

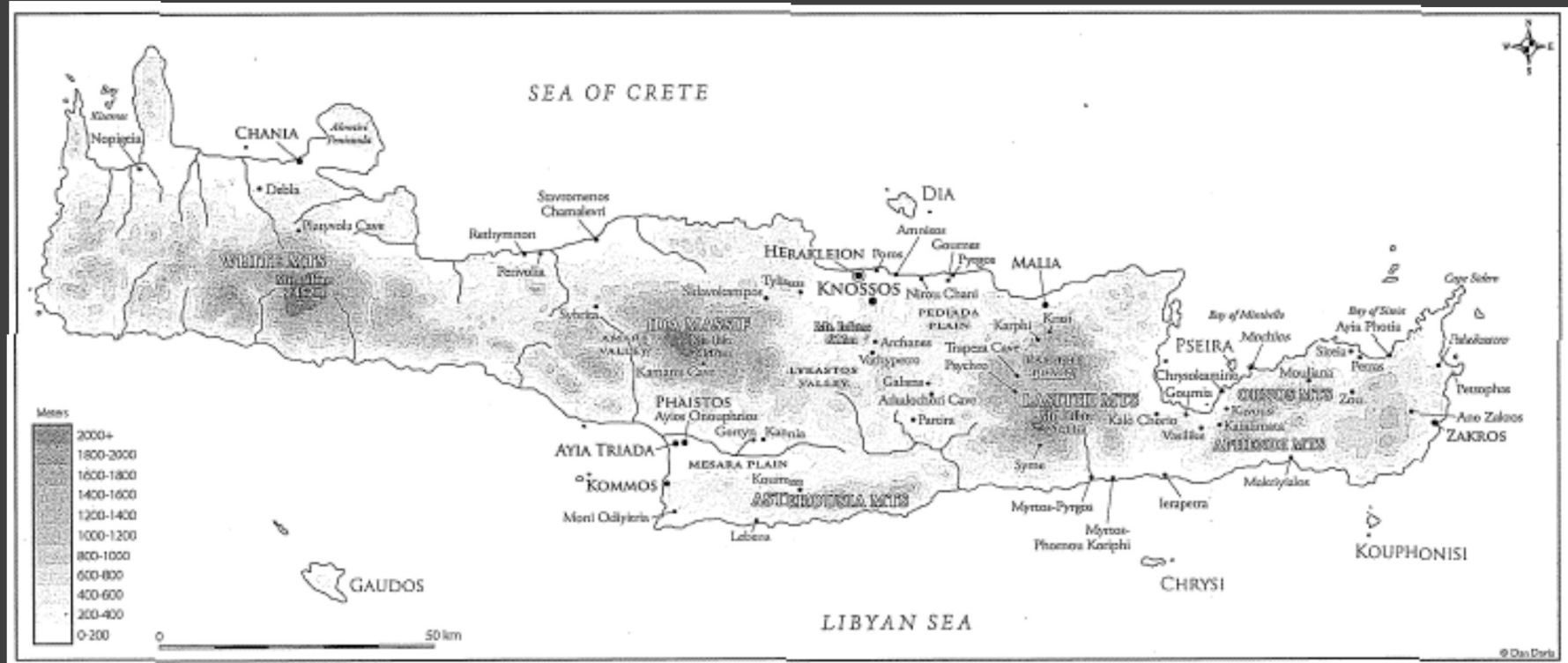
The Early Bronze Age on Crete

“Early Pre-Palatial”

Concordance of cultural periods, relative chronology, and absolute dates for the Bronze Age on Crete.

Cultural Periods	Relative Dates	Absolute Dates
Prepalatial	EM I	3100-3000 to 2700-2650 BCE
	EM II	2650 to 2200-2150 BCE
	EM III	2200-2150 to 2050-2000 BCE
	MM IA	2050-2000 to 1925-1900 BCE
Protopalatial	MM IB	1925-1900 to c. 1900-1875 BCE
	MM II	1900-1875 to 1750-1720 BCE
	MM IIIA	1750-1720 to 1700-1680 BCE
Neopalatial	MM IIIB	1700-1680 to 1675-1650 BCE
	LM IA	1675-1650 to 1600-1550 BCE
	LM IB	1600-1550 to 1490-1470 BCE
Postpalatial	LM II	1490-1470 to 1435-1405 BCE
	LM IIIA	1435-1405 to 1390-1370 BCE
	LM III B	1390-1370 to 1360-1325 BCE
	LM III C	1360-1325 to 1200/1190 BCE

Map of Crete with significant Bronze Age sites and settlements



Early Minoan I Ceramic Types



Dark-on-light pattern painted or
“Ayios Onouphrios” ware



Dark gray burnished or “Pyrgos” ware



Shelves of Early Minoan pottery from Knossos on display at the Heraklion Museum





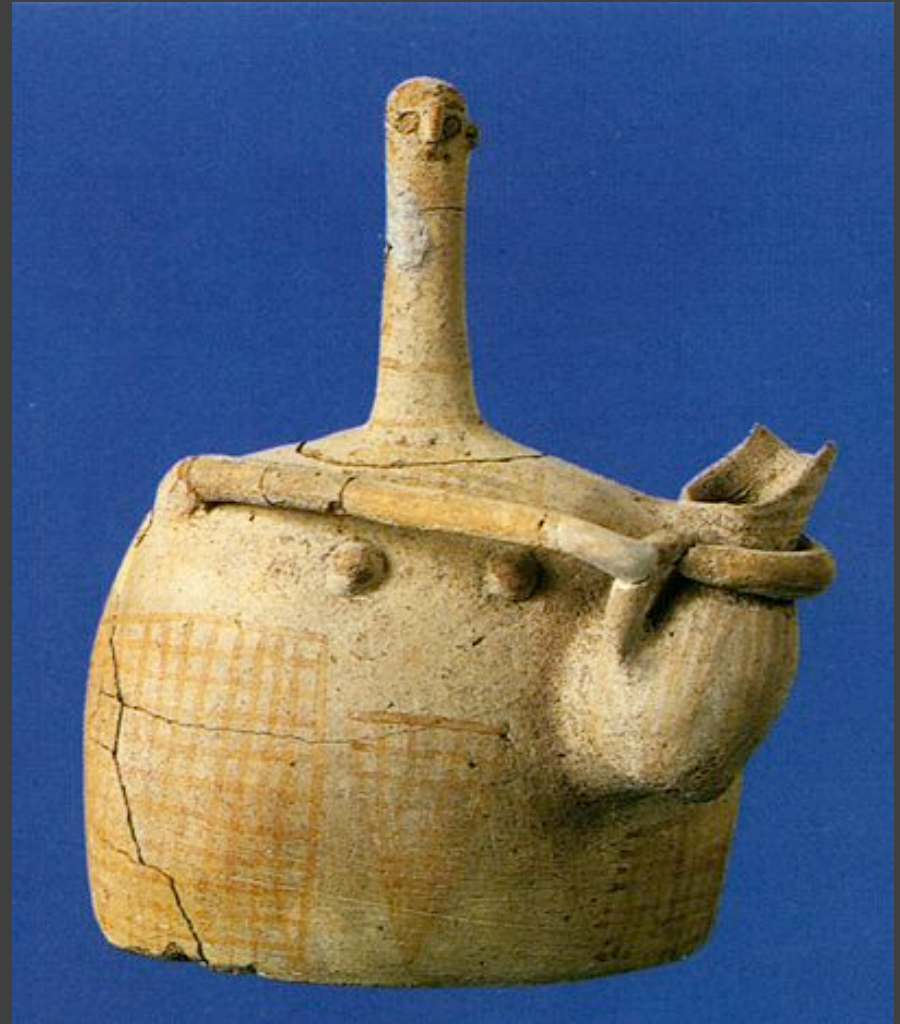
The beach at Kalo Chorio



Early Minoan II Ceramics

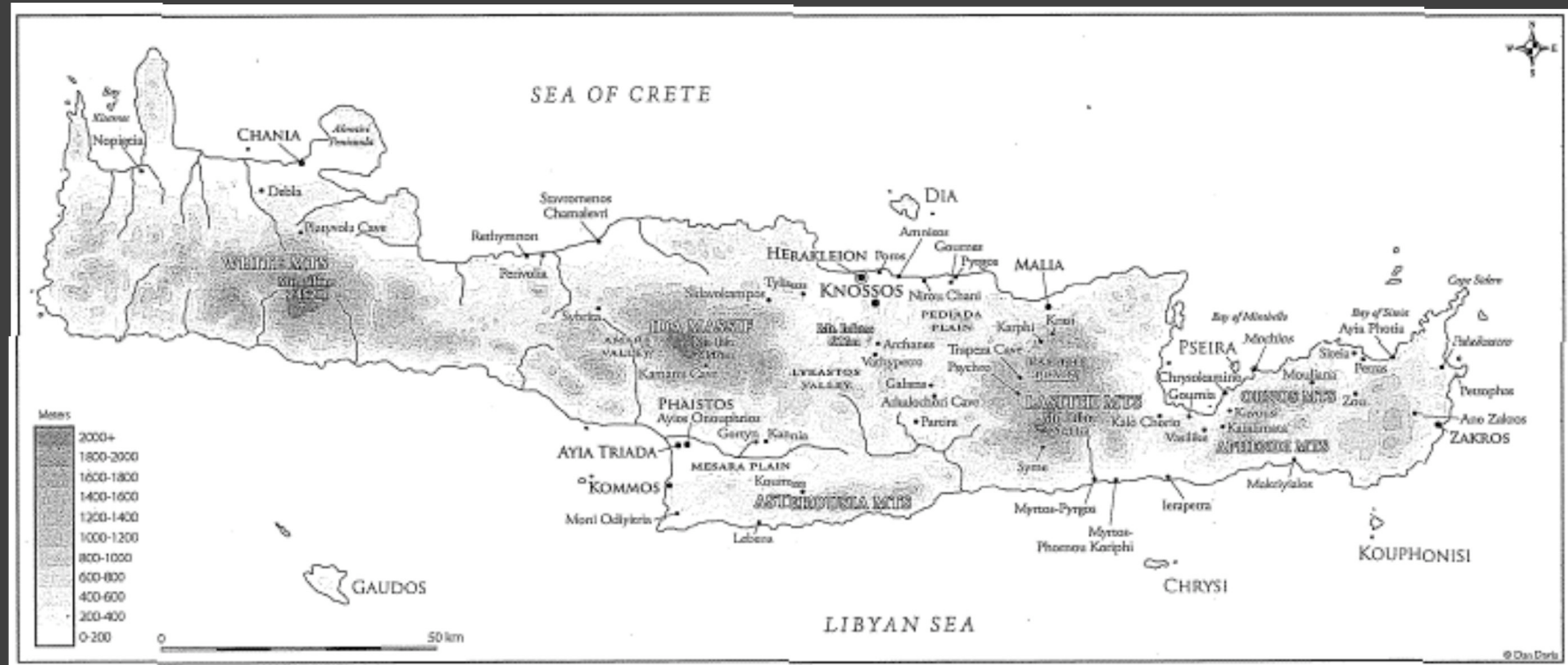


“Vasiliki” Ware - rare in EM IIA
but more common in EM IIB



“Goddess of Myrtos” rhyton

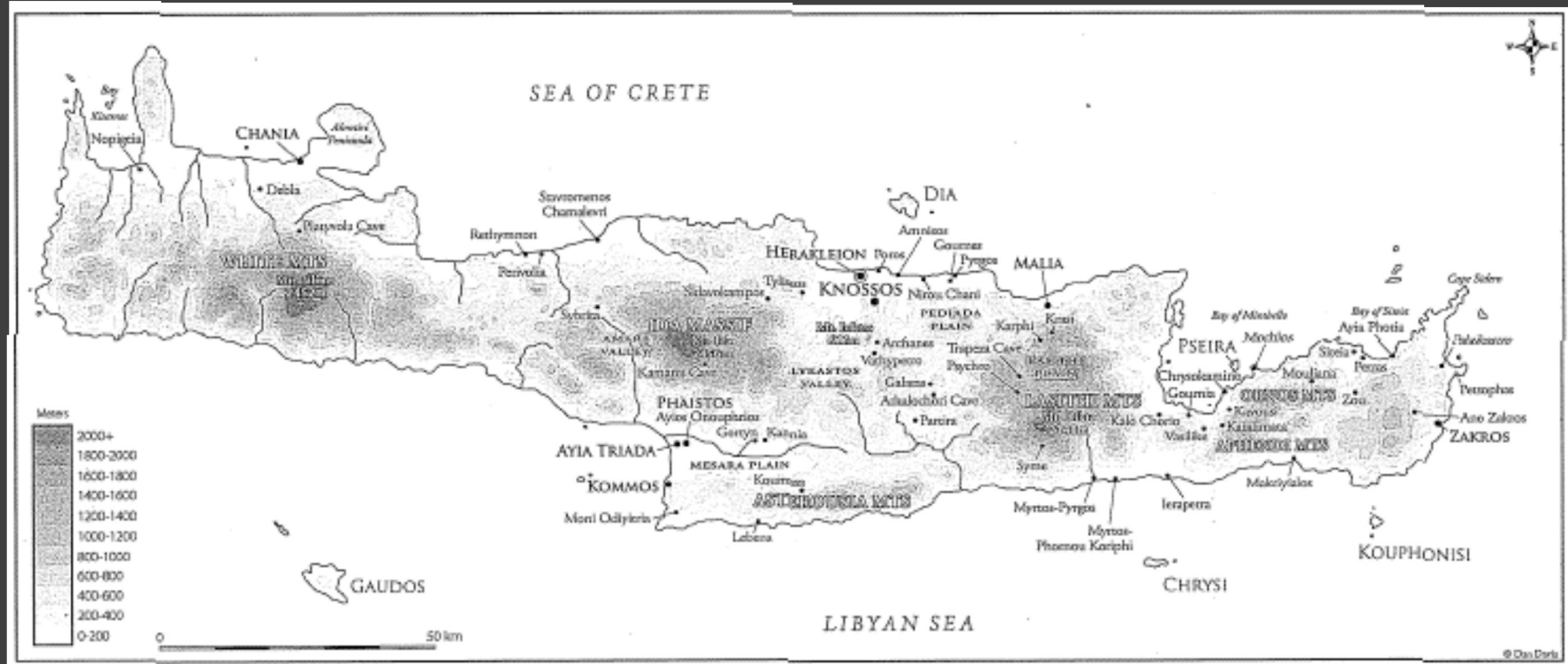
Sites and Settlements of the EM IIA Period



View of the island of Mochlos

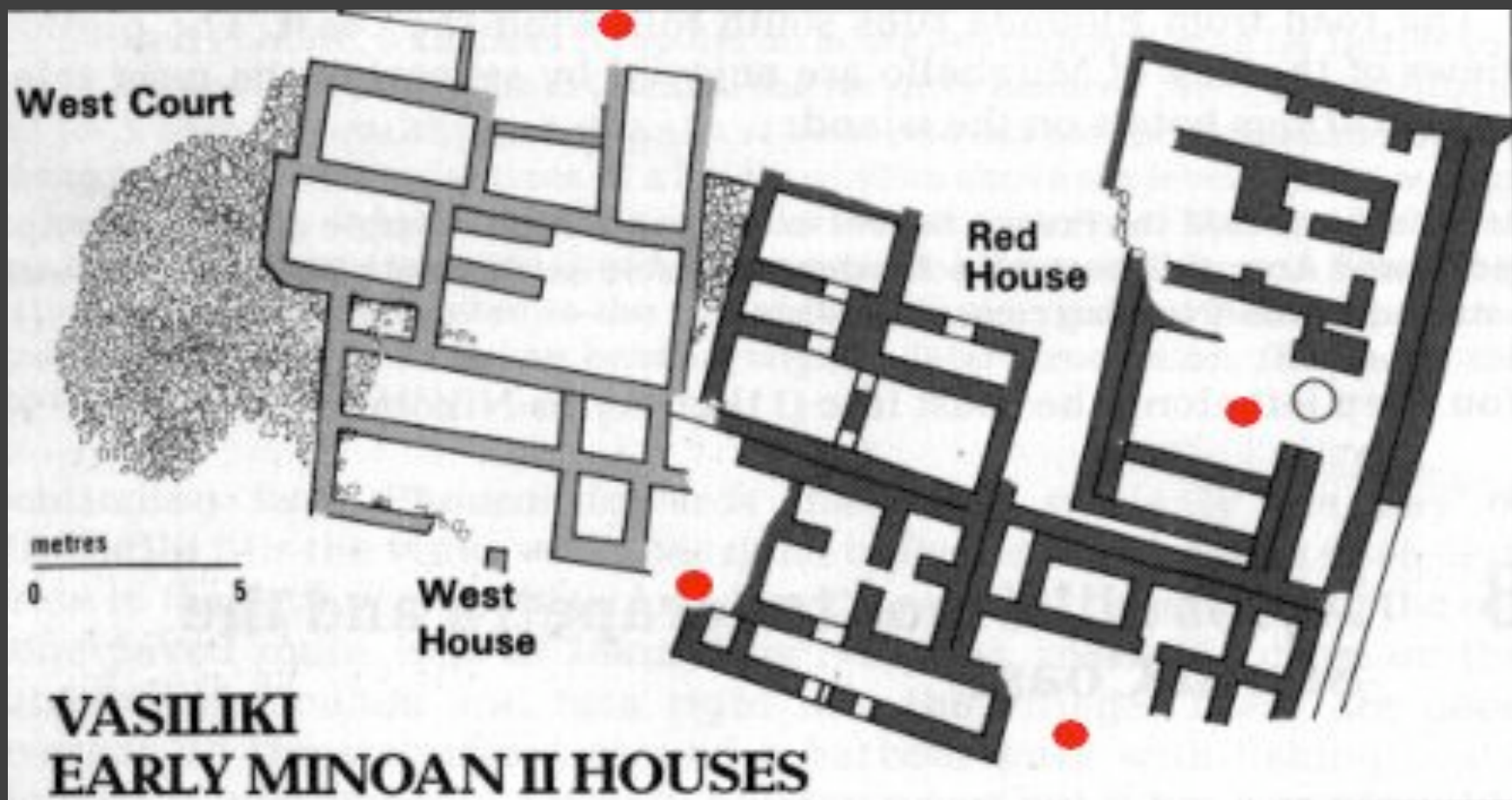


Sites and settlements of the EM IIB period



The Minoan site at Palaikastro (a “harbor town”)





View of the site at Vasilike (Red House and West House)



Looking east toward the Bay of Mirabello

Views of the remains at Vasilike



“Red House” South Entrance Corridor

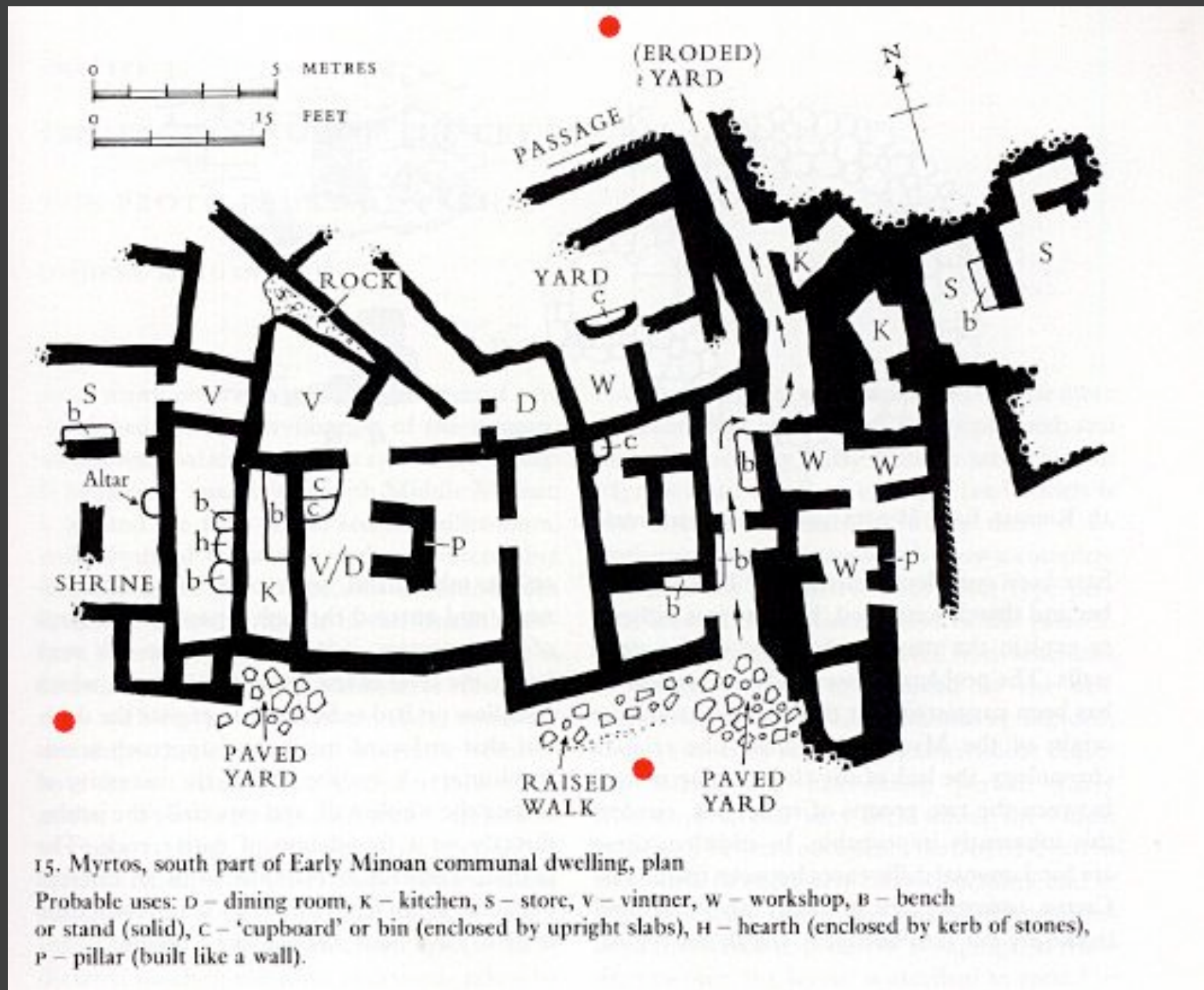


Paved West Court



“Red House” Entrance from South
Corridor into the Main Suite of Rooms

Plan of site at Myrtos - Phournou Koriphi



View of Myrtos - Fournou Koriphi taken from Myrtos - Pyrgos

