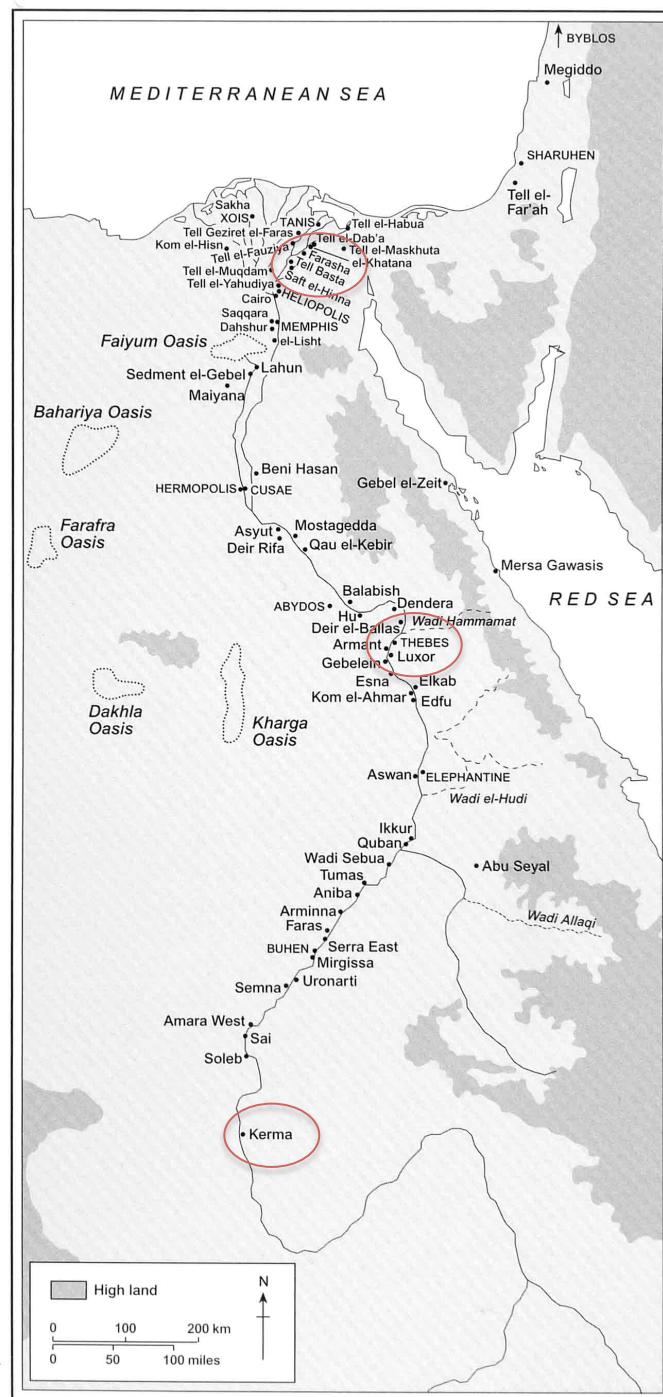


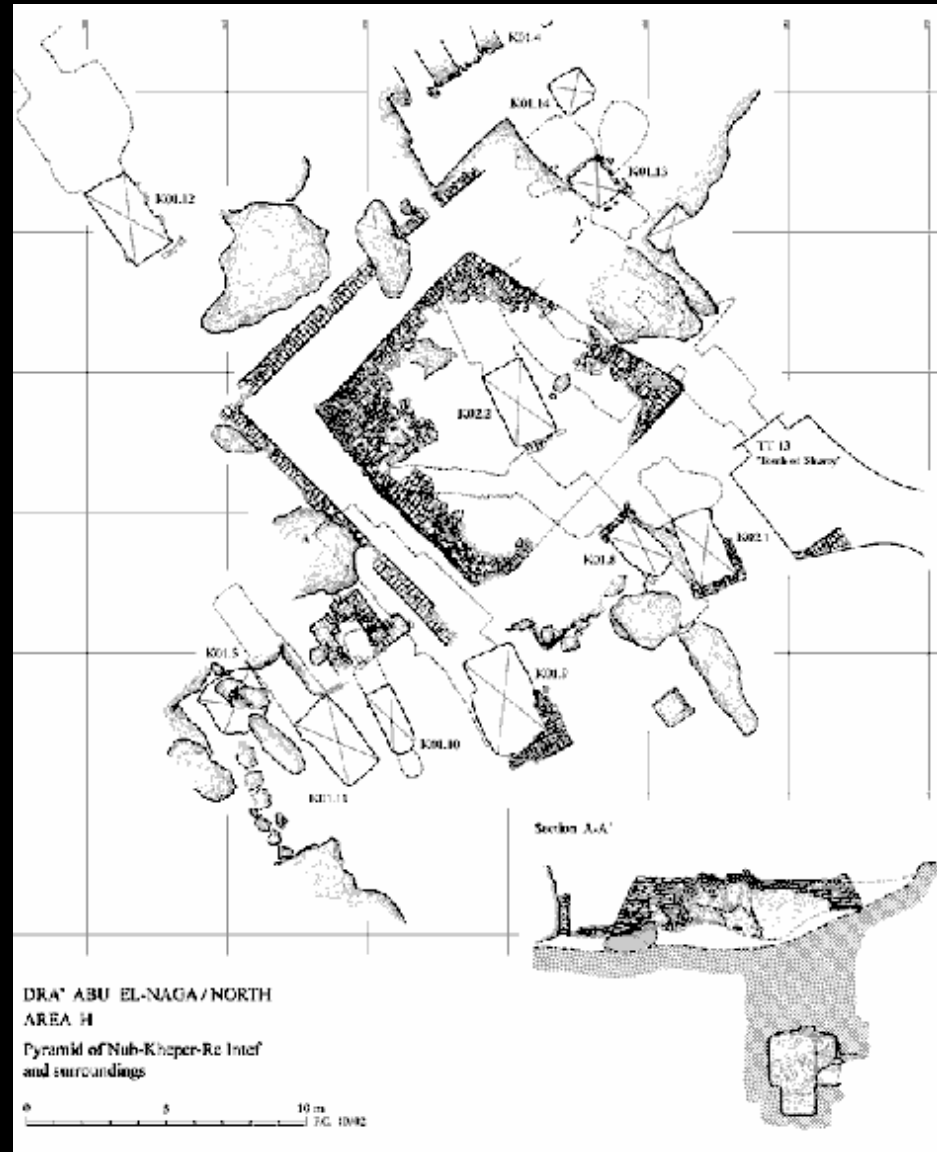
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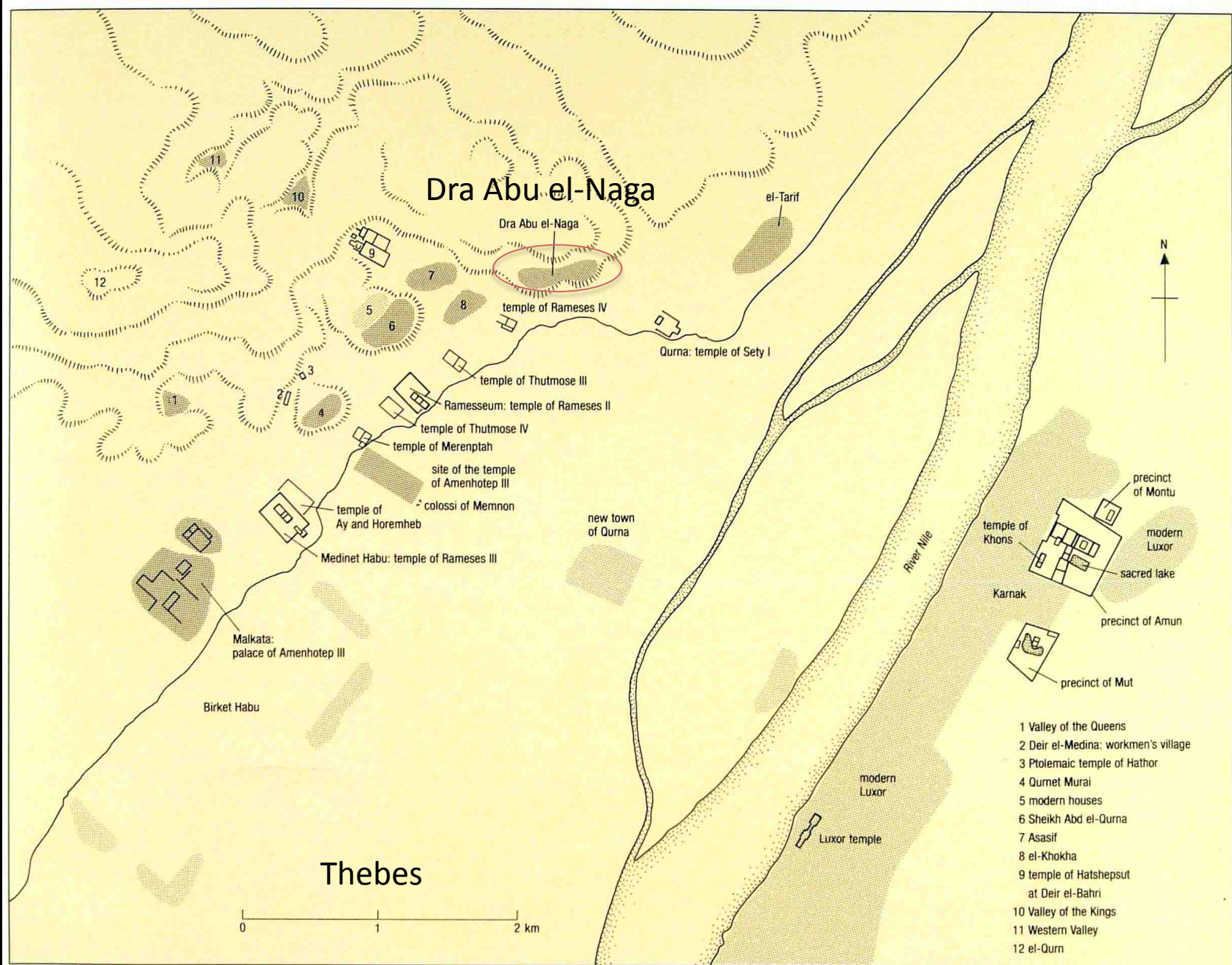
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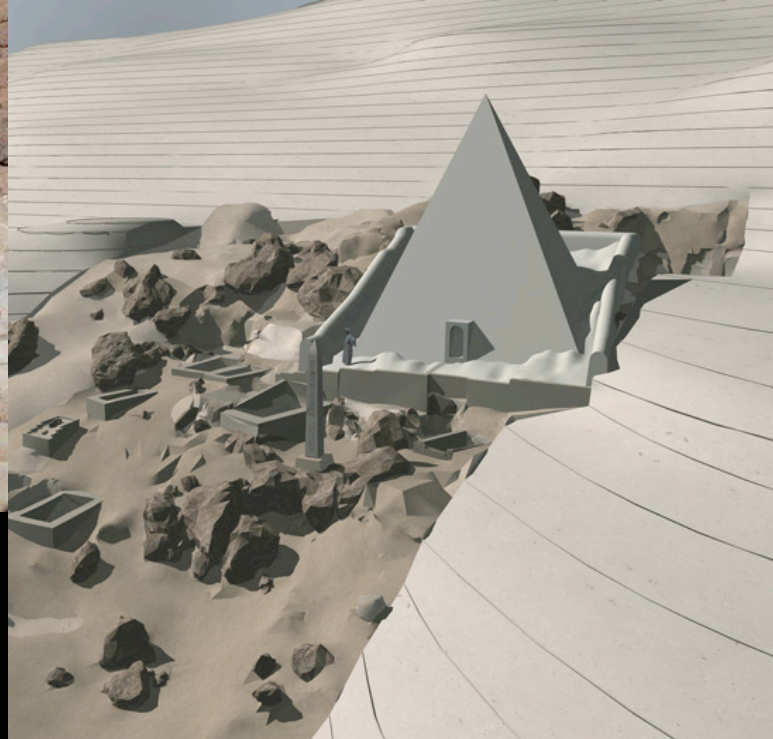
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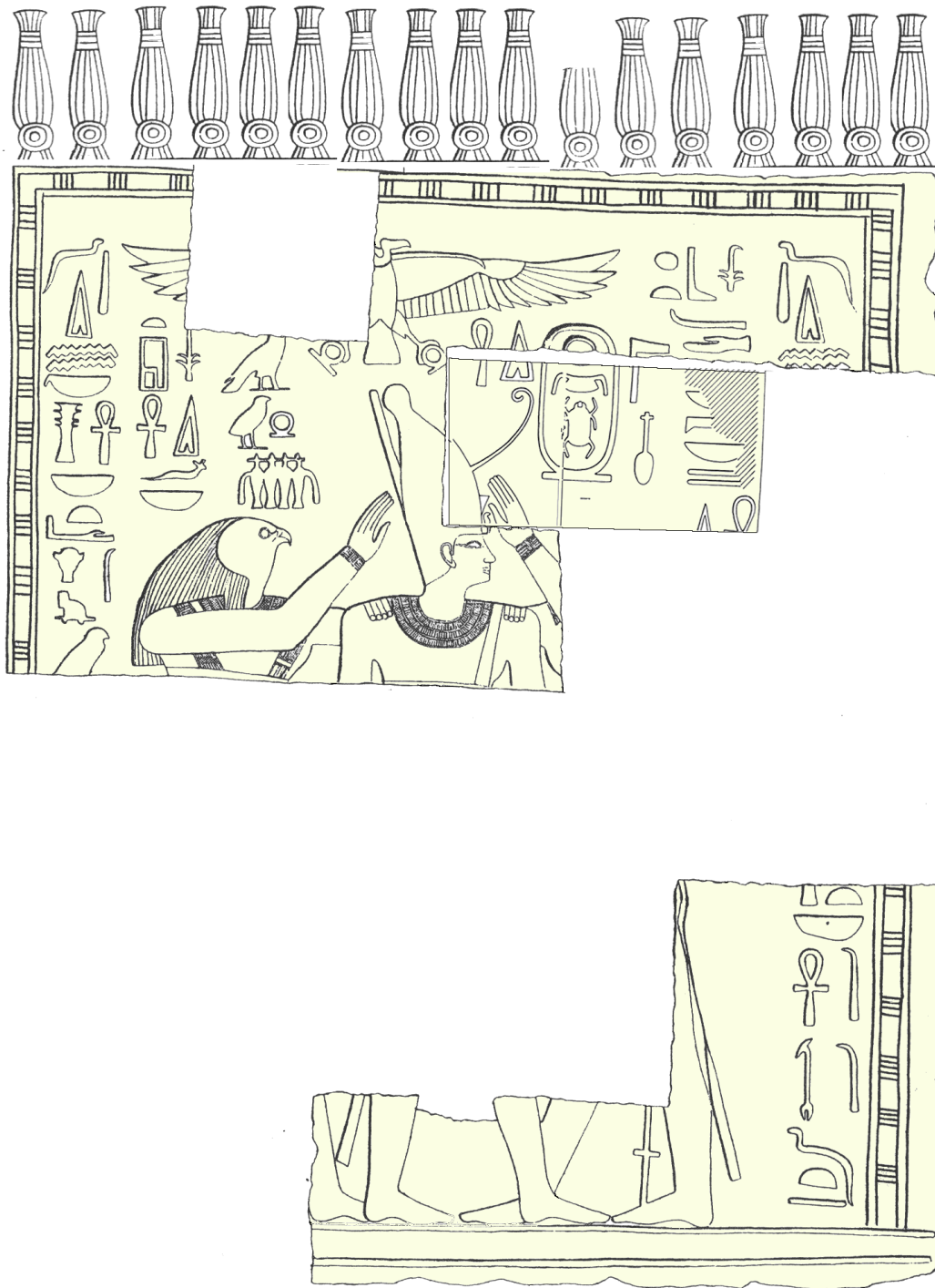




Intef VII tomb at Dra Abu el Naga
(aerial view and reconstruction)



“magic knife” from a Dra Abu el-
Naga shaft tomb, 17th Dynasty



Part of a shrine at Koptos
built by Intef VII
Nubkheperre



Sobekemsaf II statuary



The nature of Hyksos/Theban interactions

Deir Rifa:
Pan-graves with
Memphite and
Tell el-Yahudiyah
pottery



Mostagedda:
Pan-graves with
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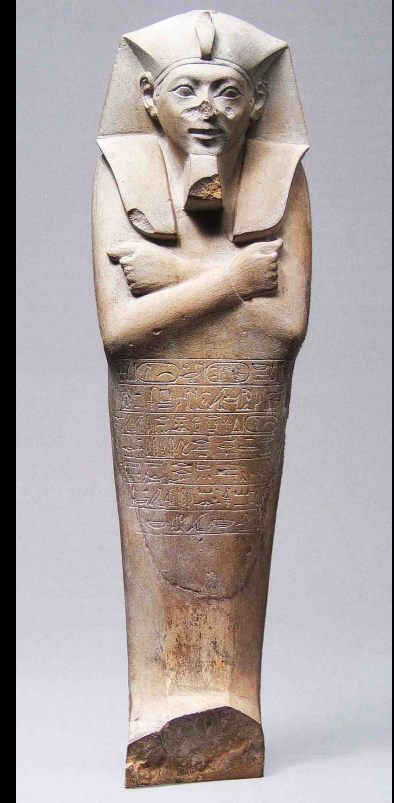
Karnak limestone block of Senakhtenra, 17th Dynasty

The transition from Dynasty 17-18 and the wars of reunification:

Seqenenre-Taa (17th Dynasty)

Kamose (17th Dynasty)

Ahmose (18th Dynasty)



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The mummy of
Seqenenre-Taa



Deir el-Ballas, a palace and fortress during the reunification



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North Palace (the larger of two)

Dagger and hand-clapper from
Deir el-Ballas





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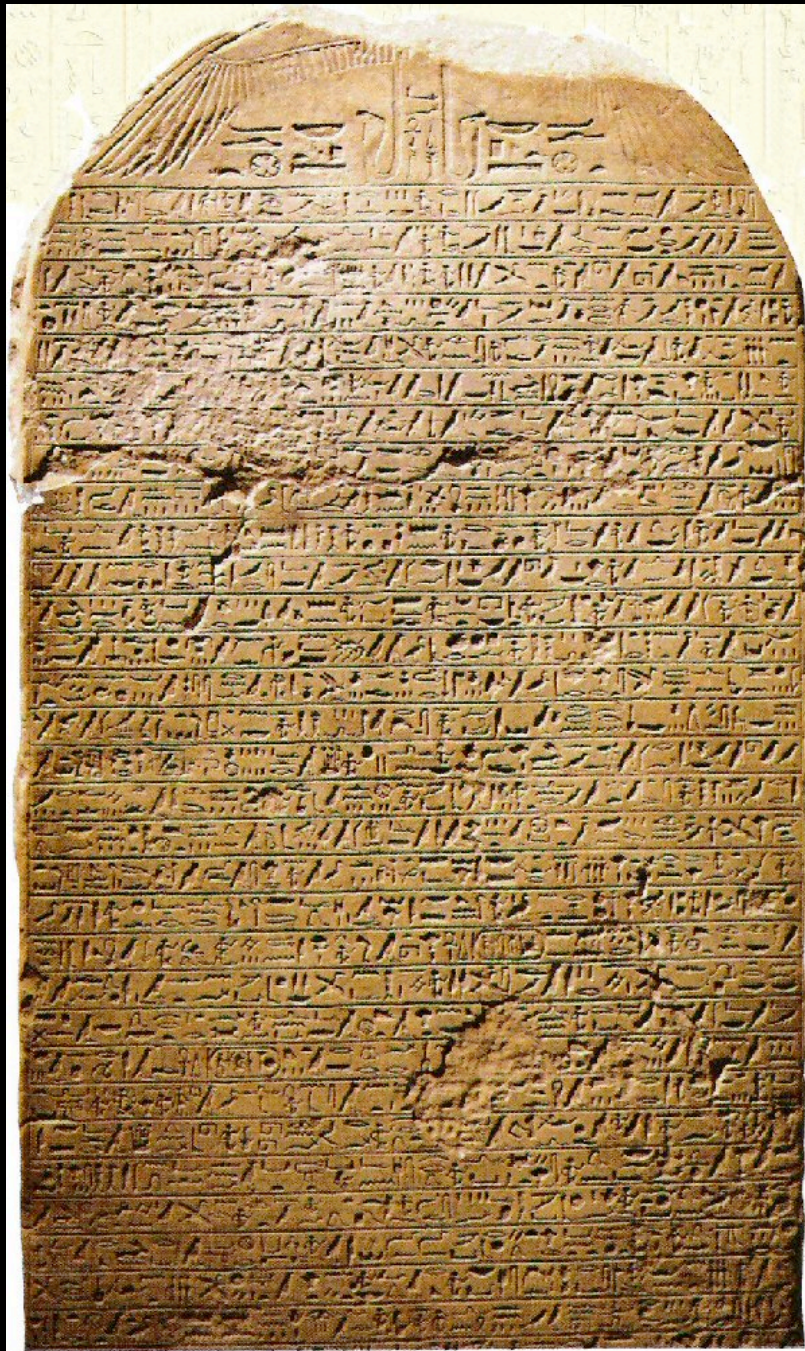
South Palace, Deir el-Ballas



Dagger and coffin from the burial of Kamose



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Stela of Kamose erected at Karnak

Excerpts from the Kamose stela:

His majesty spoke in his palace to the council of nobles who were in his retinue: 'Let me understand what this strength of mine is for! (One) prince is in Avaris, another is in Nubia, and (here) I sit associated with an Asiatic and a Nubian! Each man has his slice of this Egypt, dividing up the land with me No man can settle down, when despoiled by the taxes of the Asiatics. I will grapple with him, that I may rip open his belly! My wish is to save Egypt and to smite the Asiatic!

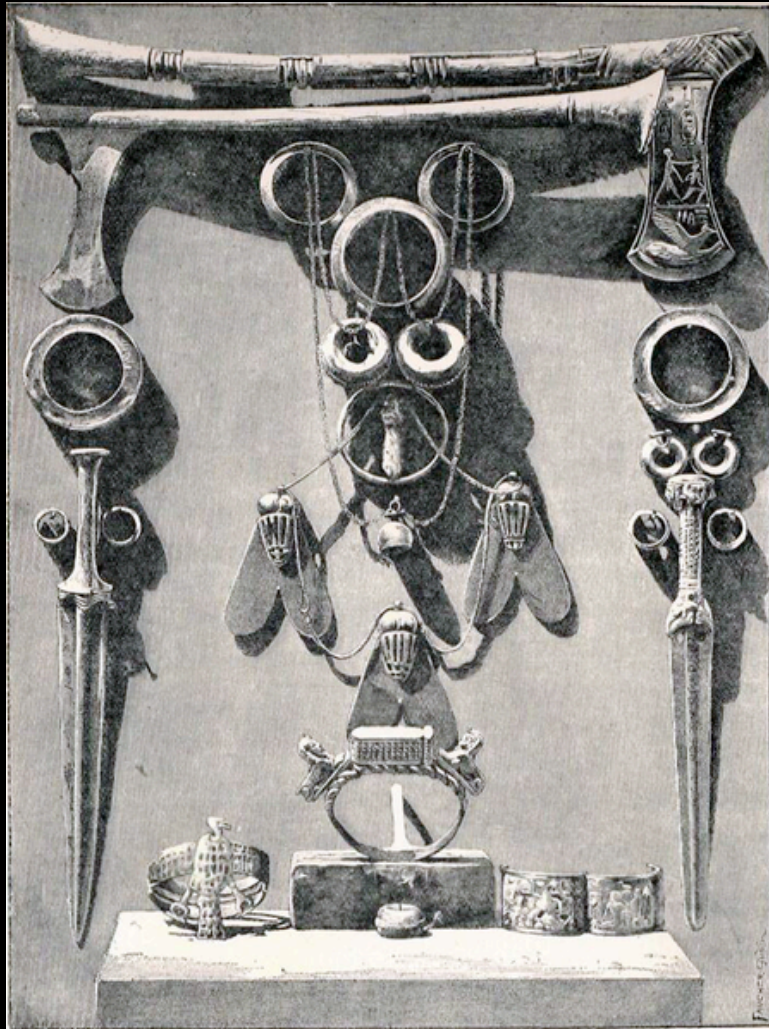
I went north because I was strong (enough) to attack the Asiatics through the command of Amun, the just of counsels. My valiant army was in front of me like a blast of fire. The troops of the Madjai were on the upper part of our cabins, to seek out the Asiatics and to push back their positions. East and west had their fat, and the army foraged for things everywhere. I set out a strong troop of the Madjai, while I was on the day's patrol . . . to him in . . . Teti, the son of Pepi, within Nefrusi. I would not let him escape while I held back the Asiatics who had withstood Egypt. He made Nefrusi the nest of the Asiatics. I spent the night in my boat, with my heart happy.

When day broke, I was on him as if it were a falcon. When the time of breakfast had come, I attacked him. I broke down his walls, I killed his people, and I made his wife come down to the riverbank. My soldiers were as lions are, with their spoil, having serfs, cattle, milk, fat and honey, dividing up their property, their hearts gay.



Ahmose: first king of the 18th Dynasty
Son of Seqenenre and Ahhotep
Probably brother of Kamose

Continues the war of reunification



Queen Ahhotep burial and stela

From the stela of Ahhotep at Karnak, set up by Ahmose

“She is the one who has accomplished the rites and taken care of Egypt... She has looked after her soldiers, she has guarded her, she has brought back her fugitives and collected together her deserters, she has pacified Upper Egypt and expelled her rebels.”

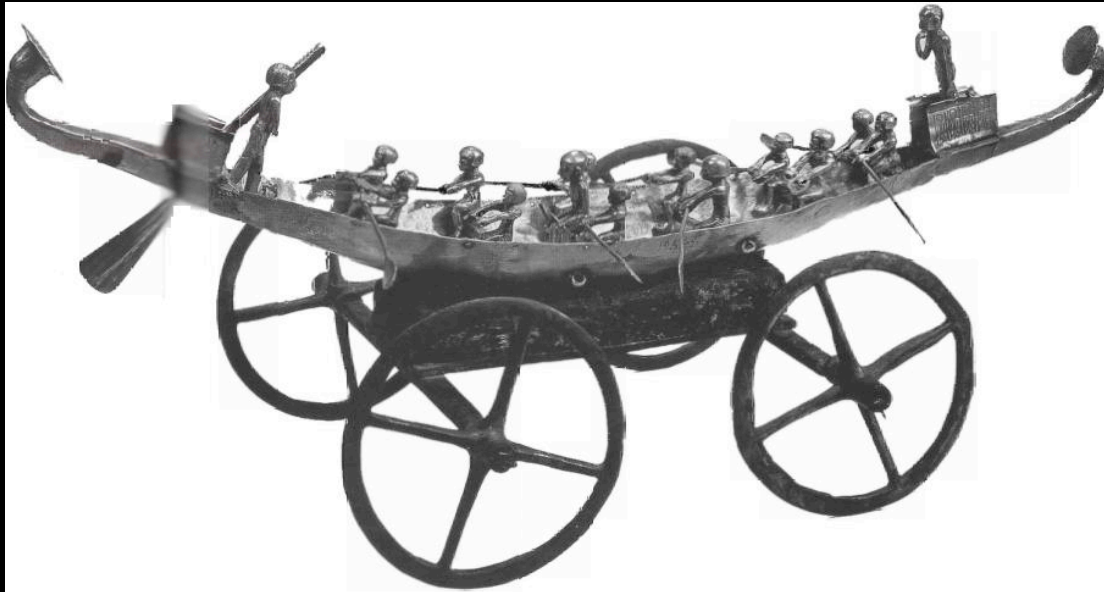


Ahhotep's outer coffin and some of the gold jewelry found on her body.

Jewelry from the tomb of Ahhotep



Objects from the tomb of Ahhotep



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