

Houses divided

The stratigraphy of Khafajeh's
ED III residential neighbourhoods
around the Oval Temple

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Du Village à l'État
au Proche et Moyen-Orient

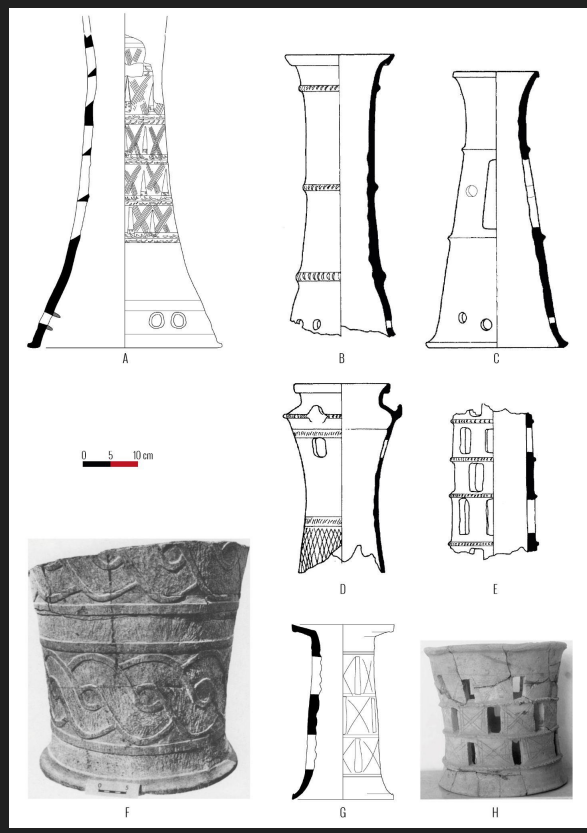
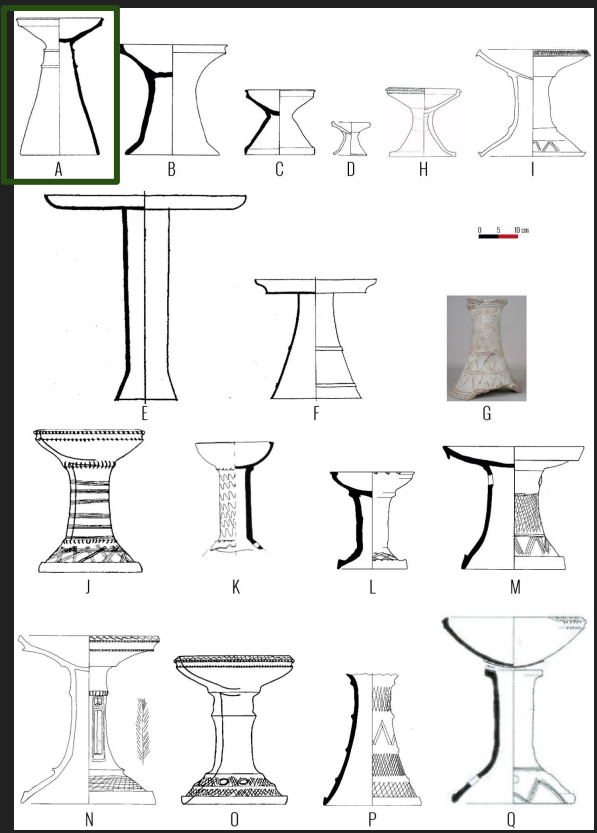


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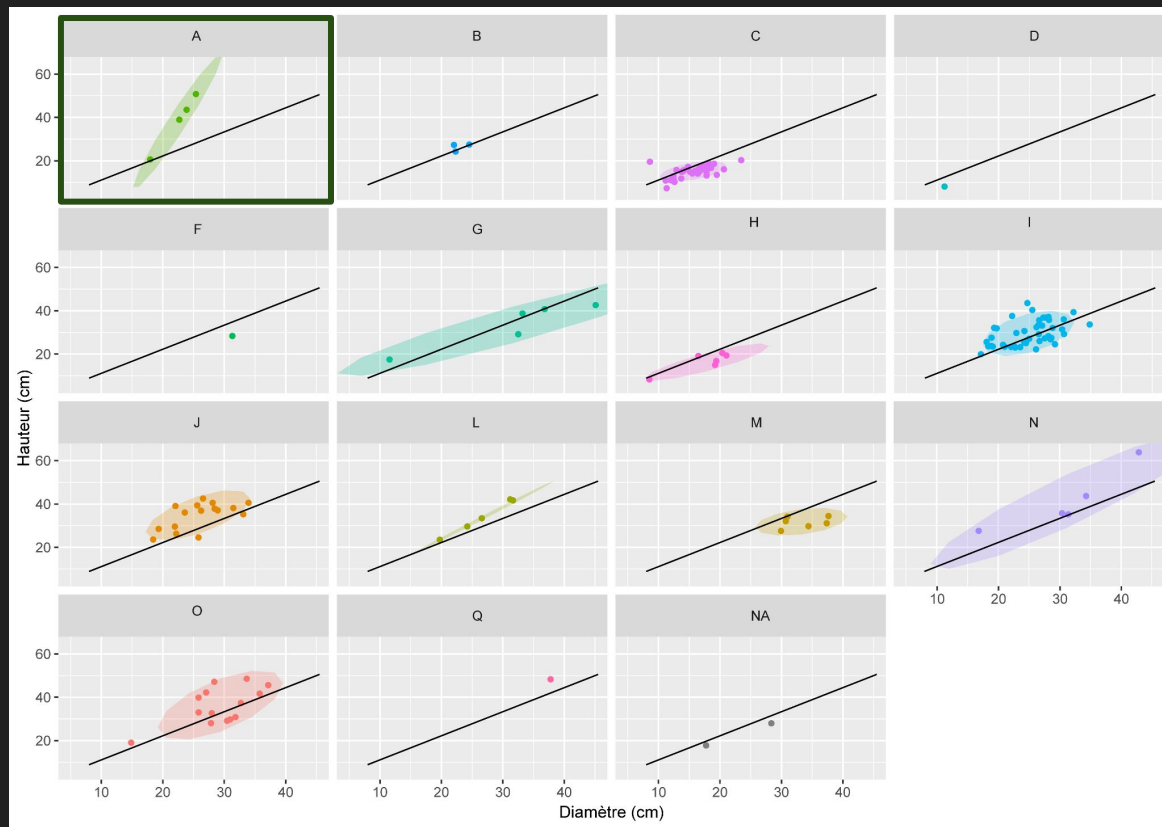
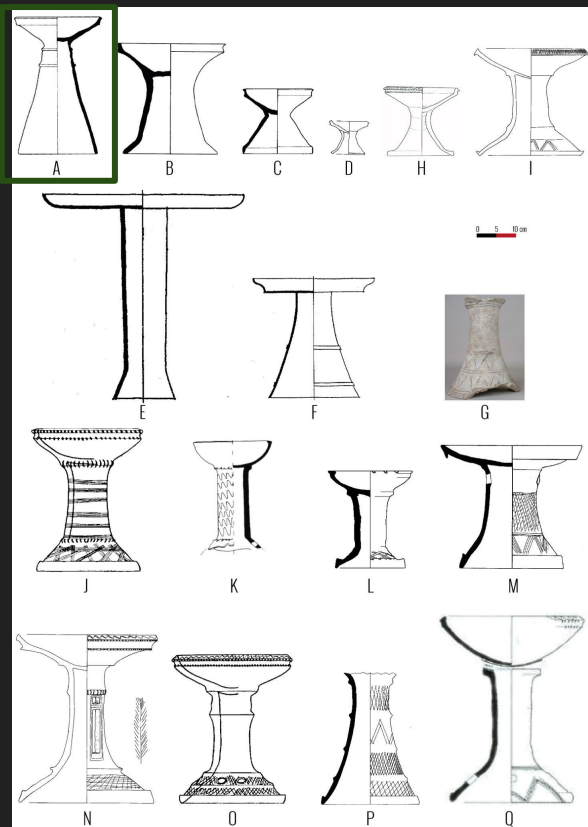
ED stemmed dishes, subtype A

18 stemmed-dishes subtypes

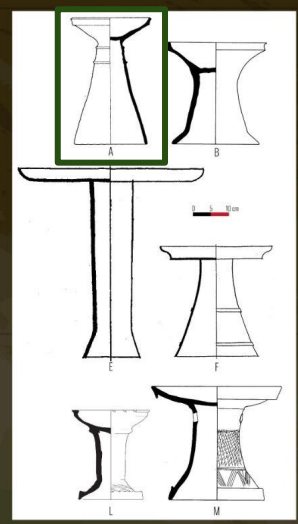
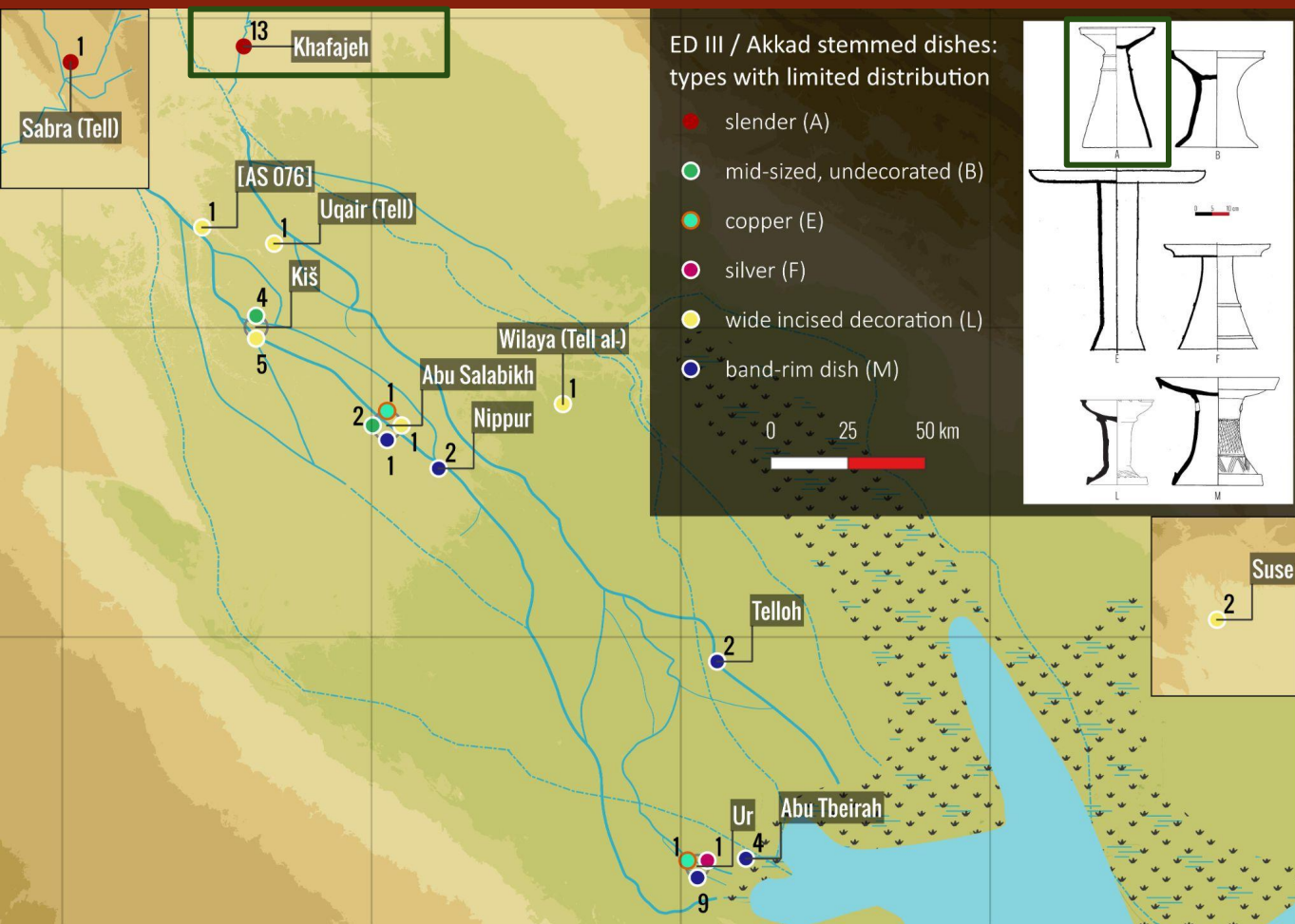


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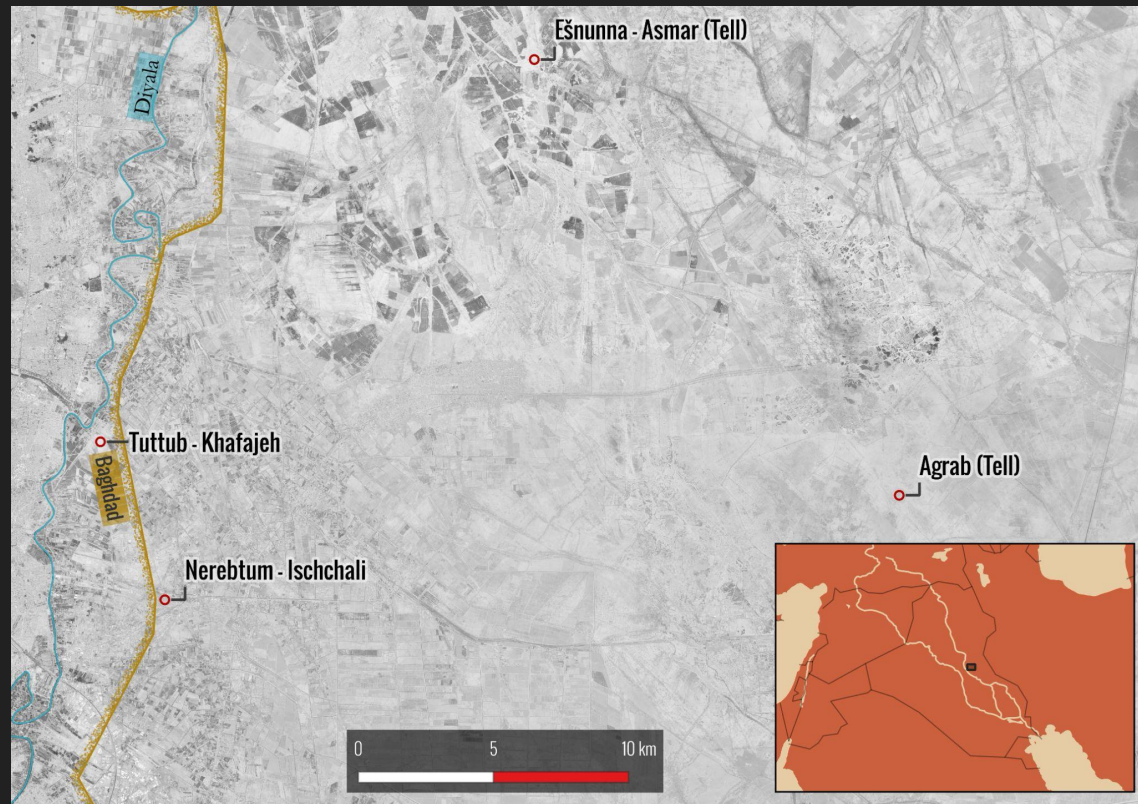
Subtype A: elongated shape, various decoration



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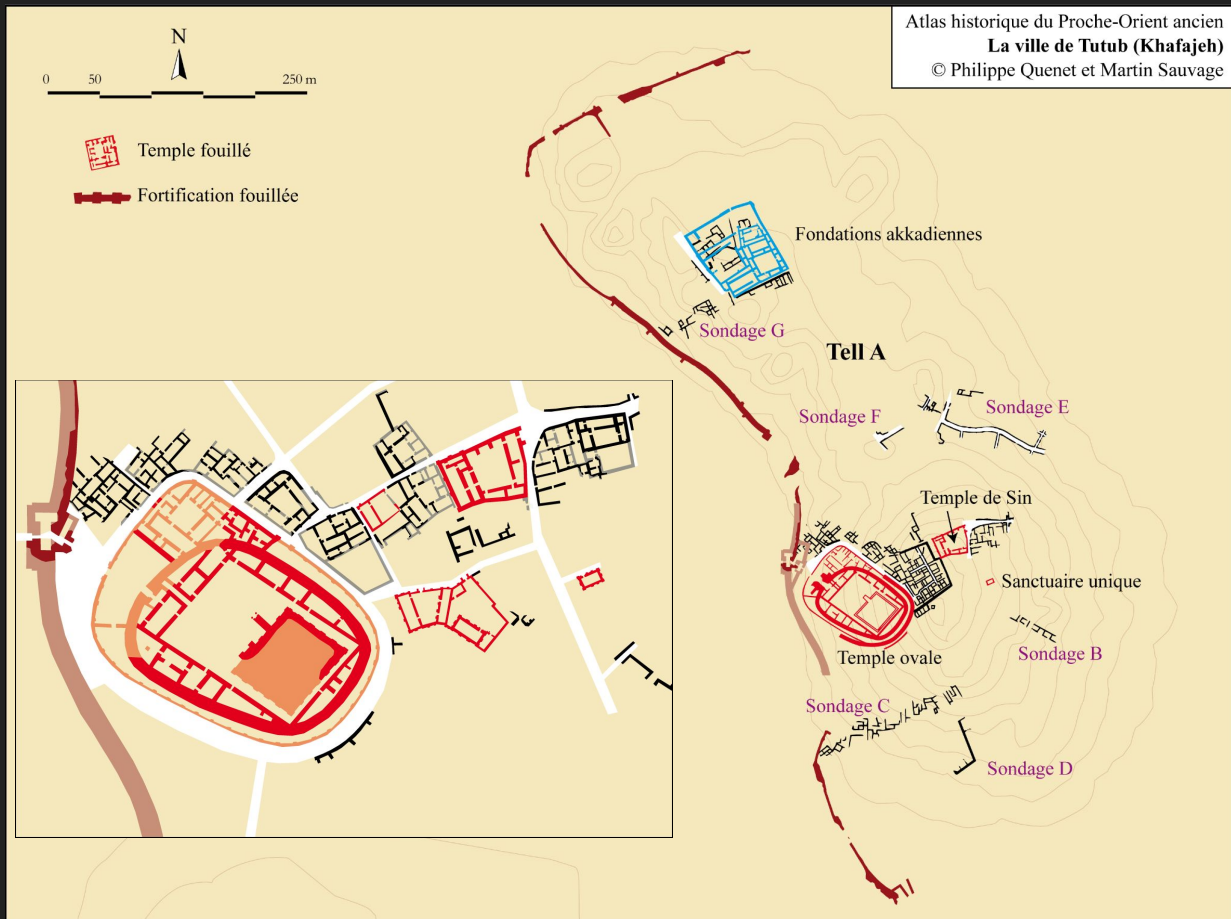


Once upon a time in the Diyala region



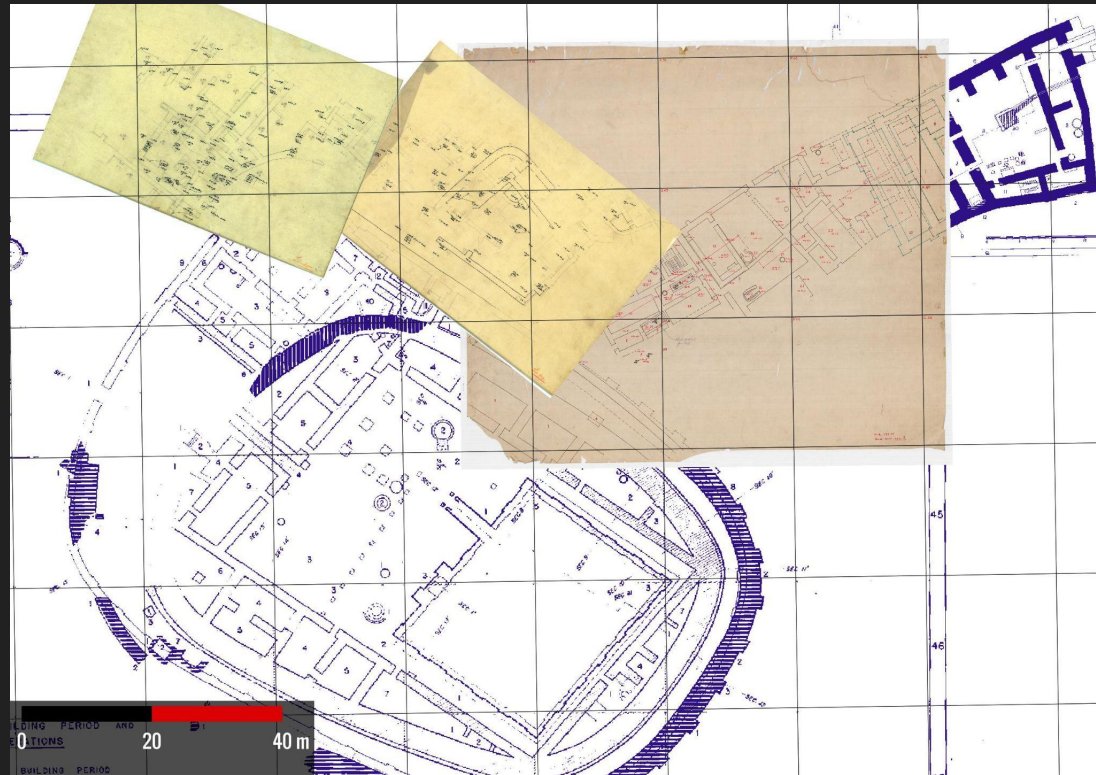
Excavation at Khafajeh in 1930-1938, focus around the Oval Temple

Once upon a time in the Diyala region



12 successive residential areas between the Oval Temple and the Sin Temple

Once upon a time in the Diyala region



Sunday, February 26th., 1933.

Work continued at the same points. Besides we started on following all drains coming out of the oval and House D, in order to establish time connection between different levels inside and outside the Oval.

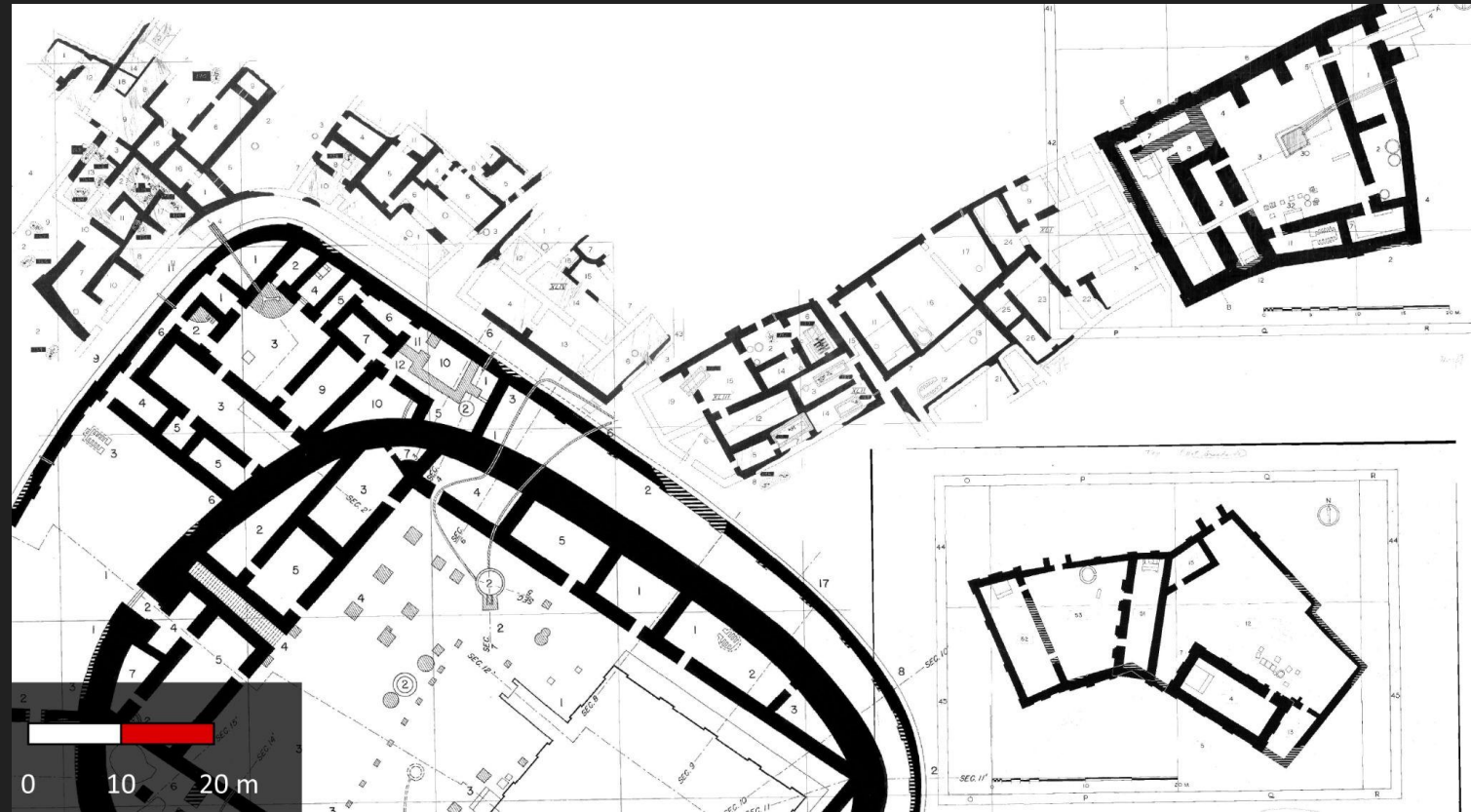
All the drains, as well as the stairs and the gate, seem to indicate that a higher level inside the oval is contemporary with a lower level outside it, so that the ruins and graves at the K-42, J-42 area seem to be of a later building period than House D, and the part of the Oval connected with it.

DiyArDa : <https://dialadb01.uchicago.edu/>



Creating a post-excavation GIS from the DiyArDa plans

Houses 3, a composite level



Houses 3, a composite level



Stemmed dishes from Houses 4-3, Oval I and Sin IX

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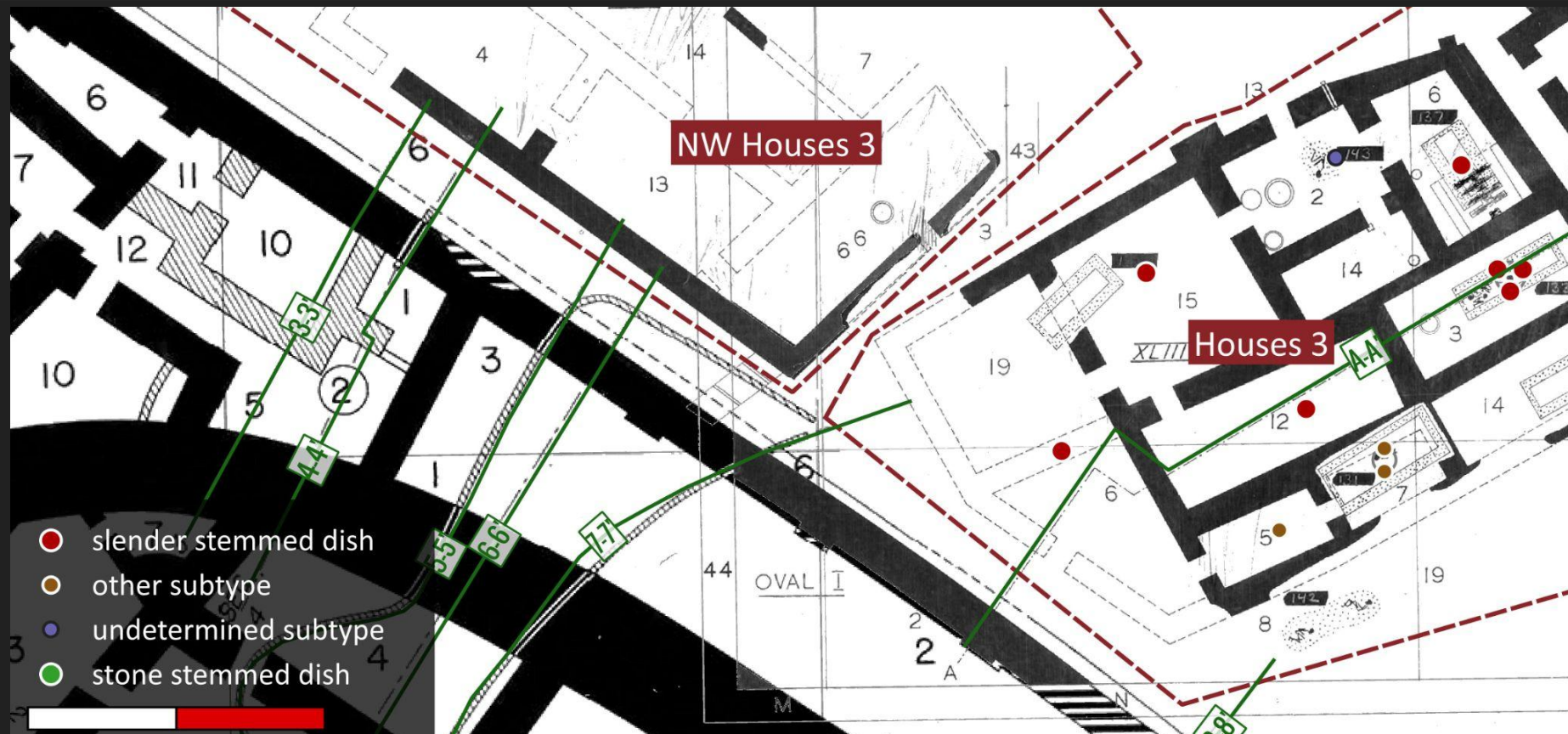
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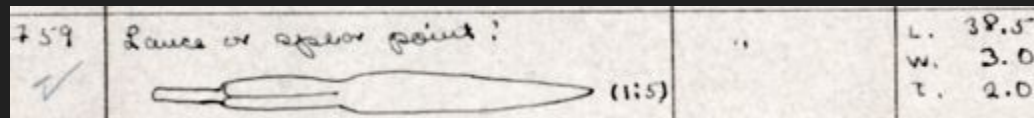
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Divergent chronological attributions

Houses	Delougaz et al. 1967	ARCANE (2009)	Gibson 2011	Marchesi & Marchetti 2011	Dittmann 2015	Stefanski 2018
1	ED IIIB	Early Akkad	ED IIIB / Early Akkad		F	Early-Late Akkad
2	ED III A / ED IIIB	ED IIIB	ED IIIA	ED IIIB		Early Akkad
Ash						
3	ED IIIA	ED IIIA	ED IIIA	ED IIIA	E	Transitional
4	ED II					ED III
5					D ?	Late ED I (=ED II)

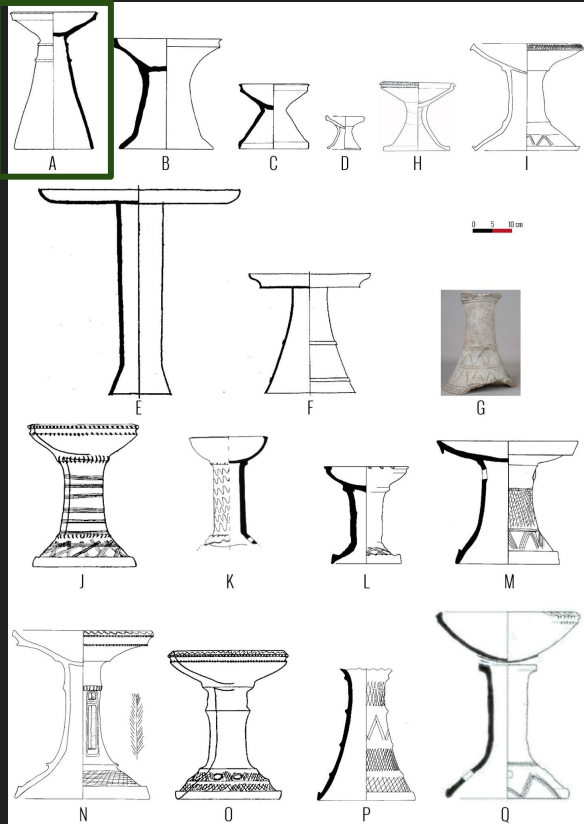
In the burnt building we found in the central room J-4^B/5, a fragment of Akkadian tablet.

Delougaz excavation journal, 1933, p. 132



Spearhead Kh. III 759: close parallel at Ur (Stefanski 2018)

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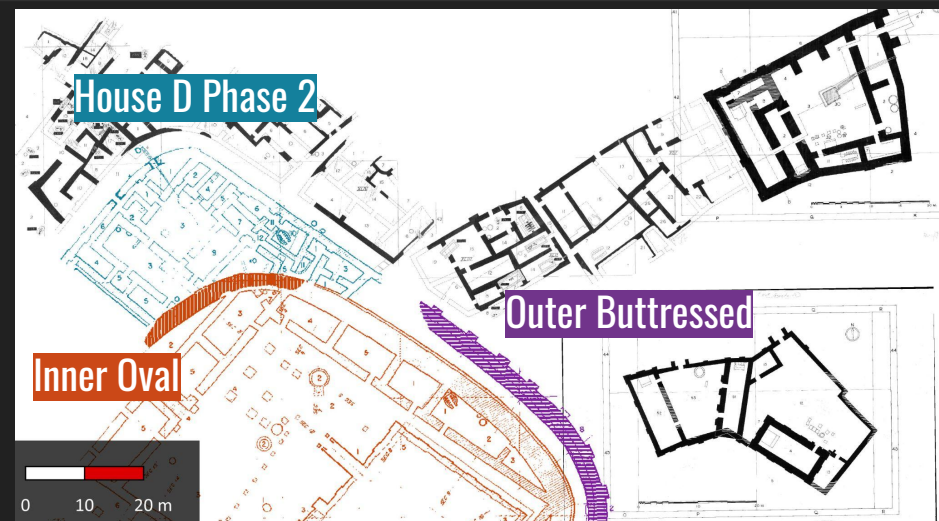
Propozed periods	Houses Level	Subtype A	Other subtypes
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ED IIIA to Early Akkad	H2		
ED IIIA to transitional	H3		
ED II to ED III	H4		
ED II to ED IIIA	H5		
	H6		

Oval Temple II: two main subphasing possibilities



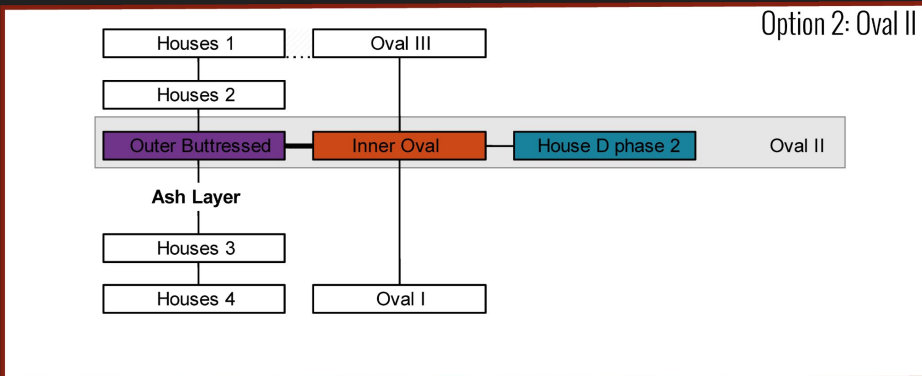
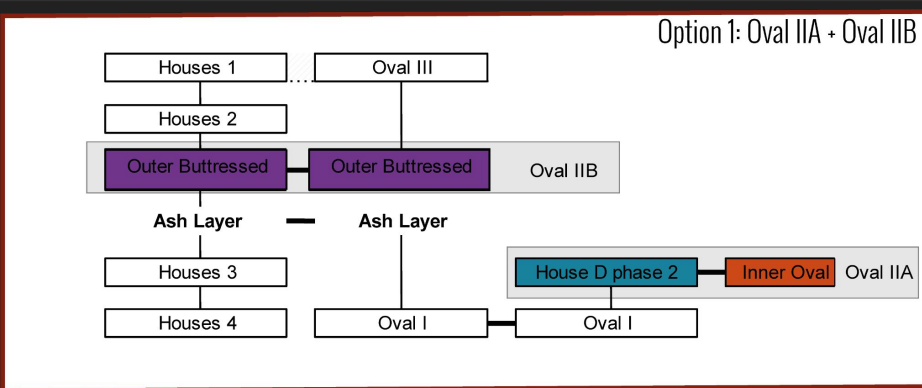
3 main architectural parts probably belonging to the same building (Oval II), but with several combination possibilities

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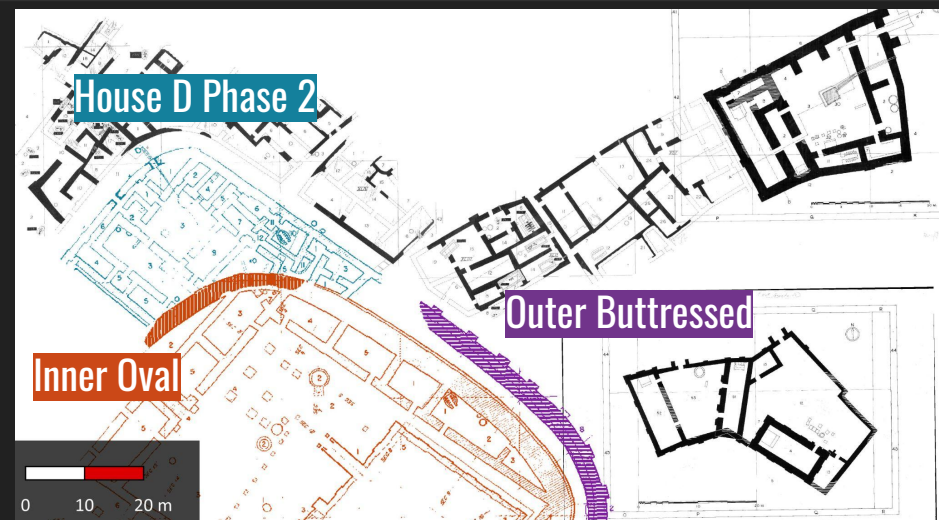
Delougaz 1940:

Two subphases (Oval IIA/ Oval IIB) with complete buttressed wall (covering House D), or one phase (Oval II) with partial buttressed wall (not covering House D).

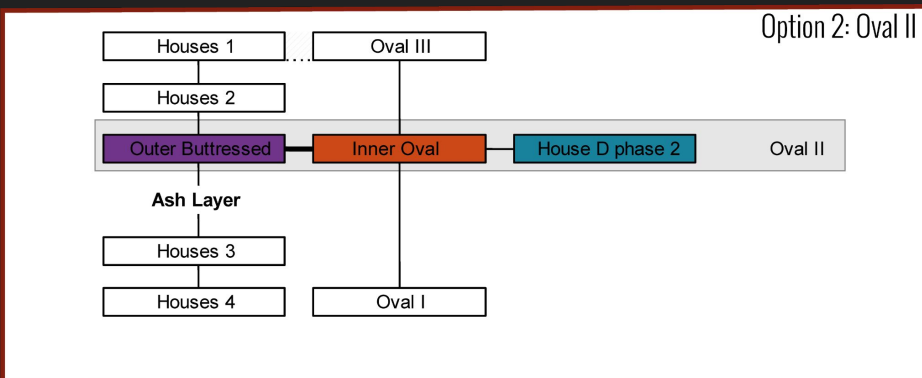
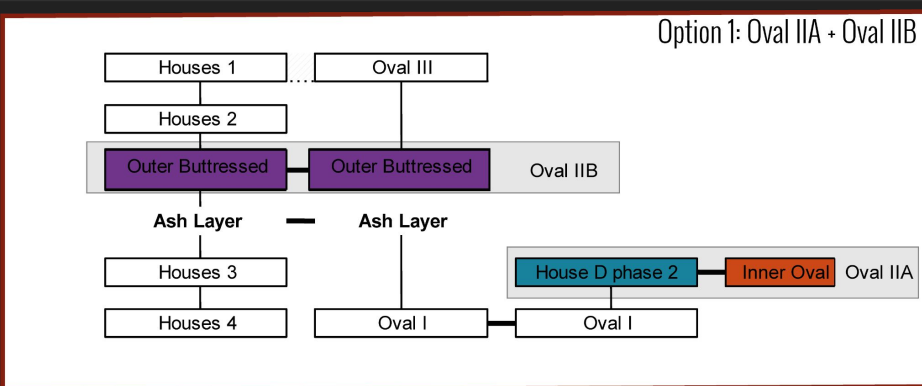


Other options dismissed already by Delougaz.

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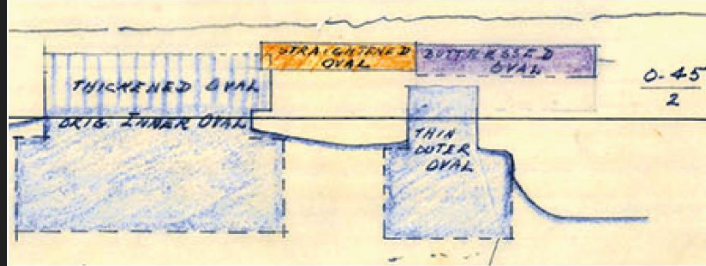
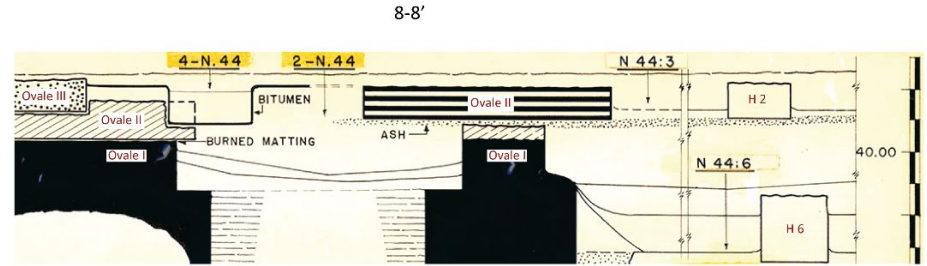
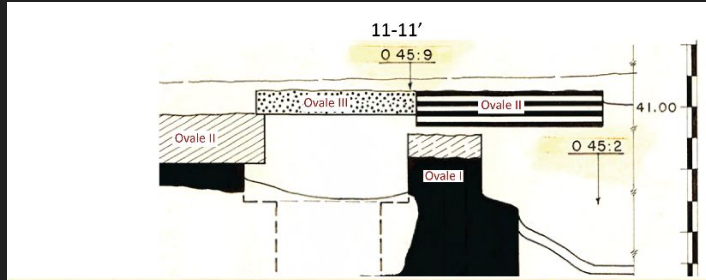
Other interpretations: Tunca 1984 (Outer Buttressed = «Oval IV»), Palmero Fernández 2019 (strong continuity between Oval I and II)



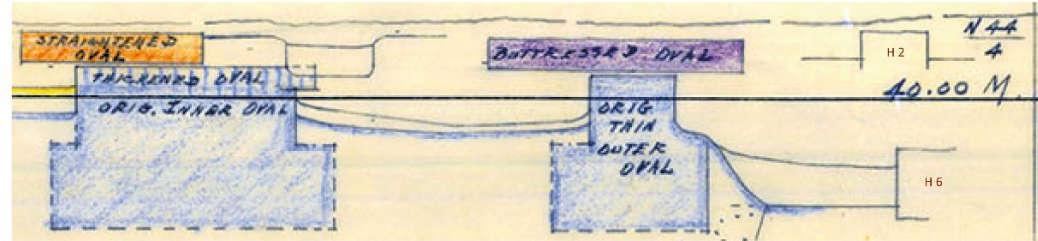
Option 1: adopted & expanded by Vallet (2001, 2019, 2020), Stefanski (2018)
Option 2: preferred by Delougaz (1940, p. 107), followed by Margueron (2007)

Oval Temple II: two main subphasing possibilities

A misleading hatch pattern on sections 11-11' and 8-8'



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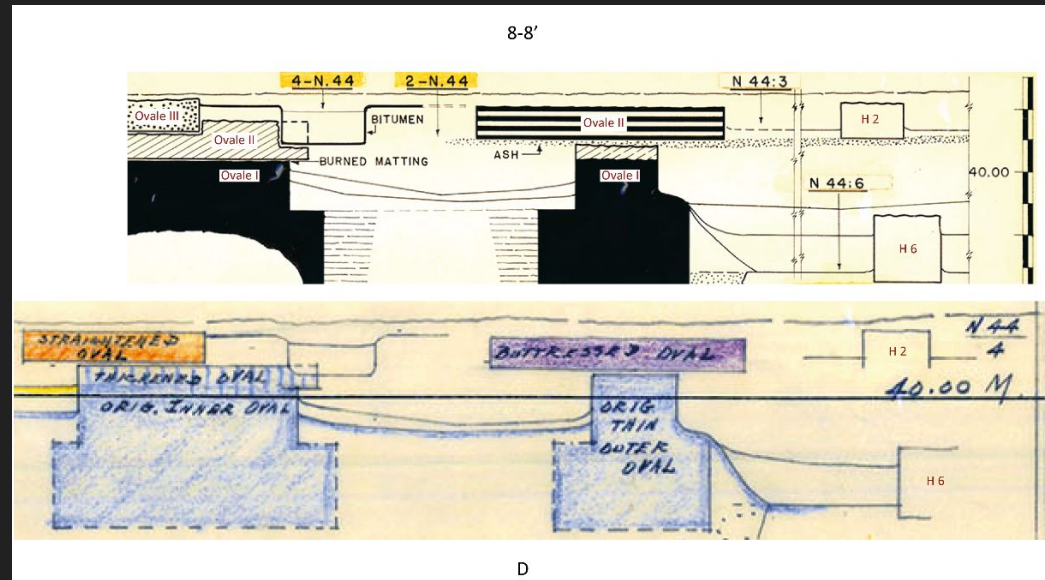
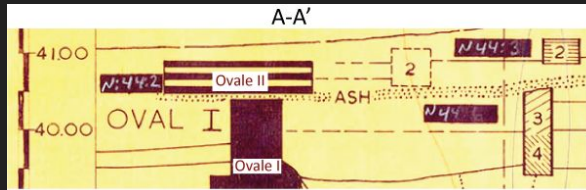
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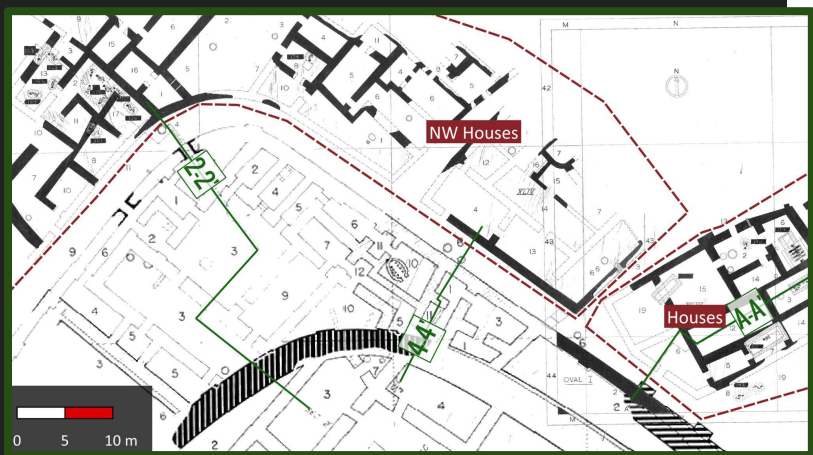
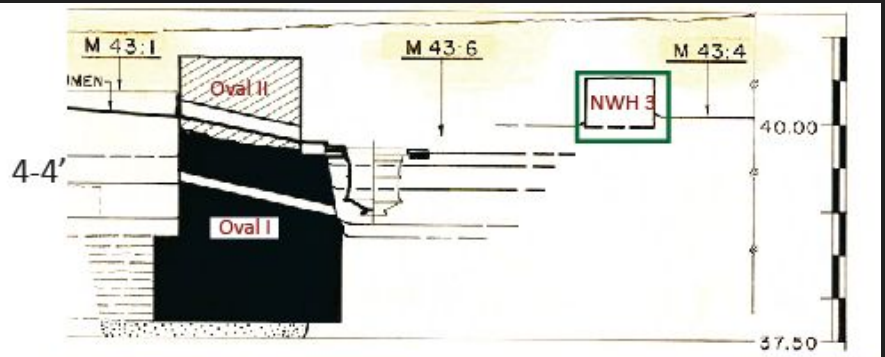
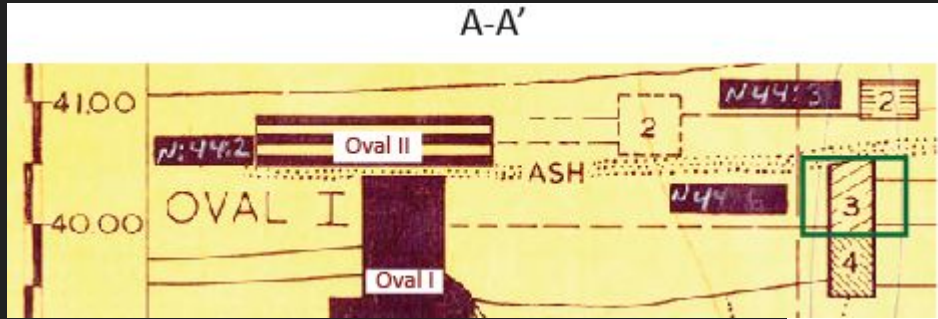
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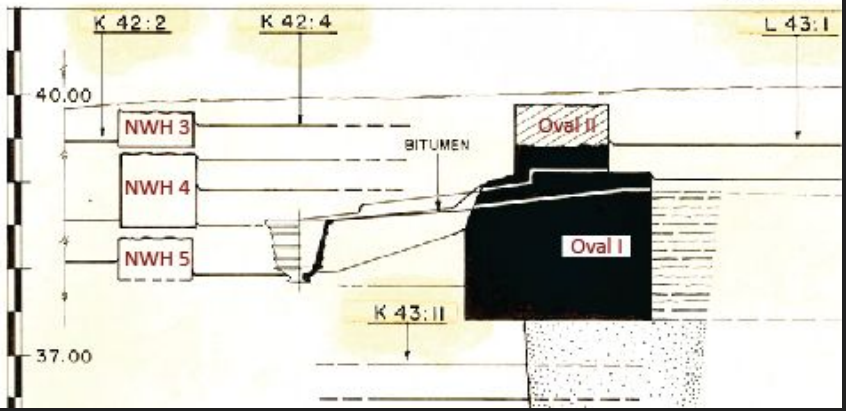
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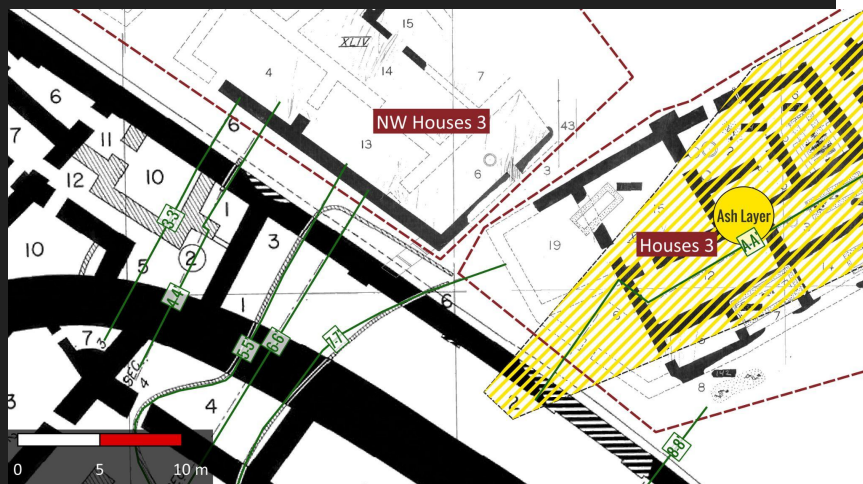
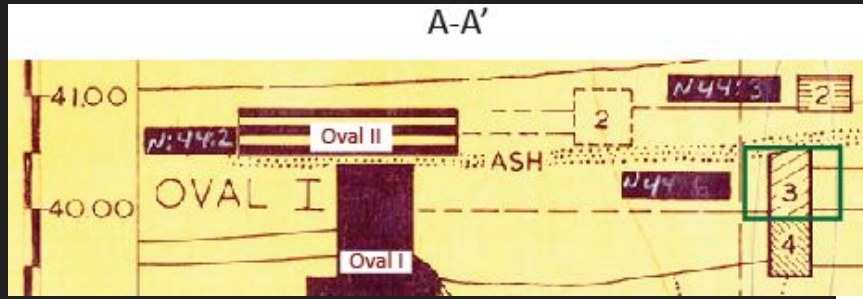


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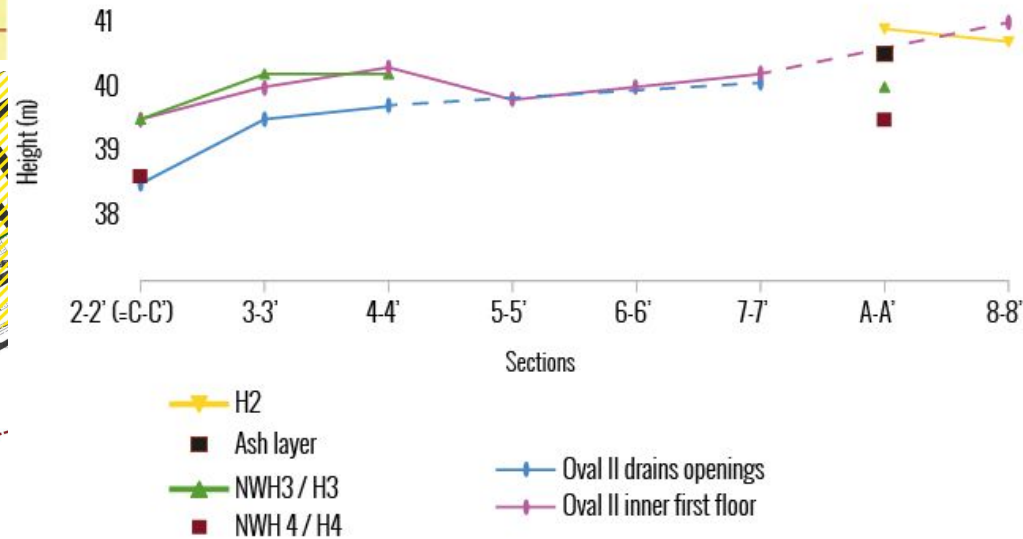


Opposite relationship on each side of the Houses area

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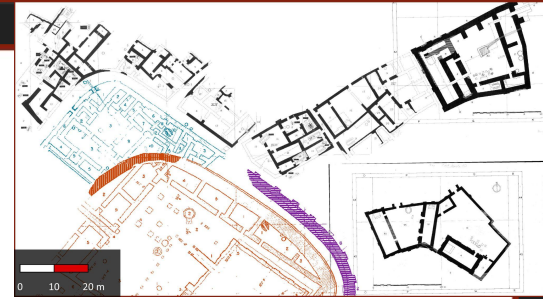
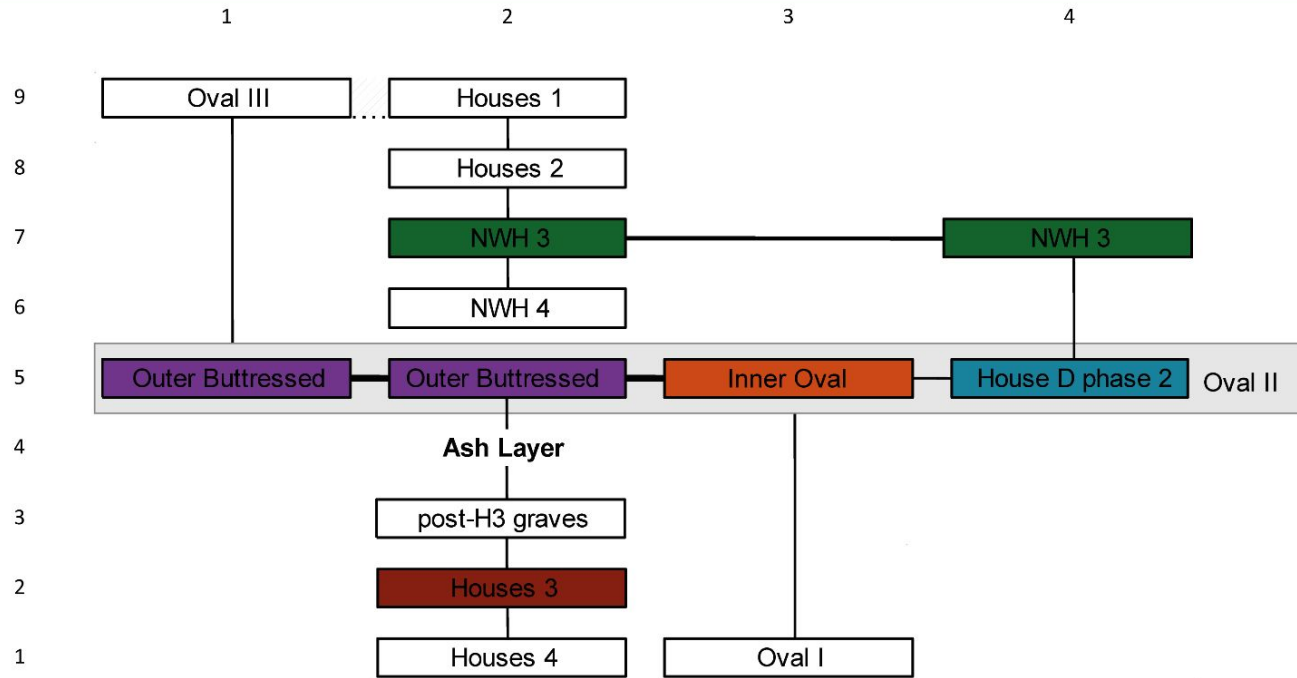


Heights for Houses levels and Oval II features

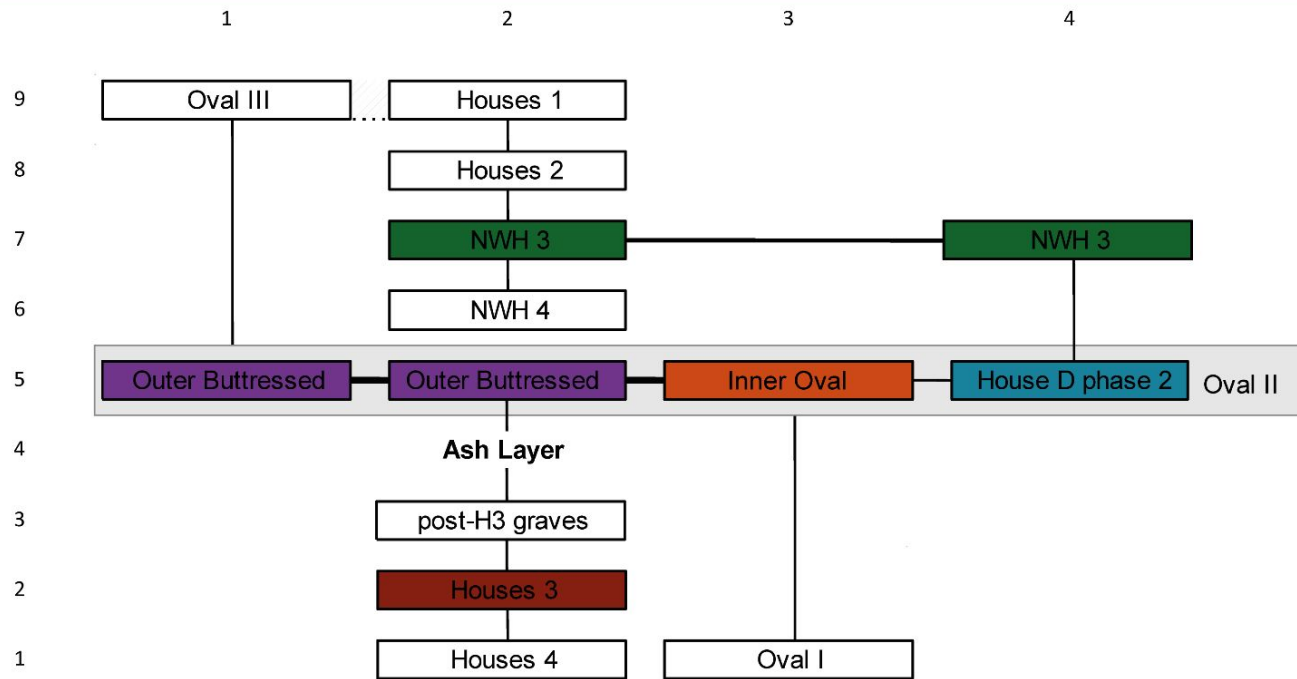


Ashes over easter Houses, not appearing on the western part

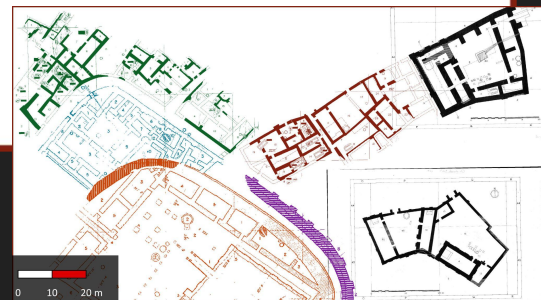
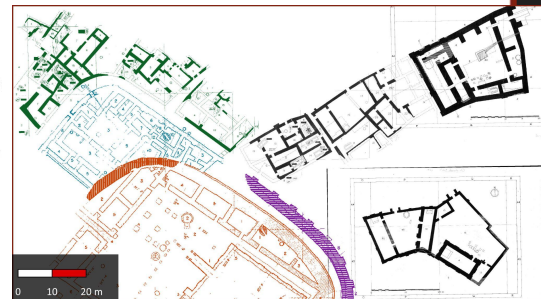
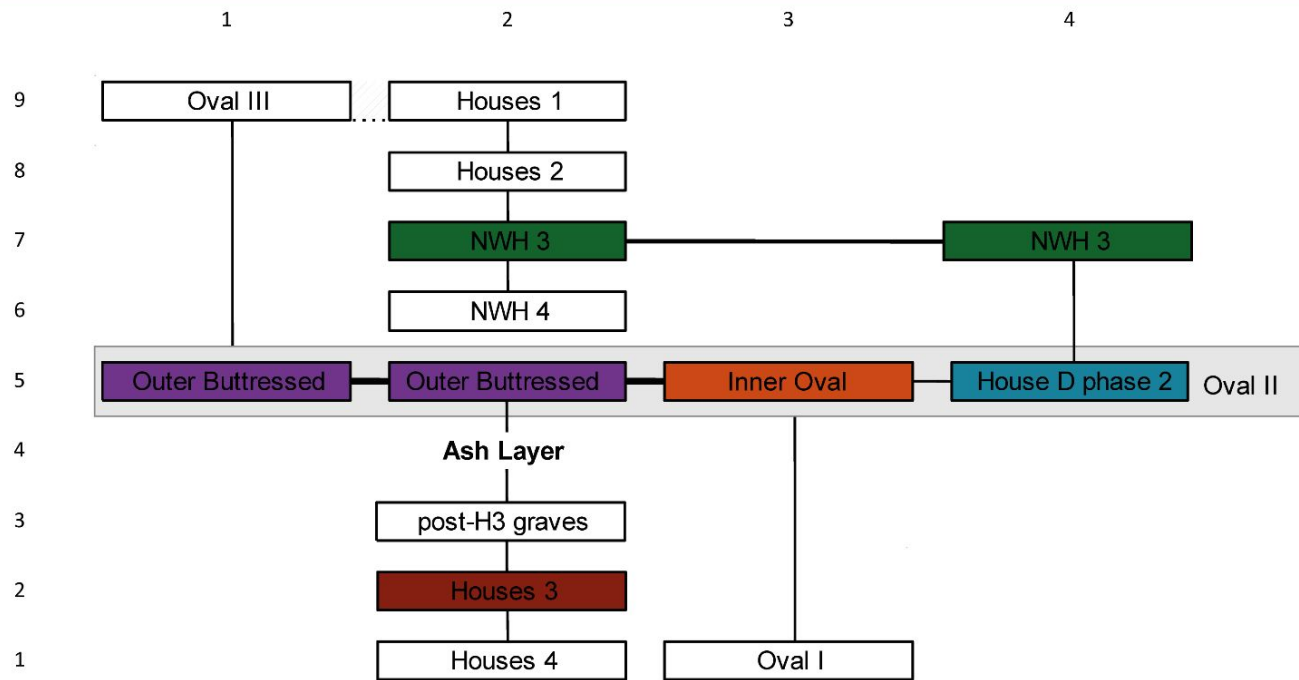
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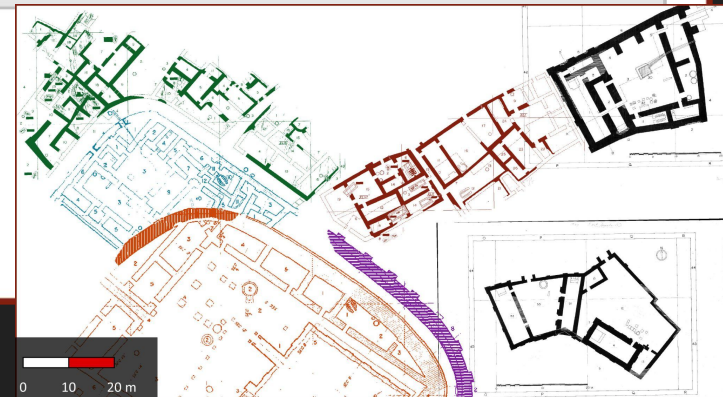
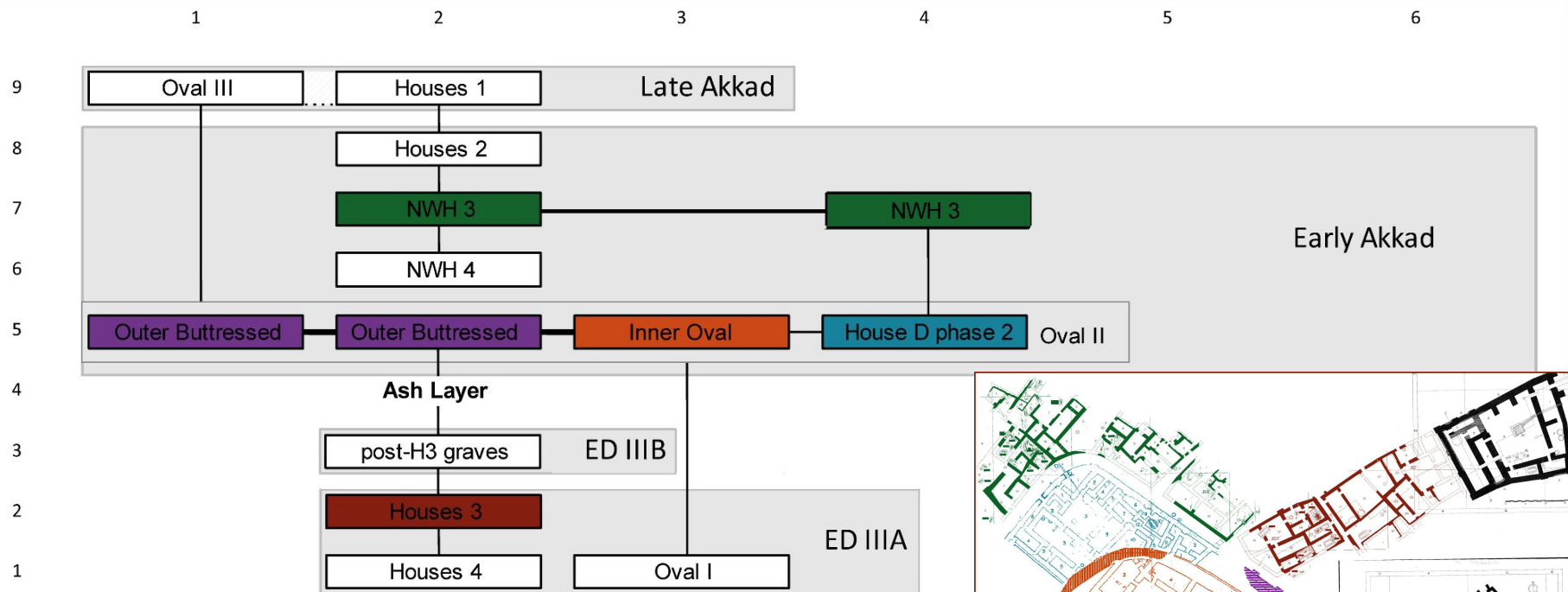
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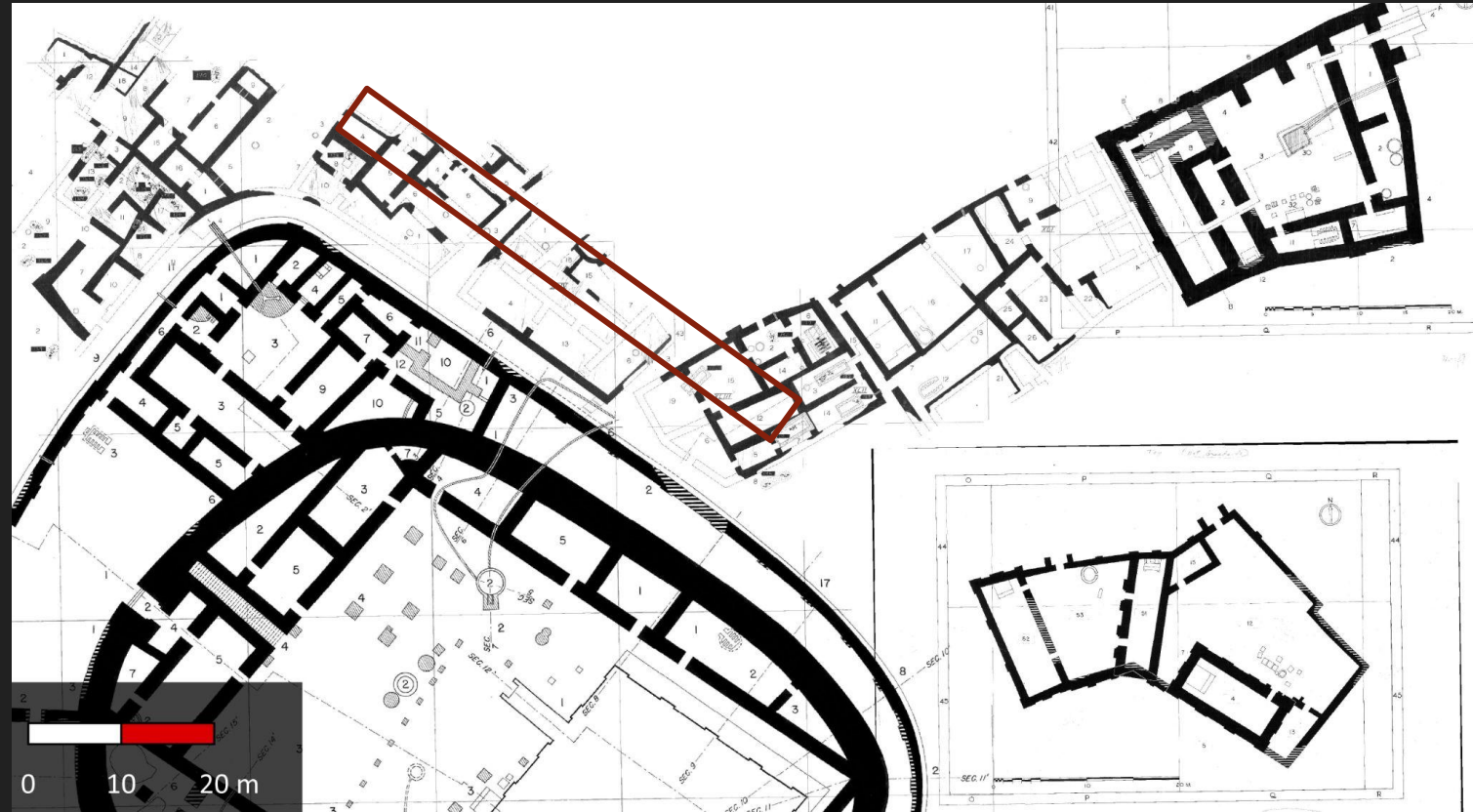


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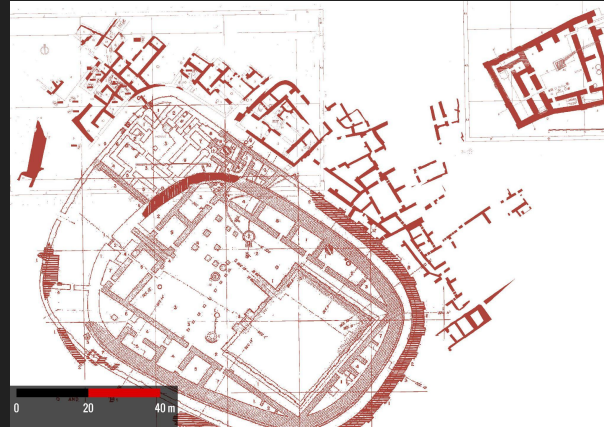
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ED IIIB to Early Akkad	H2		
	NWH3		
	NWH4		
ED IIIB ?	Post-H3 Graves		
ED IIIA	H3		
ED II to ED III	H4		
ED II to ED IIIA	H5		
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Conclusions



Thank you for your attention

05/03/1932, « P. Delougaz
with the dumb level »



Oval phases from I to III with neighbouring quarters

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