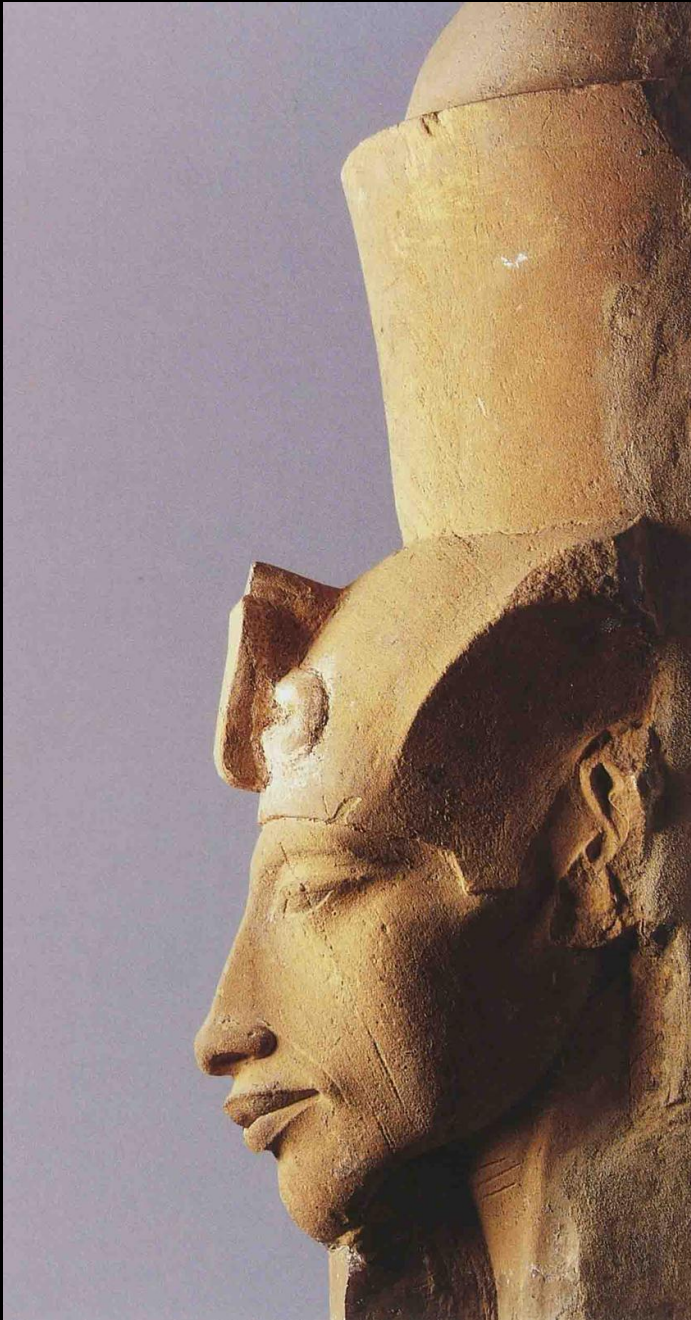
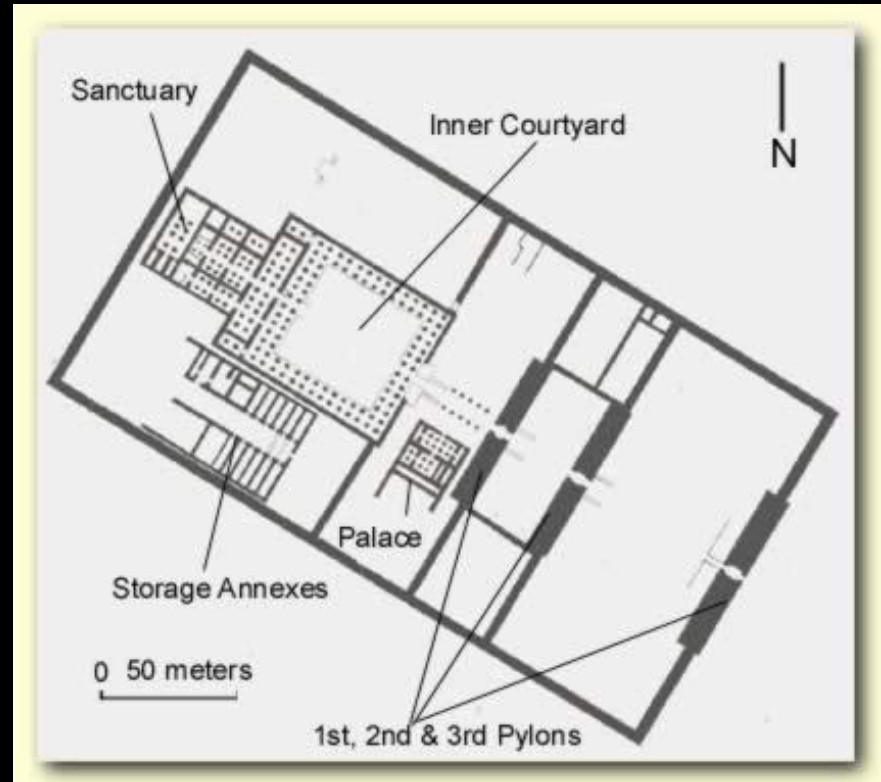




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“The Great Heresy”

Amenhotep IV
/Akhenaten and the
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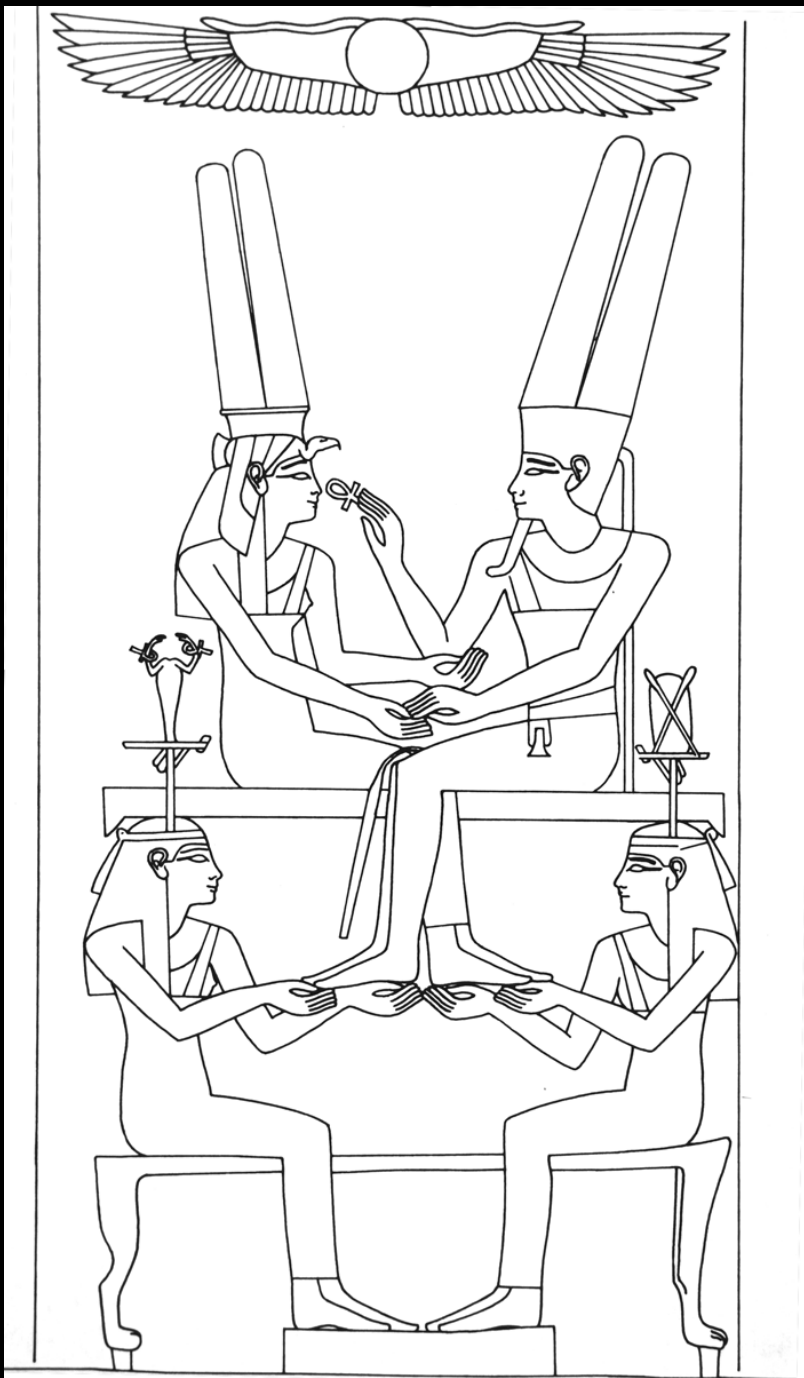
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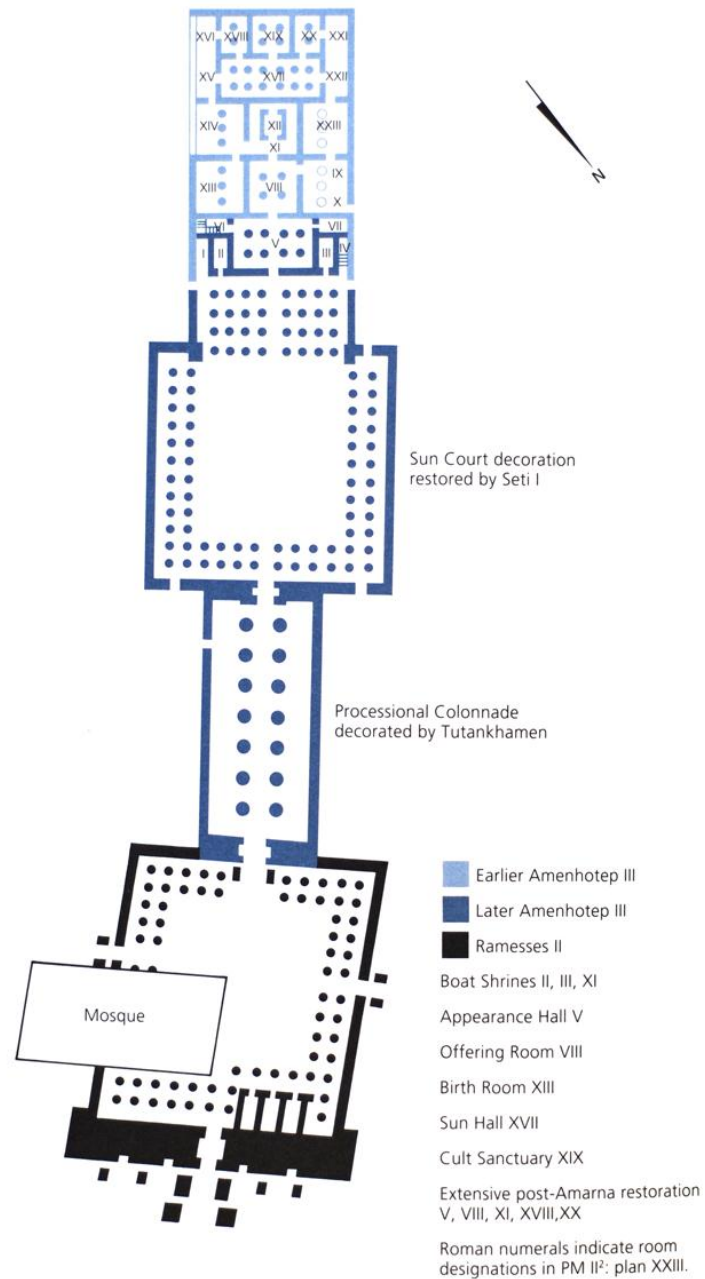
Luxor Temple



Creation of Amenhotep III as an incarnation of the royal *ka*.
Birth Room at Luxor Temple.

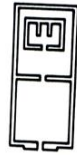


The divine conception of Amenhotep III
Birth Room, Luxor Temple

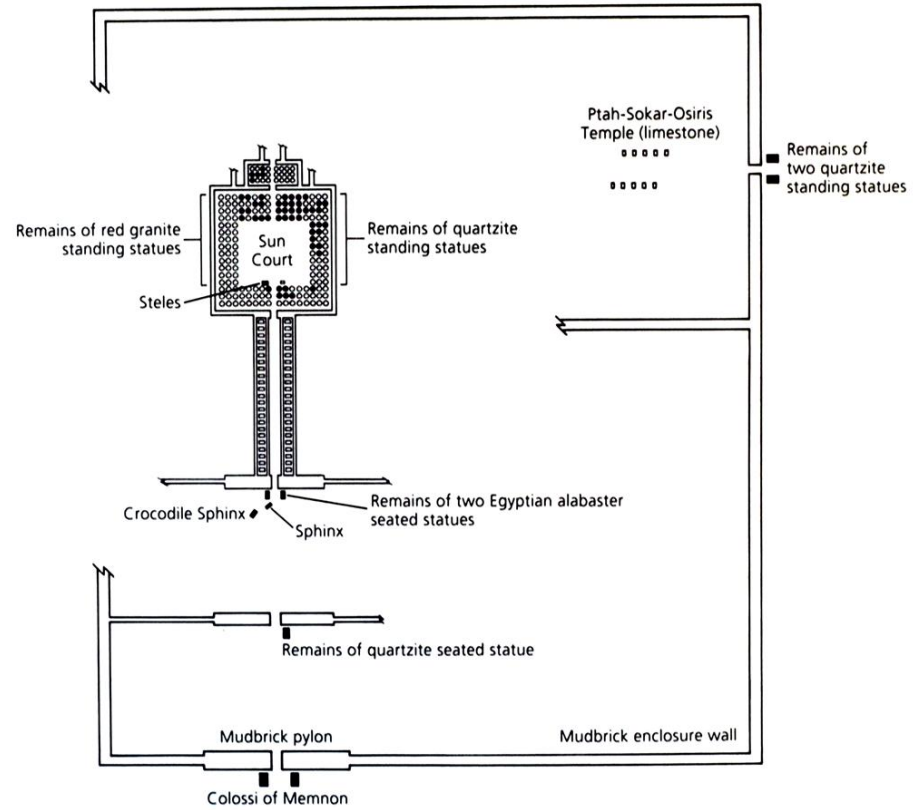
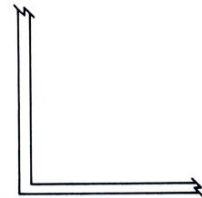


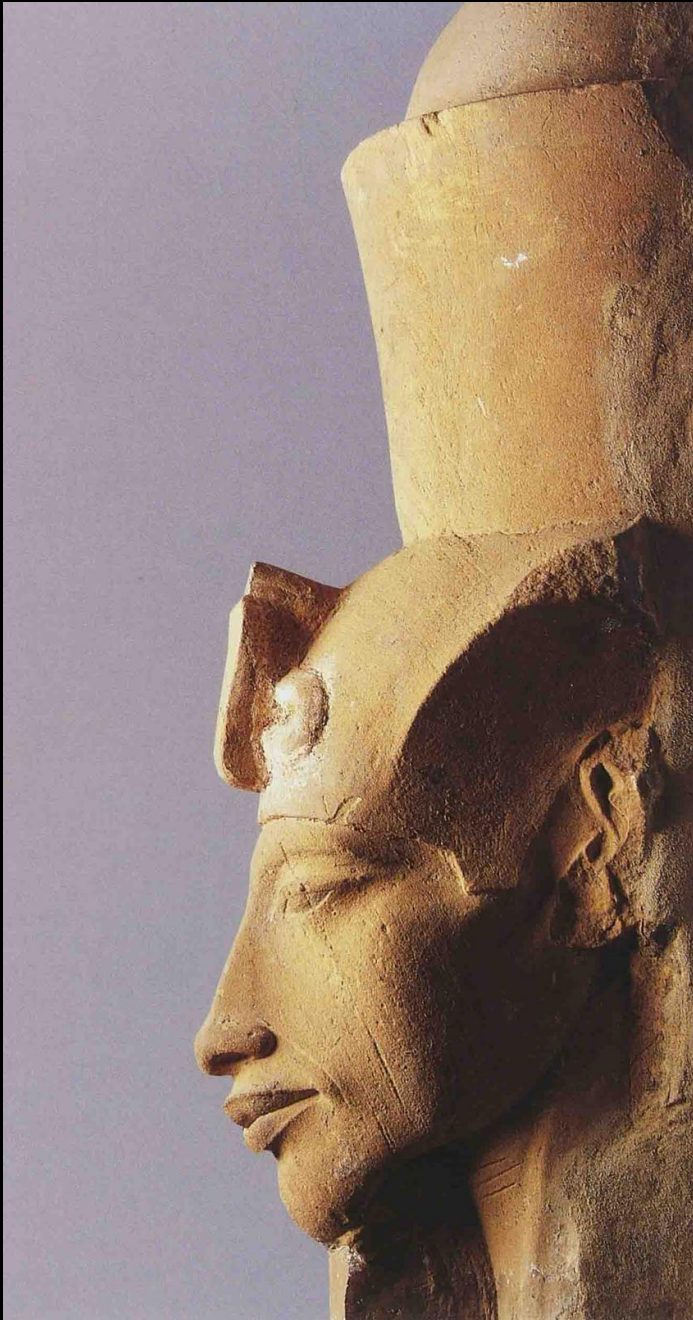


Amenhotep III from outside his mortuary temple, Thebes
("Colossi of Memnon")



Temple of Amenhotep son of Hapu





Amenhotep IV

From the Aten Temple at Karnak

Amenhotep IV
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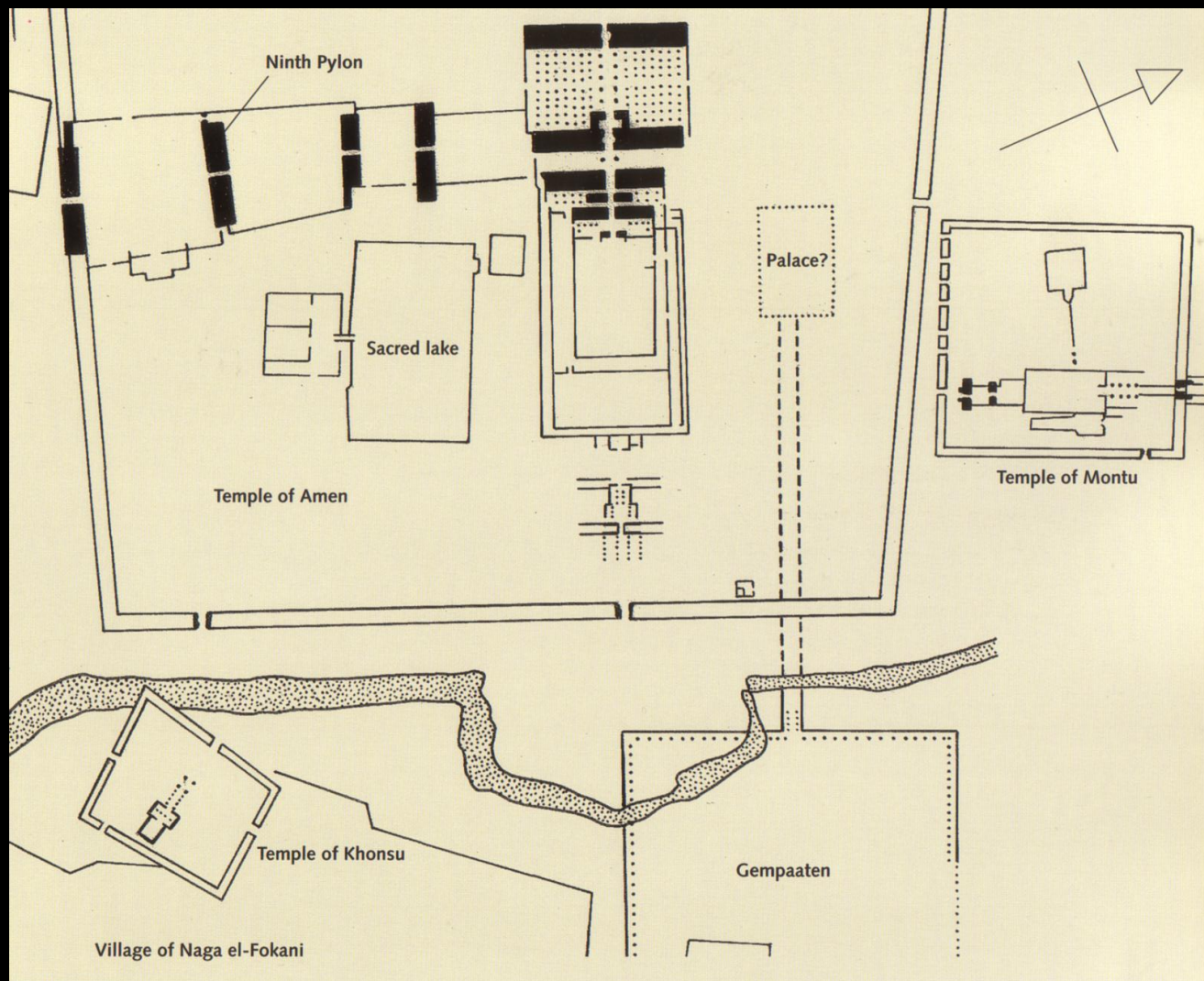
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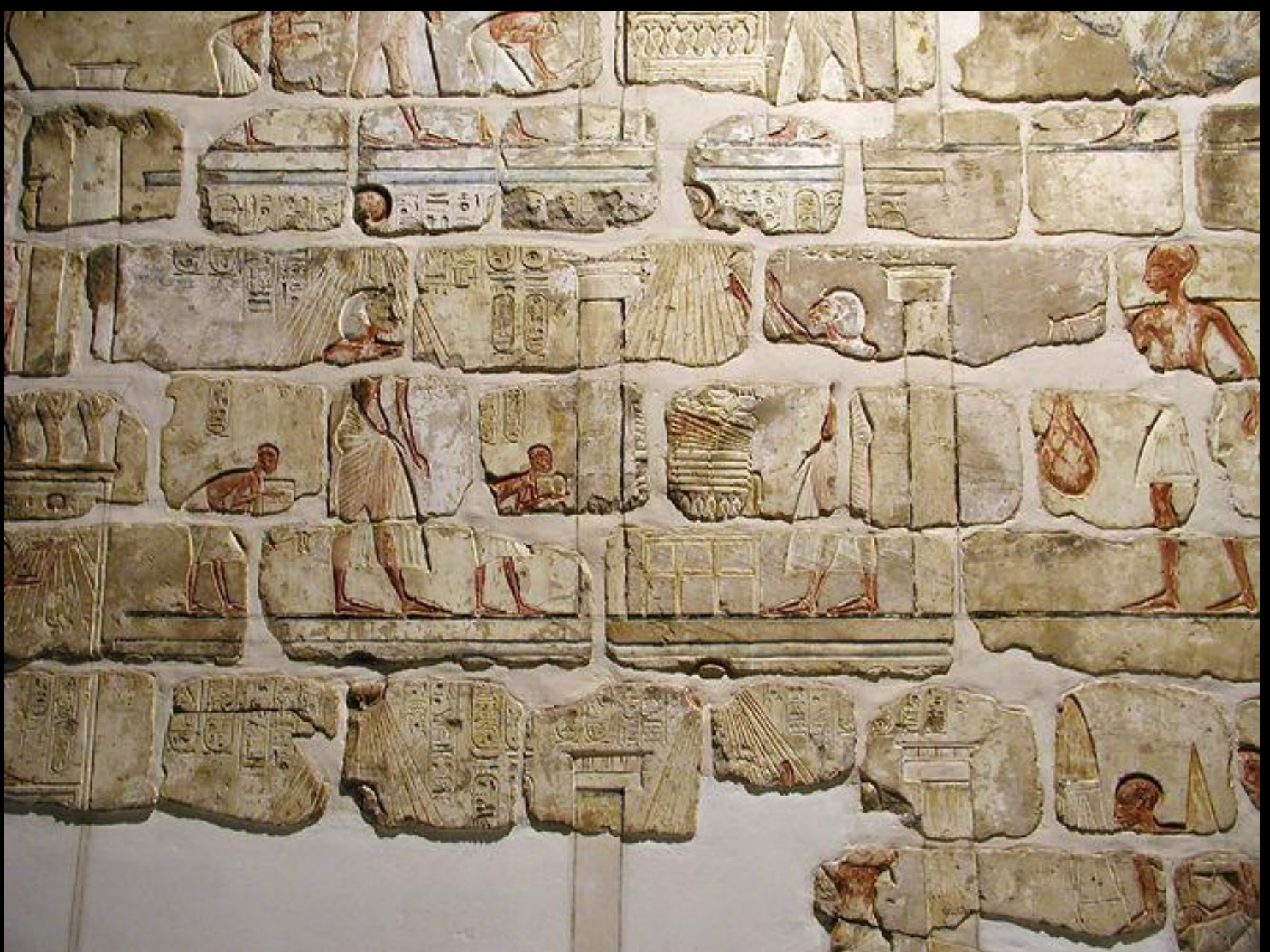


Things Start Getting a Bit Wonky

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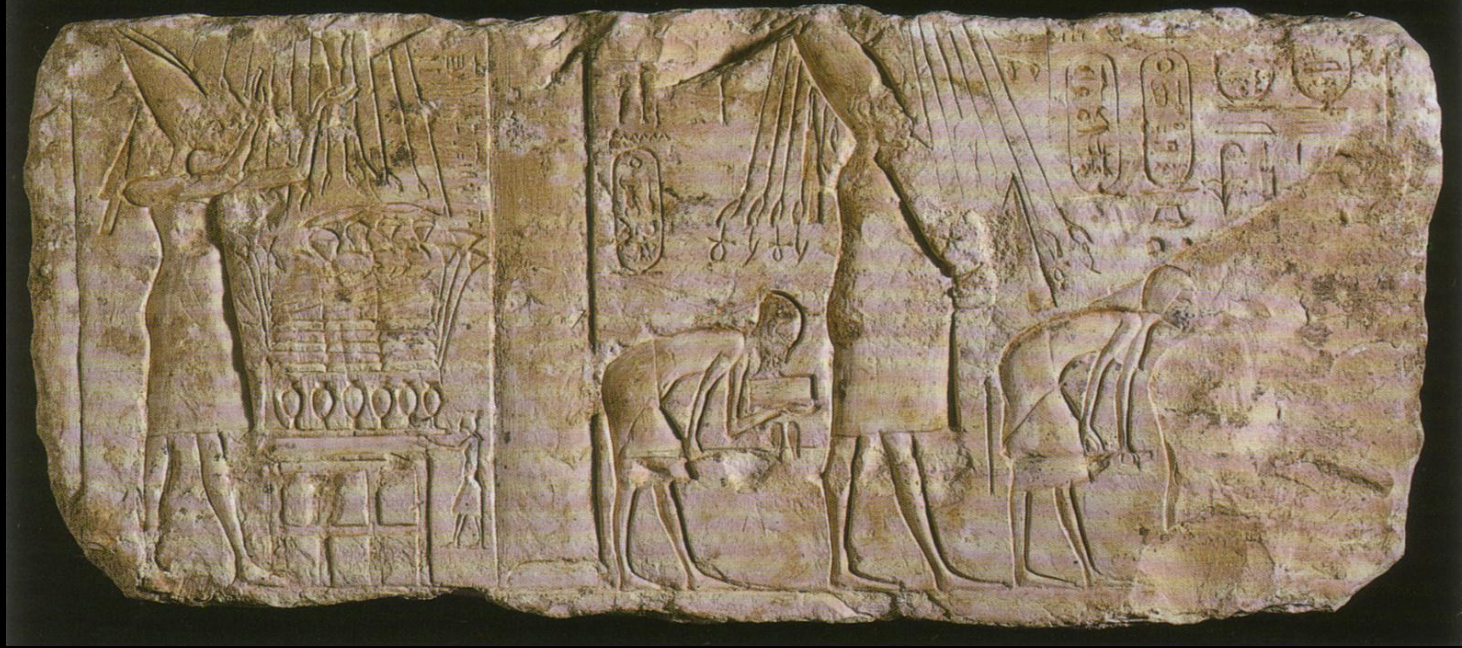
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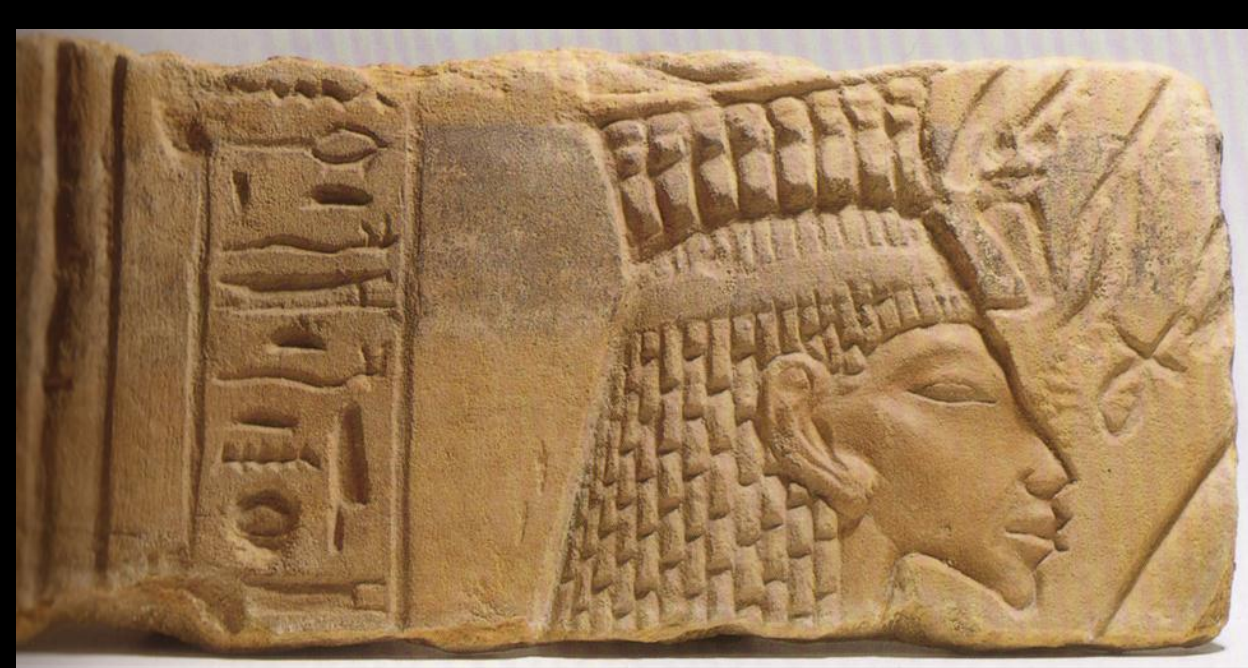




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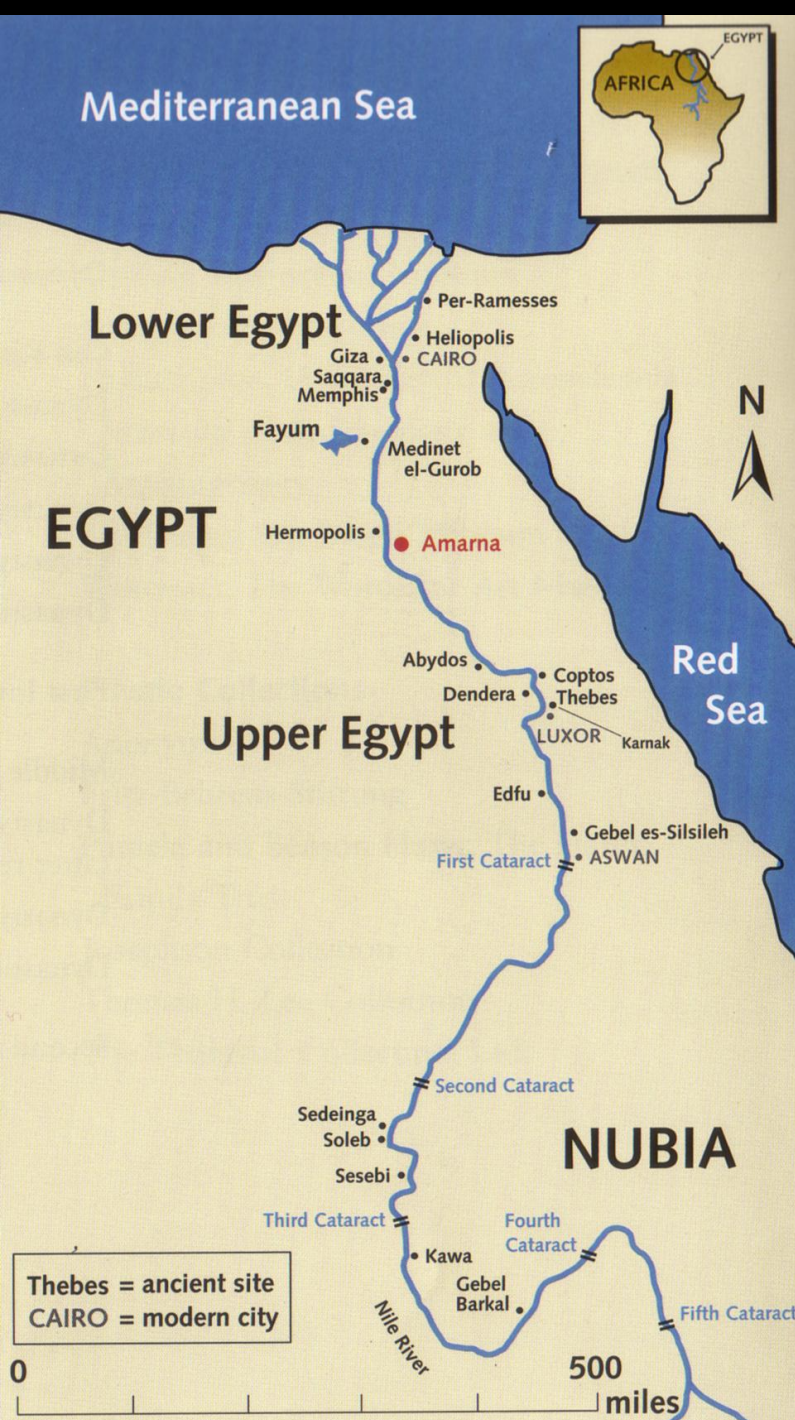
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Talatat Blocks from
The Gempaaten





The Great Heresy Begins!



The site of Akhetaten/Amarna

Great Hymn to the Aten (From Tomb of Ay)

Let your holy light shine from the height of
heaven,

O living Aten, source of all life!
From eastern horizon risen and streaming,
you have flooded the world with your beauty.
You are majestic, awesome, bedazzling,
exalted,

overlord of all earth,
Yet your rays touch lightly, compass the lands
to
the limit of all your creation.

.....
How various is the world you have created,
each

thing mysterious, sacred to sight,
O Sole god, beside whom is no other!

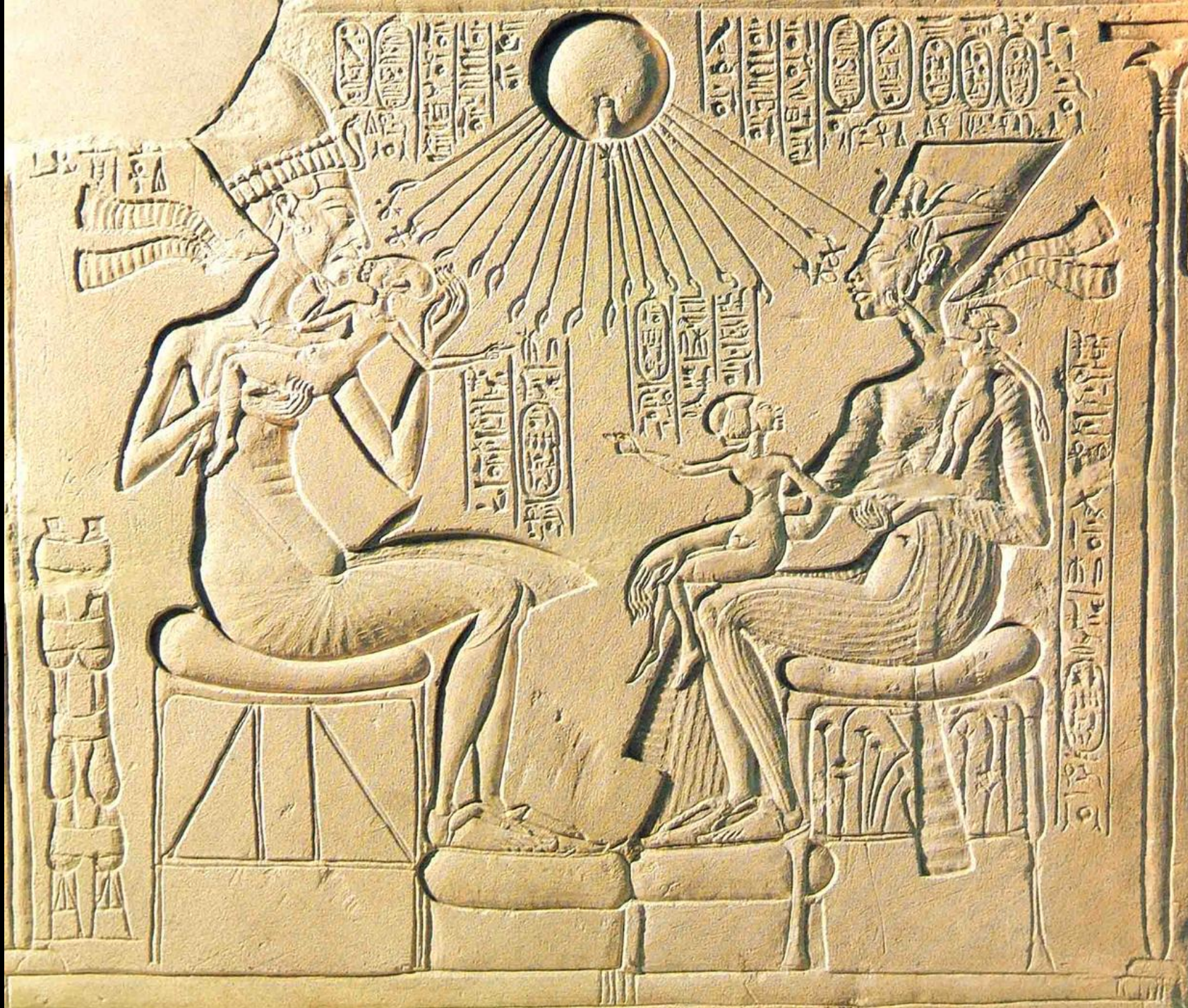
.....
And you are in my heart; there is no other who
truly knows you but for your son, Akhenaten.
May you make him wise with your inmost
counsels,

wise with your power, that earth may aspire
to

your godhead, its creatures as fine as the
day you
made them.

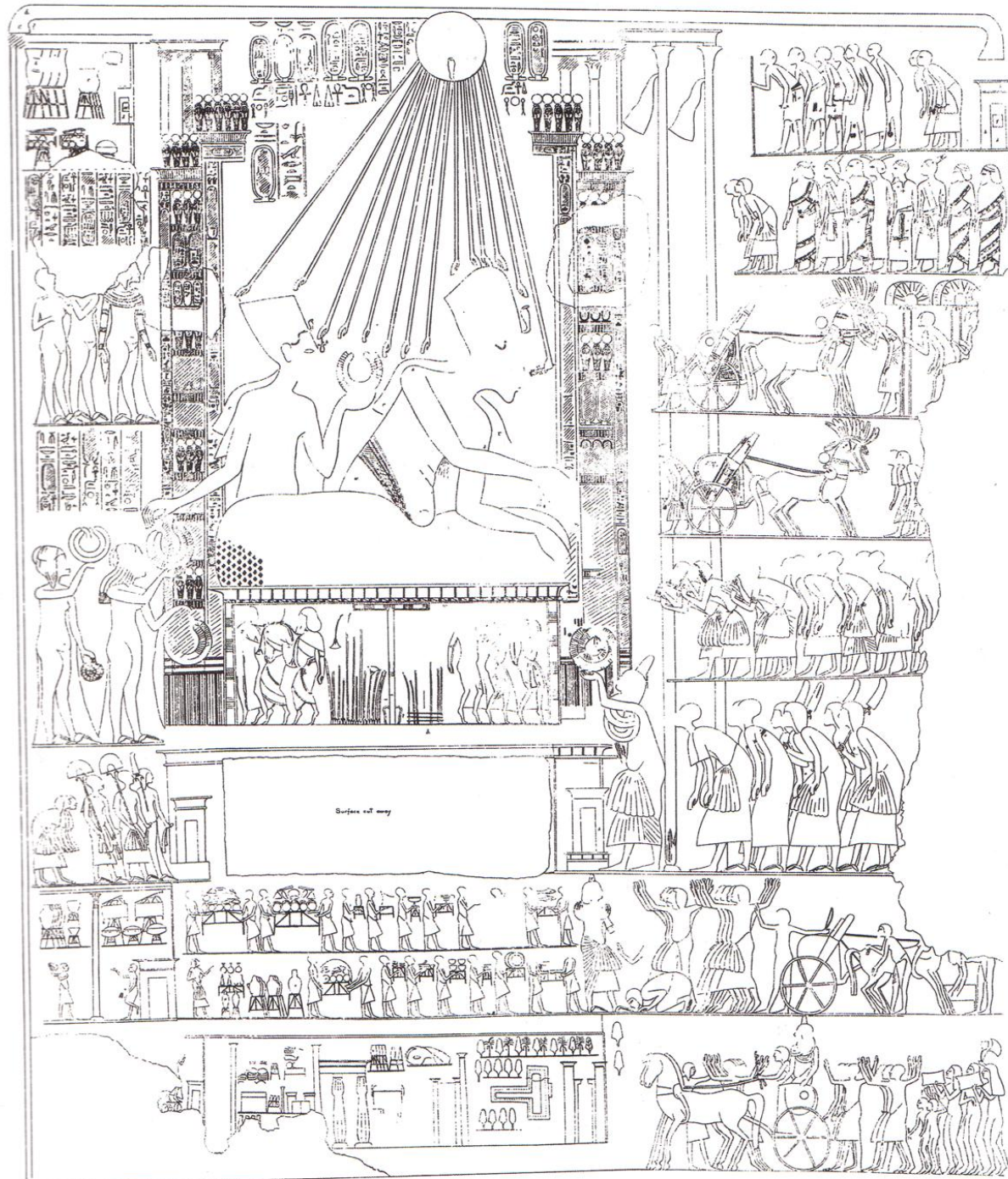


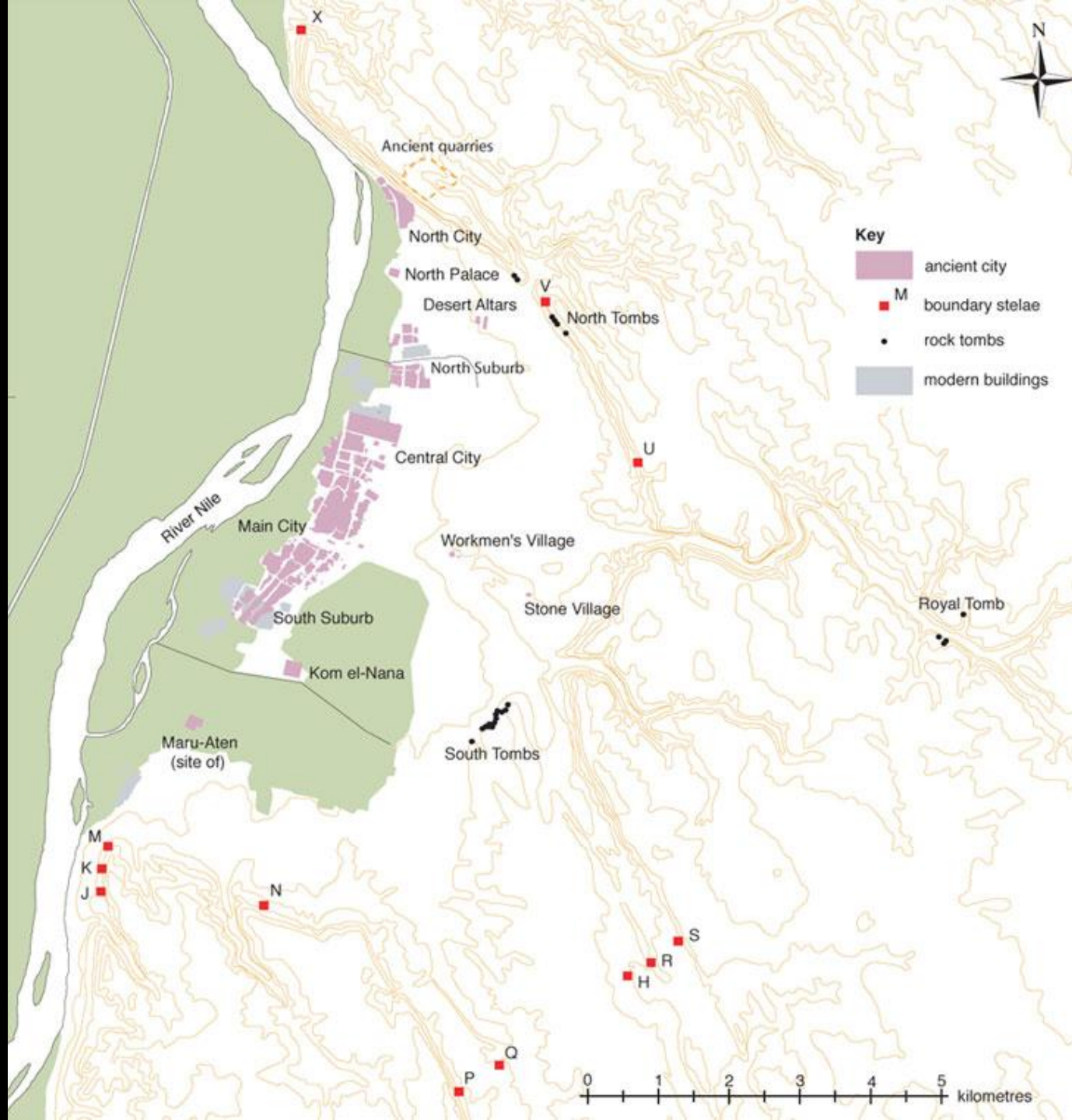




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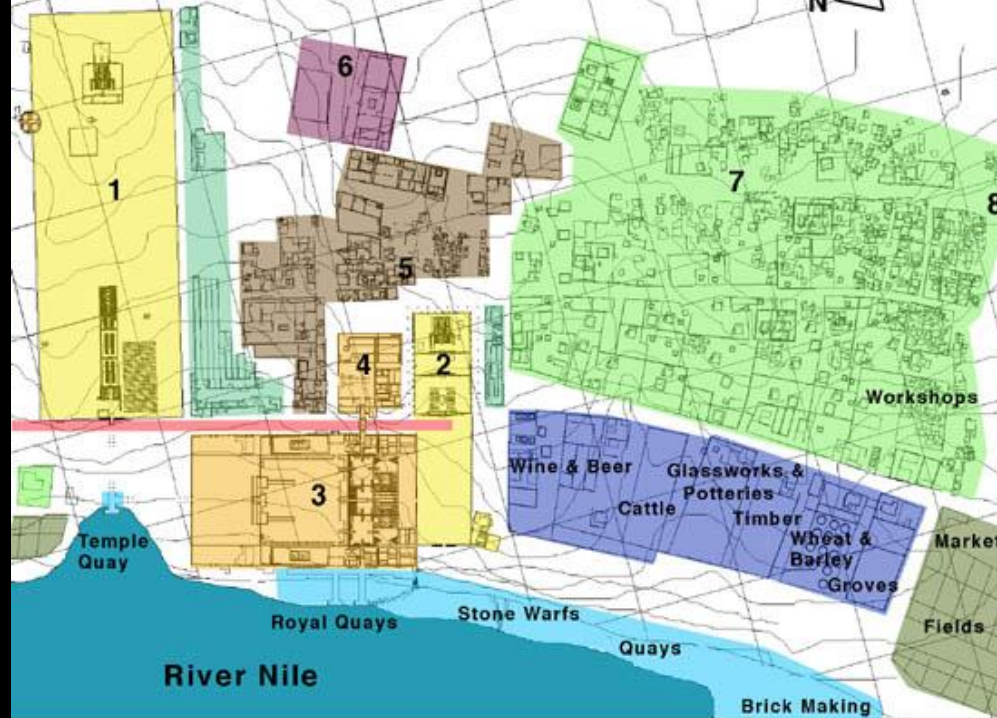
Amarna





CENTRAL CITY OF AMARNA MODEL - SCALE 1:400

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5. House of Correspondence
6. Military Barracks
7. South Suburb
8. Thutmose Workshop

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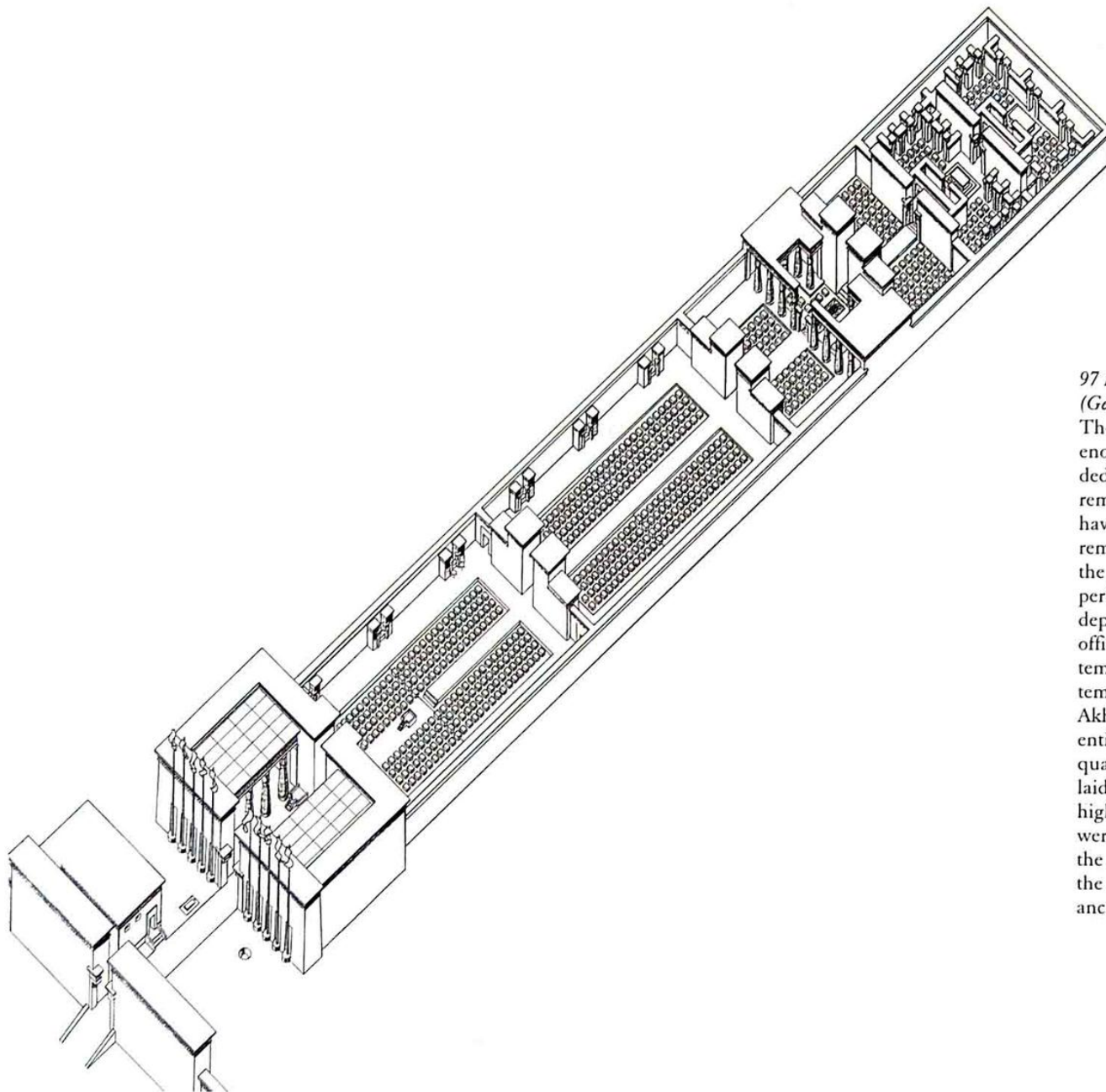
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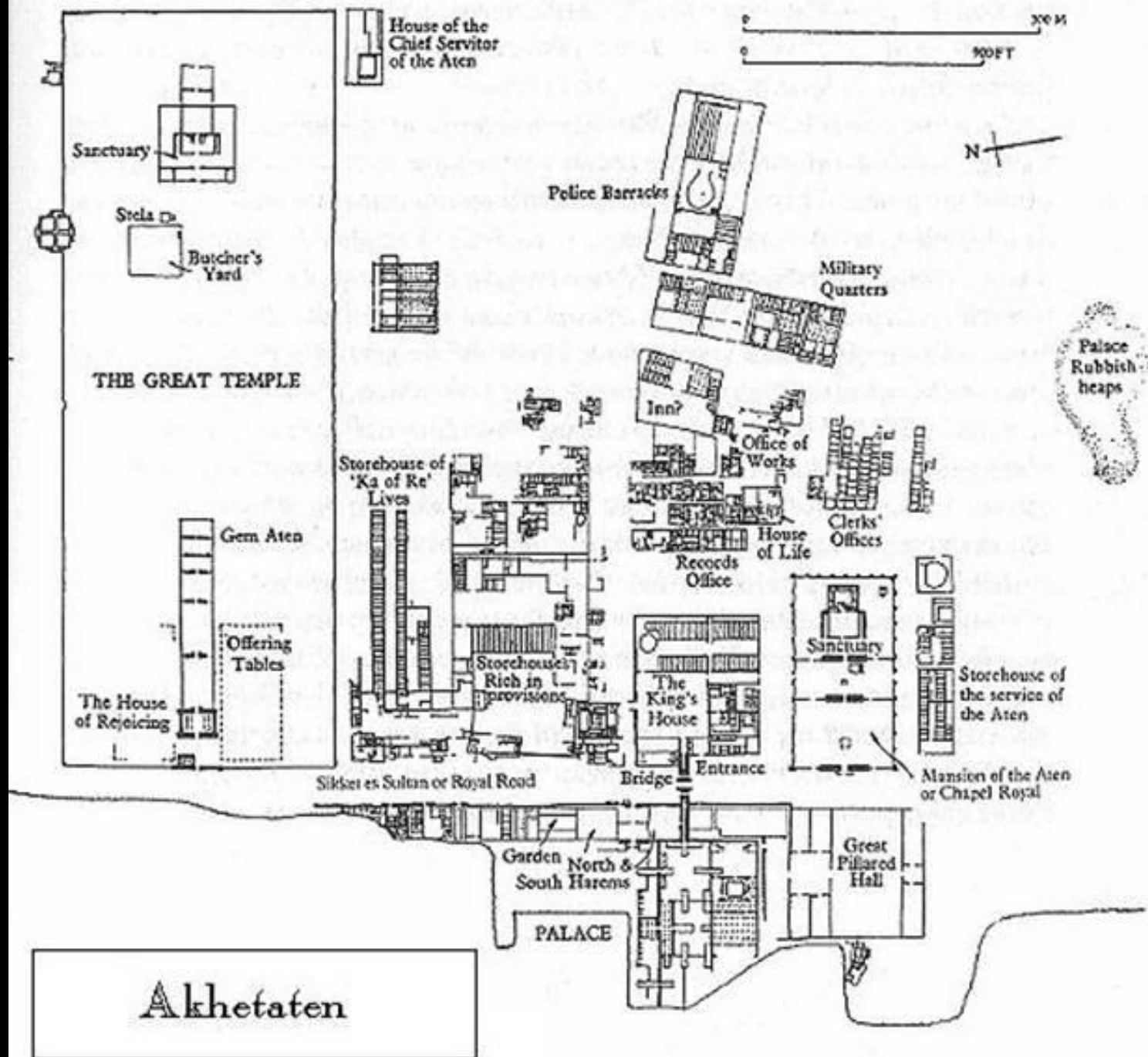
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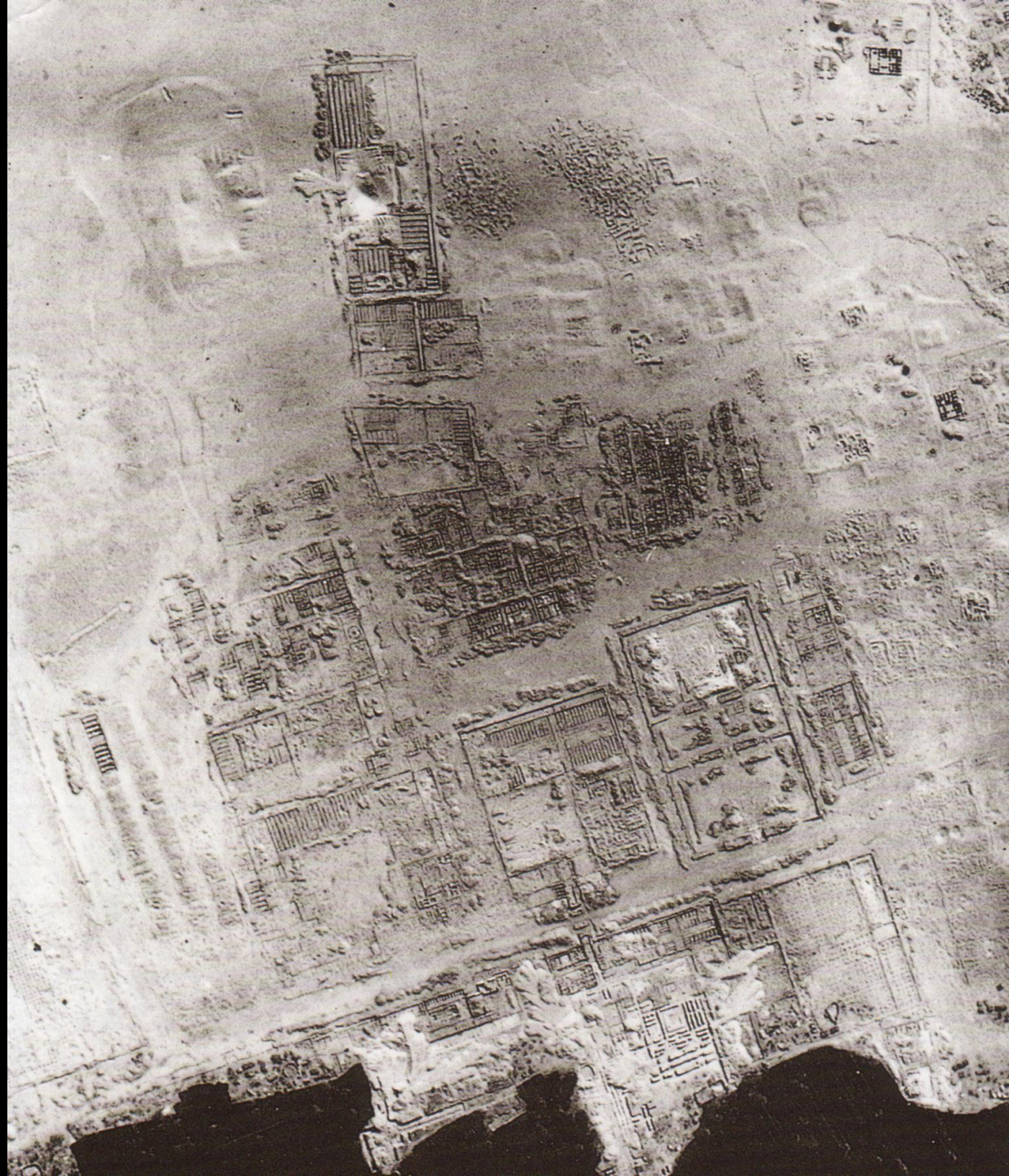


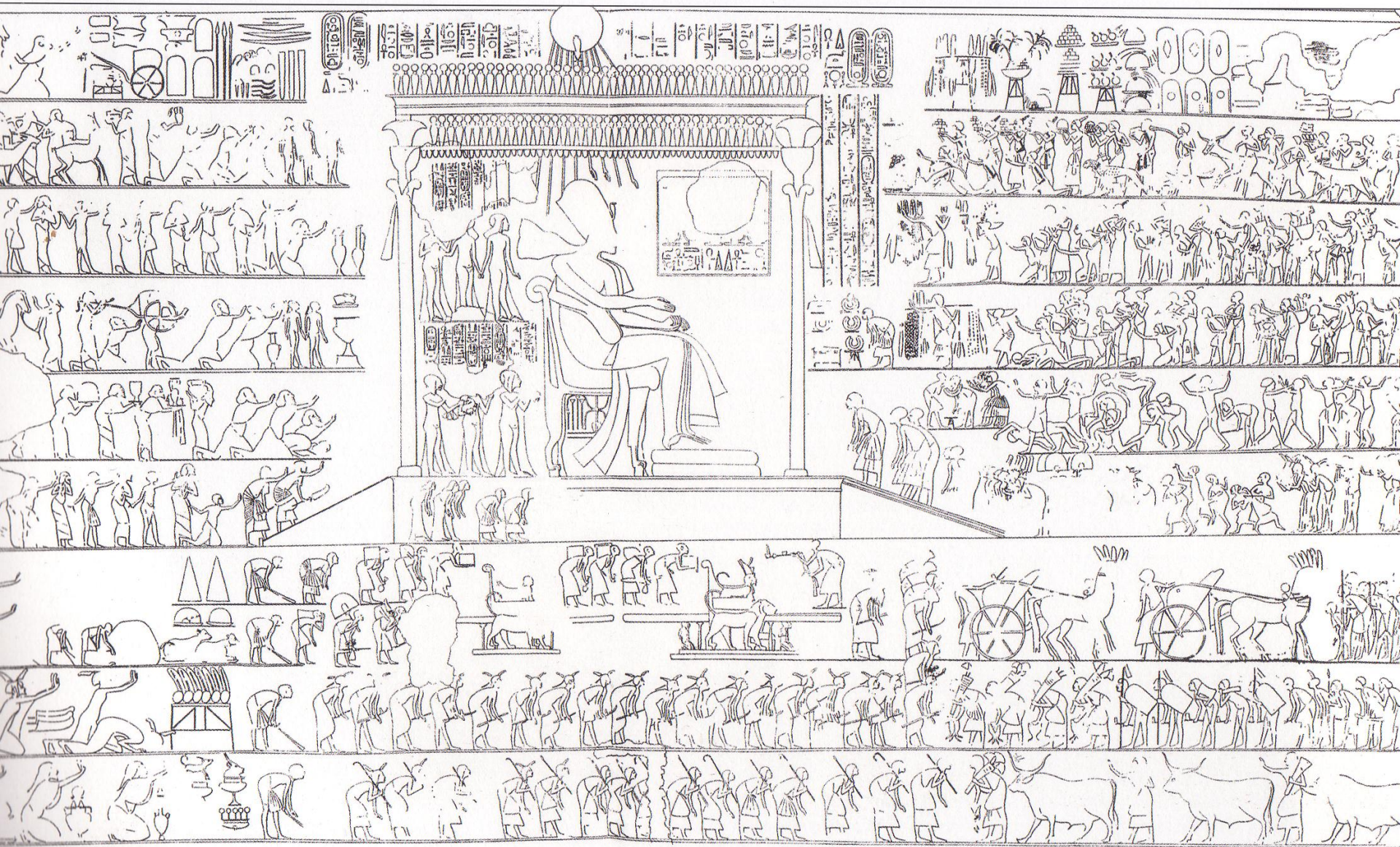
*97 Reconstruction of the great temple to Aten
(Gem-pa-Aten) at Amarna*

The elongated precinct formed the front of an enormous complex called Per-Iten. It was dedicated to the god Aten. Today only remnants of the brickwork and foundations have survived, as most of the stone was later removed and re-used to build the temples on the west bank. The cult of the sun god, performed in the open courtyards, was depicted both in the tombs of high-ranking officials at Amarna and on the walls of the temple itself. The Per-Iten was the primary temple to the god Aten and thus, under Akhenaten, the most important shrine in the entire land. Only this fact can explain the vast quantity of sacrificial offerings that had to be laid on the hundreds of altars. The larger high altars in the two rearmost courts, which were traversible, were probably reserved for the use of the king and his family. They were the mediators and guarantors of the continuance of the sun's divine power.







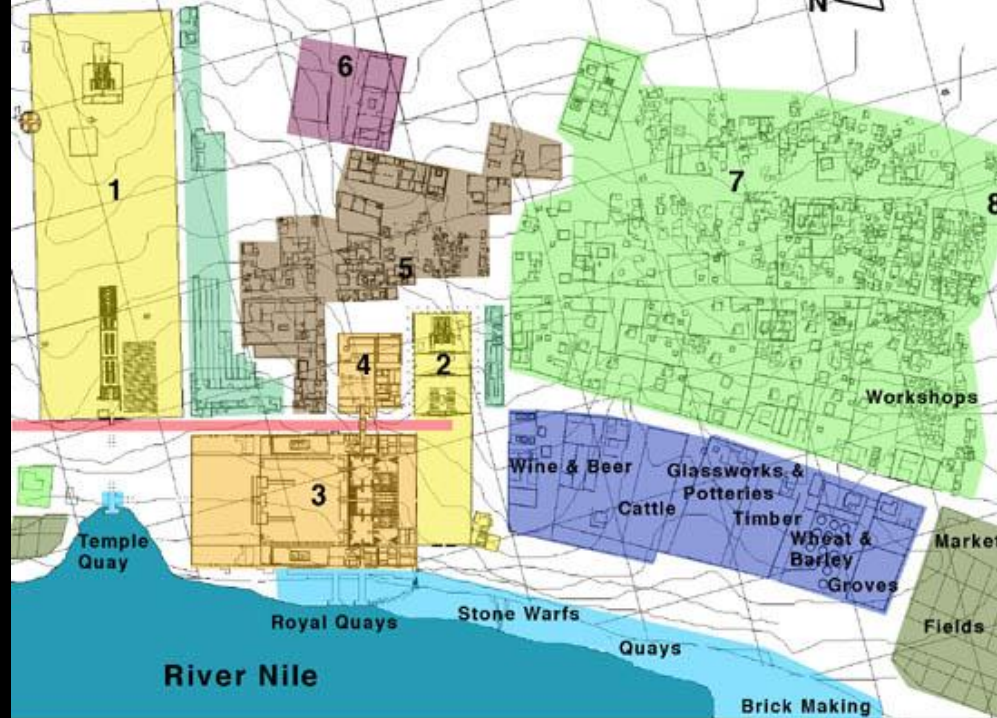


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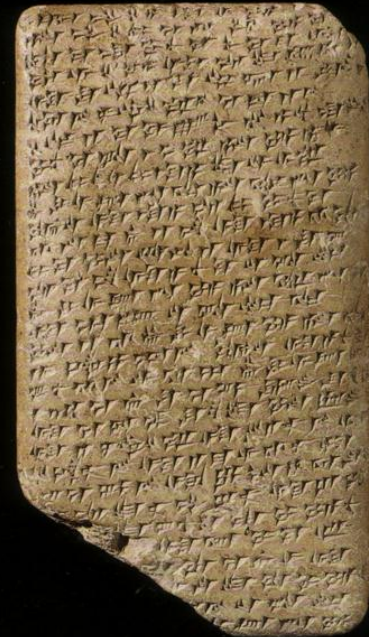
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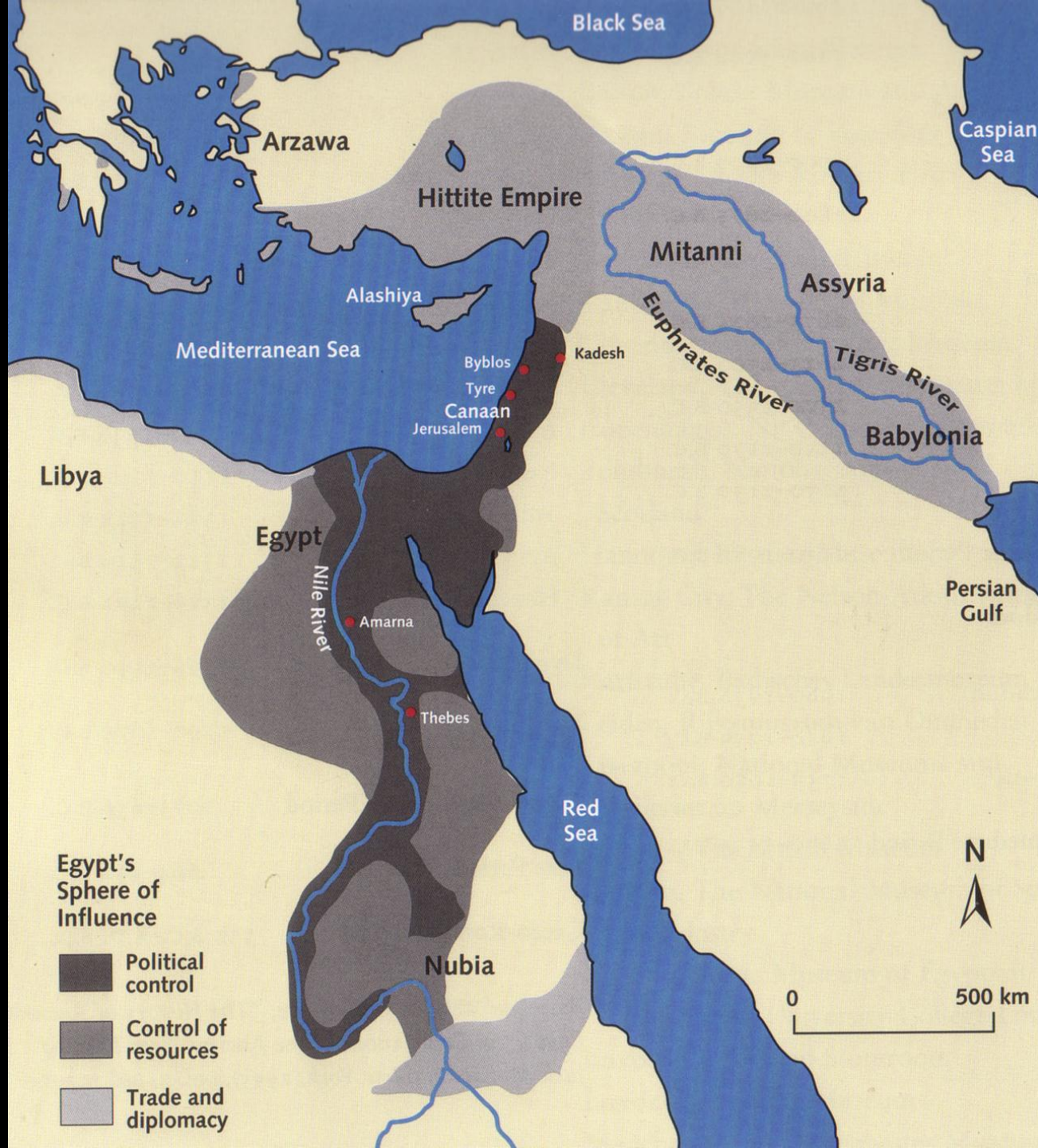
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The Amarna Letters

From the House of
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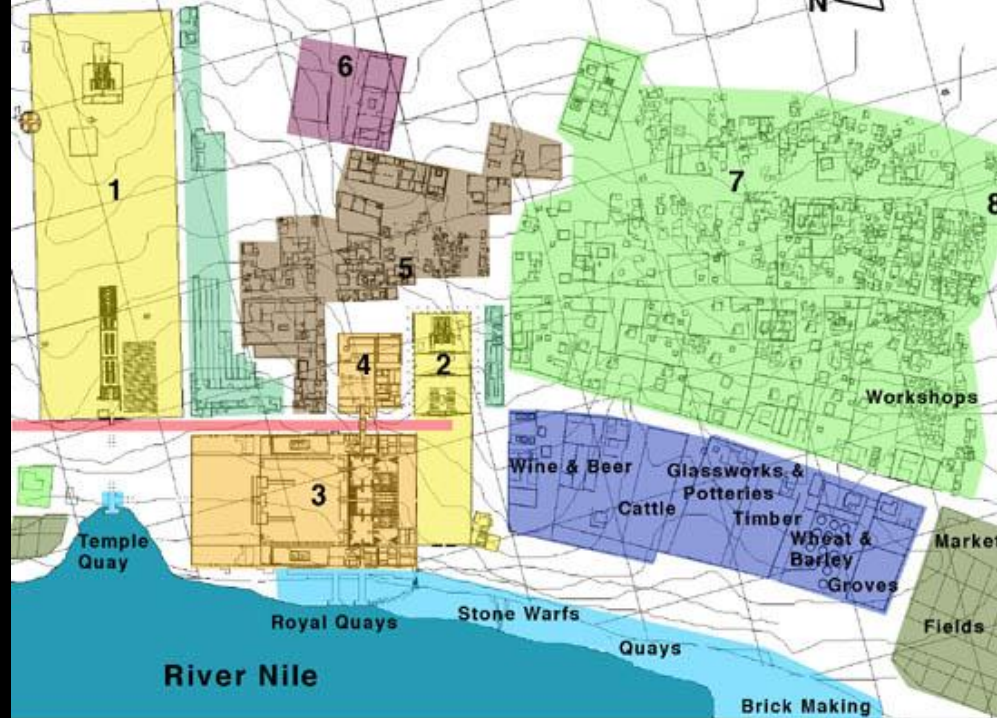
Sculptor Bak and his wife

From early stages of
Akhenaten's reign



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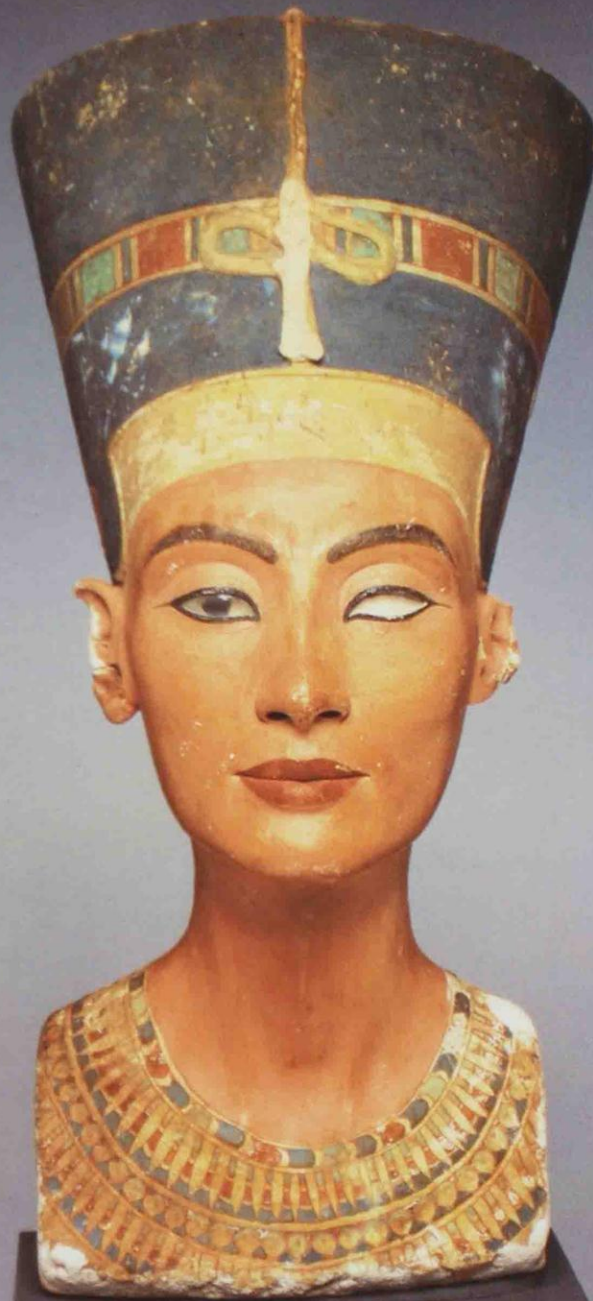
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Nefertiti

From the Workshop
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In Amarna



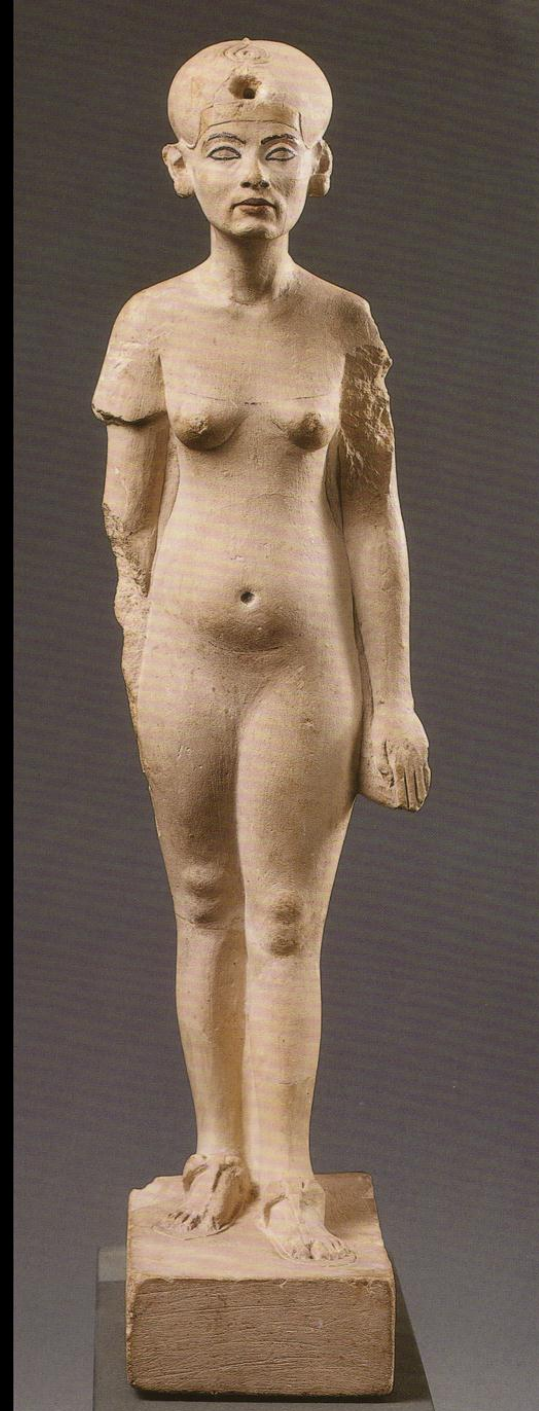


Sculpted Head of a Princess from Amarna (workshop of Thutmose)

Statuette of
Nefertiti

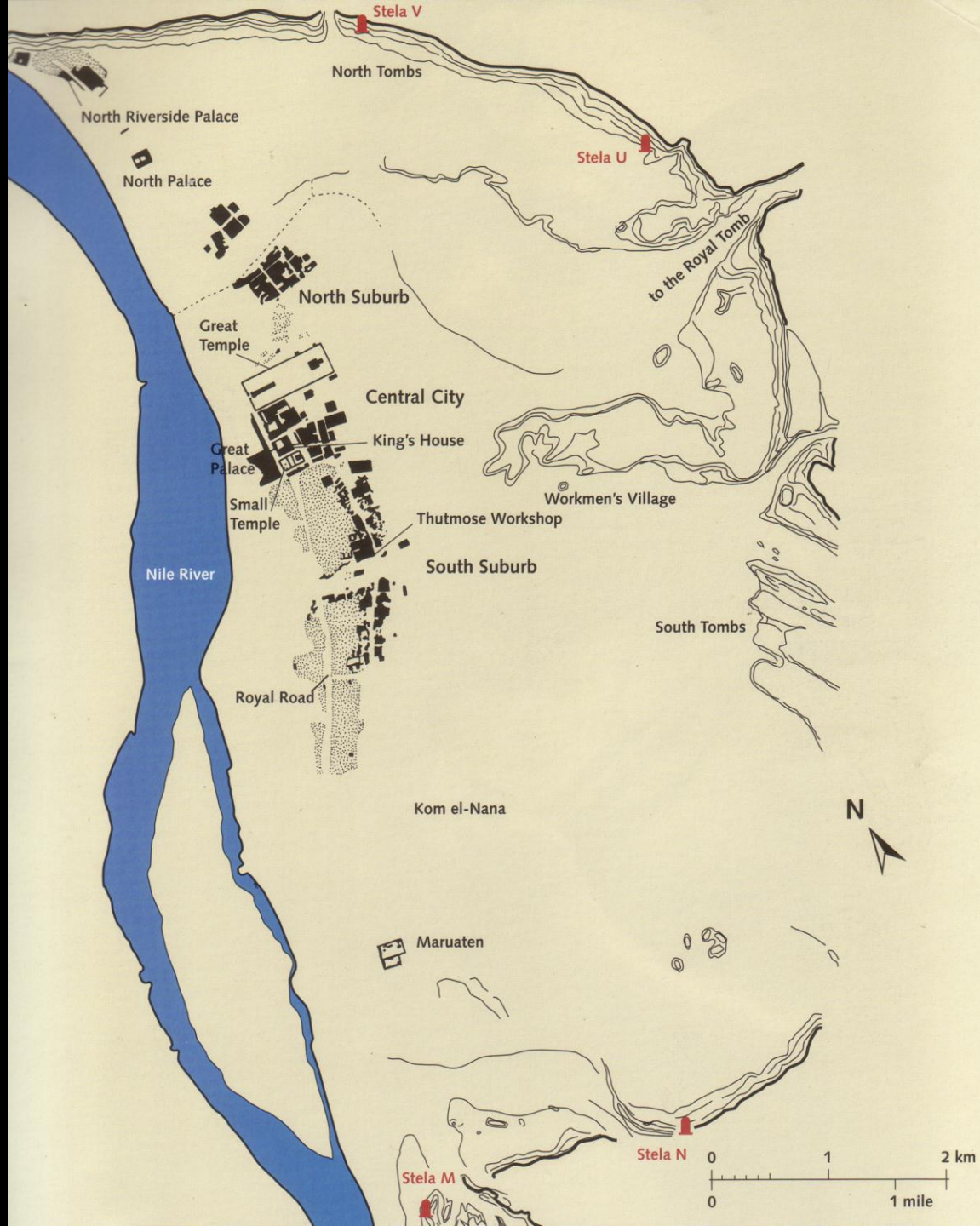
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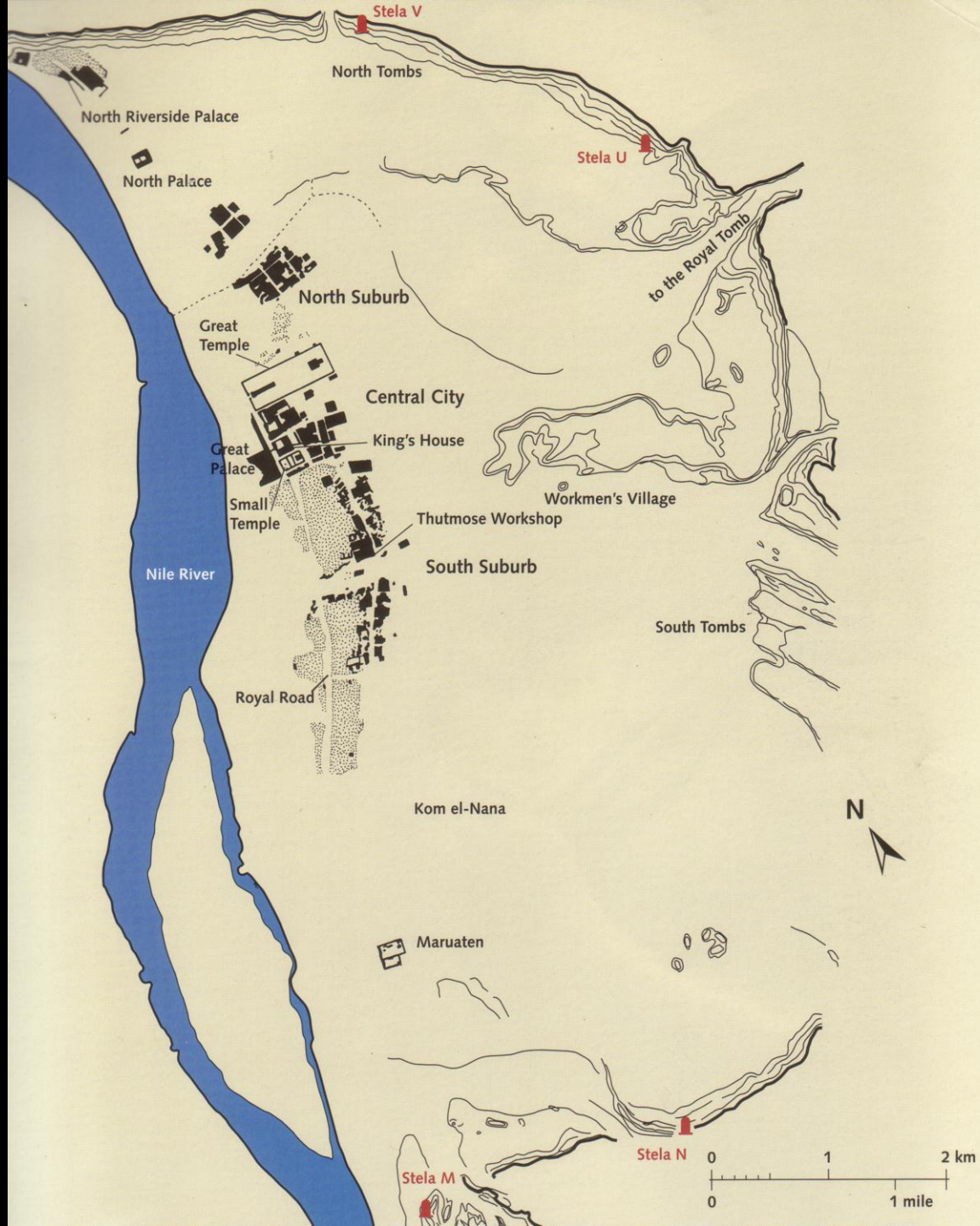










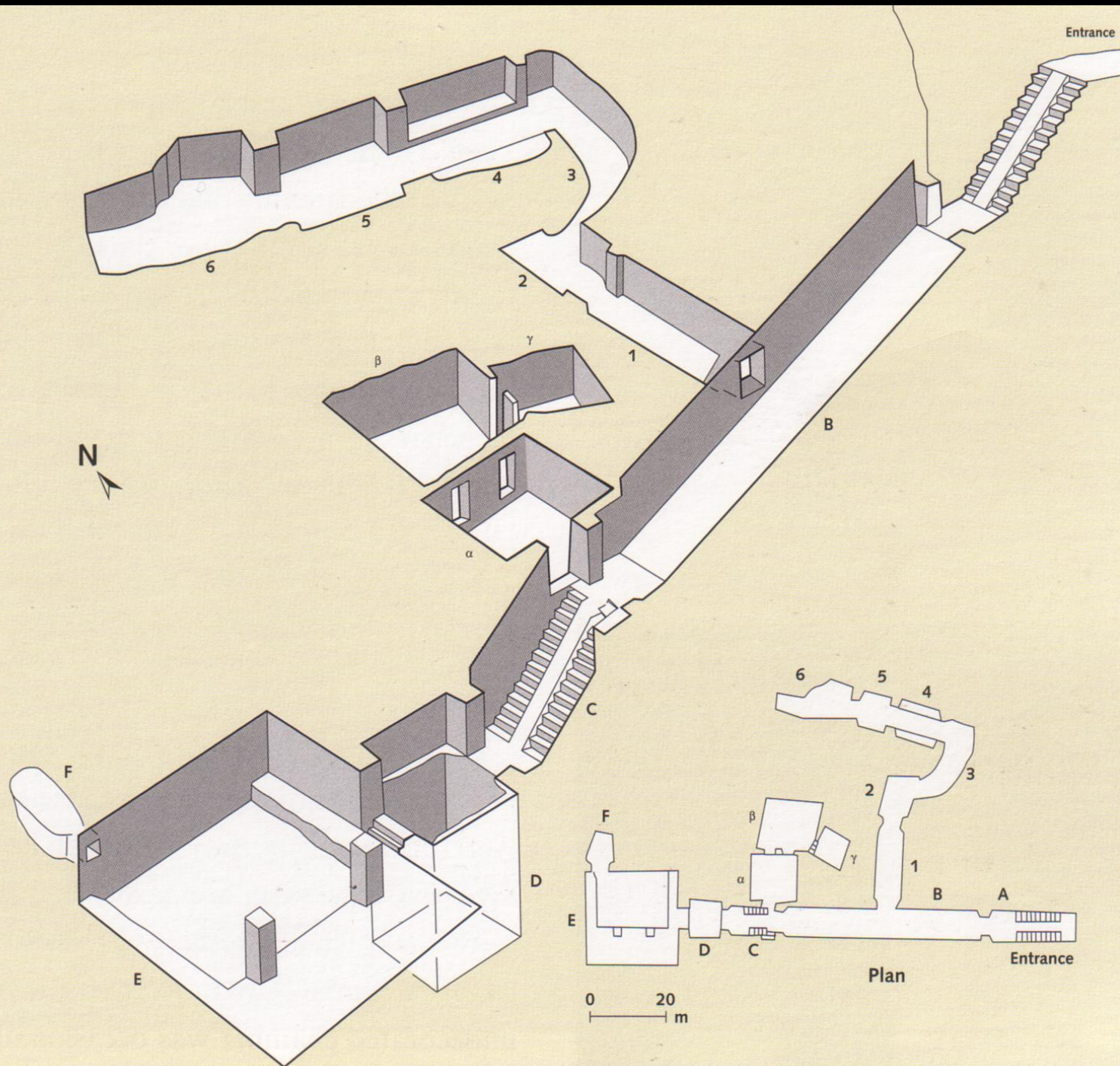






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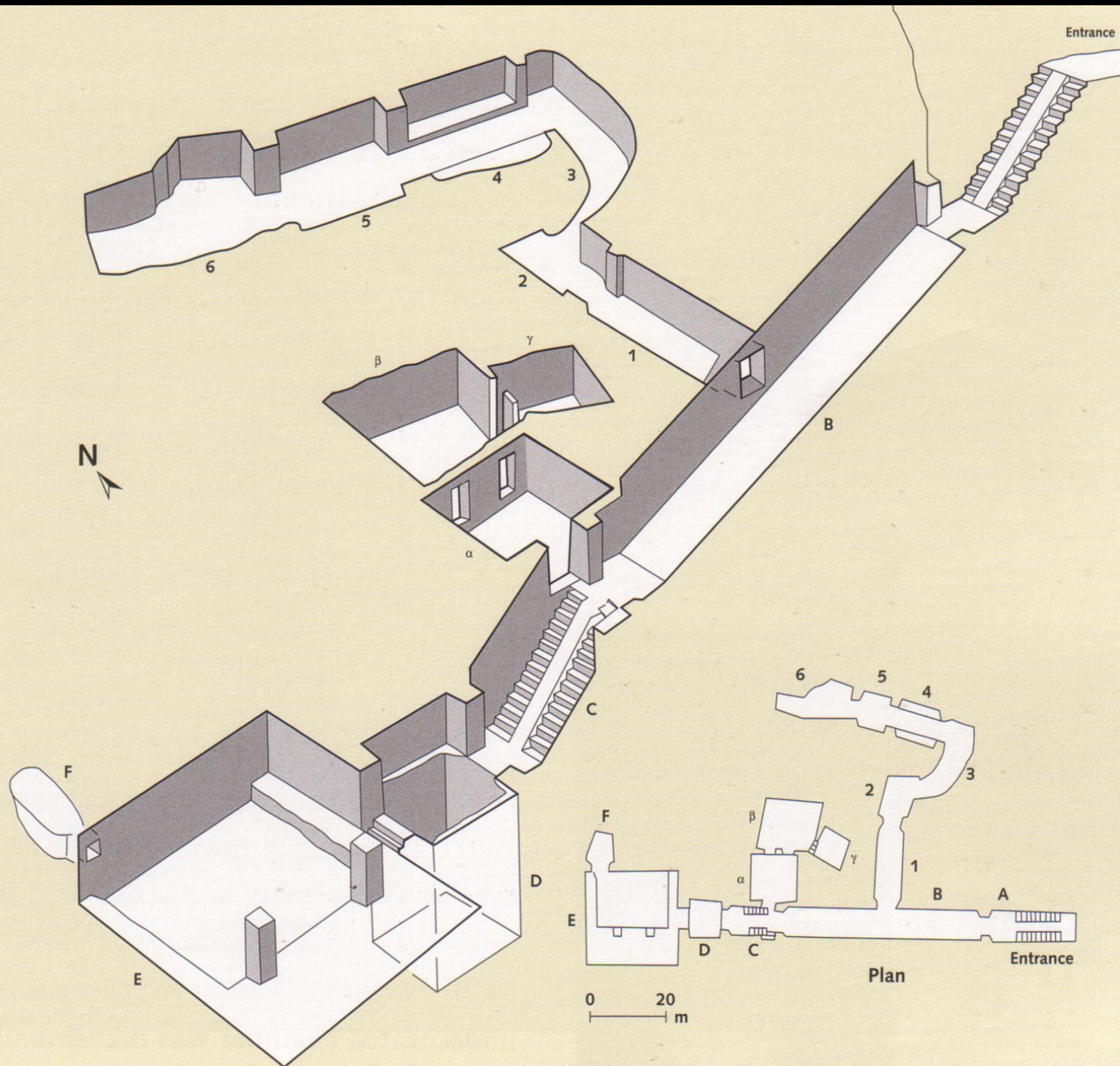








The Mourning of Princess Meketaten
From the Royal Tomb at Amarna



Small Household
Statues of Gods
That are NOT Aten

Found often in
Suburban or
Residential Areas
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