

Here comes the sun king: Royal and private art and architecture in the 5th Dynasty

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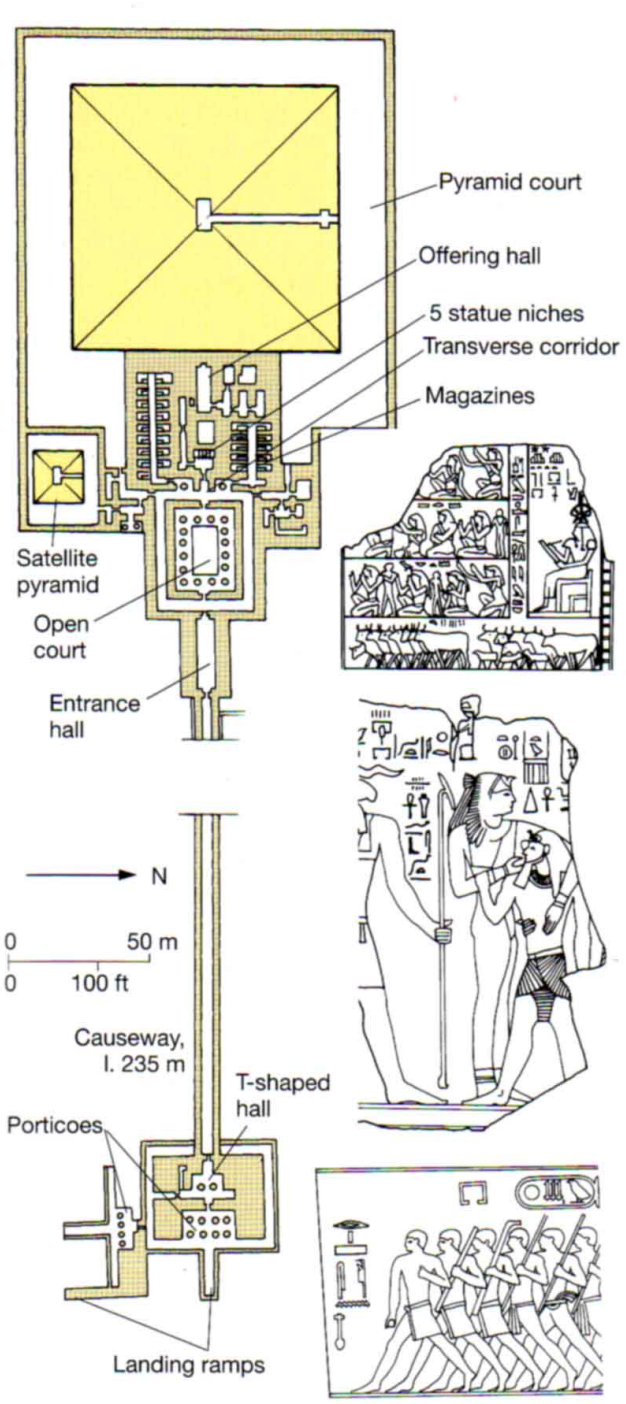

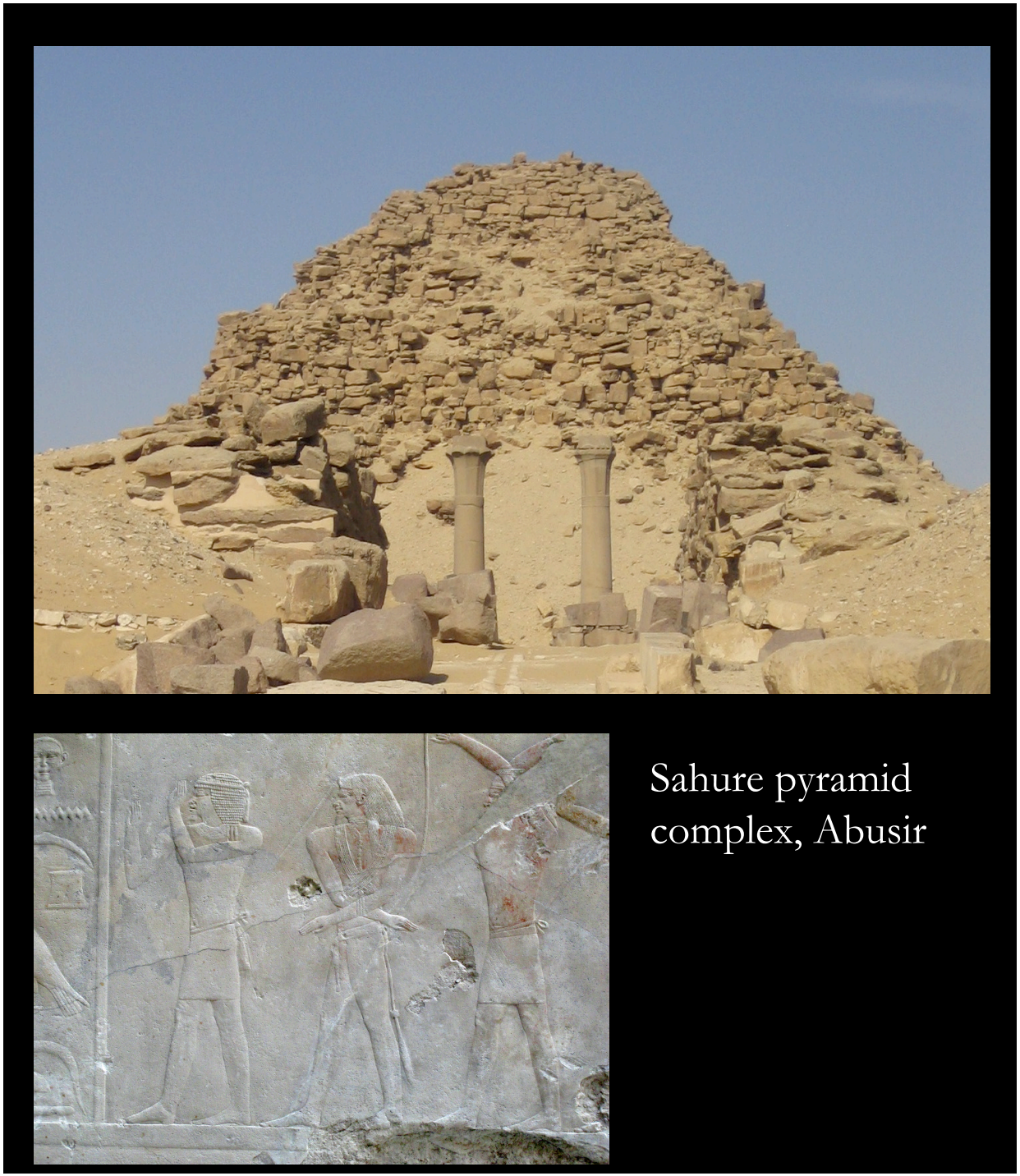

Sahure pyramid complex, Abusir

Kings of the 5th Dynasty:

Userkaf
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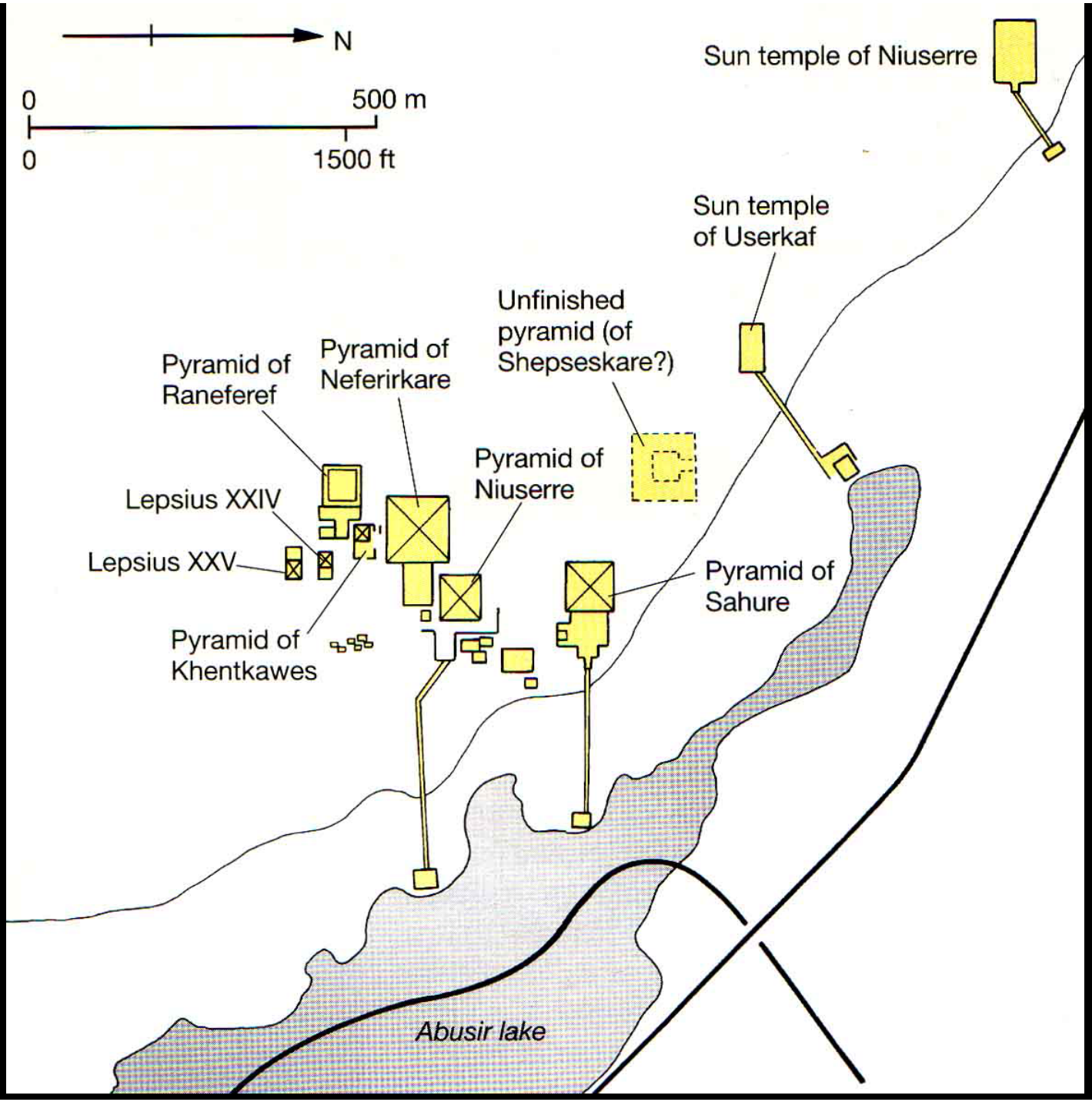
Neferirkara
Shepseskara
Raneferef
Niuserra
Menkauhor
Djedkara
Unis



The pyramids of Abusir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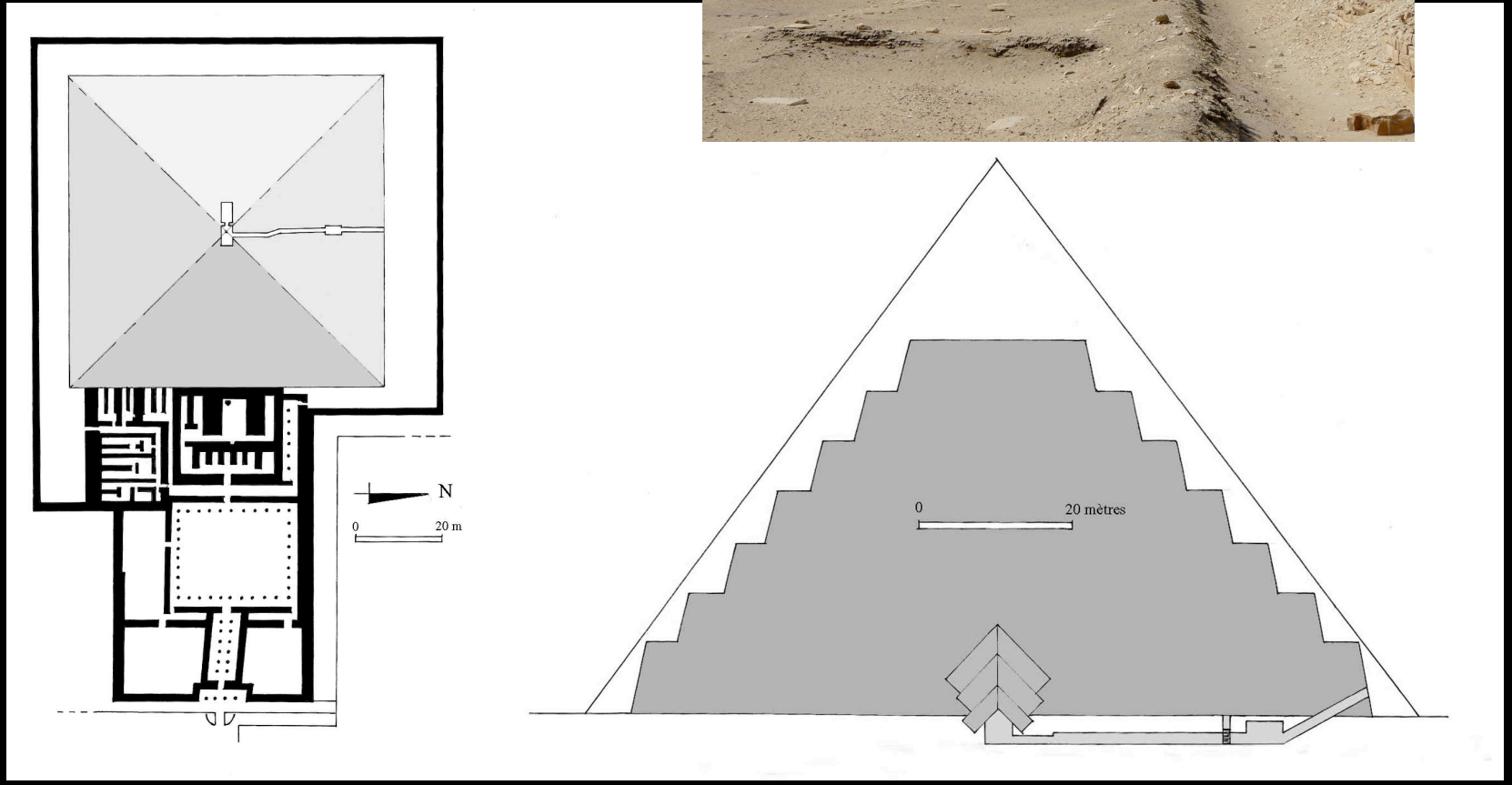
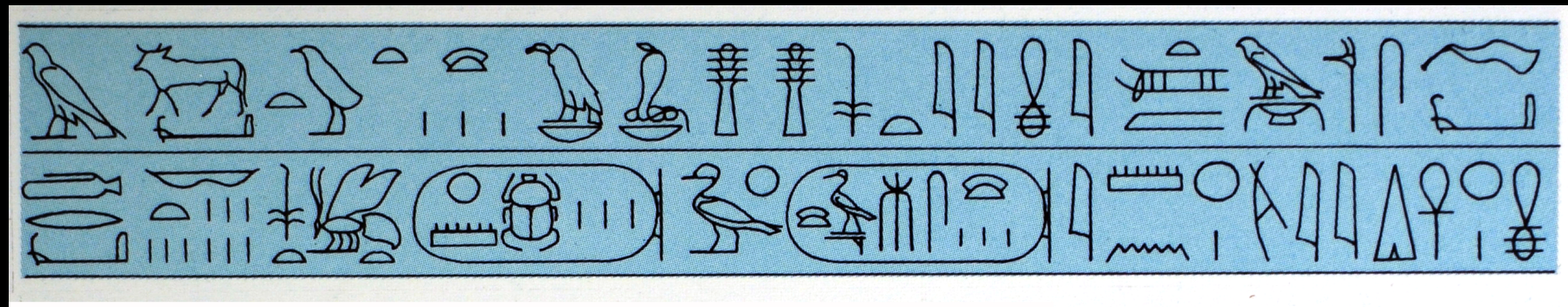


Neferirkare's pyramid at Abusir

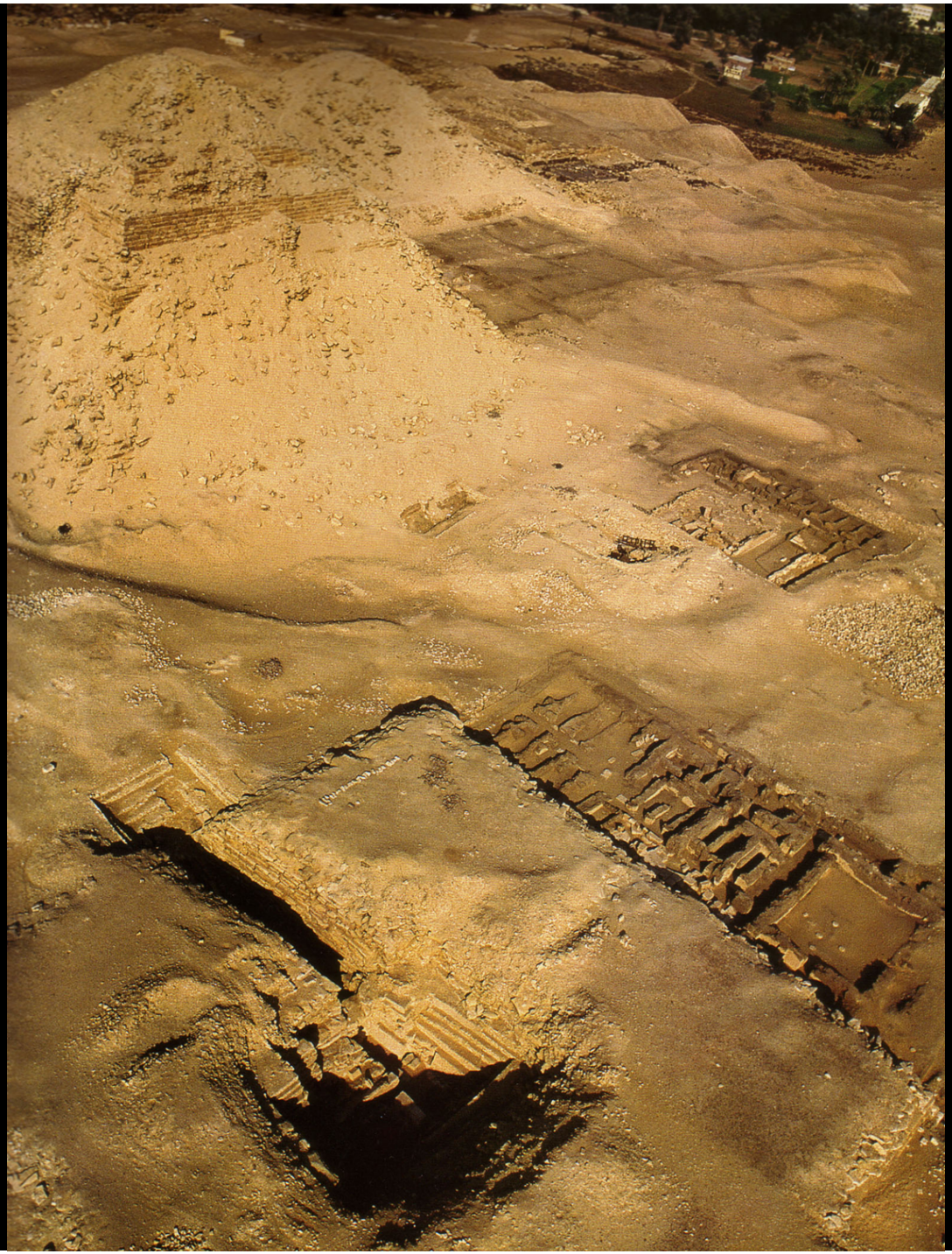






Above A typical full titulary. "Horus: Mighty bull, perfect of glorious appearances; Two Ladies: Enduring of kingship like Atum (the aging form of the sun god); Golden Horus: Strong of arm, oppressor of the Nine Bows (traditional enemies); *Nisut* and *bity* (terms for king); Menkheprureʿ (the Enduring One of the manifestations of Reʿ); Son of Reʿ: Thutmose (IV), greatly appearing one; beloved of Amon-Reʿ, given life like Reʿ."

Fully developed royal titulary

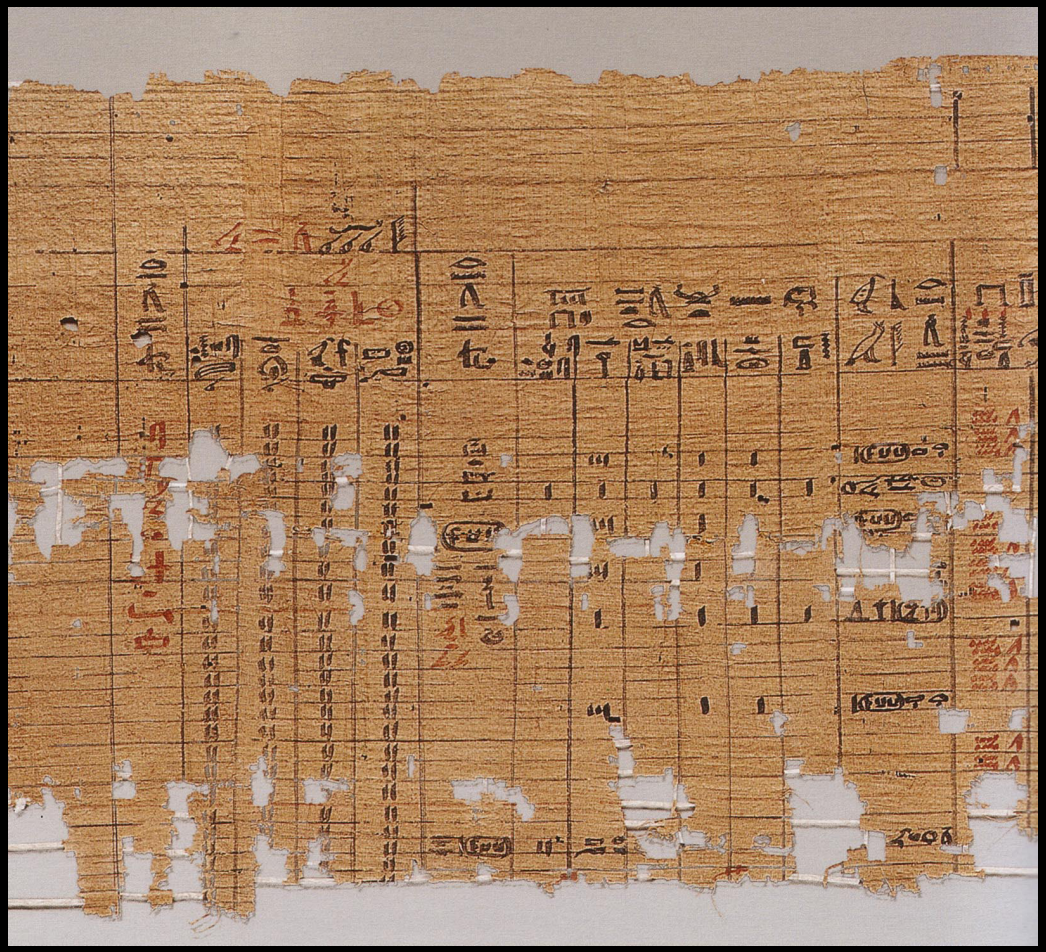


The pyramids of Neferirkare and Raneferef (and Niuserra in the background)





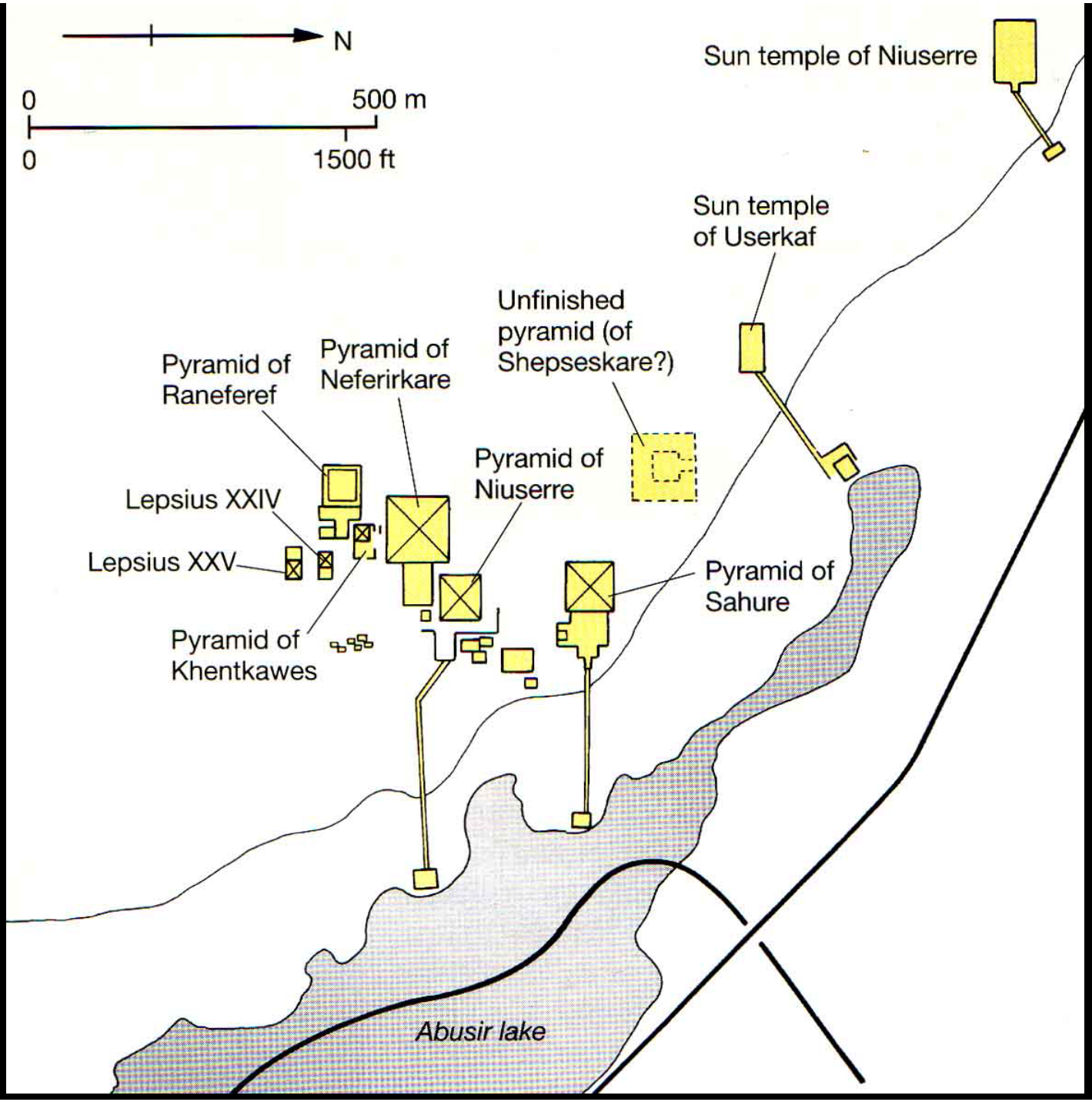
Unfinished pyramid of Raneferef



Fragment of one of the Abusir Papyri from the 5th Dynasty



Abu Ghurob Sun Temple of Niuserre, courtyard (Abu Sir in background)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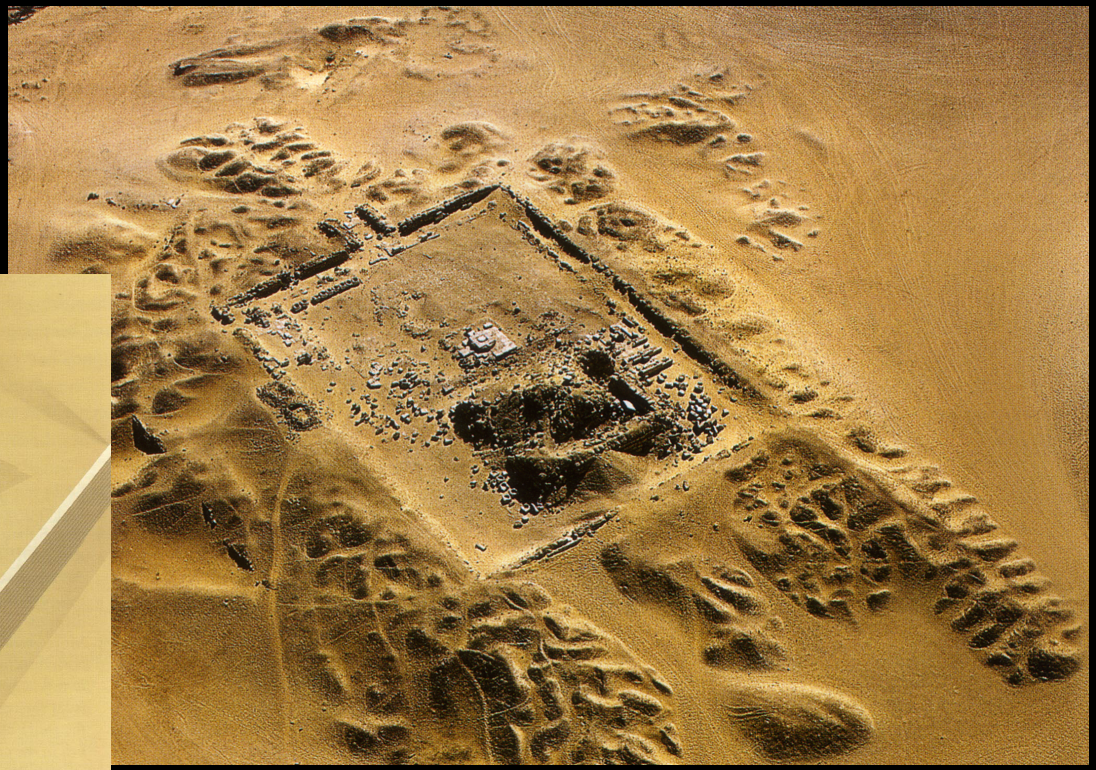
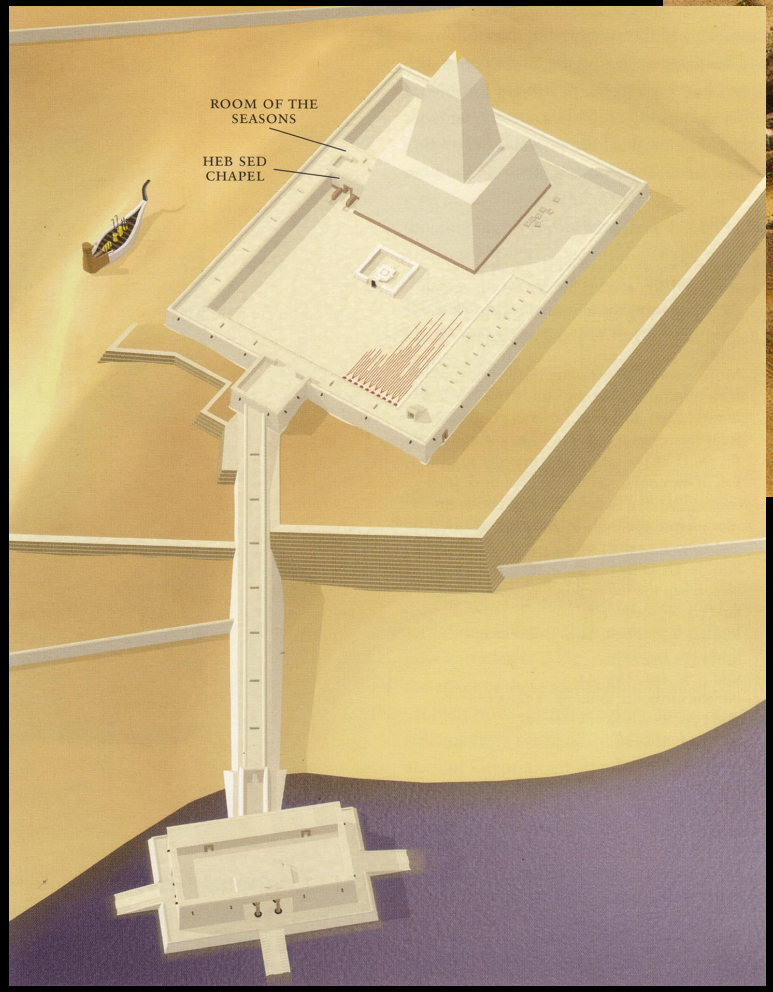
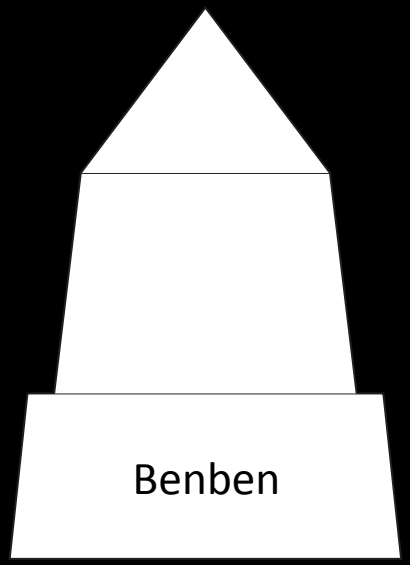




Sun Temple of Niuserra at Abu Ghurob
"The Delight of Ra"

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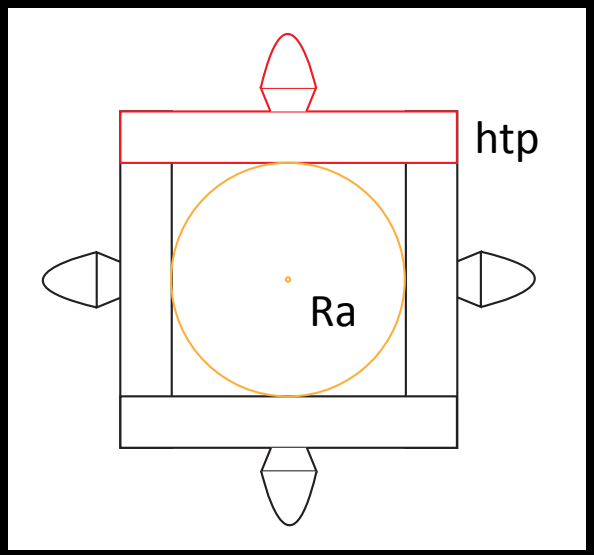
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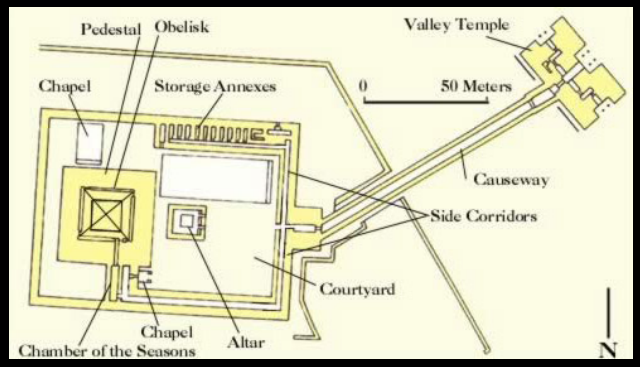
The Chamber of the Seasons
Sun Temple of Niuserra at Abu Ghurob



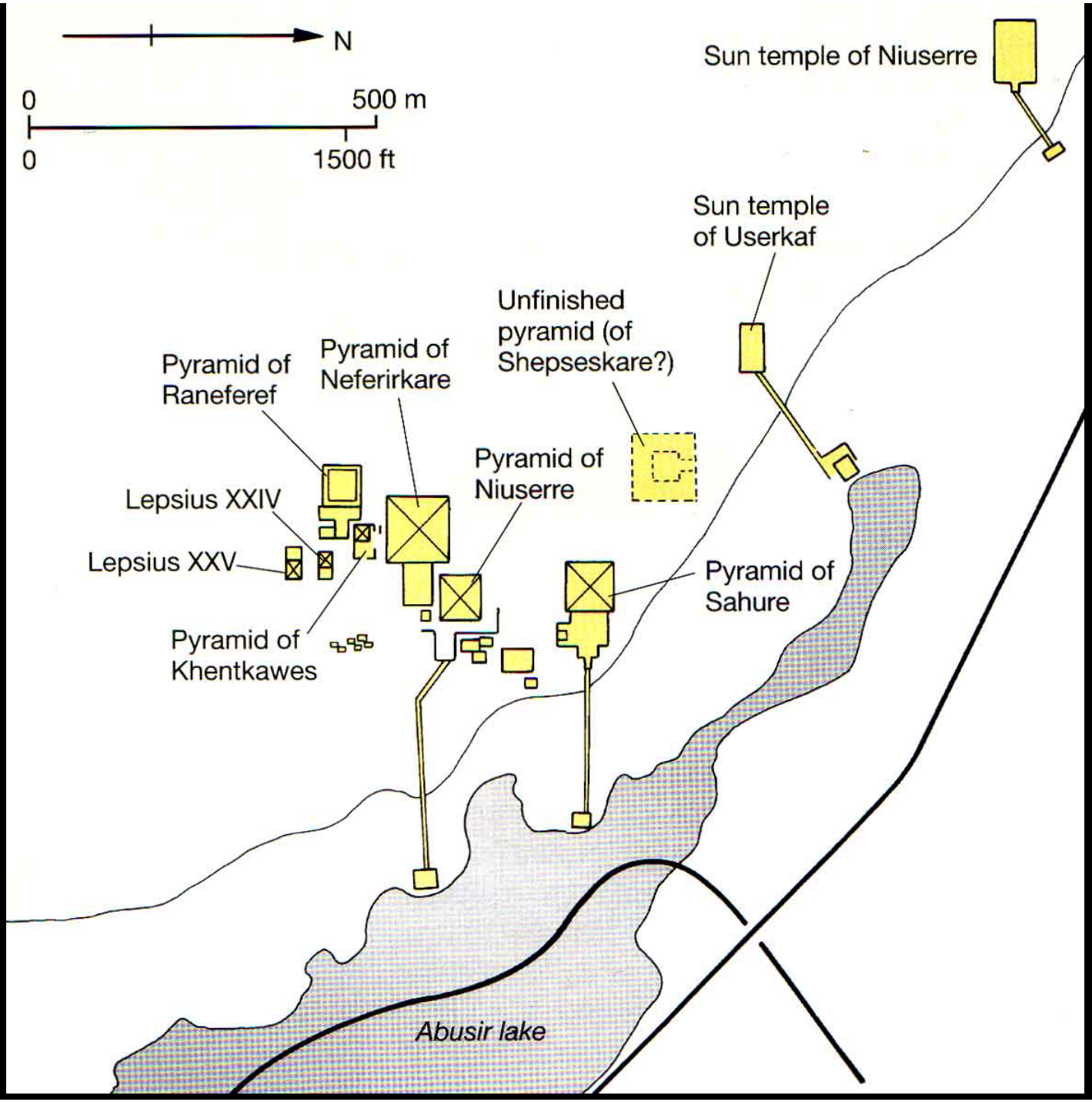








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Faiyum
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Lahun
Herakleopolis
Serabit el-Khadem
Wadi Maghara
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Badari
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Akhmim
Naga el-Deir
Abydos
Coptos
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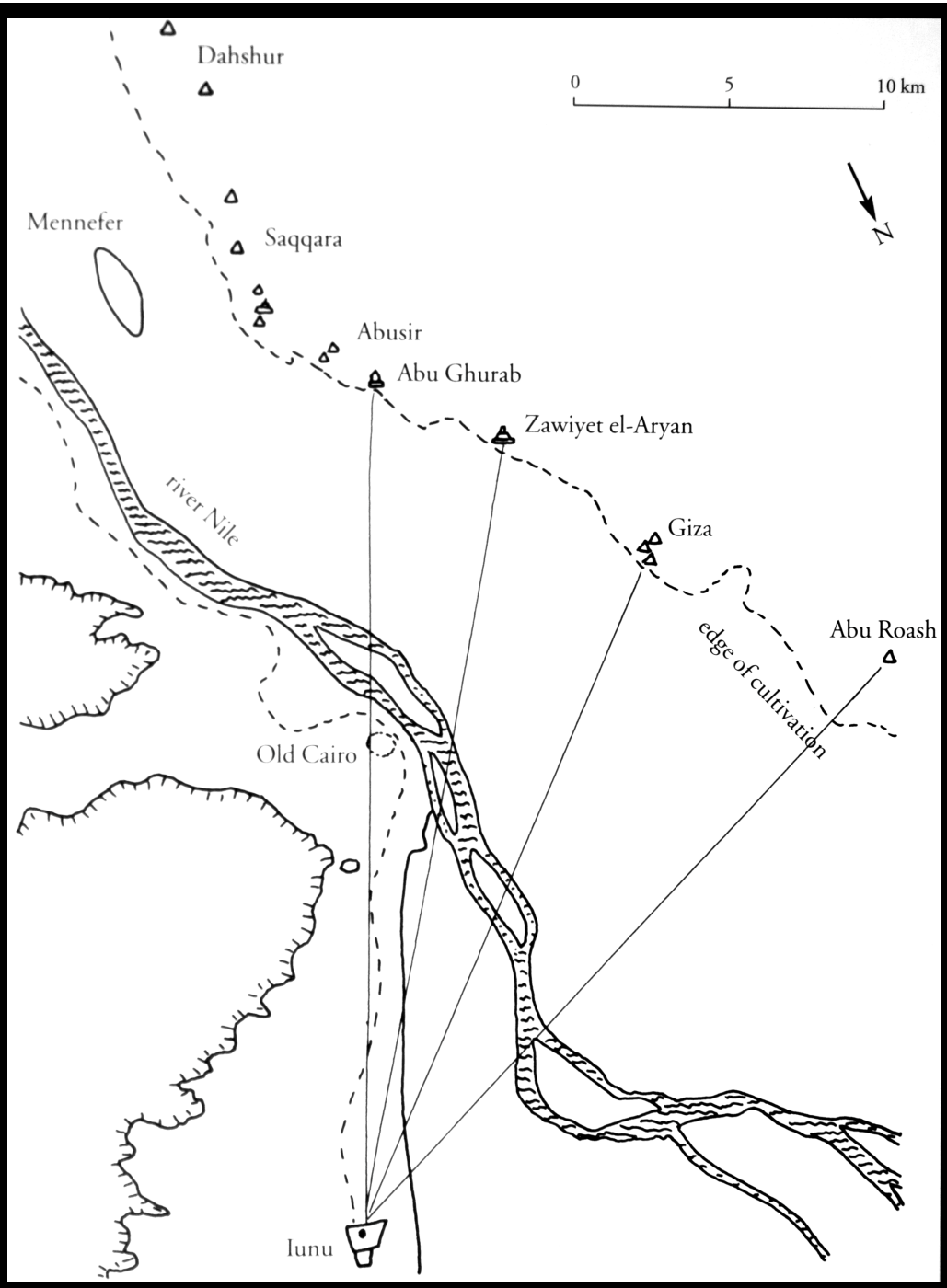
Luxor
Esna
el-Kab
Hierakonpolis
Edfu
Kom Ombo
Aswan
first cataract

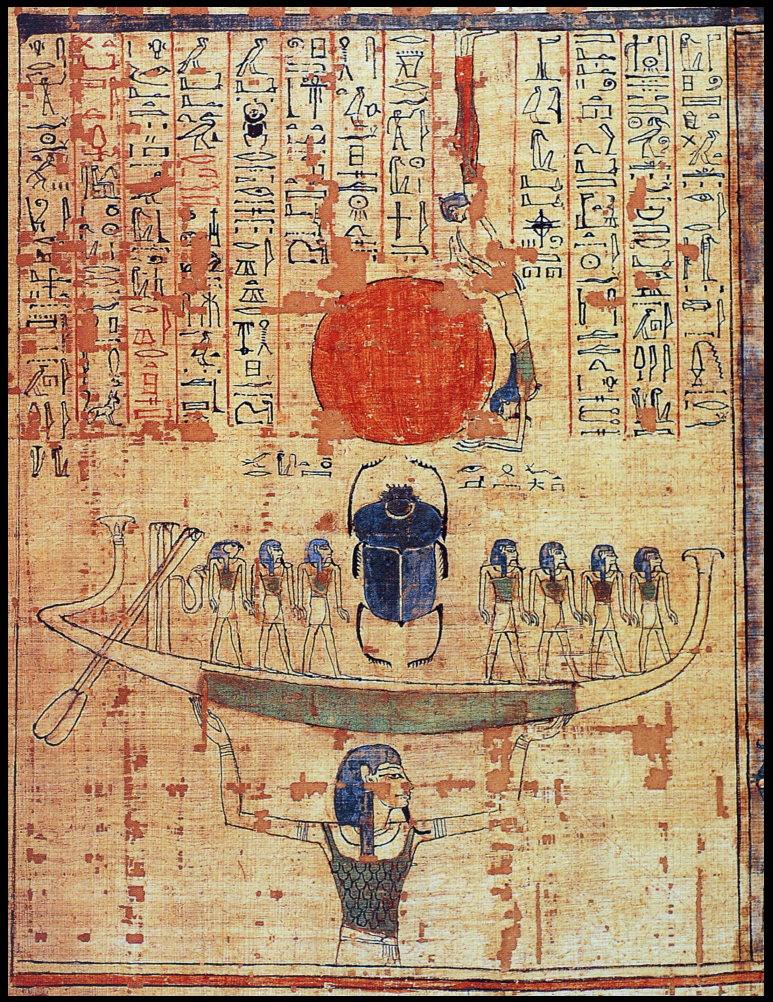


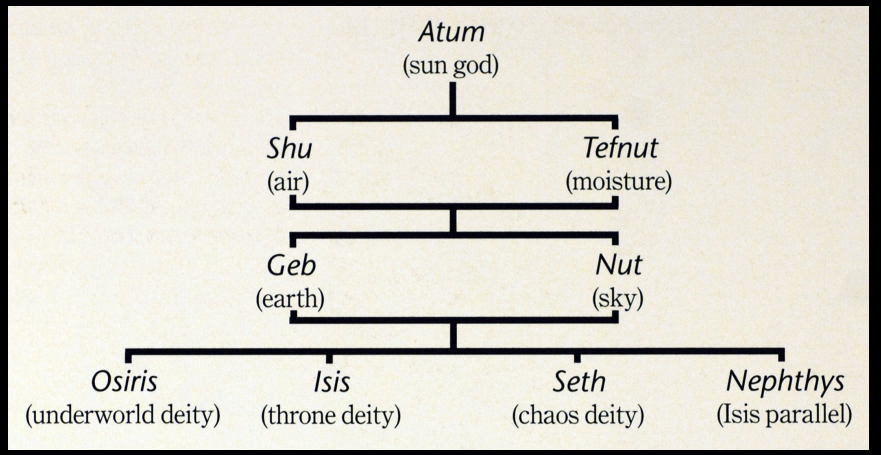
54 *Plan of Iunu showing the distribution of monuments, principally funerary, beneath the modern streets.* **A** *the Menwer bull tombs at Arab el-Tawil;* **B** *the main temple enclosures;* **C** *the Old and Middle Kingdom cemetery;* **D** *the full extent of New Kingdom and Late Period cemeteries;* **E** *the nucleus of the eastern necropolis at the desert edge.*

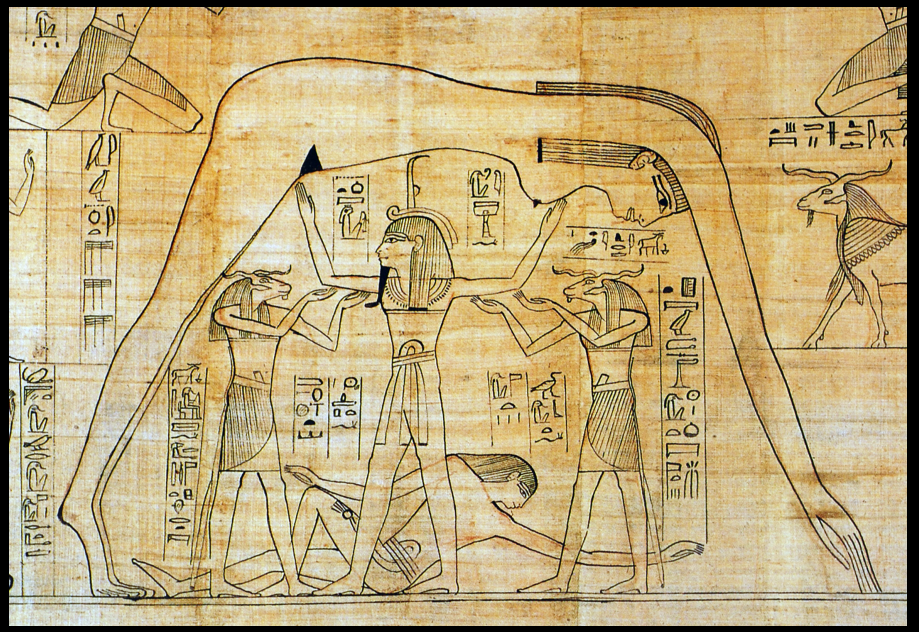


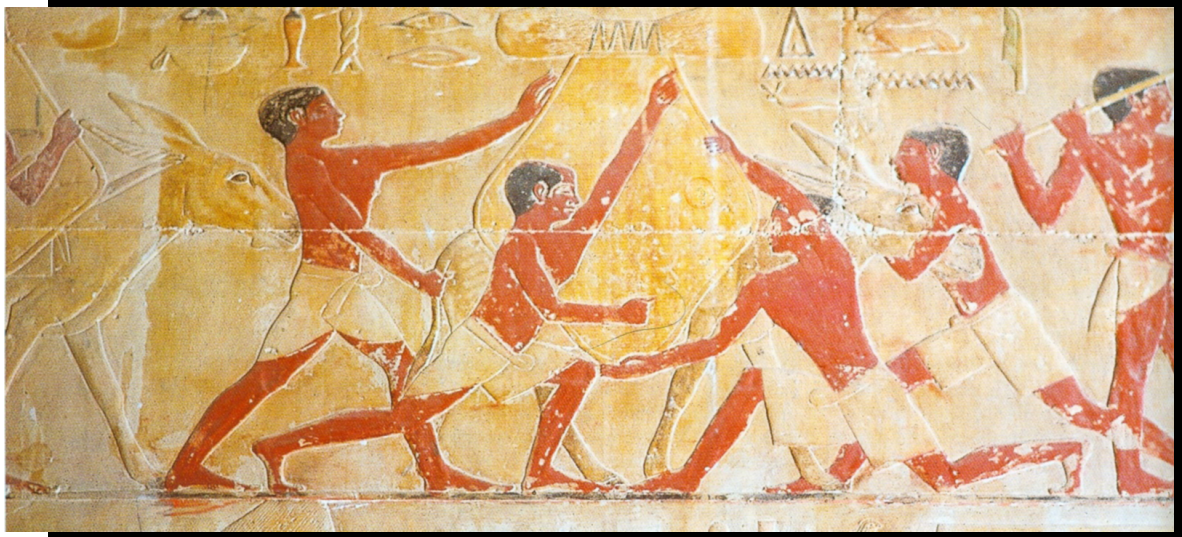
Lines of sight from Heliopolis (Iunu) to pyramids

The Heliopolitan Ennead: The creation of the universe





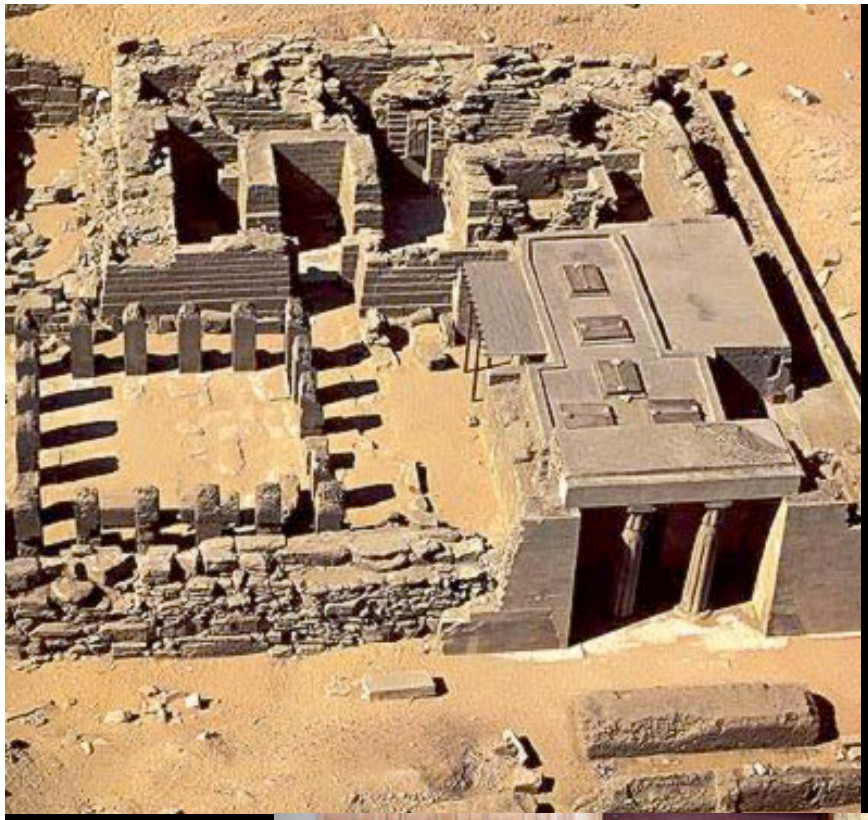


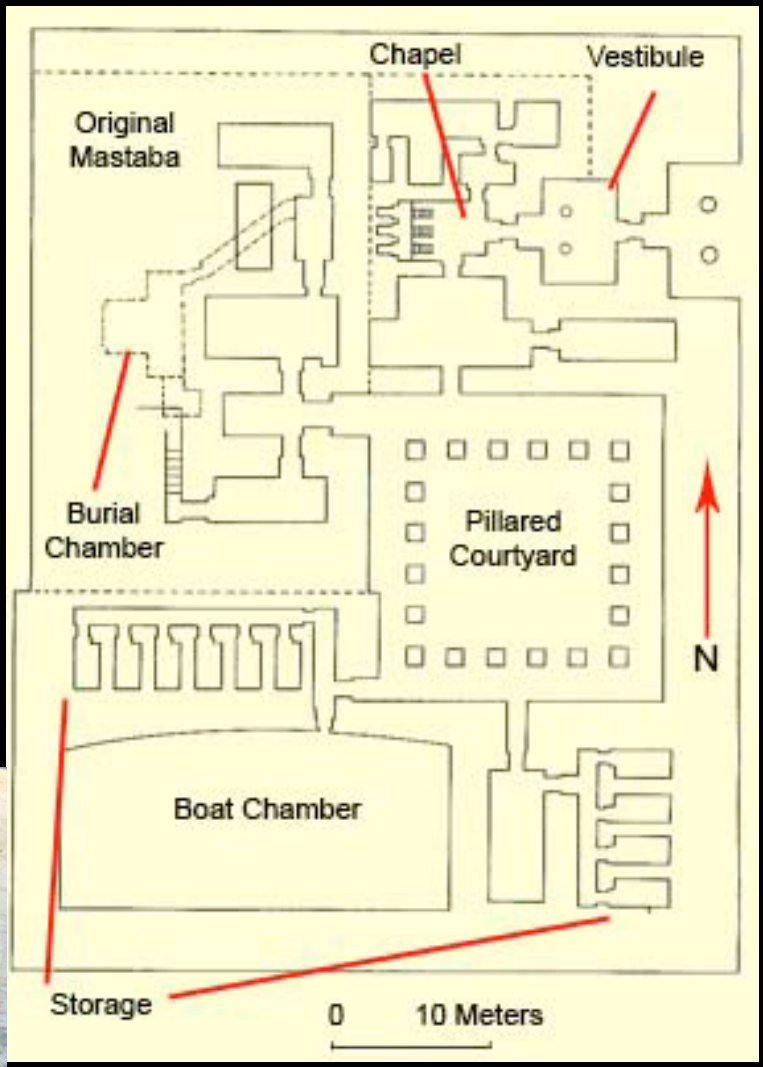


Private tombs of the Fifth Dynasty



Daily life scenes from the tomb of Ti at Saqqara





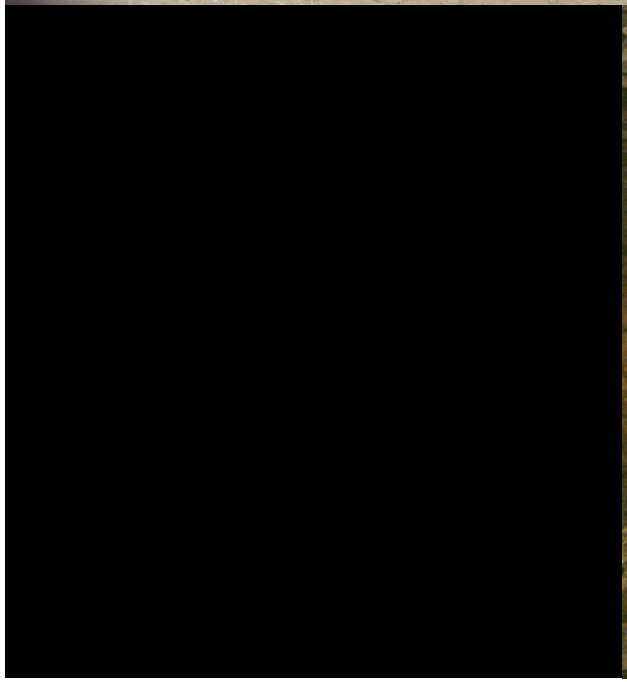


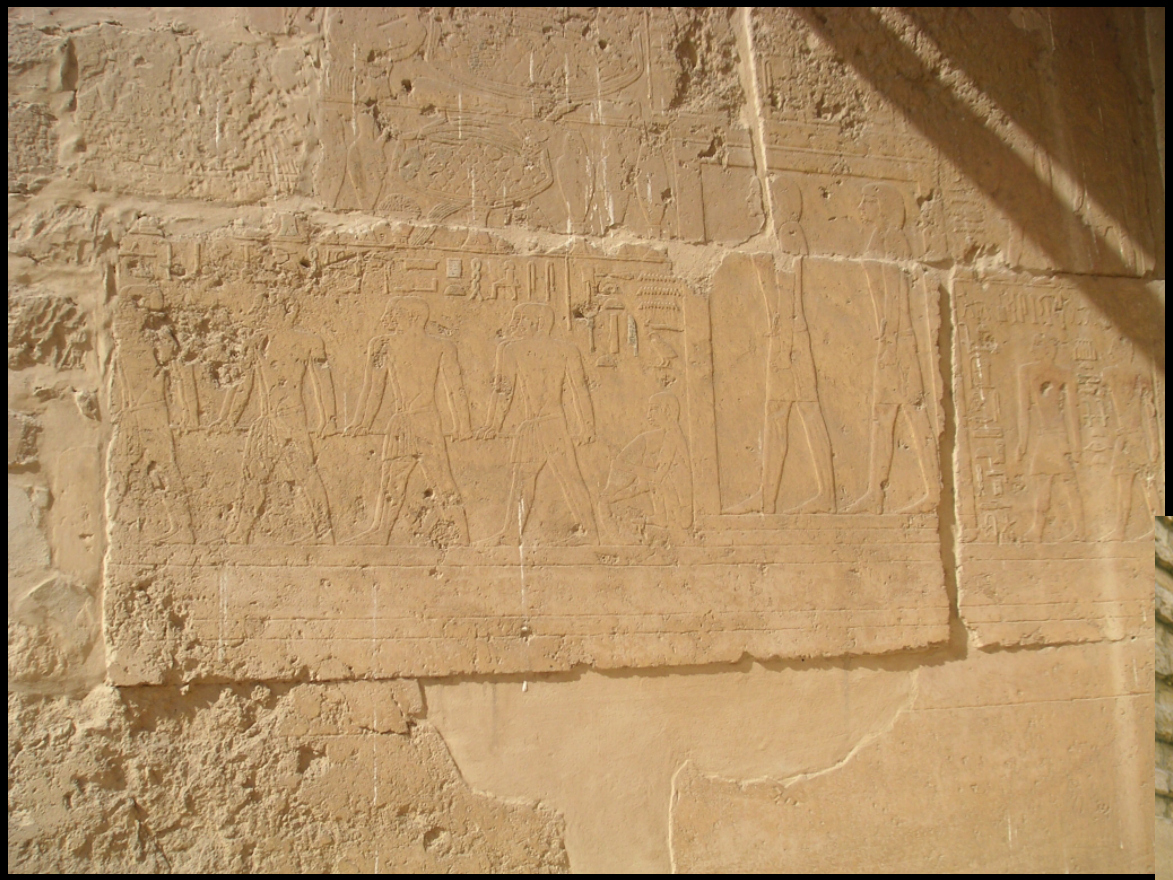
Mastaba of Ptahshepses at Abusir



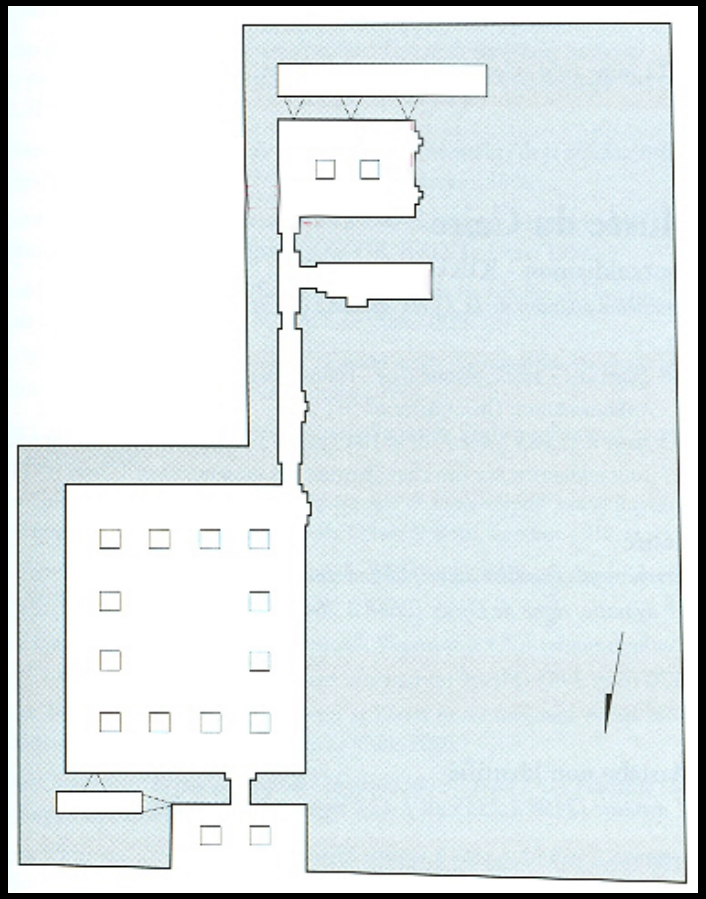












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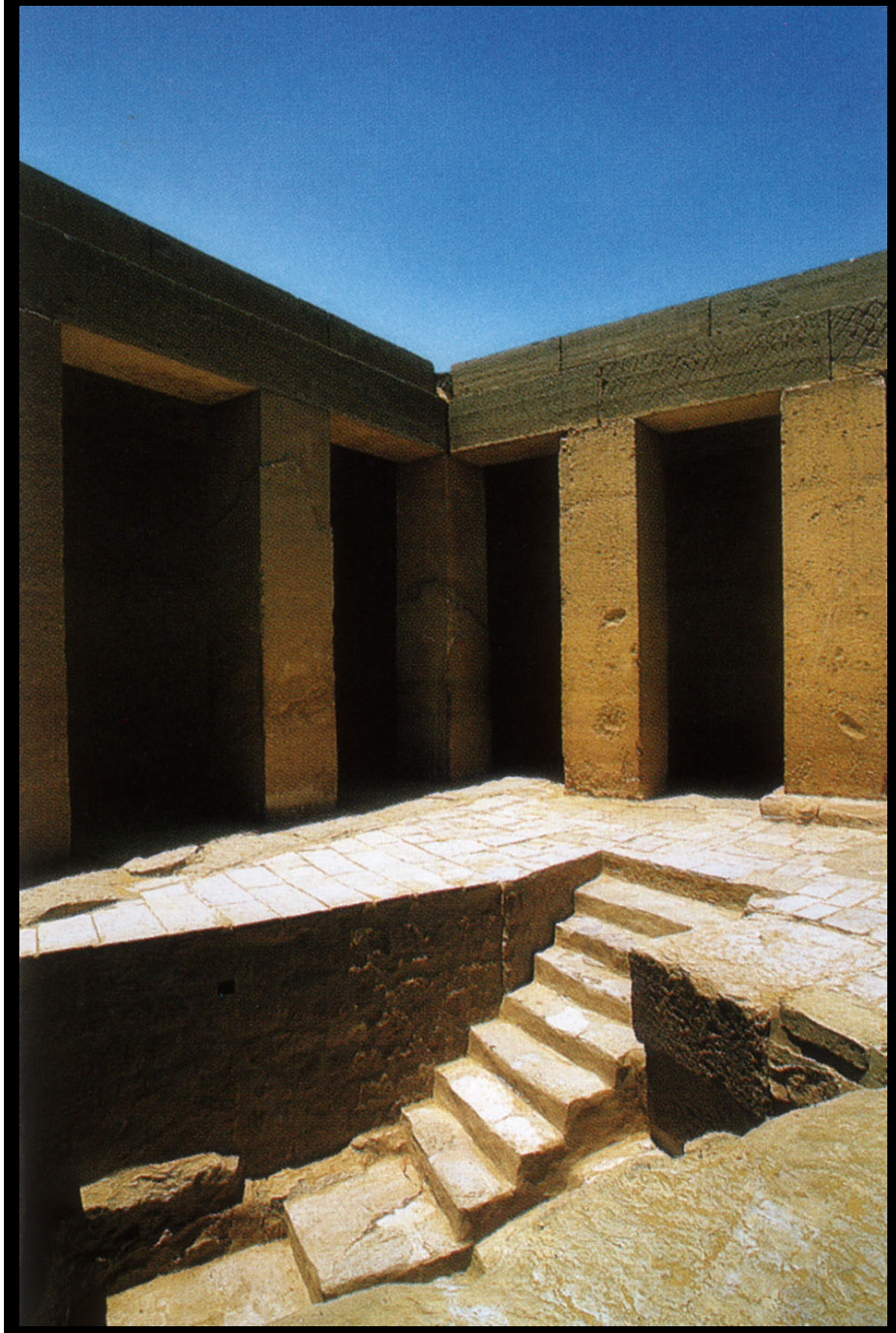






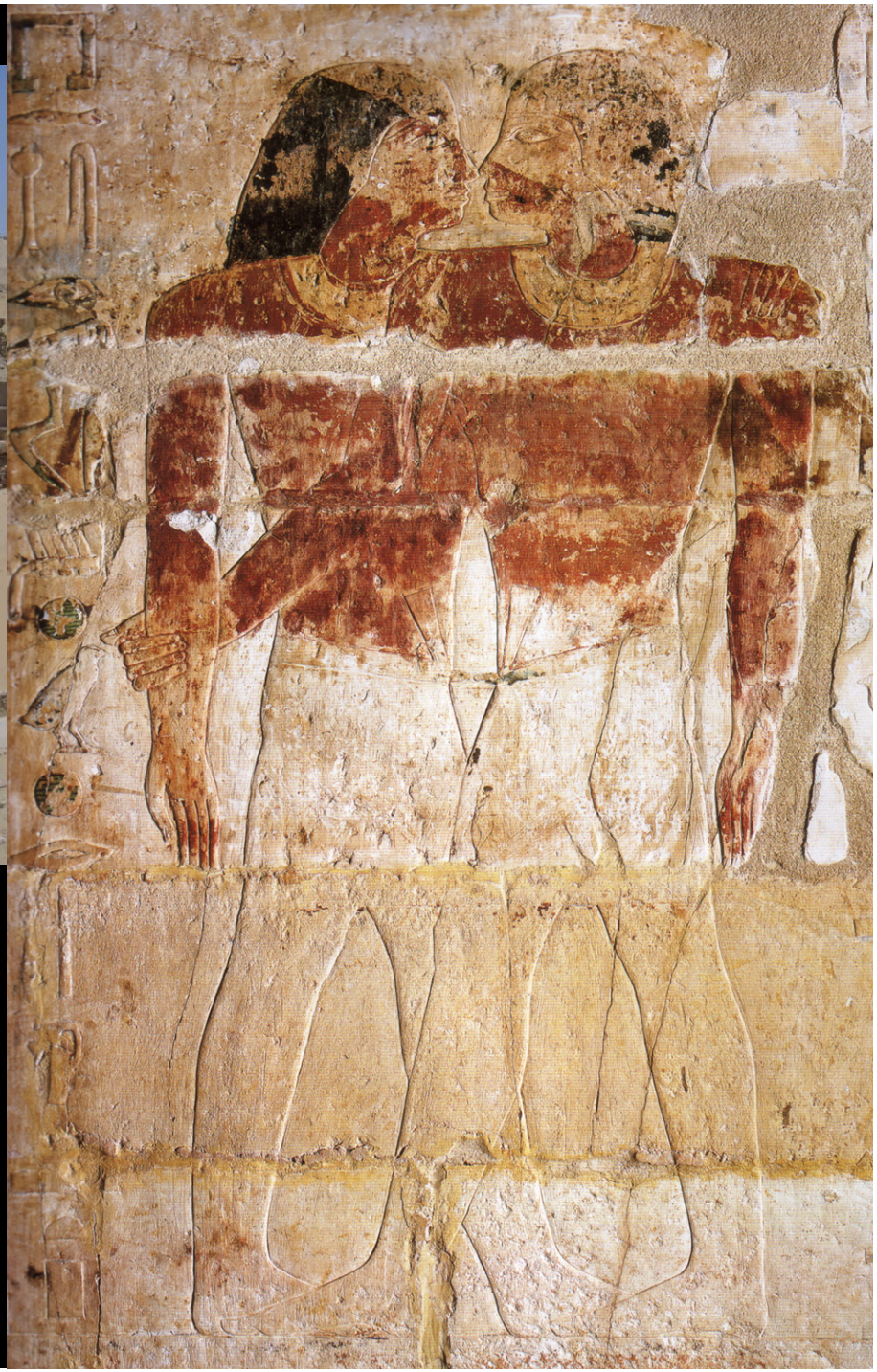


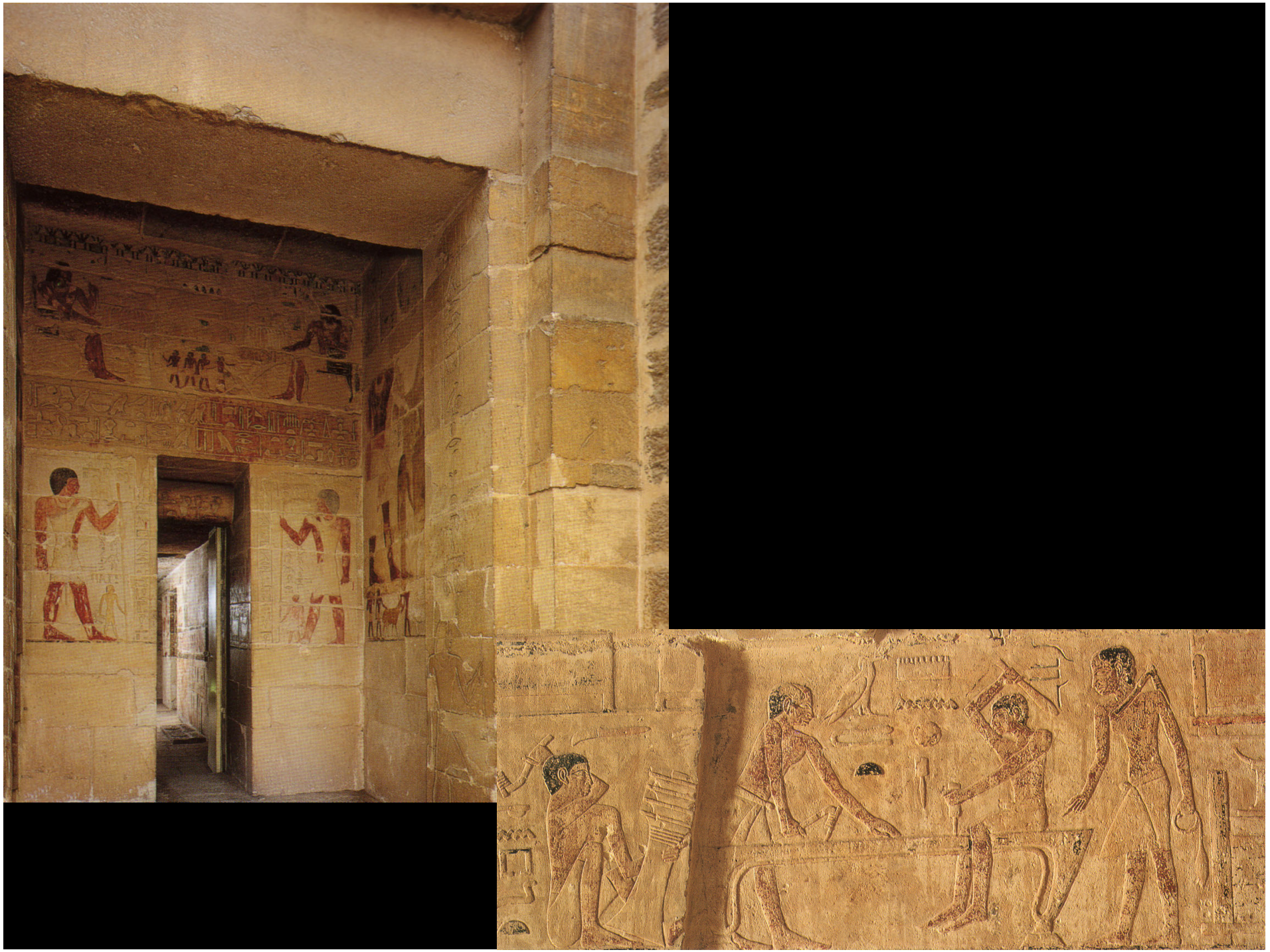






Tomb of Niankhkhnum and Khnumhotep at Saqqara





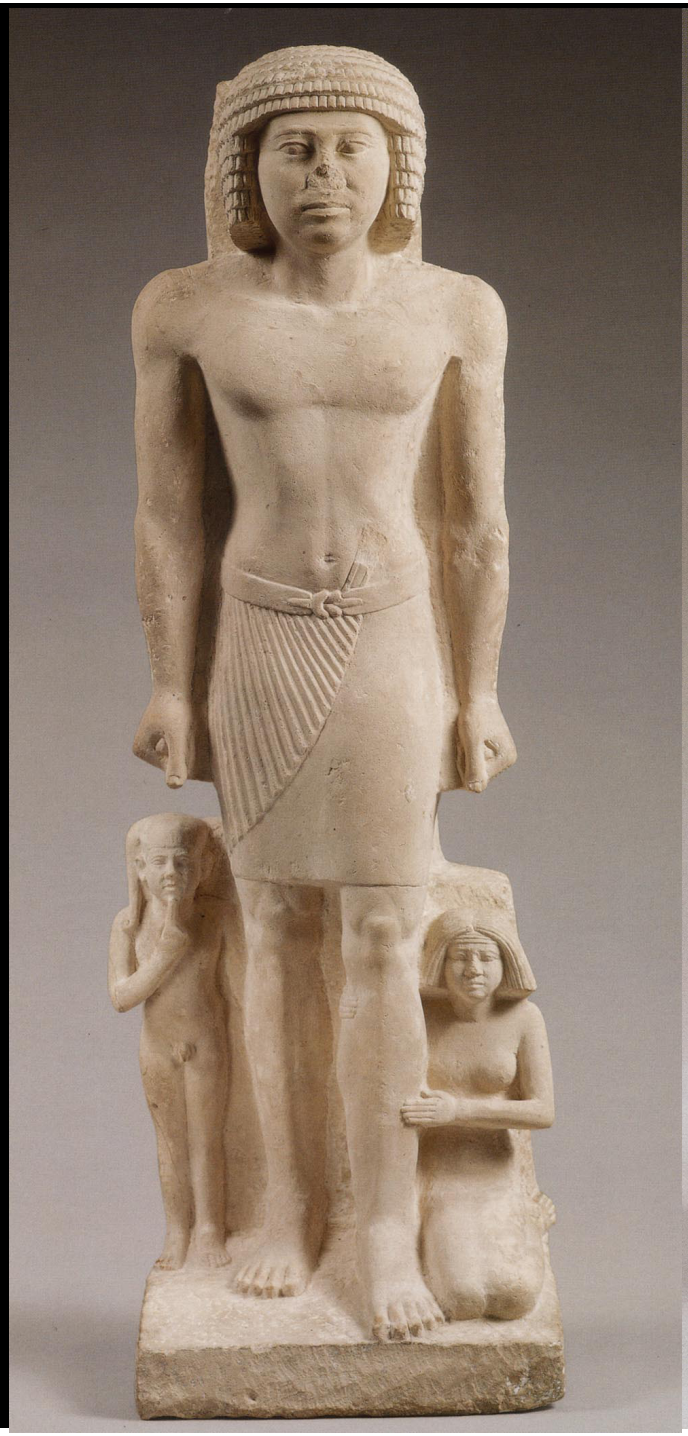




Fifth Dynasty private sculpture











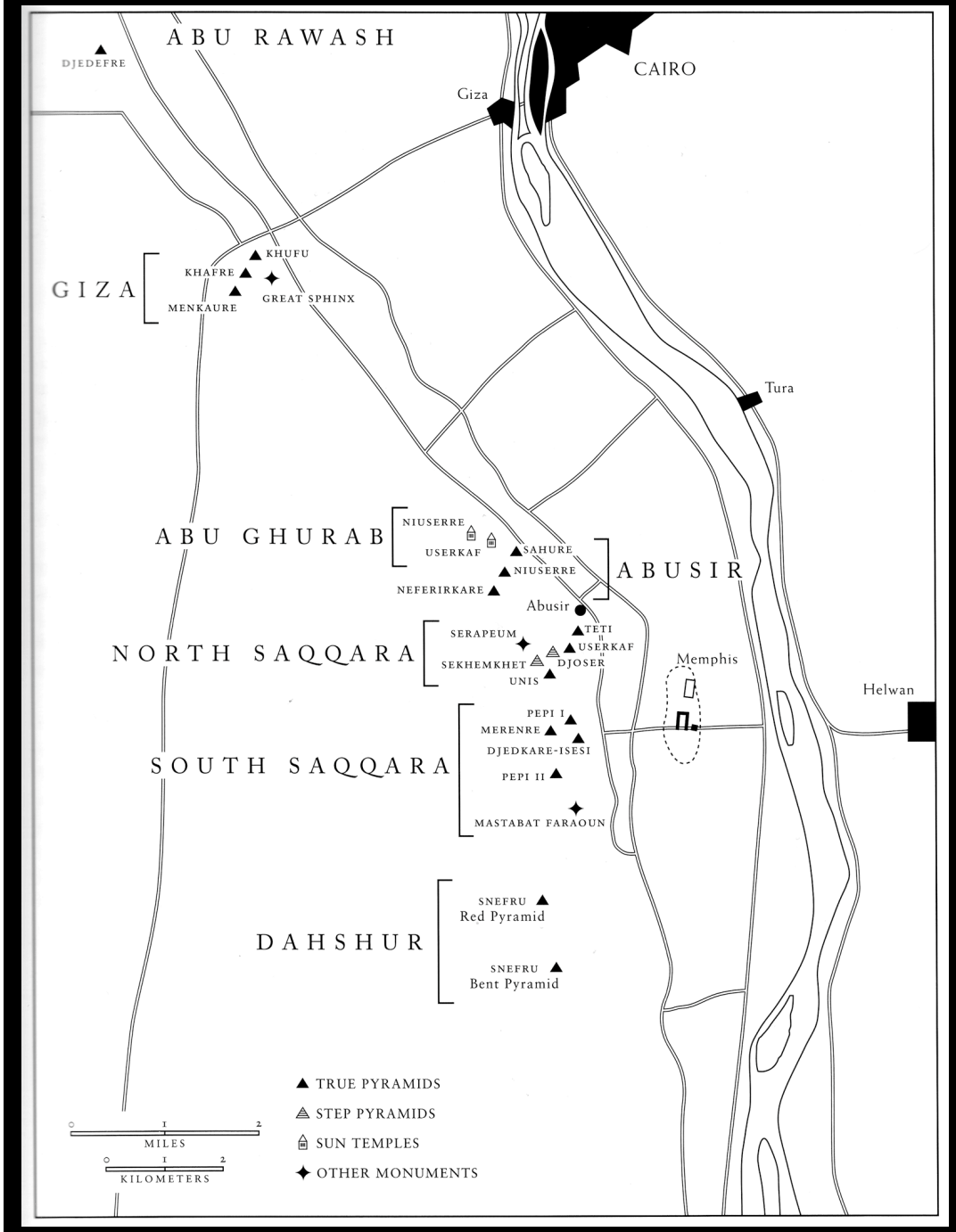


"servant statuettes" from private tombs





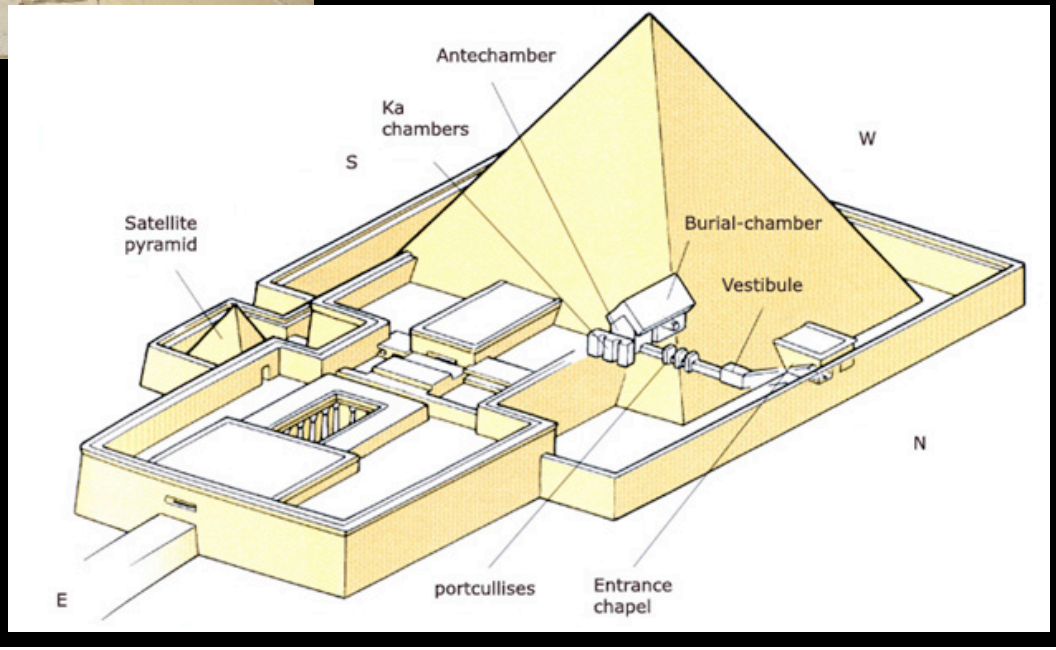




The return to Saqqara:
Unis and the end of the Fifth Dynasty

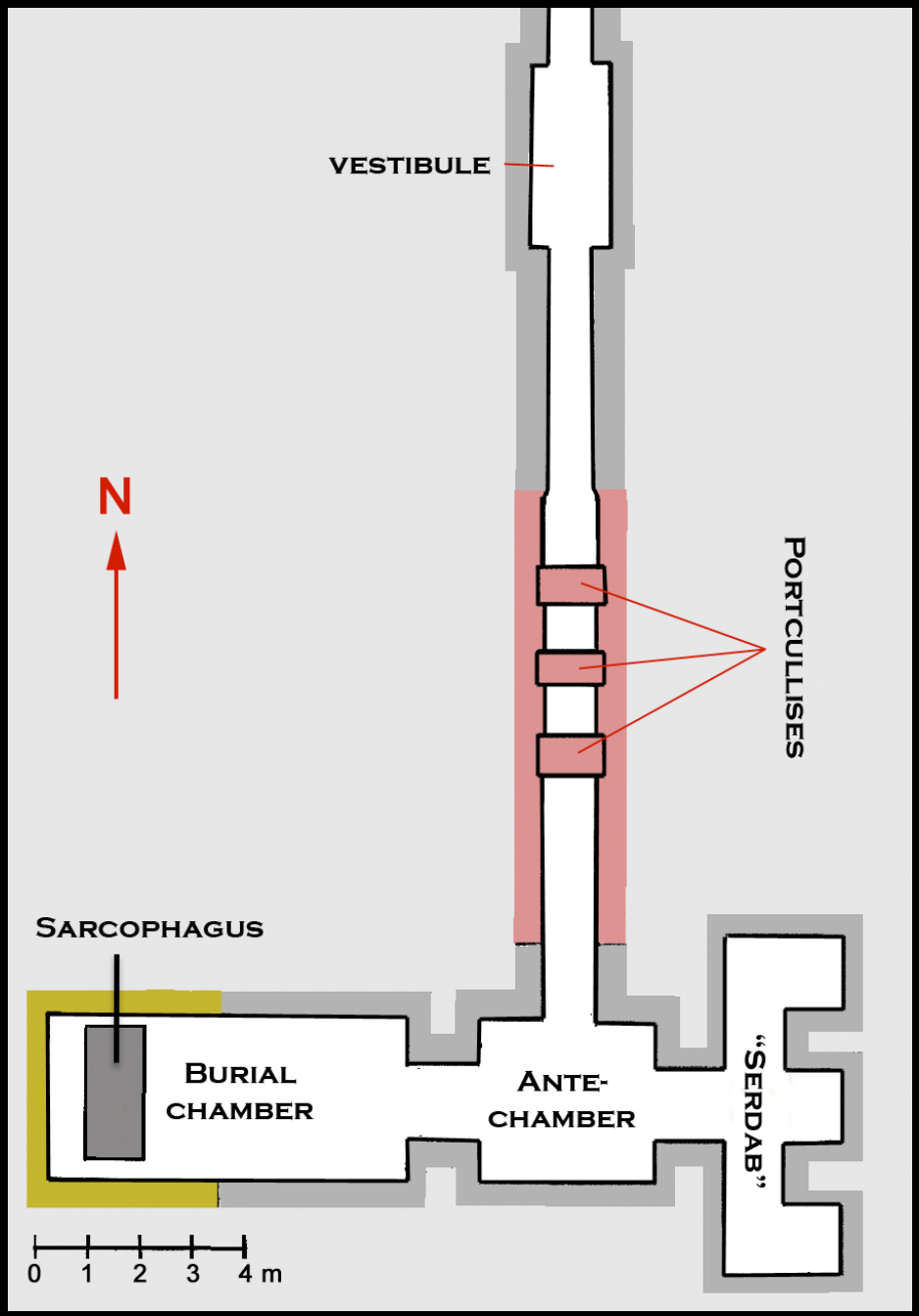


The pyramid of Unis at Saqqara









Unis Pyramid Interior