur-thighed tortoise (*Testudo graeca*) + bird species.

Watercourse: Wadi Abu Dhahab

Reference:

Balbo A. L. et al 2012: Squaring the Circle. Social and Environmental Implications of Pre-Pottery Neolithic Building Technology at Tell Qarassa (South Syria). PLoS ONE 7(7), 1–14.

Santana J. et al 2015: Interpreting a ritual funerary area at the Early Neolithic site of Tell Qarassa North (South Syria, late 9th millennium BC). Journal of Anthropological Archaeology 37, 112–127.

Ibáñez J. J. et al 2010: The early PPNB levels of Tell Qarassa North (Sweida, southern Syria). Antiquity 84:325, viewed 27/7/2021, <www.antiquity.ac.uk/projgall/ibanez325>.



Fig. 61: Tell Qarassa, EPPNB, 2009 season (Ibáñez et al 2010, Fig. 2)

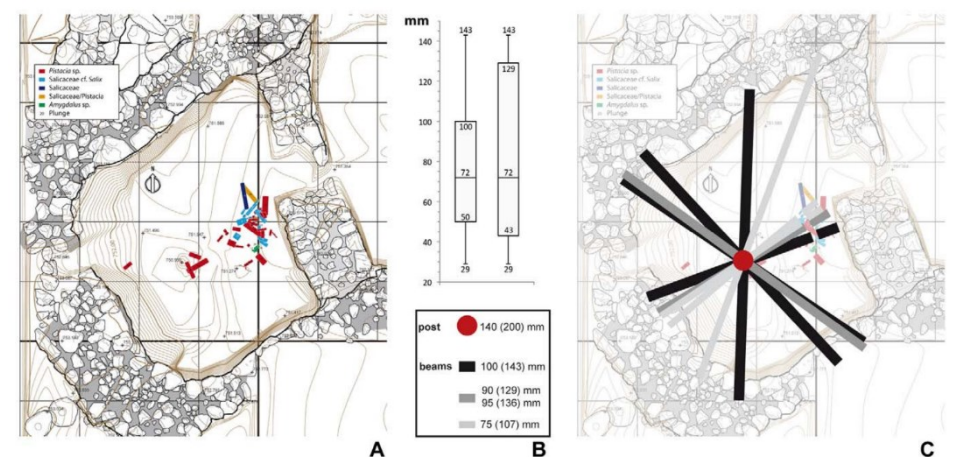


Fig. 62: Tell Qarassa, Proposed reconstruction of roof charge structure (Balbo et al 2012, Fig. 7)

27) Wadi el-Jilat 7

Location: northern/central Jordan

Relative chronology: EPPNB – MPPNB

Absolute chronology: 8810 ± 110 - 8390 ± 80 BP

Excavations: 1984, 1987–1988

Size of excavated area: 85 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: 2200 m²

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 3

Number of evaluated structures: 1

Type of the ground plan: circular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: IR-TUR/SA-AR

Altitude (m asl): 545

AAP (December/mm): 15

Temperature (°C): 33,6 (max_June); 2,6 (min_December)

Geomorphology: Alluvial terraces, Cretaceous and early Eocene limestones, chalks and marls

Flora: EPPNB: wild and domestic type barley (*Hordeum spontaneum* and *H. saluum*) and wild gpe einkom (*Triticum boeoticum*), M/LPPNB: domestic type einkom (*T. monococcum*) and emmer (*T. dicoccum*). Chenopods,, Cyperaceae seeds

Fauna: Gazelle (*cf. Gazella subguxurosa*), equids (*cf. Equus hemionus/asinus*), cattle (*Bos primigenius*) and birds (eagle), hare (*Lepus.capensis*), sheep, goat

Watercourse: southern bank of the Jilat gorge, 700 m. downstream from the dam

Reference:

Garrard A. et al. 1994: Prehistoric Environment and Settlement in the Azraq Basin: an Interim Report on the 1987 and 1988 Excavation Seasons, *Levant*, 26:1, 73–109.

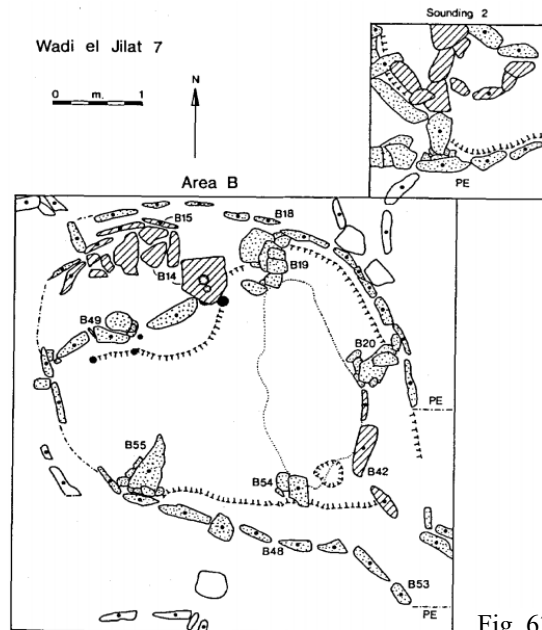


Fig. 63: Wadi el-Jilat 7, Area B plan (Garrard et al 1994, Fig. 2c)

28) Wadi el-Jilat 26

Location: northern/central Jordan

Relative chronology: MPPNB

Absolute chronology: $8740 \pm 110 - 8690 \pm 110$ BP

Excavations: 1987–1988

Size of excavated area: -

Size of Neolithic settlement: 7850 m²

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 1

Number of evaluated structures: 3 (20 in total)

Type of the ground plan: circular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: IR-TUR/SA-AR

Altitude (m asl): 545

AAP (December/mm): 15

Temperature (°C): 33,6 (max_June); 2,6 (min_December)

Geomorphology: Alluvial terraces, Cretaceous and early Eocene limestones, chalks and marls

Flora: EPPNB: wild and domestic type barley (*Hordeum spontaneum* and *H. salium*) and wild gpe einkom (*Triticum boeoticum*), M/LPPNB: domestic type einkom (*T. monococcum*) and emmer (*T. dicoccum*). Chenopods,, Cyperaceae seeds

Fauna: Gazelle (*cf. Gazella subguxurosa*), equids (*cf. Equus hemionus/asinus*), cattle (*Bos primigenius*) and birds (eagle), hare (*Lepus capensis*), sheep, goat

Watercourse: southern bank of the Jilat gorge, 700 m. downstream from the dam

Reference:

Garrard A. et al. 1994: Prehistoric Environment and Settlement in the Azraq Basin: an Interim Report on the 1987 and 1988 Excavation Seasons, *Levant*, 26:1, 73–109.

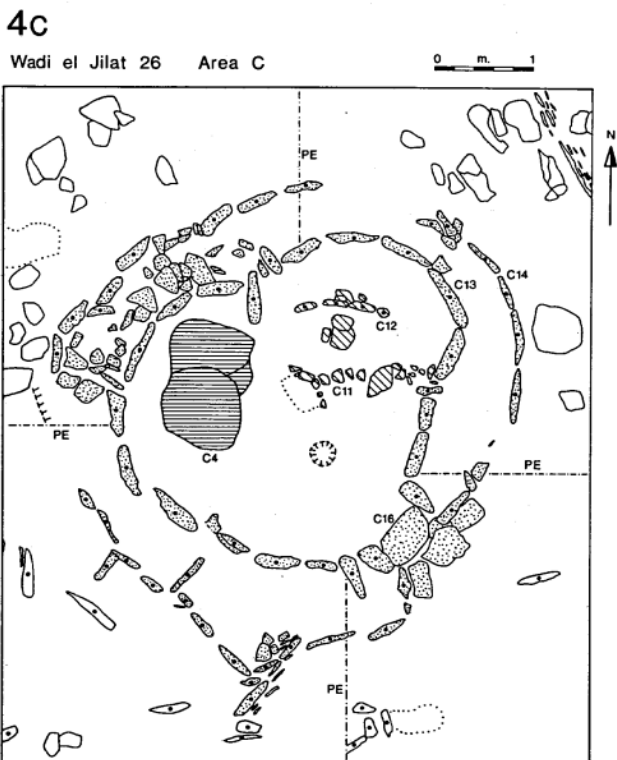


Fig. 64: Wadi el Jilat 26, Area C plan (Garrard et al 1994, Fig. 4c)

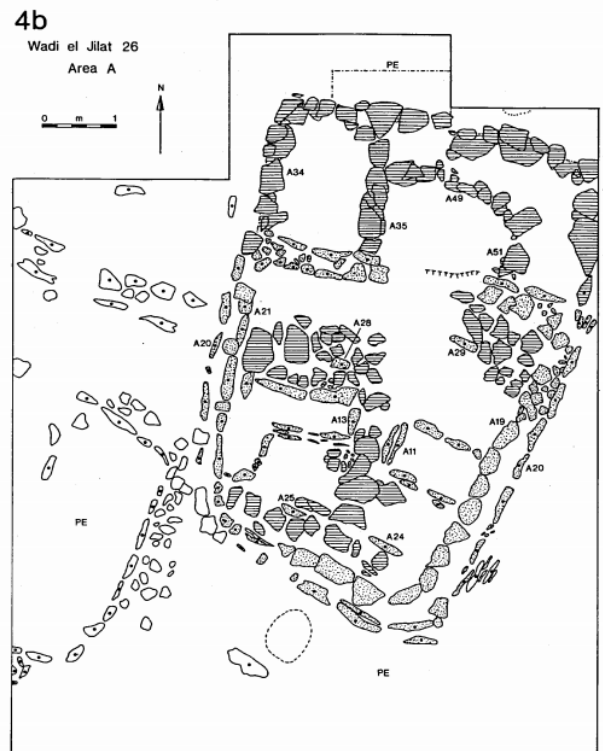


Fig. 65: Wadi el Jilat 26, Area A plan (Garrard et al 1994, Fig. 4b)

29) Yiftahel

Location: northern Israel

Relative chronology: MPPNB – LPPNB – PN – EBA IA/IV

Absolute chronology: 8890 ± 120 - 8570 ± 130 BP

Excavations: 1982–1983, 2007–2008, 2008

Size of excavated area: 2000 m²

Size of Neolithic settlement: 15 000 m²

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 2

Number of evaluated structures: 6

Type of the ground plan: rectangular

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: MED

Altitude (m asl): 145

AAP (December/mm): 130

Temperature (°C): 29,4 (max_June); 9,2 (min_December)

Geomorphology: -

Flora: Seeds: lentils (*Lens culinaris*), beans (*Vicia faba?*), *Galium triconutum*, *Triticum dicoccoides*. *Quercus ithaburensis*/*Styrax officinalis*

Fauna: Gazelles (*Gazella gazella*), wild goat (*Capra aegagrus*), aurochs (*Bos primigenius*), wild boar (*Sus scrofa*), red deer (*Cervus elaphus*)

Watercourse: situated on the eastern bank of a small defile, Nahal Yiftahel

Reference:

Garfinkel Y. 1987: Yiftahel: a Neolithic village from the Seventh milenium B.C. in Lower Galilee, Israel. *Journal of Field Archaeology* 14:2, 199–212.

Khalaily H. et al 2008: Recent Excavations at the Neolithic Site of Yiftahel (Khalet Khalladyiah), Lower Galilee. *Neo-Lithics* 2/08, 3–11.

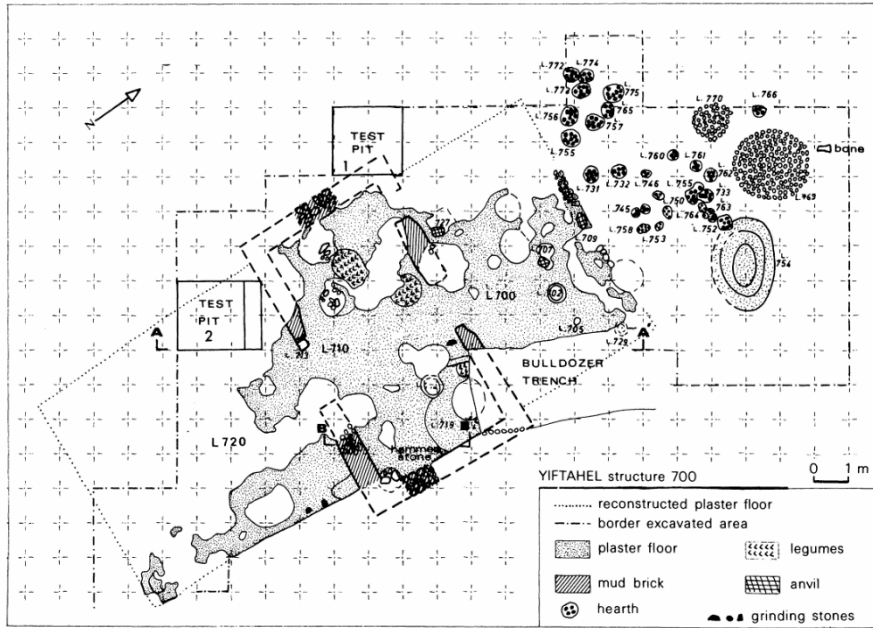


Fig. 66: Yiftahel, plan structure 700 (Garfinkel 1987, Fig. 6)

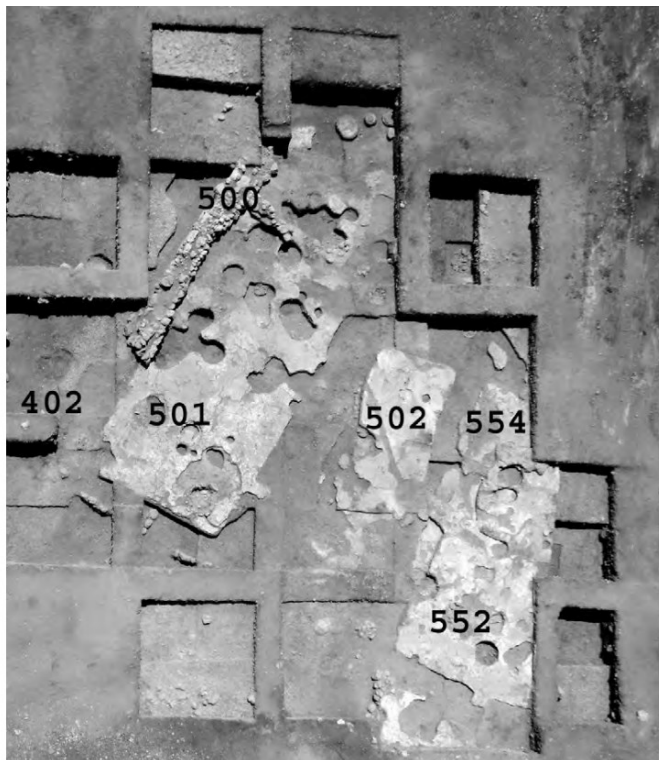


Fig. 67: Yiftahel, PPNB buildings, Area I, Strata 3c- looking southeast (Khalaily et al 2008, Fig. 3)

30) Zahrat adh-Dhra' 2

Location: central Jordan

Relative chronology: PPNA/EPPNB

Absolute chronology: 9635 ± 59 – 9323 ± 59 BP

Excavations: 1999, 2001, 2002

Size of excavated area: -

Size of Neolithic settlement: 2000 m²

Number of the pre-pottery Neolithic settlement phases: 1

Number of evaluated structures: 4 (17 in total)

Type of the ground plan: circular, transitional

Settlement type: permanent

Environmental zone: SU-DE

Altitude (m asl): -160 (below sea level)

AAP (December/mm): 41

Temperature (°C): 28,3 (max_June); 3,1 (min_December)

Geomorphology: Lacustrine formations (Dana Conglomerate f., Lisan Marl f.): stony alluvium, alluvial gravels

Flora: pistachio (*Pistacia* sp.), wild fig, barely (*Hordeum* sp.), wheat (*Triticum* sp.).

Pulses: lentil (*Lens* sp.), a pea/ vetch type (*Fabaceae* Sect. *Vicieae*), grass pea type (cf. *Lathyrus* sp.). + *Aizoon hispanicum*, *Ornithogalum*-type, *Plantago* sp.

Fauna: *Capra* sp. and *Bos primigenius*, a carnivore, and the freshwater crab (*Potamon* sp.)

Watercourse: approach to palaeochannel of Wadi adh-Dhra

Reference:

Edwards P. C. et al. 2004: From the PPNA to the PPNB: new views from the Southern Levant after excavations at Zahrat adh-Dhra' 2 in Jordan. *Paléorient* 30: 2, 21–60.



Fig. 68: Zahrat adh-Dra'2, Structures 2 and 3 in the southern part of the site (Edwards et al 2004, Fig.5)

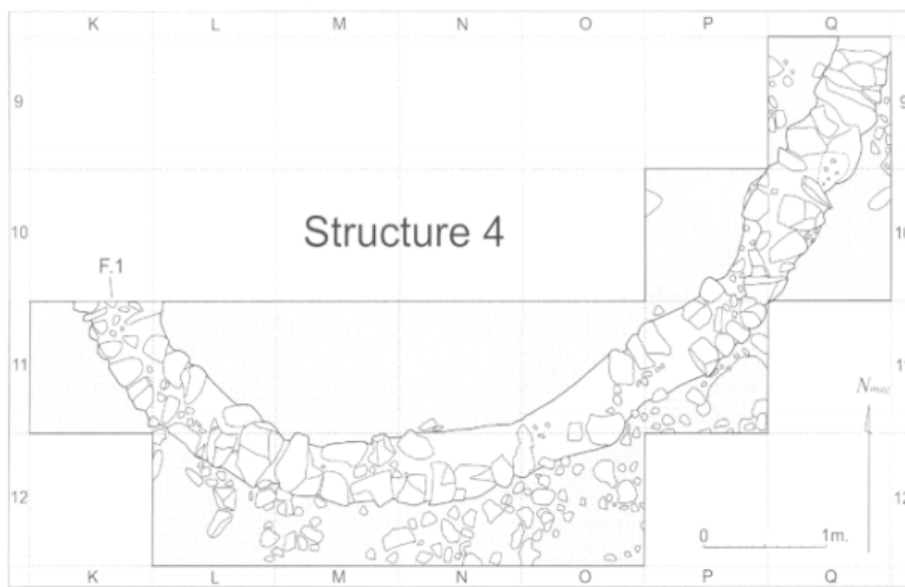


Fig. 69: Zahrat adh-Dra'2, Structure 4 in the northern part of the site (Edwards et al 2004, Fig.8)