



The First Intermediate Period: Things Fall Apart?

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Chronology

Late Old Kingdom (Memphis)

c. 2181-2160 BC

Dynasty 7

Dynasty 8

First Intermediate Period (Herakleopolis)

c. 2160-2025 BC

Dynasty 9

Dynasty 10

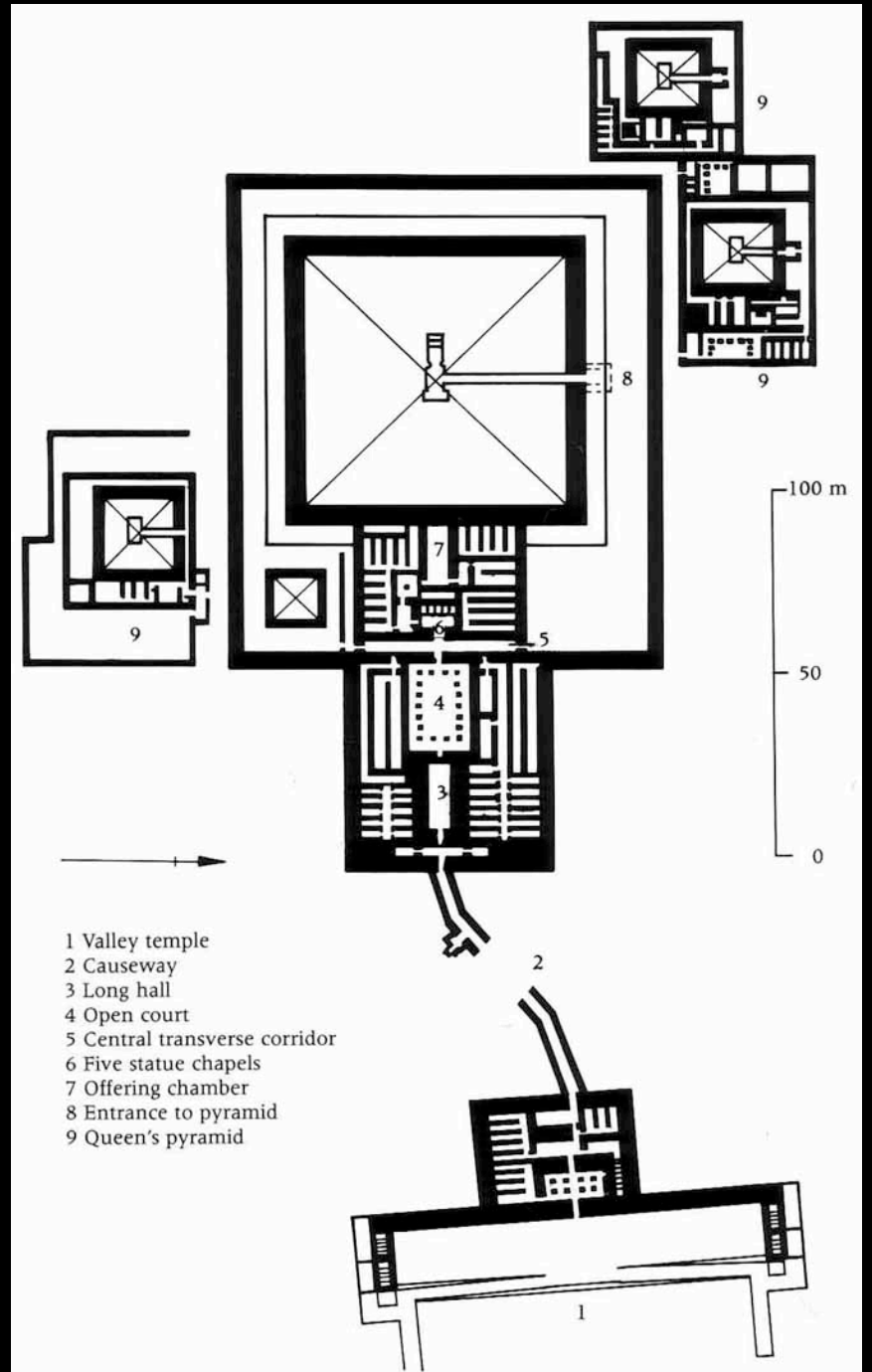
First Intermediate Period (Thebes)

c. 2125-2004

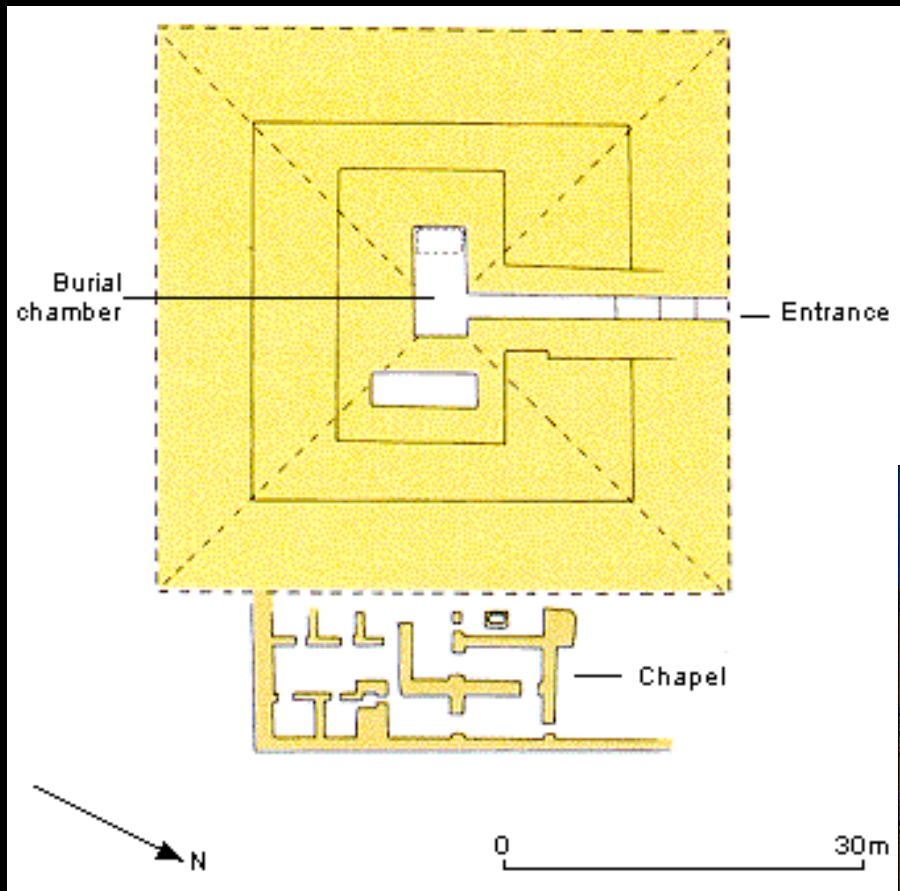
Dynasty 11 (first half)



Pepi II and the end of the 6th Dynasty



A change in royal tombs: the pyramid of Ibi at South Saqqara (8th Dynasty)



A change in elite tombs:

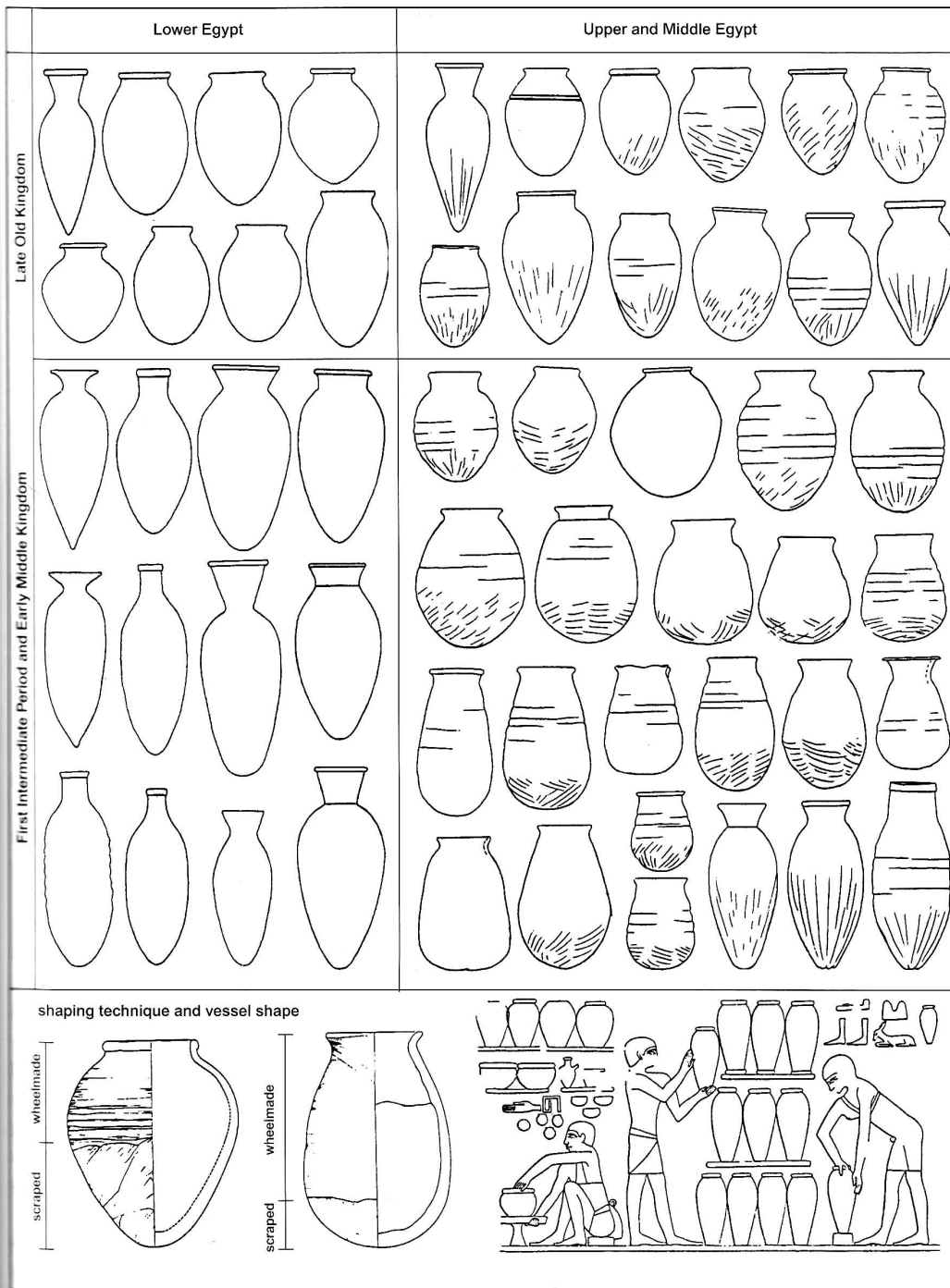
From the tomb of Shemai at Coptos, late 8th Dynasty (this is his son Idi speaking; he added the inscription to the tomb):

Beginning of the speech of the officials throughout the nomes of Upper Egypt.
The god's father, beloved one of the god, *iry pat*, foster-child of the king, *haty-a*,
overseer of Upper Egypt, Idi.

I established monuments...

And I made pleasant with incense this Ka chapel of my father and my ancestors so that
these Ka chapels of these noble ones were like.... And I refreshed and set up the
statues of these noble ones, these *iry pat*, which I found in a state of disrepair...

I never gave him (his father) a reason to be disappointed.
I never did anything that was distasteful to him.



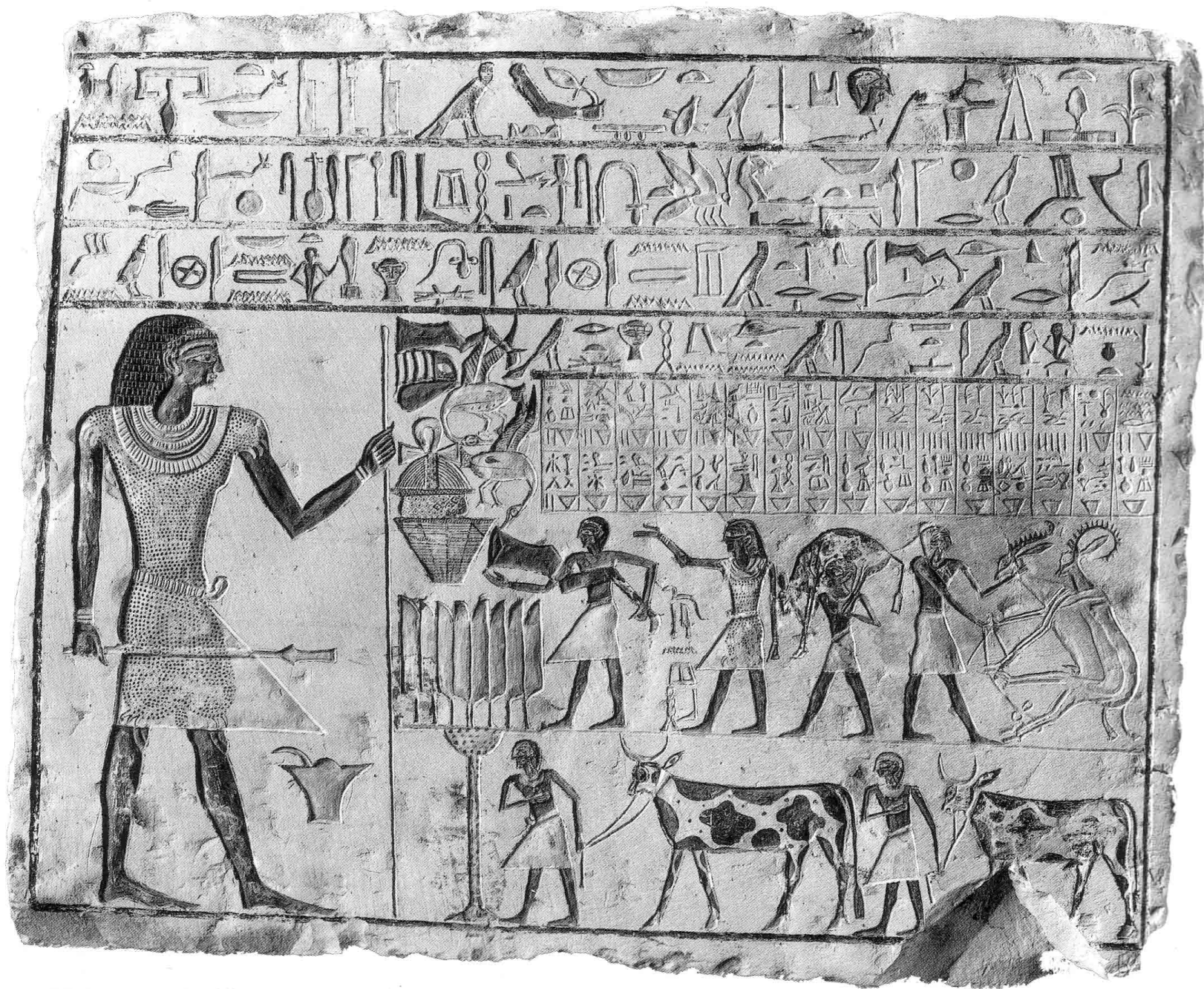
Regionalism





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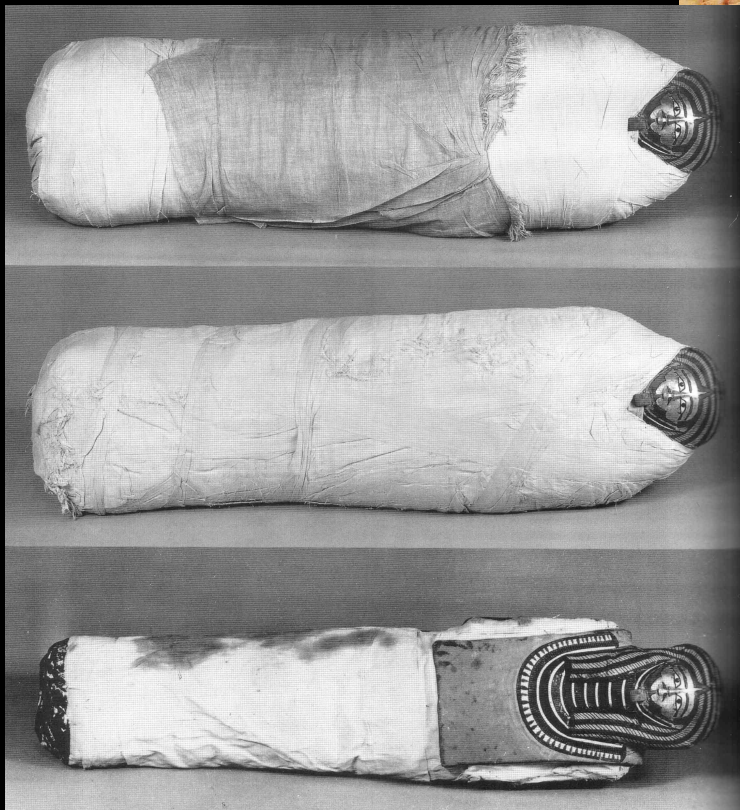








Wooden tomb models of the First Intermediate Period



Mummification and cartonnage mummy masks (and eyes from a coffin)

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(Khetys at Herakleopolis)

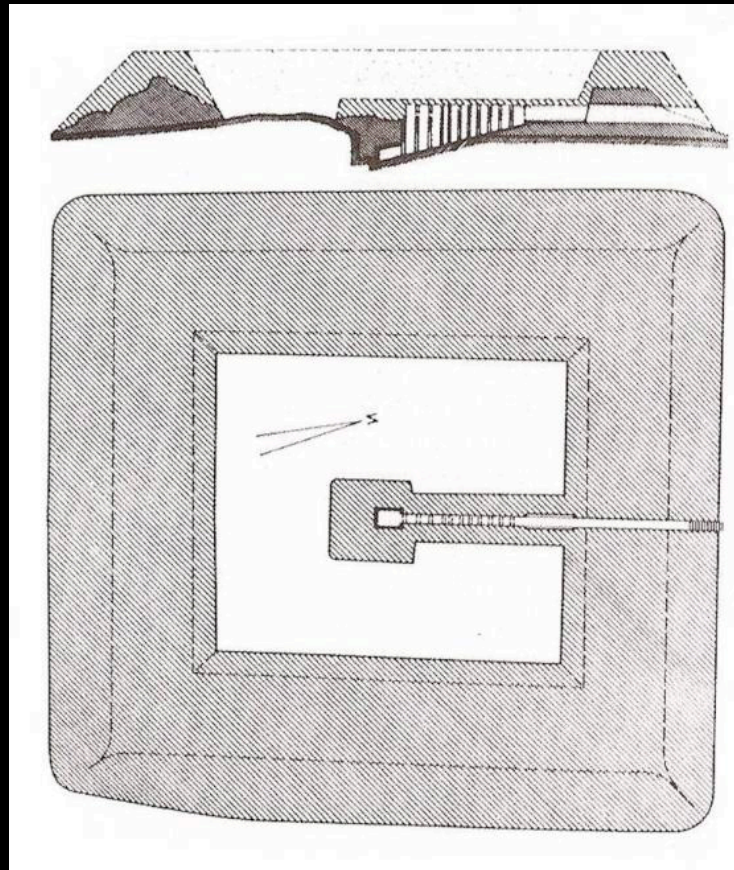
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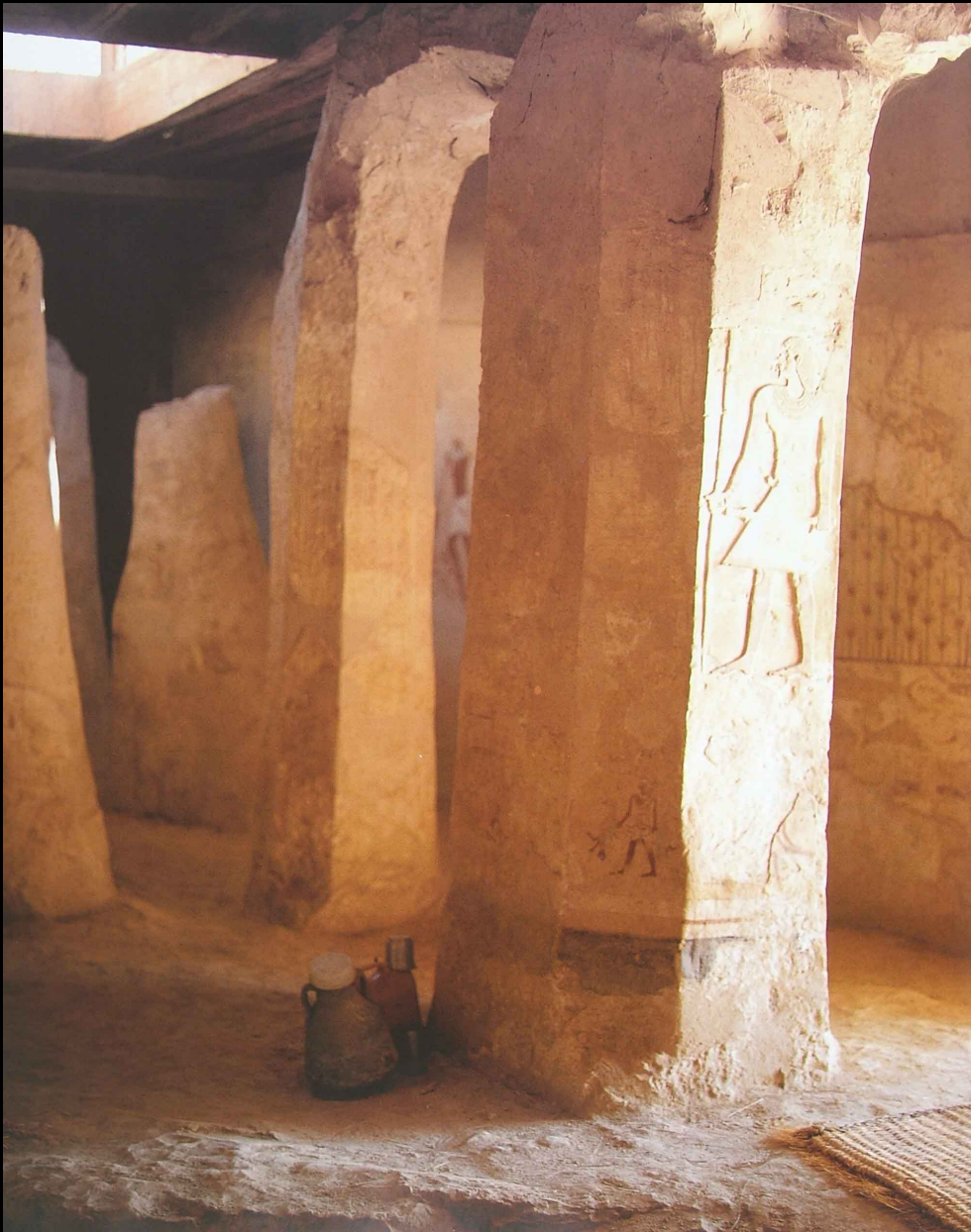
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First Intermediate Period
(Intefs at Thebes)

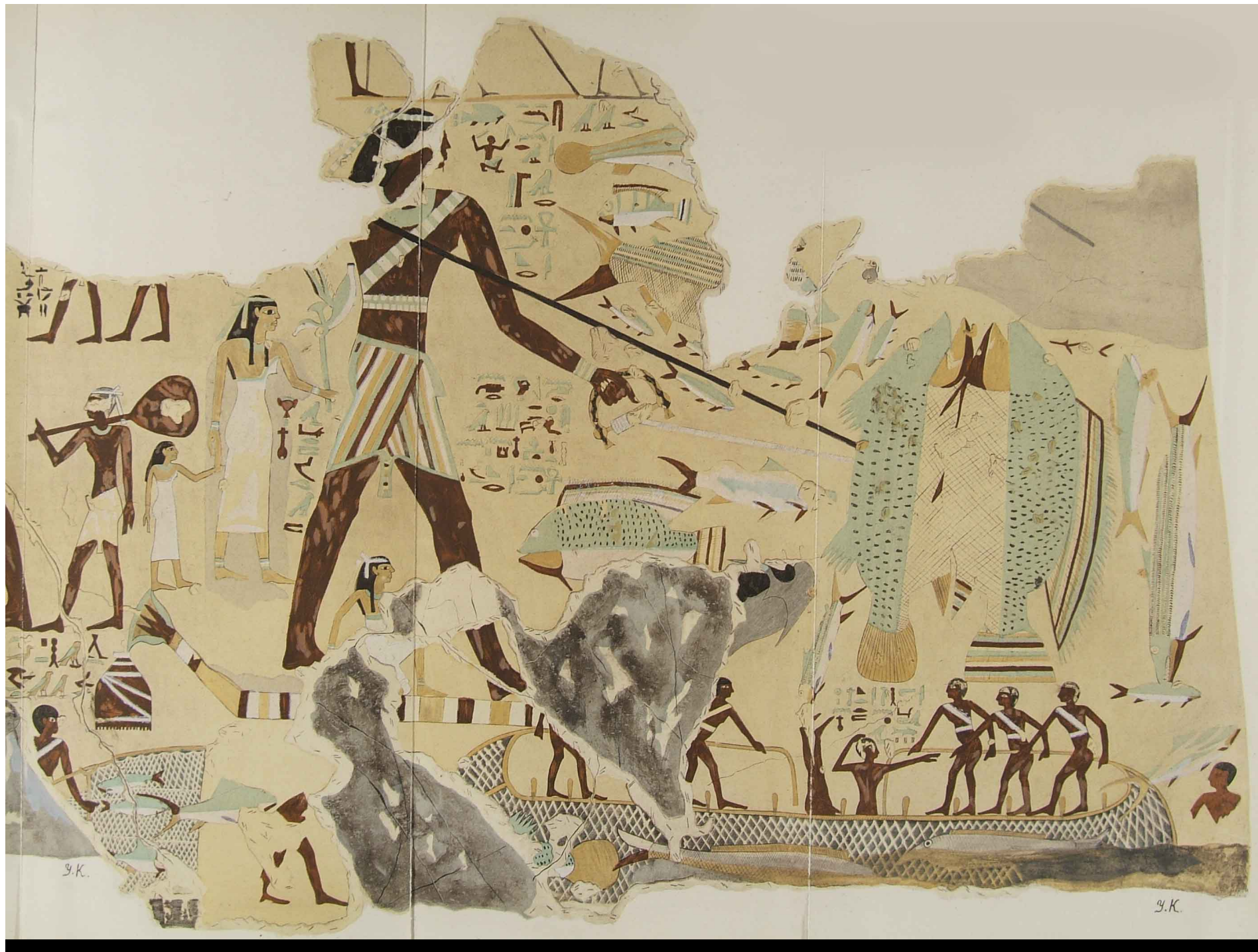
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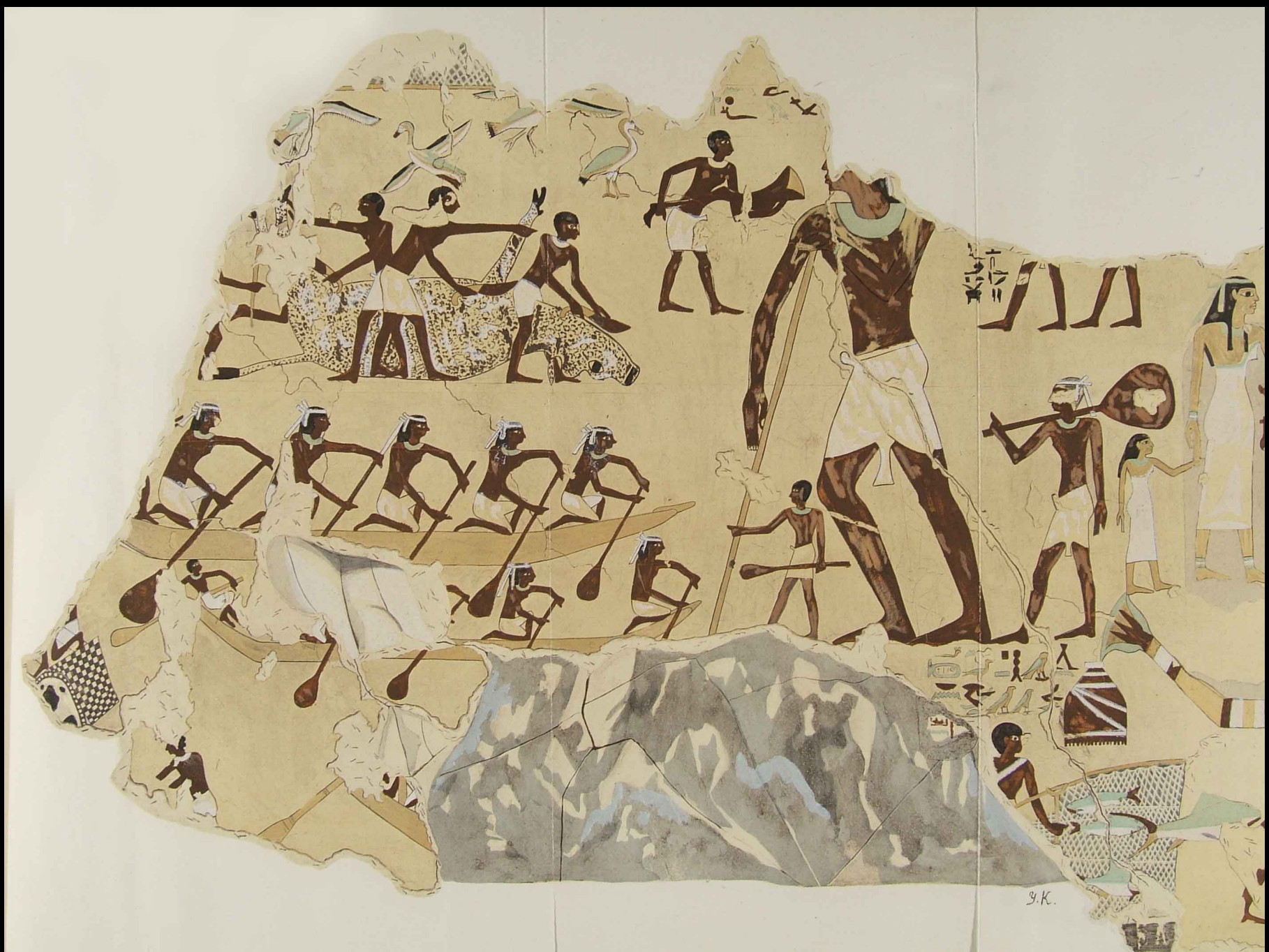
“Kom Dara” – a monument sometimes attributed to an otherwise unknown King Khui, 10th Dynasty (?)





Ankhtifi of Moalla: a nomarch in the
Herakleopolitan polity





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From Ankhtifi's autobiography:

Member of the elite, high official, army-overseer

Ankhtifi the forceful, who says:

Now, the army leader of Armant came to say:

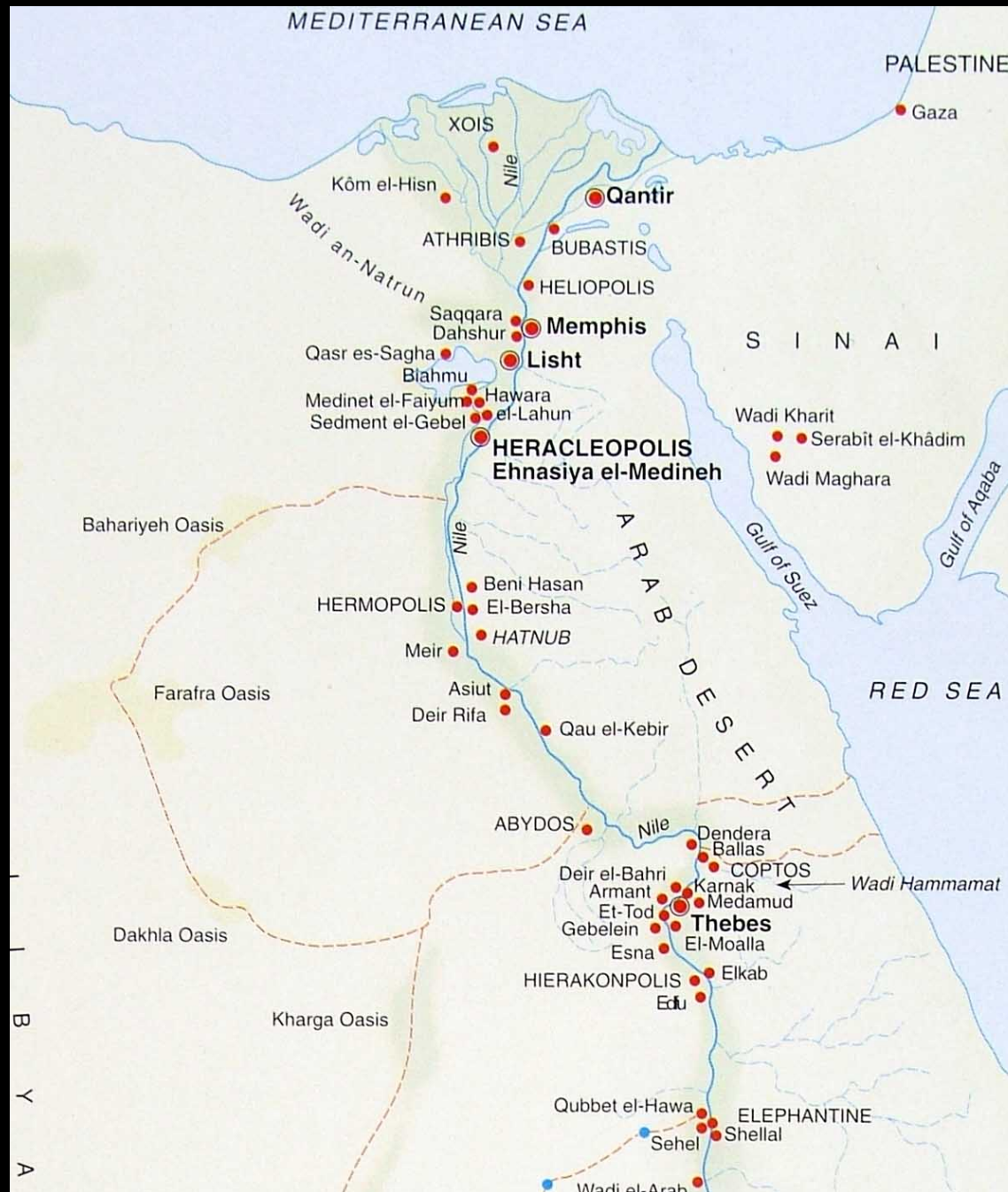
"Come, you man!

The western fortresses are open."

I went downstream via the western ones of Armant and found that the Theban and Coptite nomes both had opened the fortresses of Armant at Semekhsen's cliff, about which I had been petitioned to.

Then I was brave with my arms against them there, like a harpoon on the nose of a hippopotamus who has fled, having gone upstream to topple their fortresses with the forceful troop of Moalla.

Such am I, an unequaled man.



The Theban kings of the First Intermediate Period

Dynasty 11 (first half)

(Mentuhotep aa (the great))

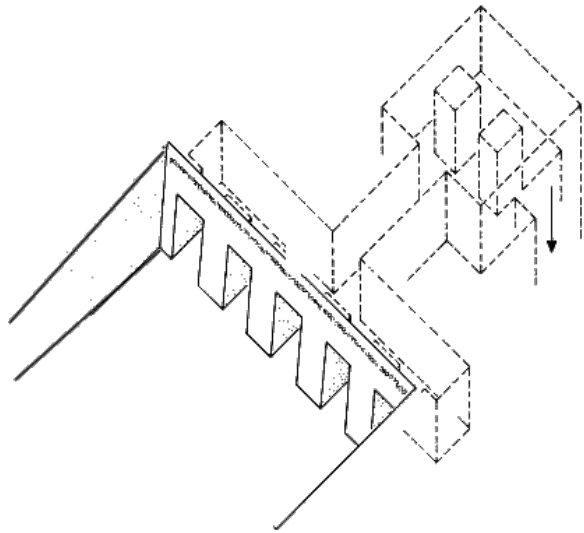
Intef I

Intef II

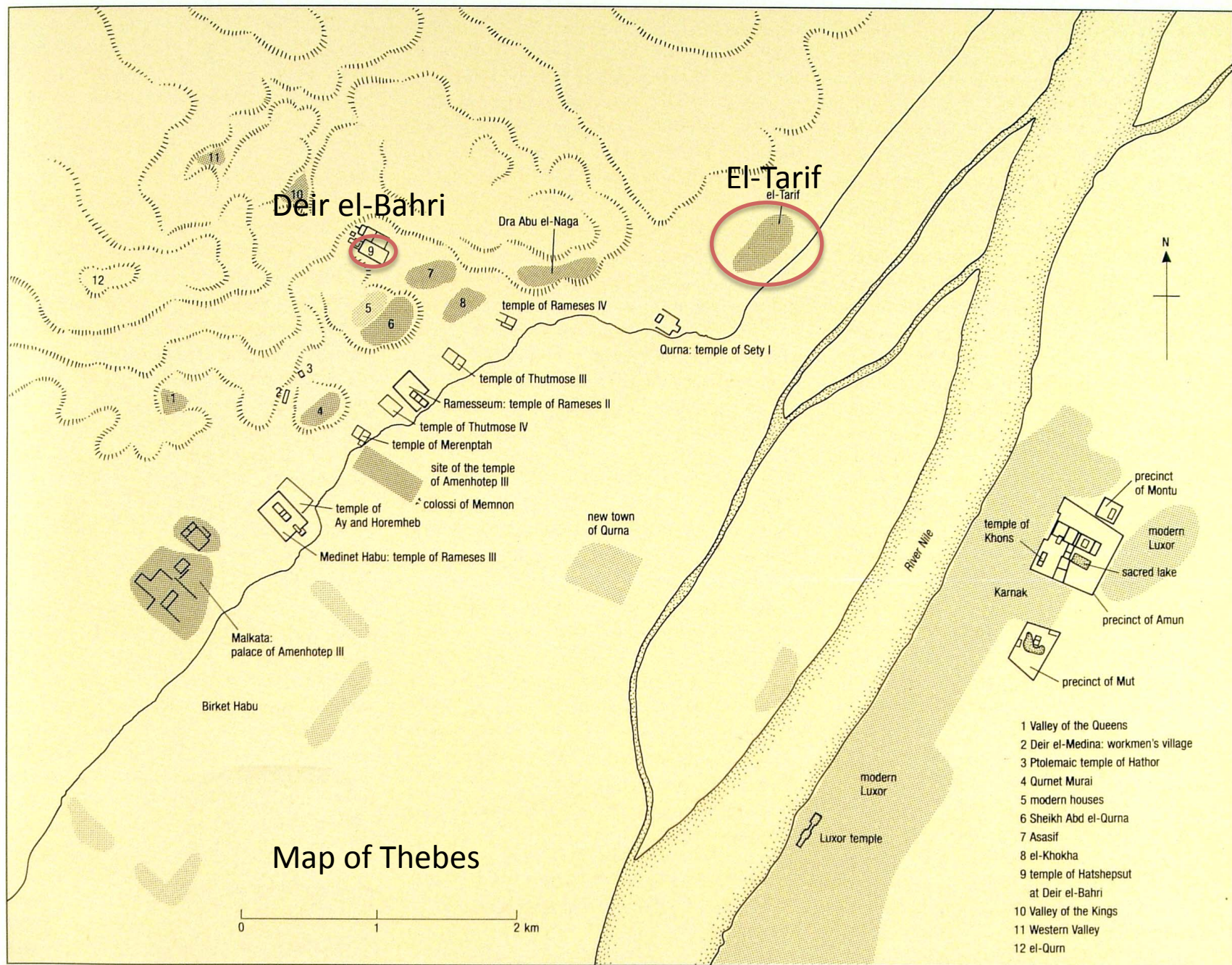
Intef III

Nebeheptre Montuhotep



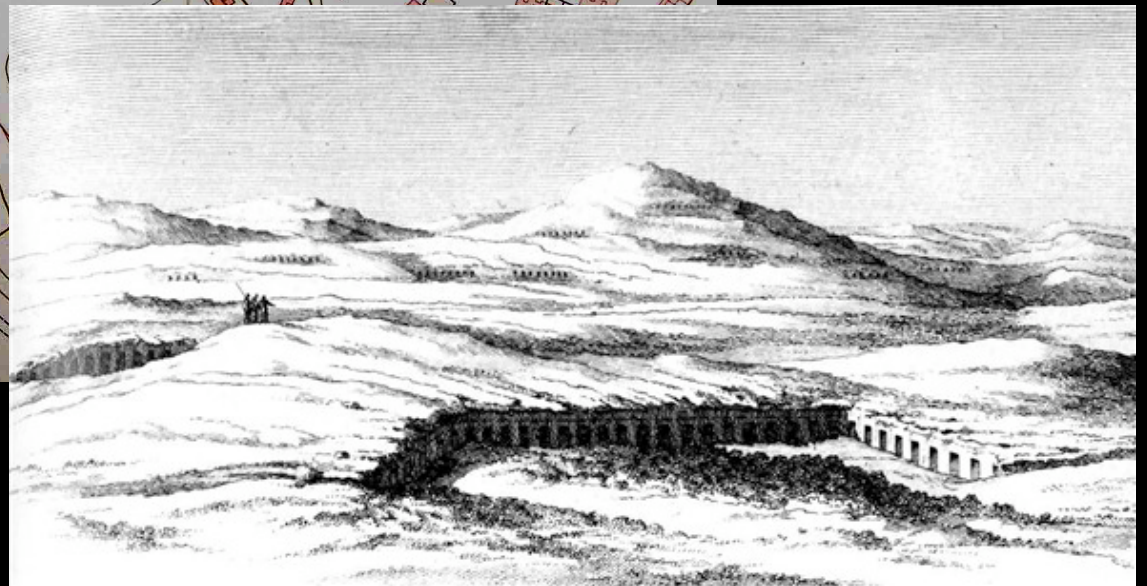


Regional tomb styles: saff tombs at Thebes

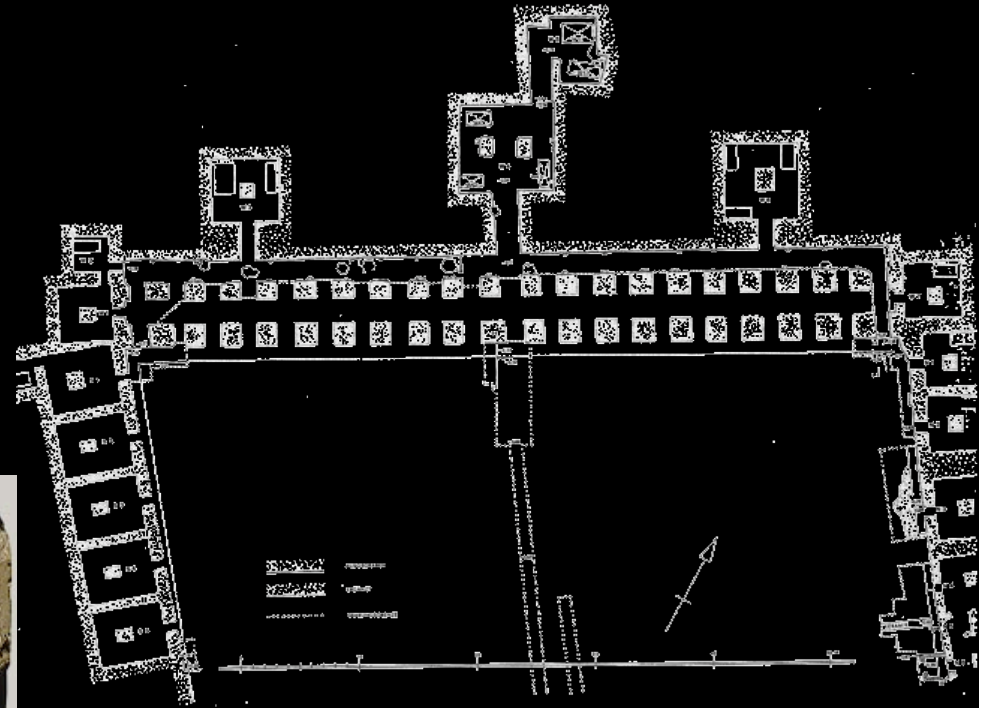


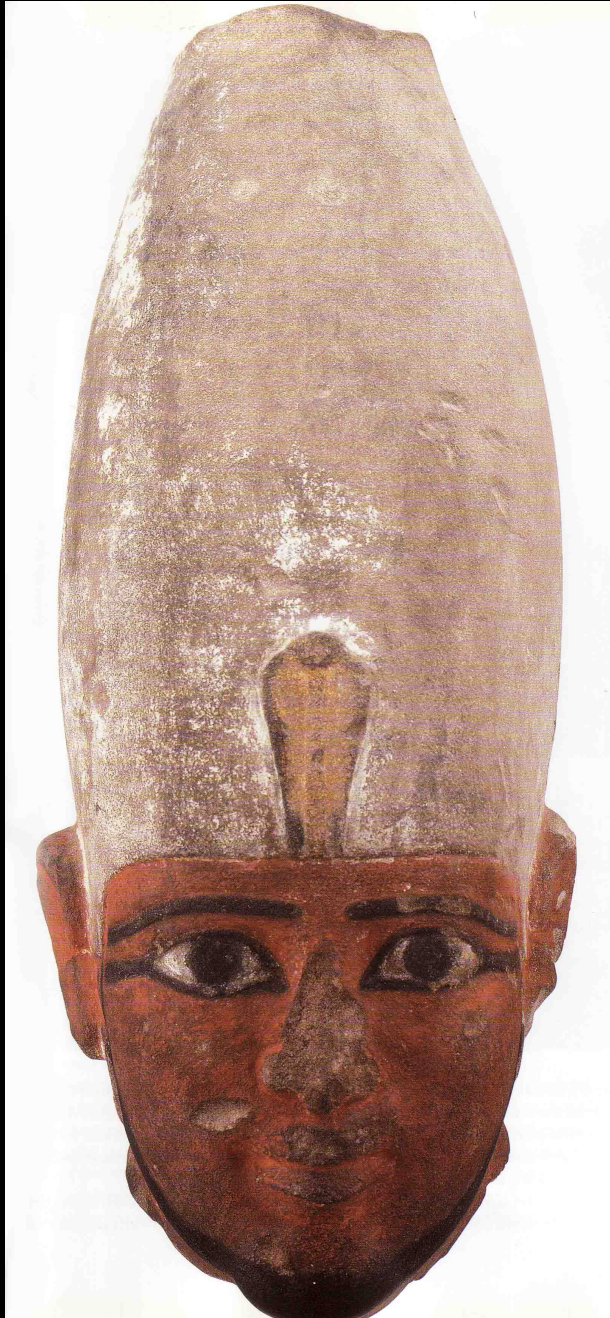


The Saff tomb of Intef II at el-Tarif, Thebes



Intef II of Thebes





Nebhepetre Montuhotep II
Transition from First Intermediate
Period to Middle Kingdom



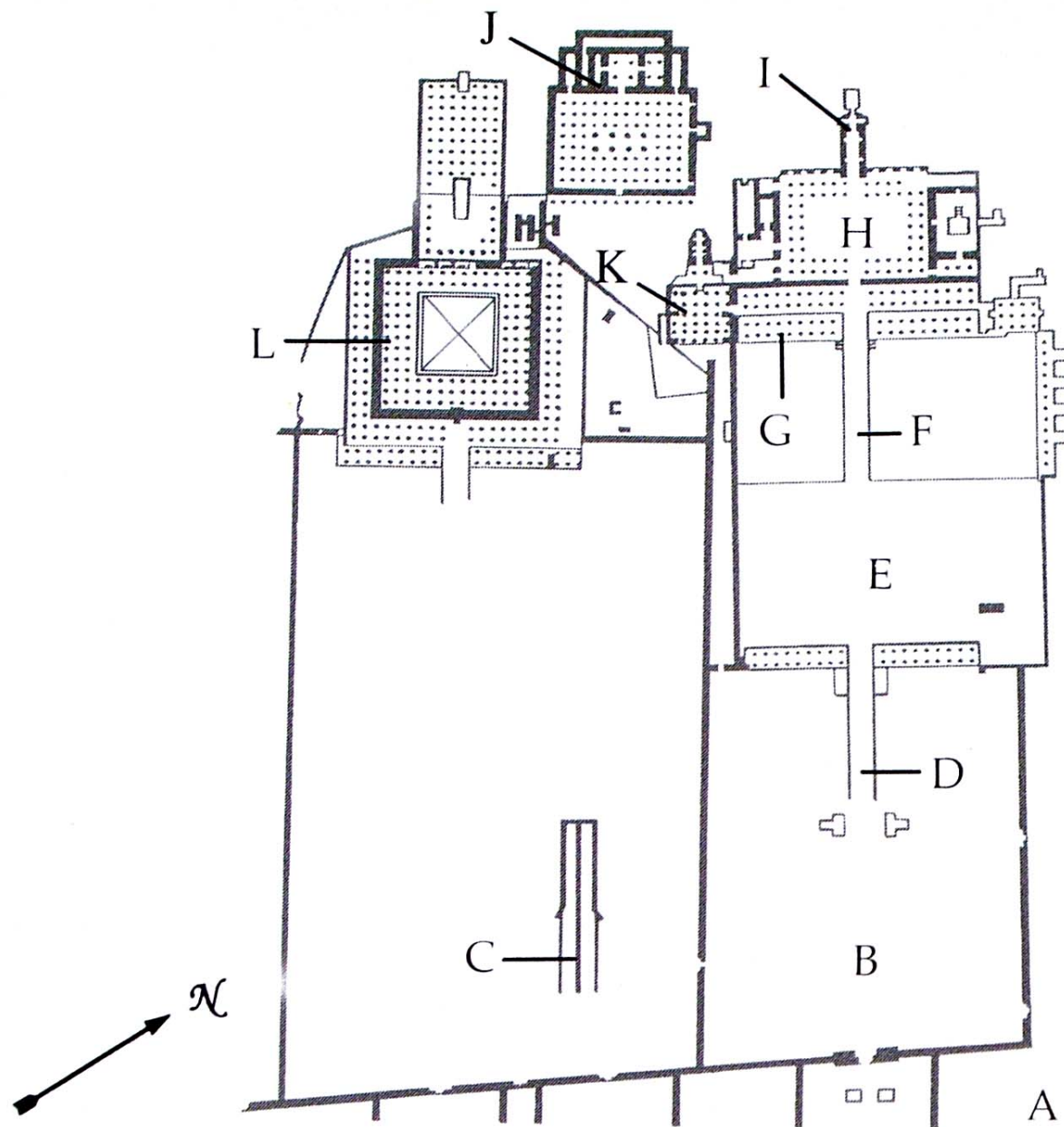
The developing titulary of Nebhepetre Montuhotep

- 1 Horus Seankhibtawy ("who causes the heart of the two lands to live")
- 2 Horus Netjerihedjet ("divine one of the white crown") + throne name
- 3 Horus Sematawy ("who unites the two lands") + a Horus of Gold name



Nebhepetre Montuhotep
embraced by the gods (post-
unification style)
From Deir el-Bahri

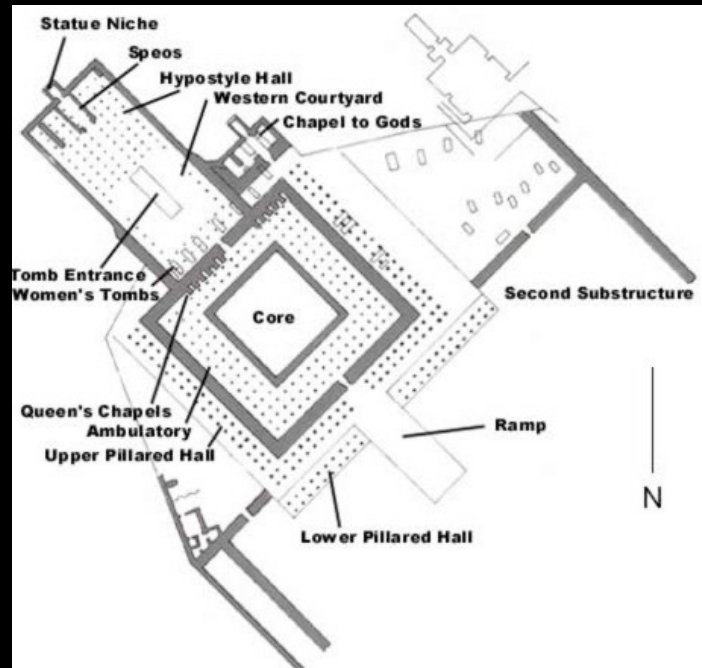




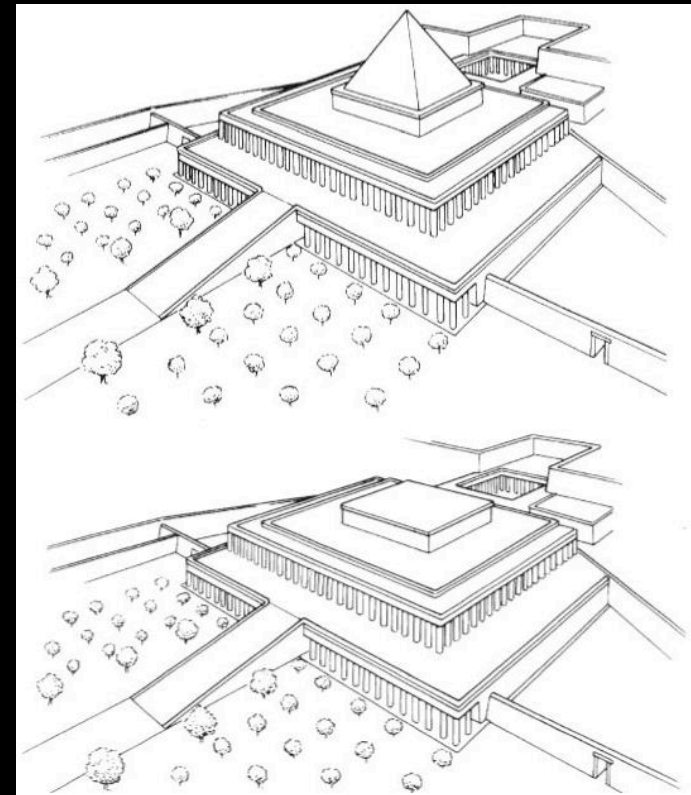
Deir el-Bahari

- A Processional causeway
- B First courtyard
- C Bab el-Hosan
- D Ramp
- E Second courtyard
- F Ramp
- G Portico of Punt
- H Temple of Hatshepsut
- I Sanctuary
- J Temple of Tuthmosis III
- K Chapel of Hathor
- L Funerary temple of Mentuhotep





Nebhepetre Montuhotep's tomb at Deir el-Bahri
Plan and possible reconstructions



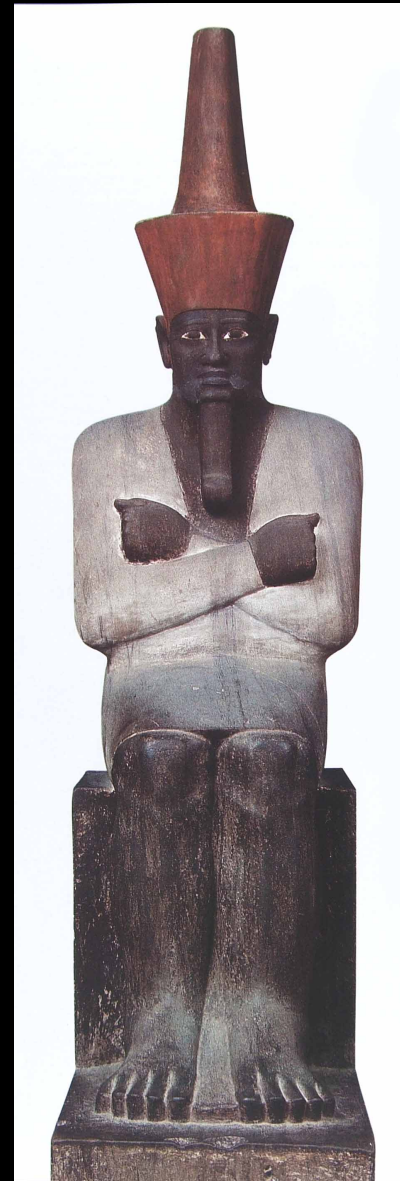


Fragmentary war relief from the tomb/mortuary temple of Nebhepetre Montuhotep

Chapels of royal women at Deir el-Bahri



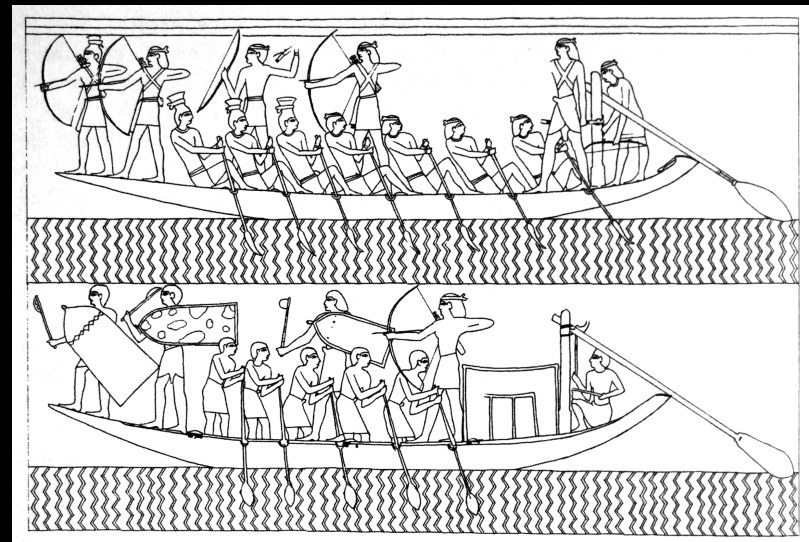
The “Bab el-Hosan” at Deir el-Bahri





Tomb of Intef at Thebes (middle 11th Dynasty)





Scenes of warfare from the tomb of Intef

