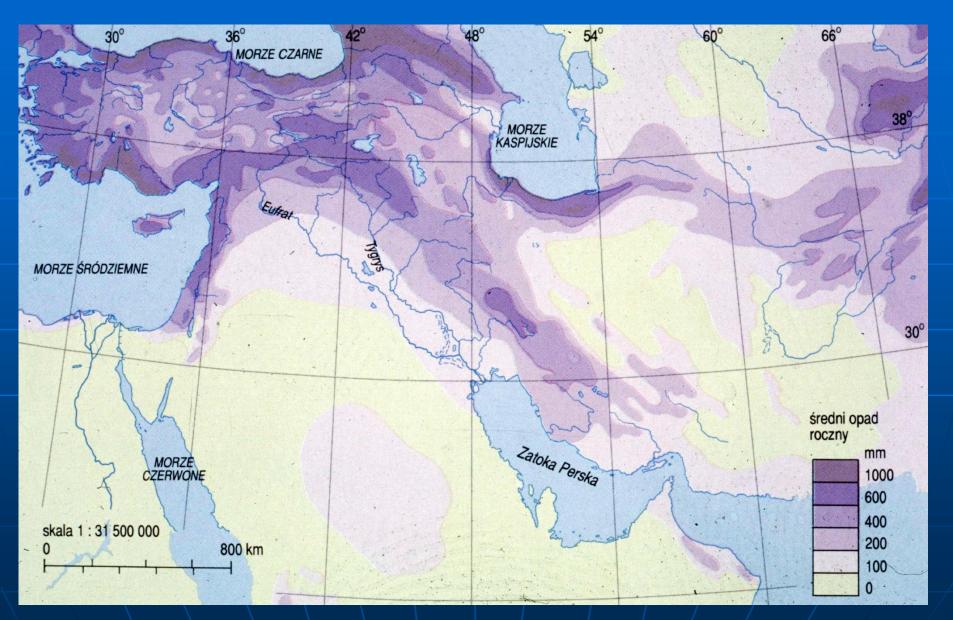
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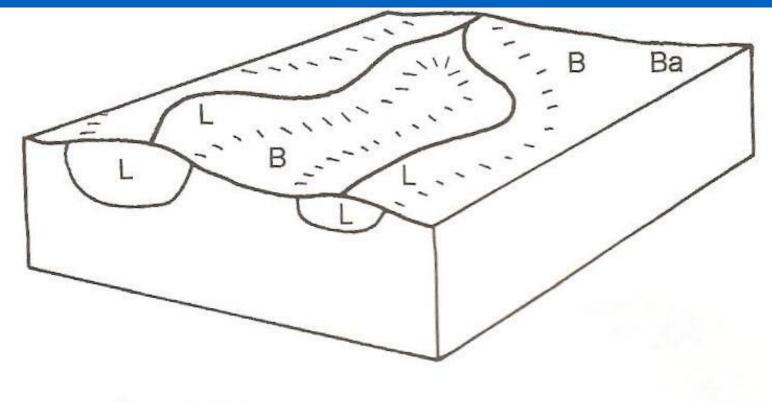




#### PRECIPITATION



#### SOUTHER MESOPOTAMIA: LEVEES FORMATION

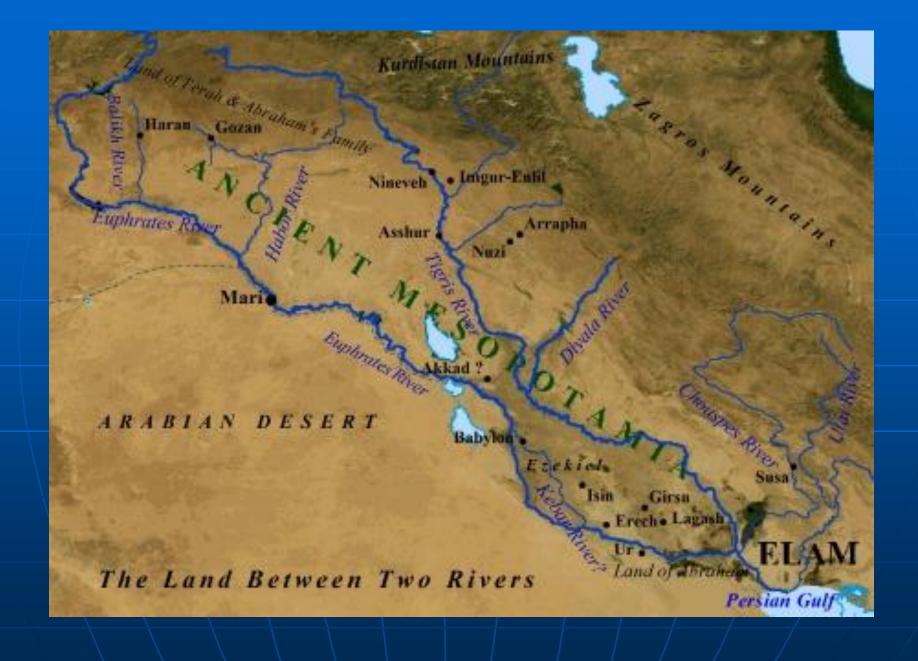


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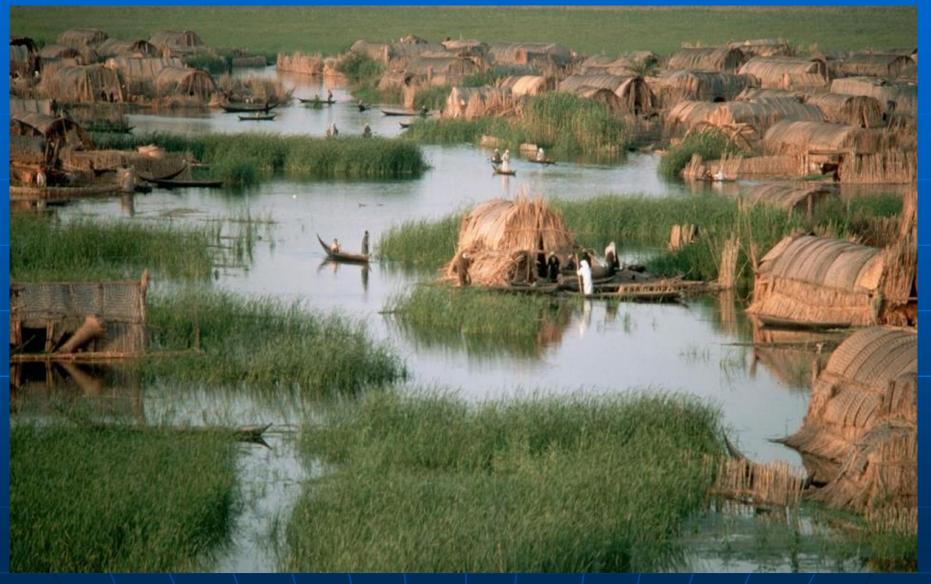
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### IRRIGATION CANALS





# SOUTHERN MESOPOTAMIA: MARSHLAND IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE REGION

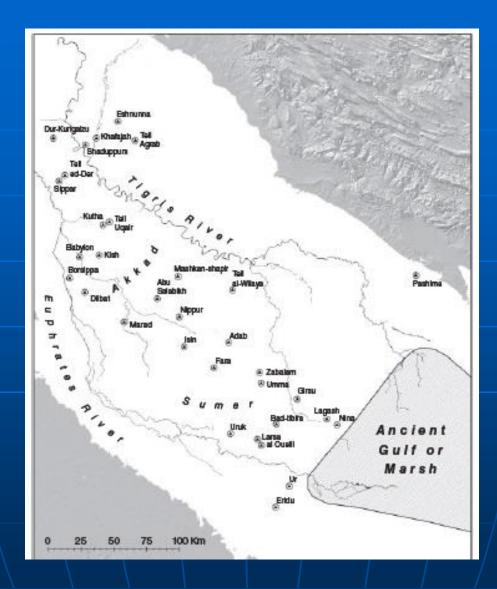


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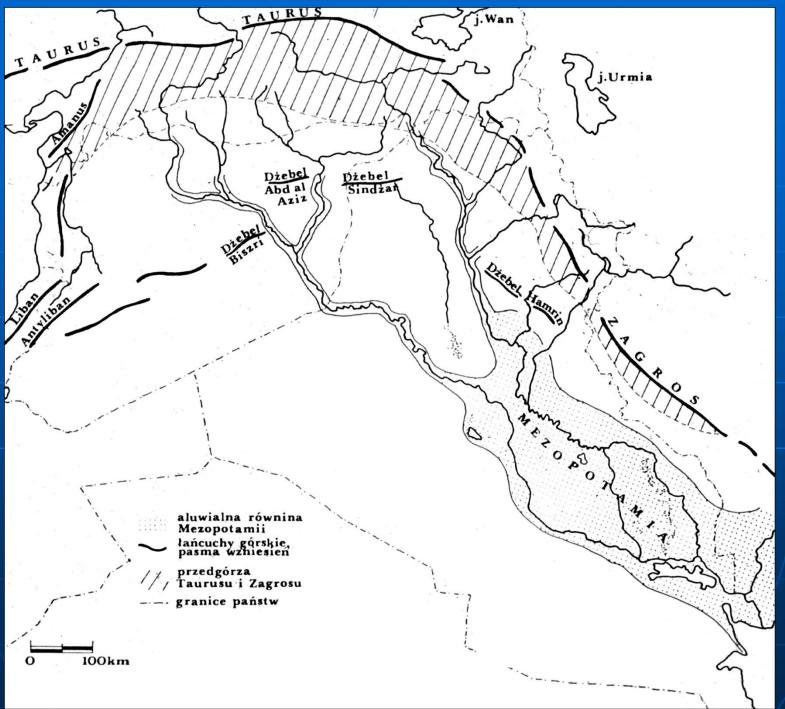
# HISTORICAL REGIONS IN THE 3RD MILLENNIUM BC IN SOUTHERN MESOPOTAMIA





### SALINISATION OF SOIL RESULTING IN WASTELANDS





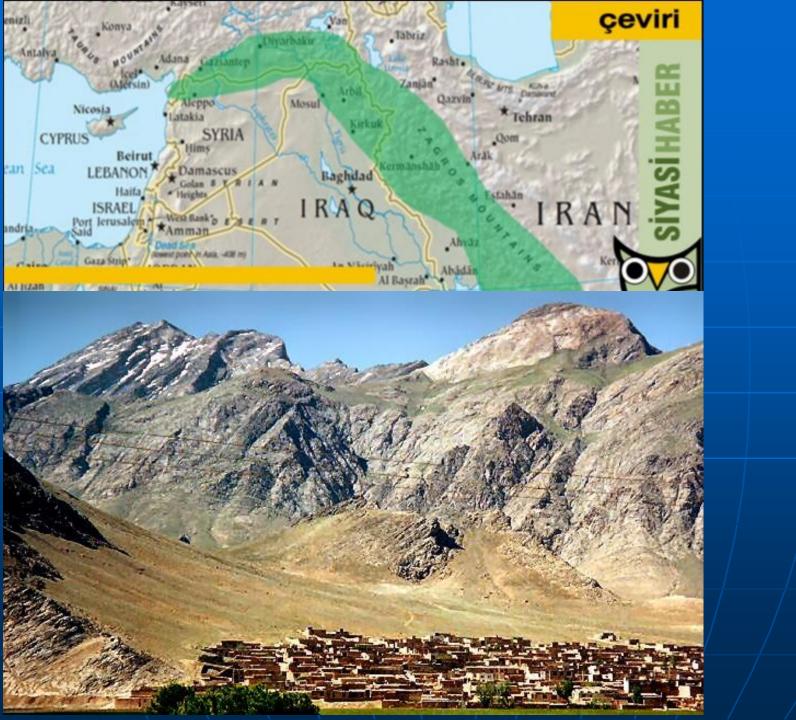
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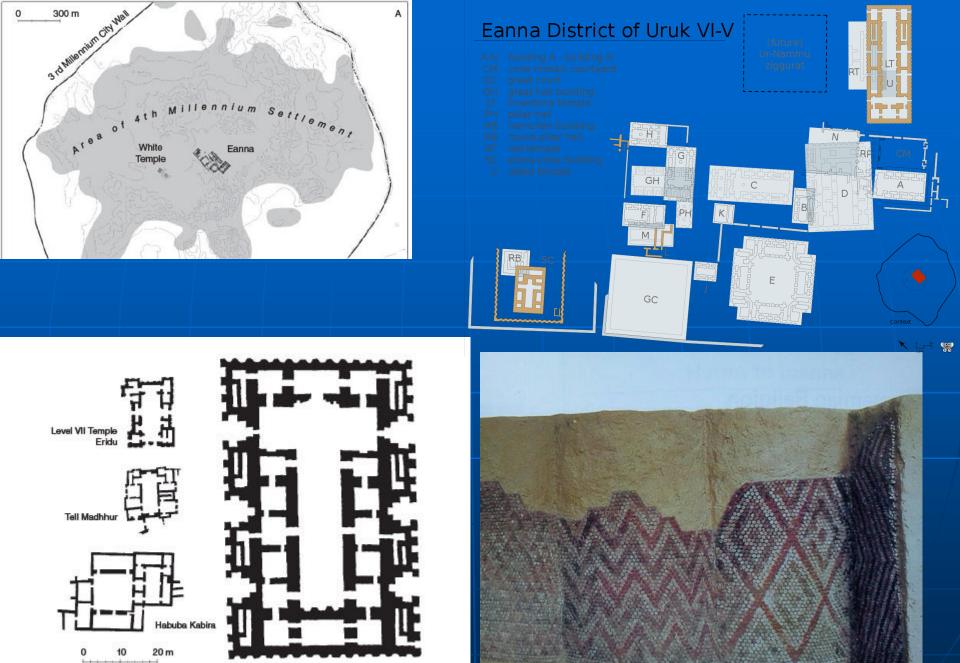






# 4th mill. BC Uruk period Mesopotamia: origins of the Early Bronze civilisation

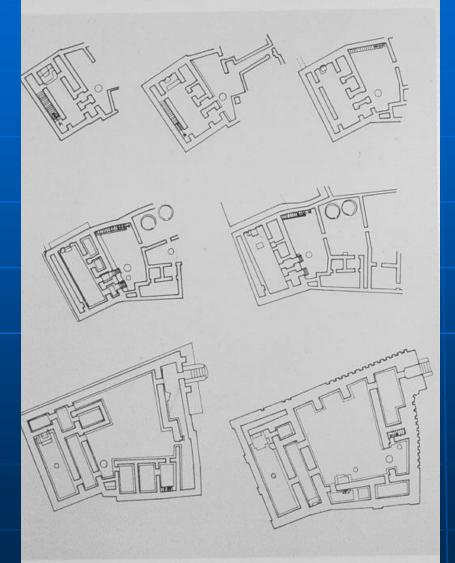


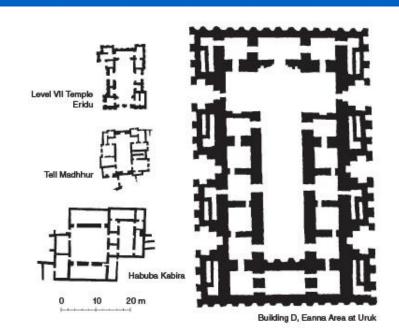


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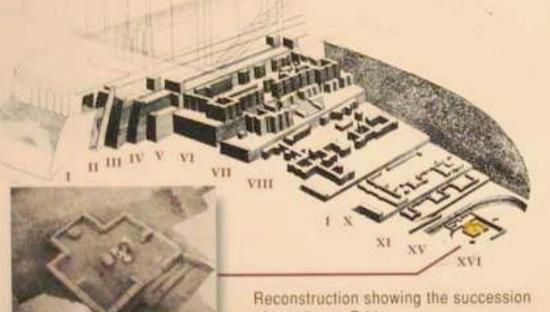
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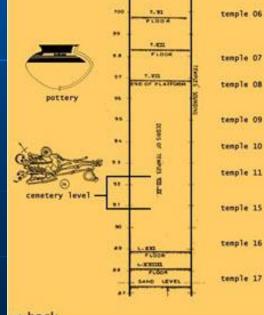


Early Uruk period tripartite plan: forerunner of the 3rd mill. temples

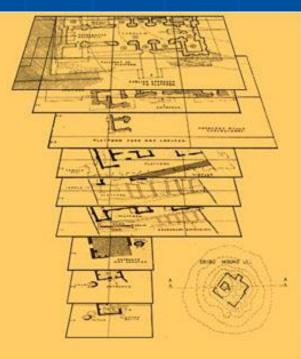


of temples at Eridu.

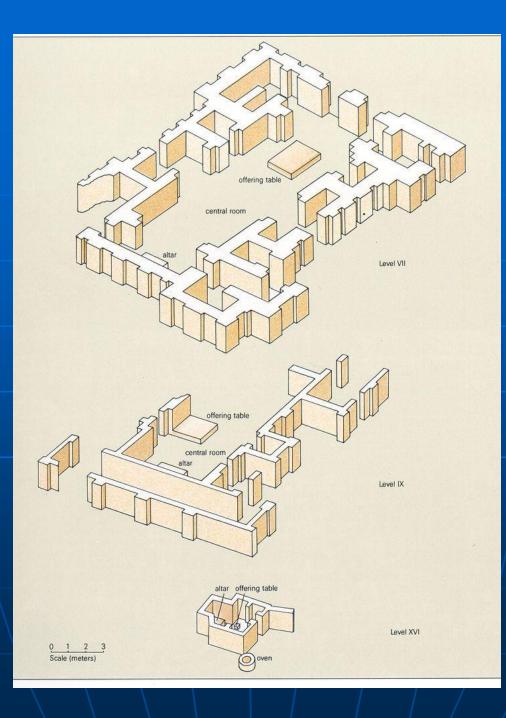
Eridu Level XVI



Sequence of temples in Eridu, southern Mesopotamia: 6000 - 2.500 BC



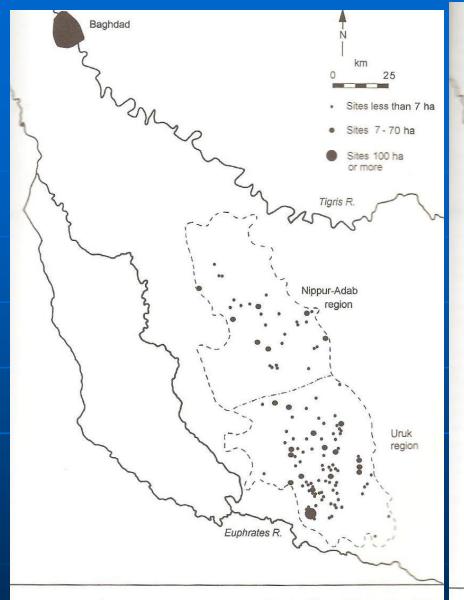
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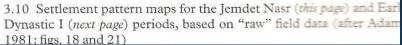


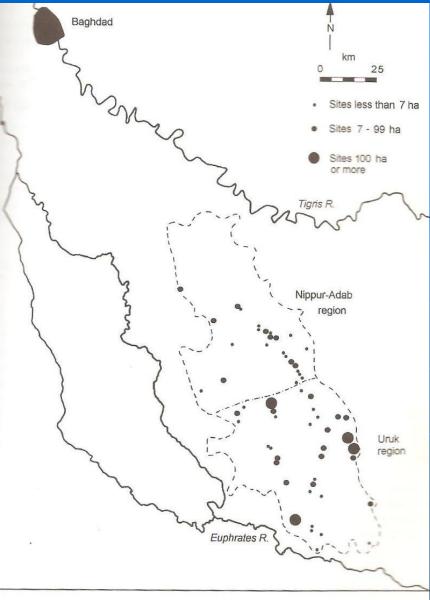


#### Uruk period (4th mill.): cylinder seals



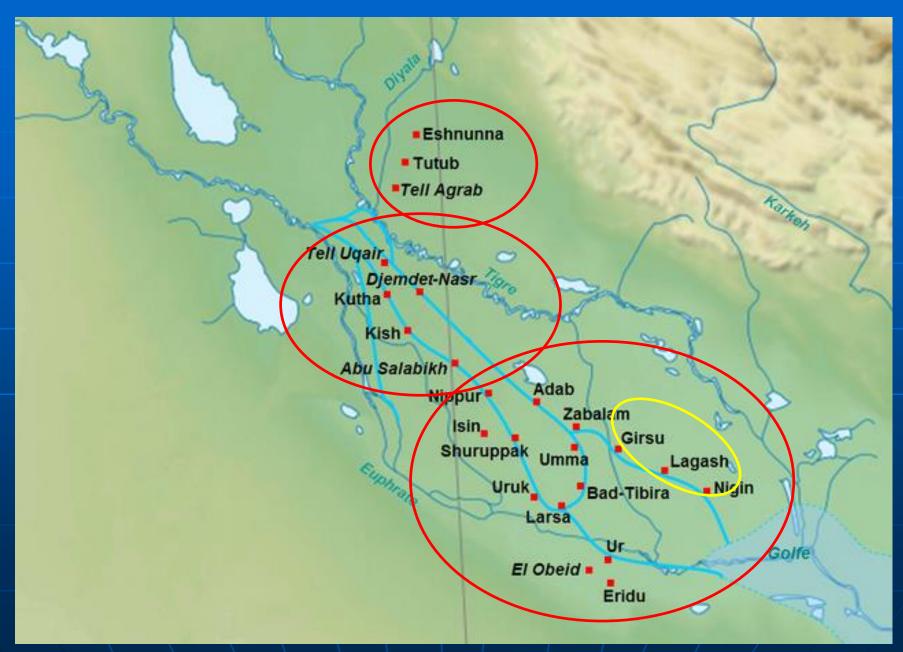




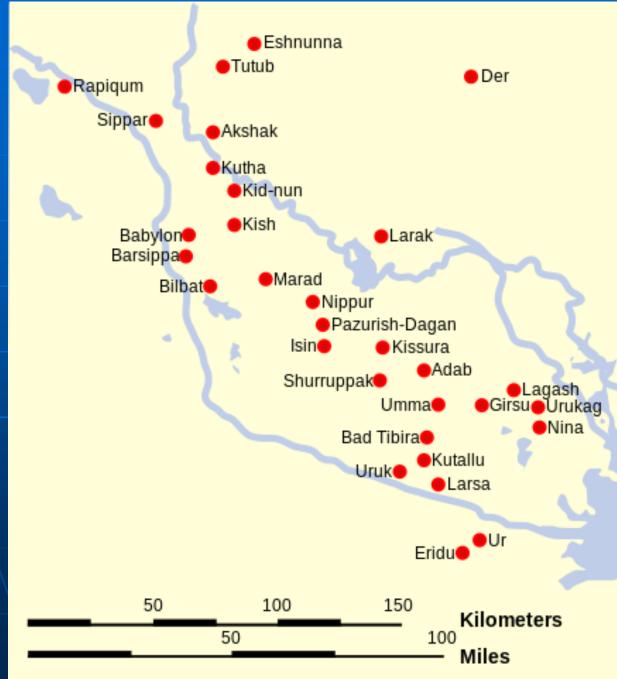


3.11 Settlement pattern maps for the Early Dynastic II-III (this page and Akkadian (*next page*) periods, based on "raw" field data (afte Adams 1981:figs. 29 and 30)

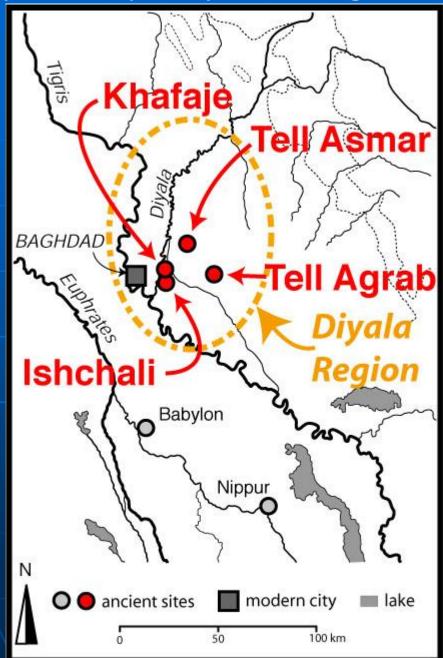
#### 3rd mill. BC SUMER from north: Diyala zone, Akkad, Sumer



#### City states in the 3rd millennium Sumer



#### The Diyala valley Early Bronze Age culture

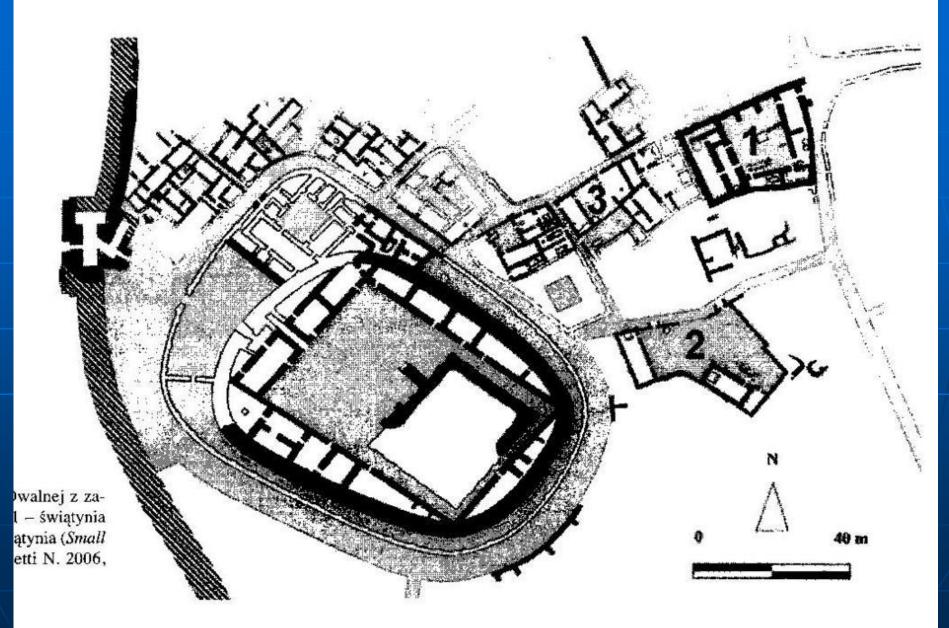


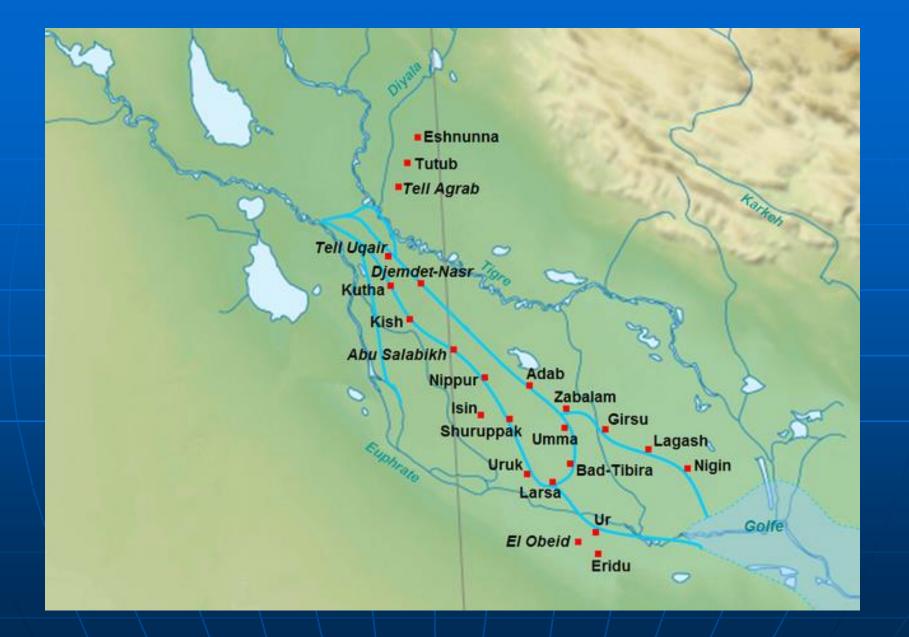
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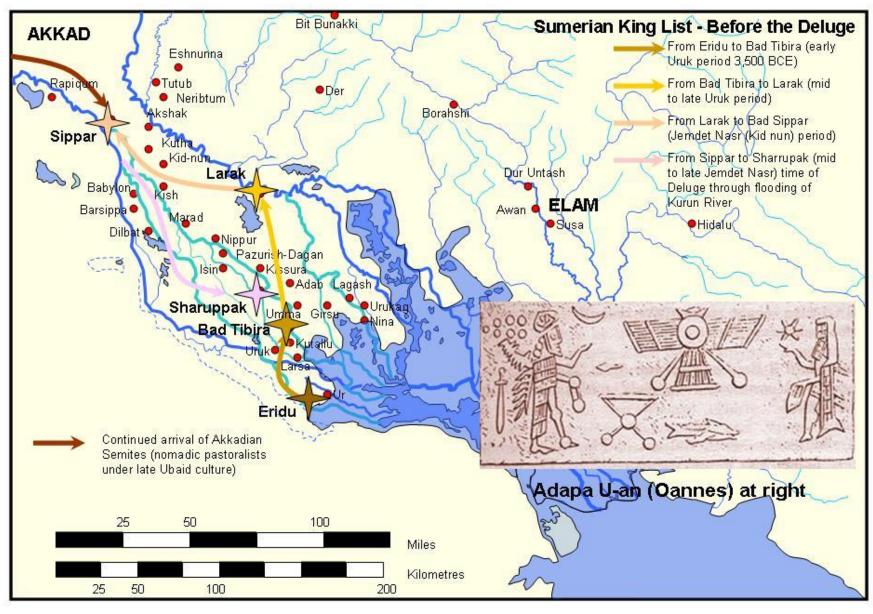
## Ensi = the highest priest

temple estate communities "cooperating" with a particular temple family estates poor (no property) / dependent Temples Khafaje, Diyala valley: Oval temple: temple precint and a priest house and 3 smaller shrines with double sancturies





#### SUMER, AKKAD AND ELAM



<u>Chronology of the first half of the 3rd millennium IN</u> <u>Southern Mesopotamia</u>

According to excavations in the Diyala Valley: Early Dynastic I period: 2900–2750 BC Early Dynastic II period: 2750–2600 BC Early Dynastic III a period: 2600–2500 BC Early Dynastic III b period: ca. 2500–2334 BC

According to Nippur startigraphy two phases: Early Dynastic I = I + II Early Dynastic III

#### WRITTEN SOURCES FOR EARLY MESOPOTAMIA

### SUMERIAN KING LIST

**ROYAL INSCRIPTIONS** 

YEAR NAMES/ FORMULE



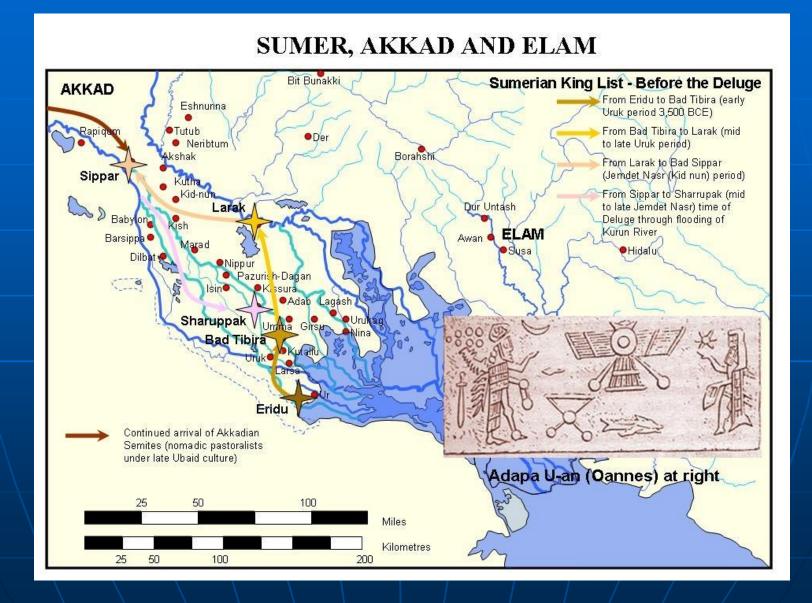
Predynastic kings before the deluge event according to the Sumerian King List

"After the kingship descended from heaven, the kingship was in <u>Eridug</u>. In Eridug, Alulim became king; he ruled for 28800 years."

Alulim 8 sars (28,800 years) Alalngar 10 sars (36,000 years) "Then Eridug fell and the kingship was taken to <u>Bad-tibira</u>." En-men-lu-ana 12 sars (43,200 years) En-men-gal-ana 8 sars (28,800 years) Dumuzid, the Shepherd "the shepherd" 10 sars (36,000 years) "Then Bad-tibira fell and the kingship was taken to Larag." En-sipad-zid-ana 8 sars (28,800 years) "Then Larag fell and the kingship was taken to Zimbir." En-men-dur-ana 5 sars and 5 ners (21,000 years) "Then Zimbir fell and the kingship was taken to <u>Shuruppaq</u>." Ubara-Tutu 5 sars and 1 ner (18,600 years)

"Then the <u>flood</u> swept over."

### Cities of Southern Mesopotamia recorded in the Suemrian King List



#### Post-deluge dynasties (Early Dynastic I – II) according to the SKL

#### First Dynasty of KISH after ca. 2900 BC

"After the flood had swept over, and the kingship had descended from heaven, the kingship was in <u>Kish.</u>"

Ngushur 1200 years Kullassina-bel 960 years Nangishlishma 670 years En-tarahana 420 years Babum 300 years Puannum 840 years Kalibum 960 years Kalumum 840 years Zuqaqip 900 years Atab (or A-ba) 600 years Mashda "the son of Atab" 840 years Arwium "the son of Mashda" 720 years Etana "the shepherd, who ascended to heaven and consolidated all the foreign countries" 1500 years Balih "the son of Etana" 400 years En-me-nuna 660 years Melem-Kish "the son of En-me-nuna" 900 years Barsal-nuna ("the son of En-me-nuna")\* 1200 years Zamug "the son of Barsal-nuna" 140 years Tizqar "the son of Zamug" 305 years Ilku 900 years Iltasadum 1200 years En-me-barage-si "who made the land of Elam submit" 900 years Aga of Kish "the son of En-me-barage-si" 625 years - ca. 2600 BC contemporary with <u>Gilgamesh</u> of <u>Uruk</u>, according to the Epic of Gilgamesh

"Then Kish was defeated and the kingship was taken to <u>E-ana</u>."

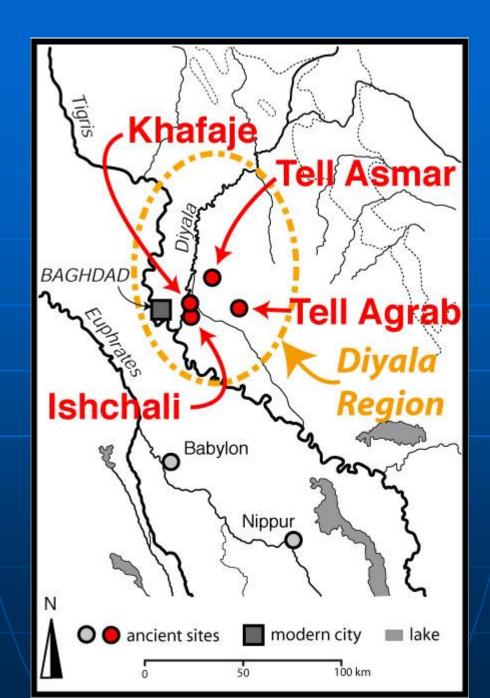
#### First Dynasty of URUK ca. 27th – 26th century BC according to the SKL

<u>Mesh-ki-ang-gasher</u> of <u>E-ana</u> "the son of Utu" 324 years "Mesh-ki-ang-gasher entered the sea and disappeared."

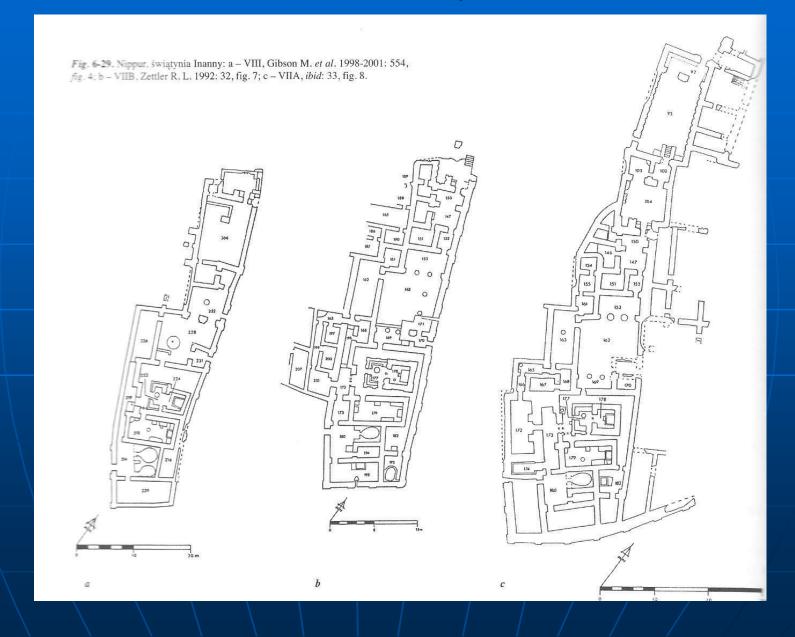
**Enmerkar** "the son of Mesh-ki-ang-gasher, the king of Unug, who *built Unug (Uruk)*" 420 years Lugalbanda "the shepherd" 1200 years **Dumuzid (Dumuzi)** "the fisherman whose city was Kuara." ("He captured **En-me-barage-si** single-handed.")\* 100 years, ca. 2600 BC Gilgamesh "whose father was a phantom (?), the lord of Kulaba" 126 years (contemporary with Aga of Kish), <u>Ur-Nungal</u> "the son of Gilgamesh" 30 years Udul-kalama "the son of Ur-Nungal" 15 years La-ba'shum 9 years En-nun-tarah-ana 8 years Mesh-he "the smith" 36 years Melem-ana 6 years Lugal-kitun 36 years

"Then Unug was defeated and the kingship was taken to <u>Urim</u> (Ur)." Early Dynastic III a dynasties ( = historical period) Ca. 26th century First dynasty of Ur (starting with Mesanepada known from the Royal Cemetery) Dynasty of <u>Awan</u> Second dynasty of Kish

Early Dynastic III b dynasties (ca. 2500 – ca. 2271 BC) Dynasty of <u>Hamazi = **First Dynasty of** Lagash</u> - not mentioned in the King List (known from inscriptions) Second dynasty of Uruk Second dynasty of Ur Dynasty of Adab Dynasty of Mari Third dynasty of Kish Dynasty of Akshak Fourth dynasty of Kish Third dynasty of Uruk "Then Unug was defeated and the kingship was taken to Agade,, = THE END OF EARLY DYNASTIC PERIOD



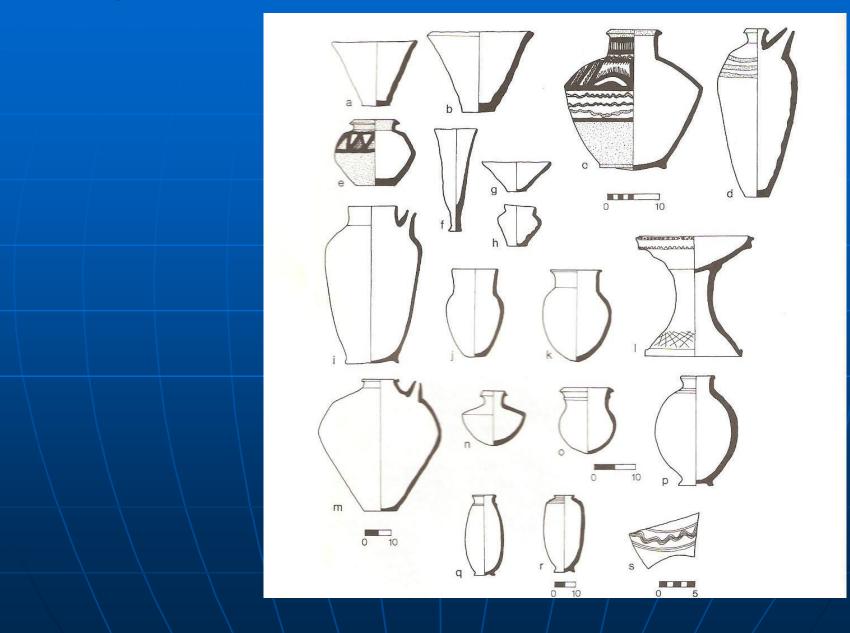
### INANNA TEMPLE FROM EARLY DYNASTIC NIPPUR (SOUTHERN MESOPOTAMIA)



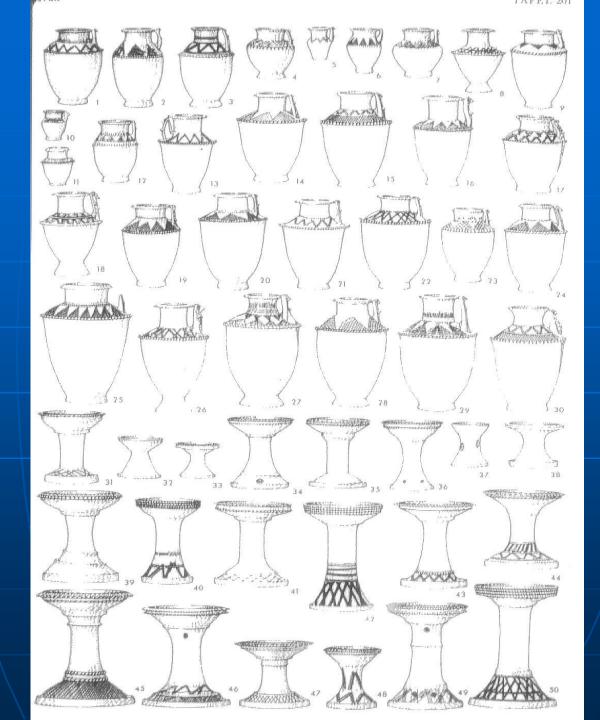
## EARLY DYNASTIC IN MESOPOTAMIA



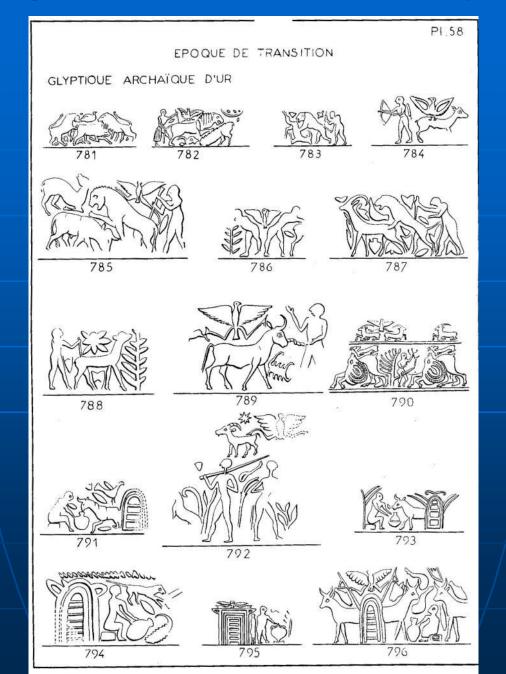
# The Early Dynastic pottery types from the Southern Mesopotamia



Early Dynastic POTTERY FROM KISH



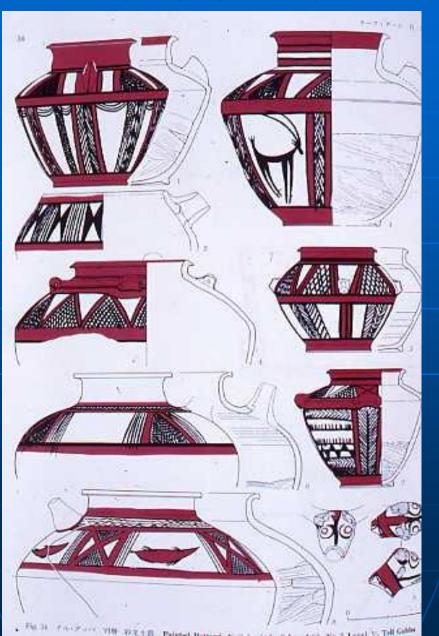
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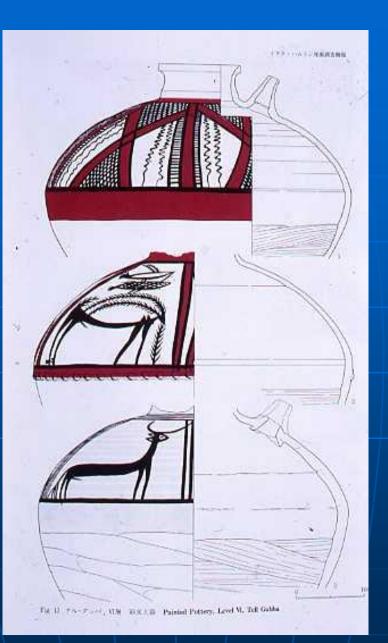


### Early Dynastic I SCARLET WARE VESSEL

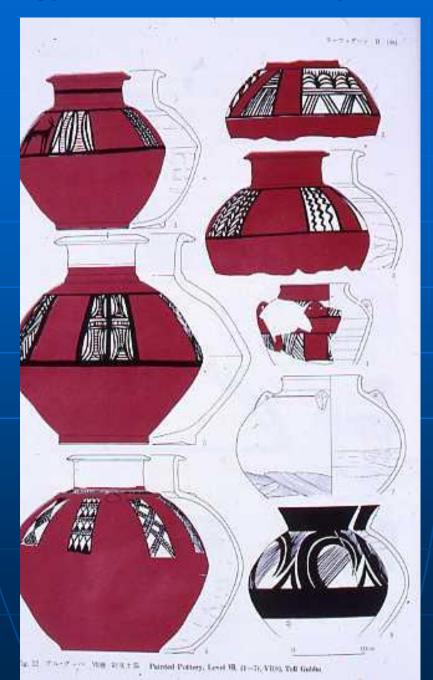


### SCARLET WARE FROM THE THE DIYALA REGION (Early Dynastic I)

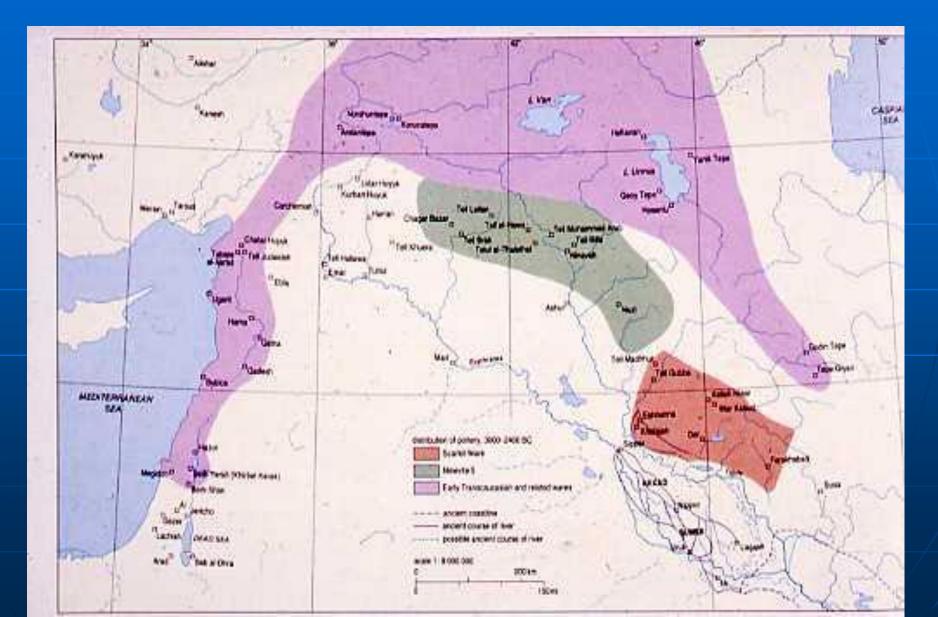




### A "prototype" = Jemdet Nasr Ware (late 4th Millennium)



# Distribution of Scarlet Ware (orange), Ninevite 5 Ware (green), Khirbet Kerak Ware (pink)



Tell Agrab Diyala region





### ED II

DIYALA

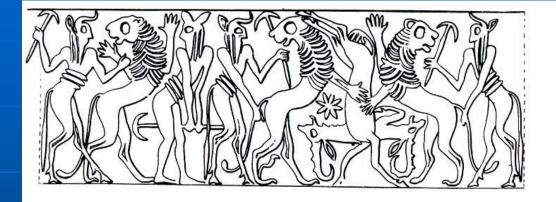


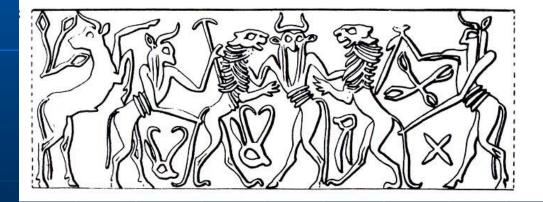


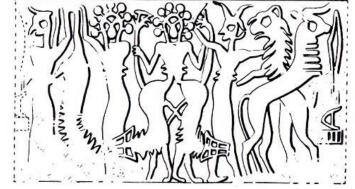
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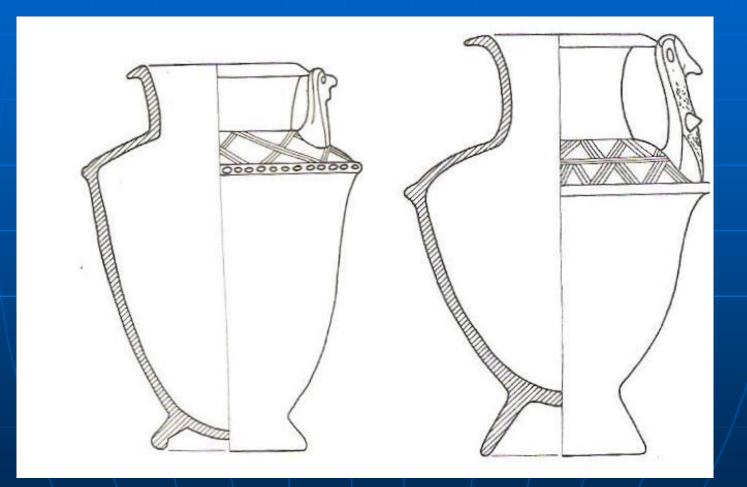




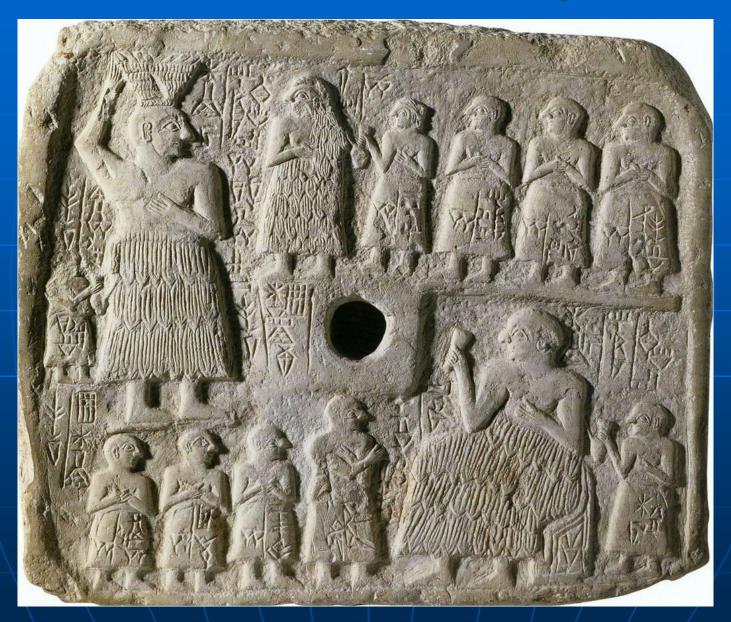




## ED II jars with wing handle



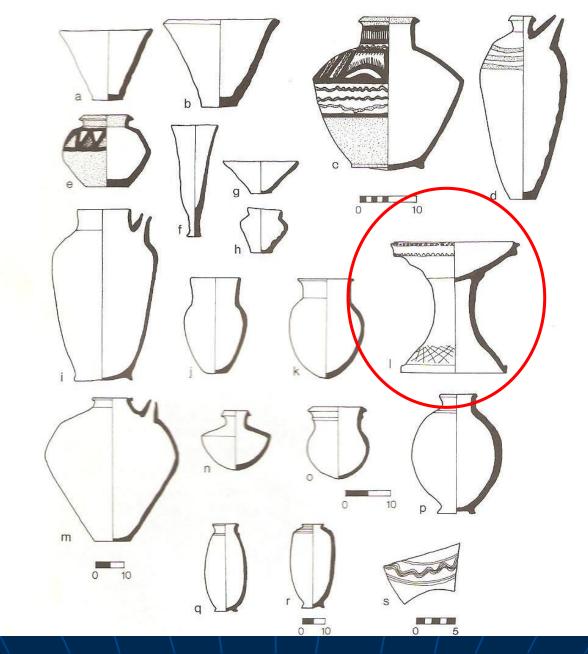
## ED III A – Urnanshe ensi of Lagash



### ED III CHLORITE VESSELS



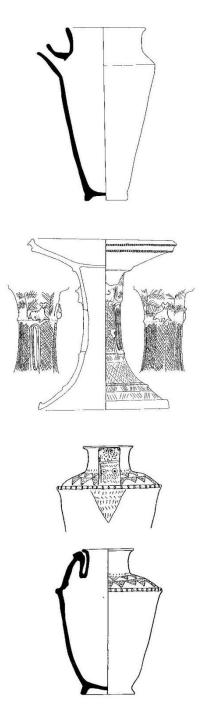
## ED III "fruit stands"



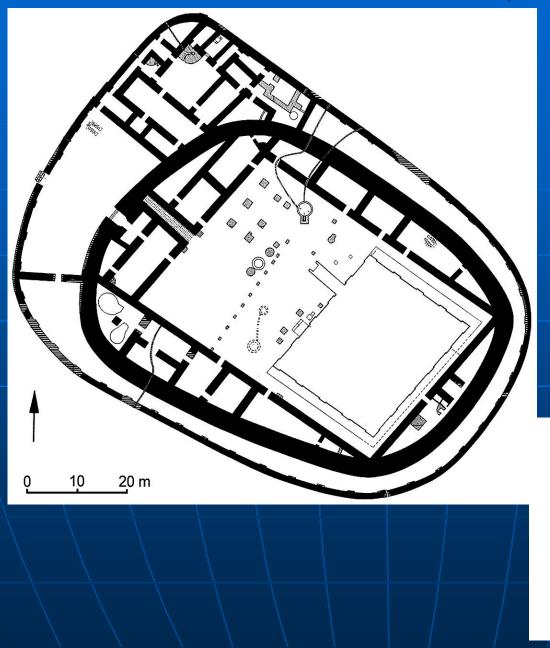
## Typical ED III pottery • Spouted jar

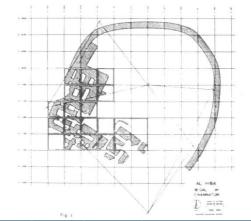
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 Jar with upright decorated handle



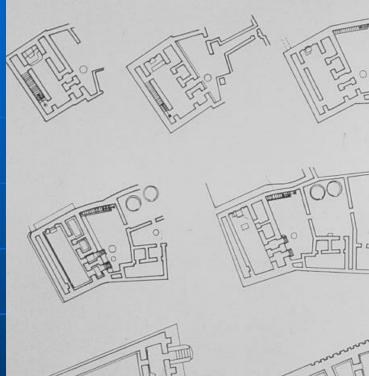
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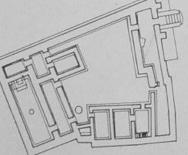


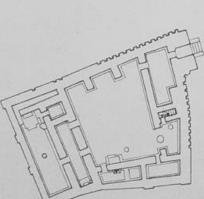


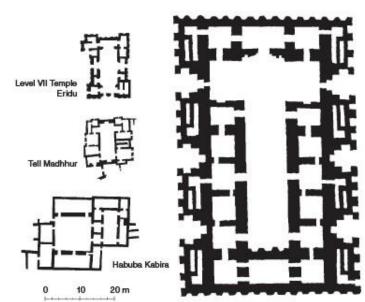
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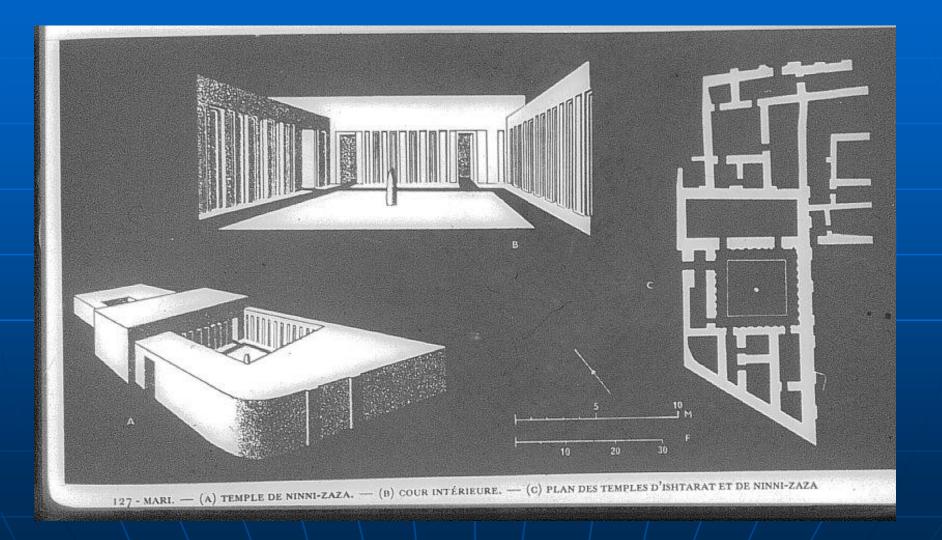
Earlier Uruk period tripartite plan

## SIN TEMPLE PHASES FROM KHAFAJE IN THE DIYALA REGION (EARLY DYNASTIC)



Fig. 6-17. Chafadza, świątynia Sina: a – VI, Delougaz P., Lloyd S. 1942, pl. 6; b – VII, pierwsza faza, *ibid.*, pl. 8; c – VII, pierwsza faza, rekonstrukcja. Delougaz ? 🐂 fig. 44; d – VIII, pierwsza faza, Delougaz P., Lloyd S. 1942, pl. 10; e – 1X, *ibid.*, pl. 11; f – X, *ibid.*, pl. 12. Szarym kolorem zaznaczone celle.

### ISHTARAT and NINNI-ZAZA temples from Early Dynastic MARI (NORTHERN MESOPOTAMIA)



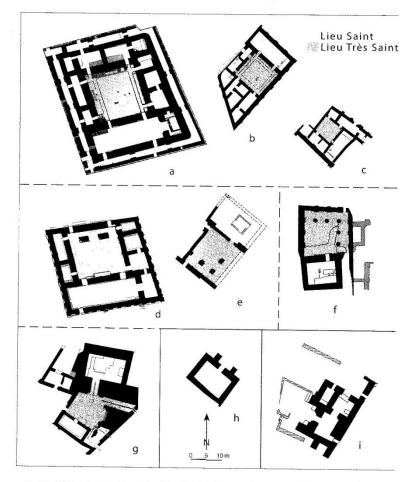
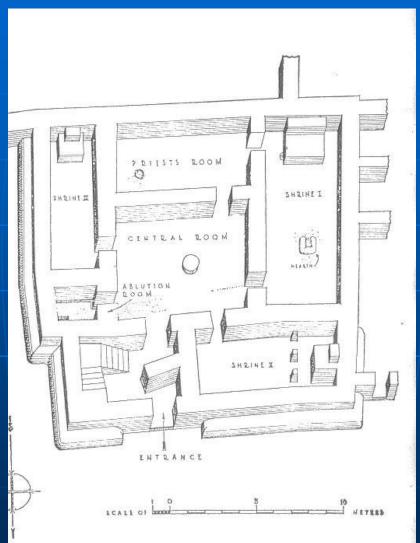
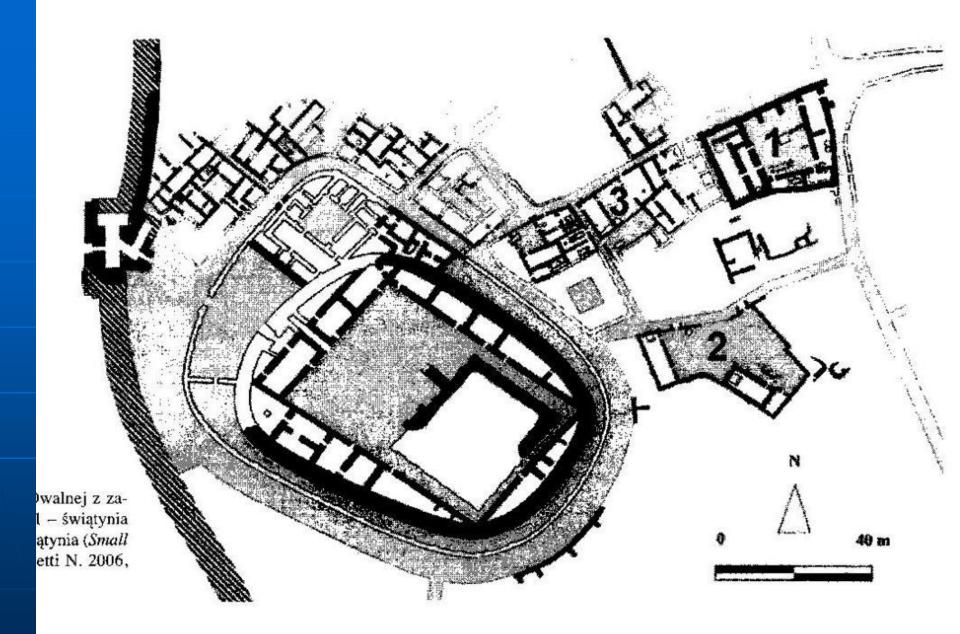


Fig. 31. Tableau des types de temples de la Ville II de Mari. a: Palais P2. – b: Ninnizaza. – c: Ištarat – d: Palais P0. – e: Šamaš. – f: Ištar. – g: Ninhursag. – h: Temple-tour du Massif Rouge. – i: Les temples Anonymes

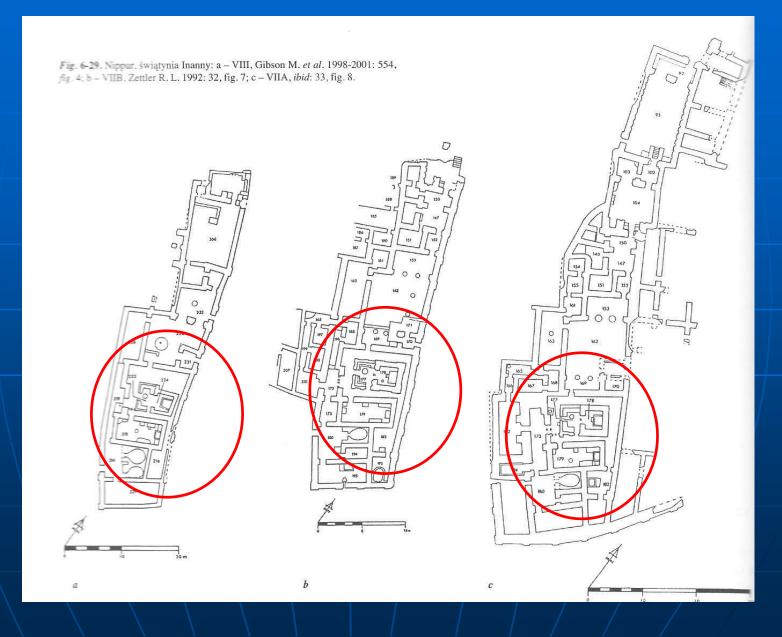
### ABU TEMPLE (EARLY DYNASTIC II) – ESHNNNA (Tell Asmar) IN THE DIYALA REGION



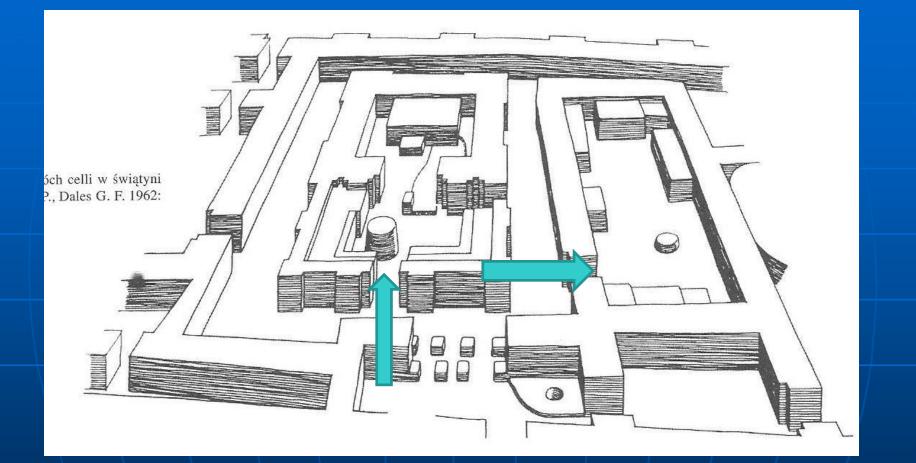
6 Tell Asmar, Temple d'Abu de la période de Mésilim (dit Square Temple»), perspective axonométrique. – D'après P. DE-LOUGAZ et S. LLOYD, OIP, 1942, LVII.



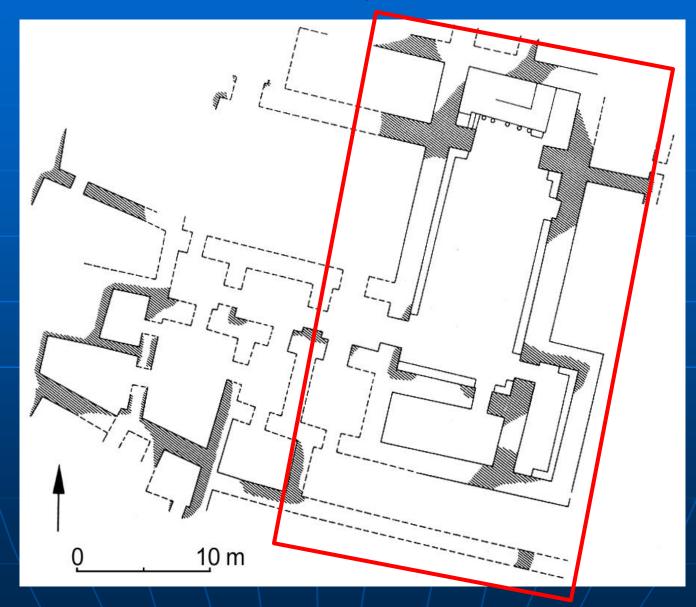
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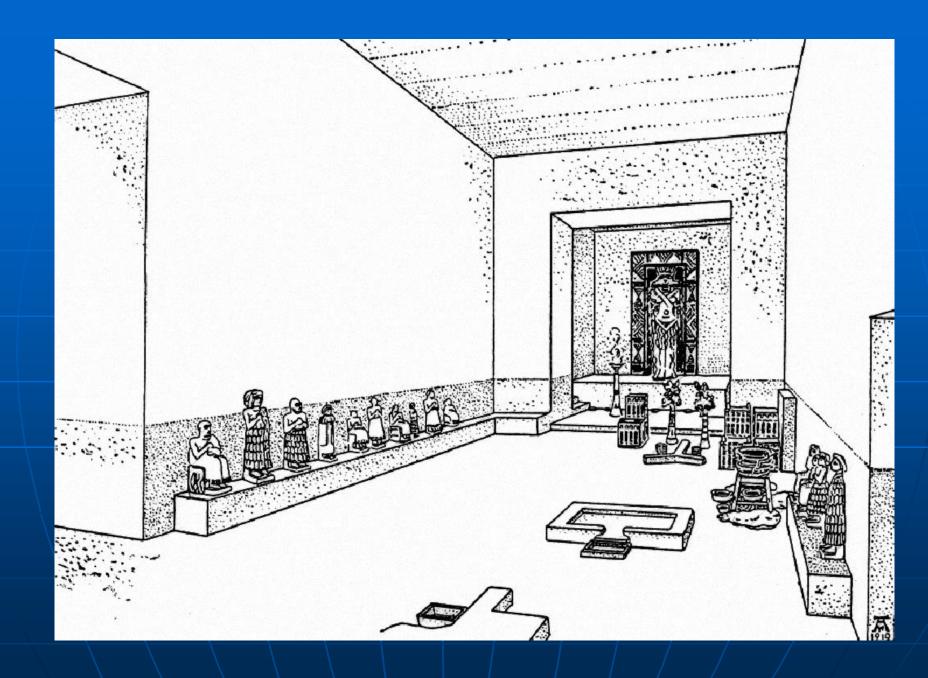


### SHRINES IN THE INANNA TEMPLE FROM NIPPUR

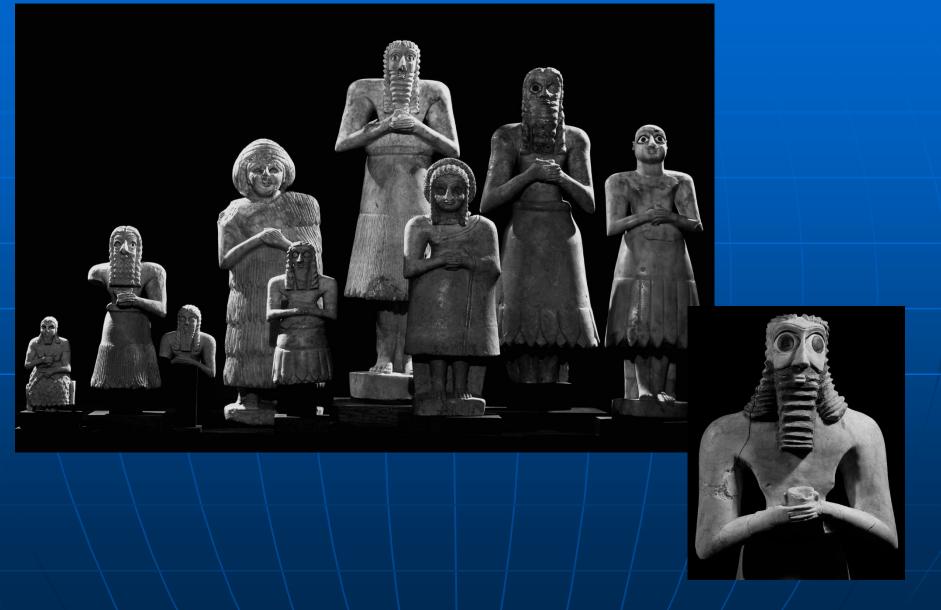


### ISHTAR temple in ASHUR, EARLY DYNASTIC, Northern Mesopotamia

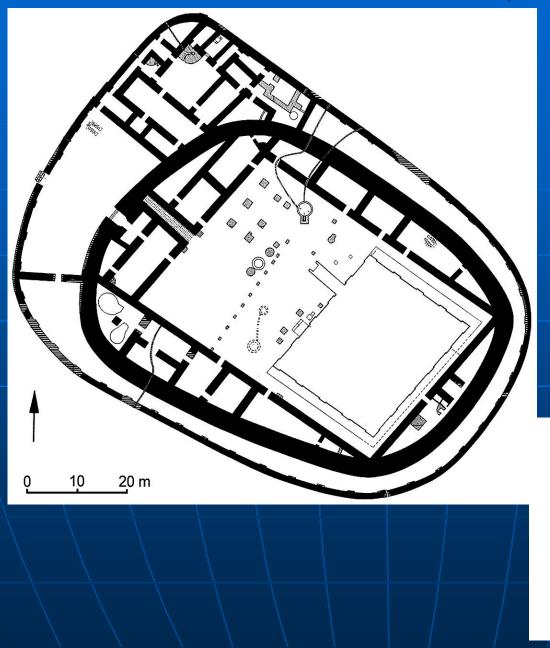


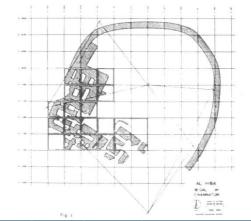


## EARLY DYNASTIC VOTIVE SATUES FROM ESHNUNNA (Tell Asmar)

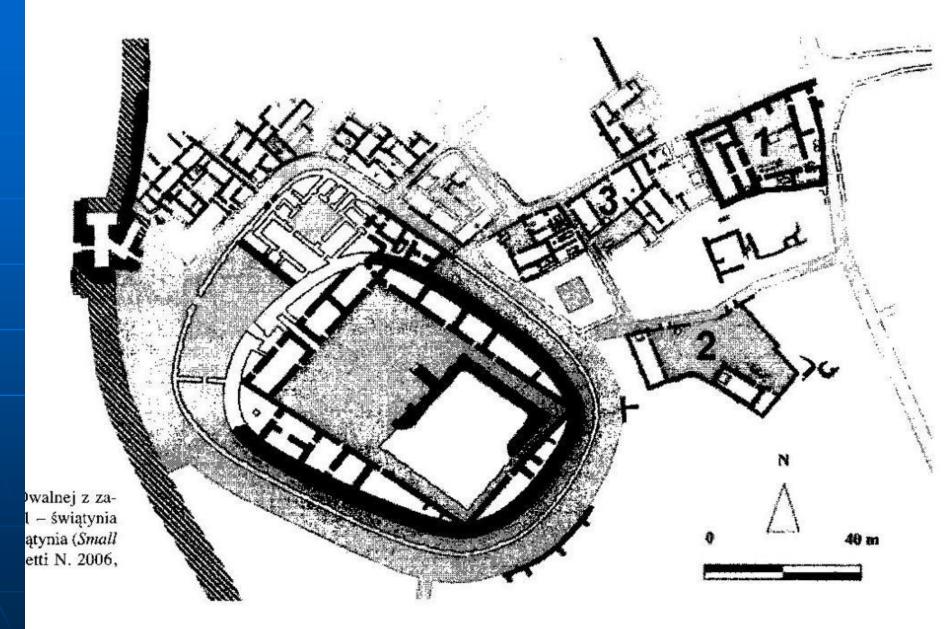


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### Oval Temple from Khafaje on a high terrace



### ED temple of Ninhursag – 'Lady of the hill' Built on a high terrace at al-Ubaid

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miedzian jakie częs świątyni ( zdaje się girsu<sup>174</sup>.

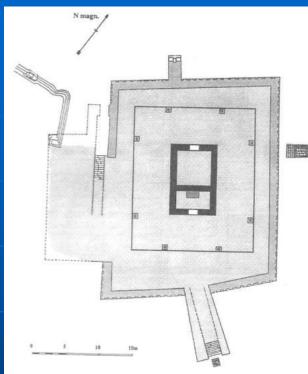


Fig. 6-44. Rekonstrukcja planu świątyni w Al-Ubajd, Forest J.-D. 1999: 11, fig. 23.



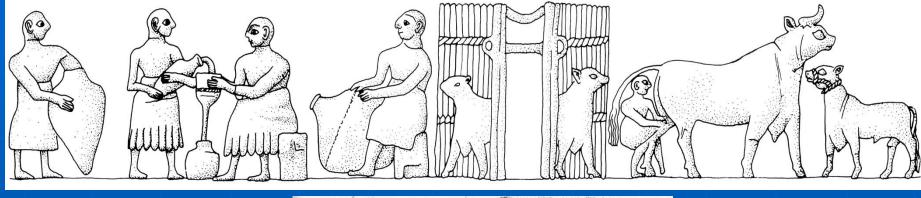




### ANZU bird: LINTEL DECORATION FROM AL-UBAID TEMPLE



#### MOSAIQUE FRIEZE DEPICTING MILKING OF TEMPLE COWS – AL.-UBAID TEMPLE

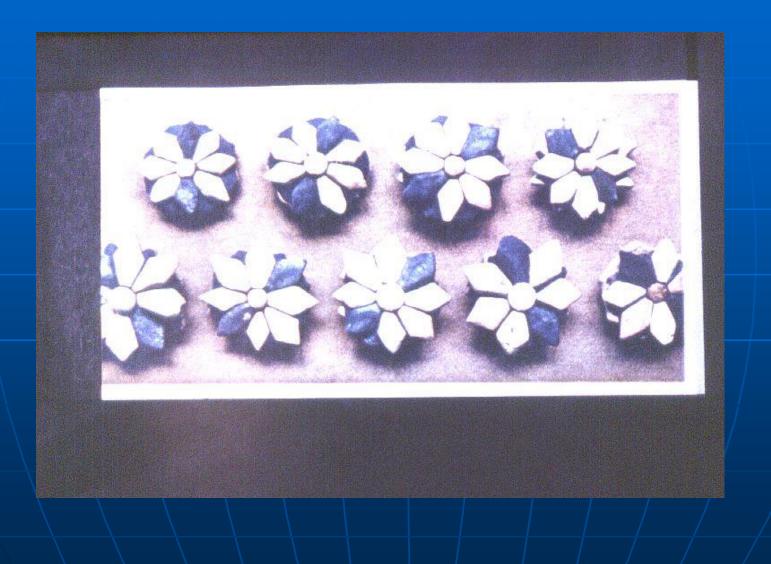




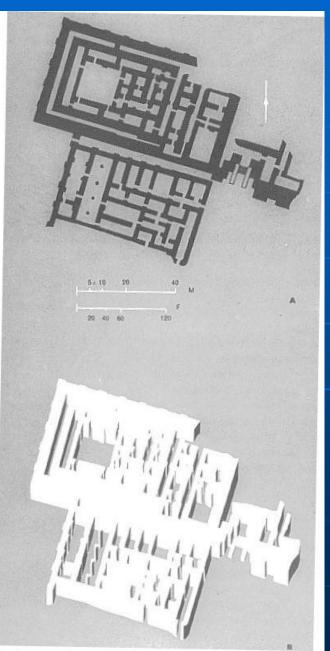


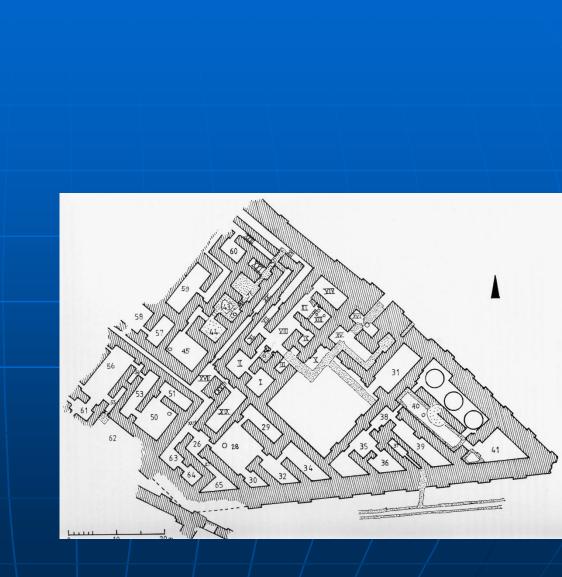


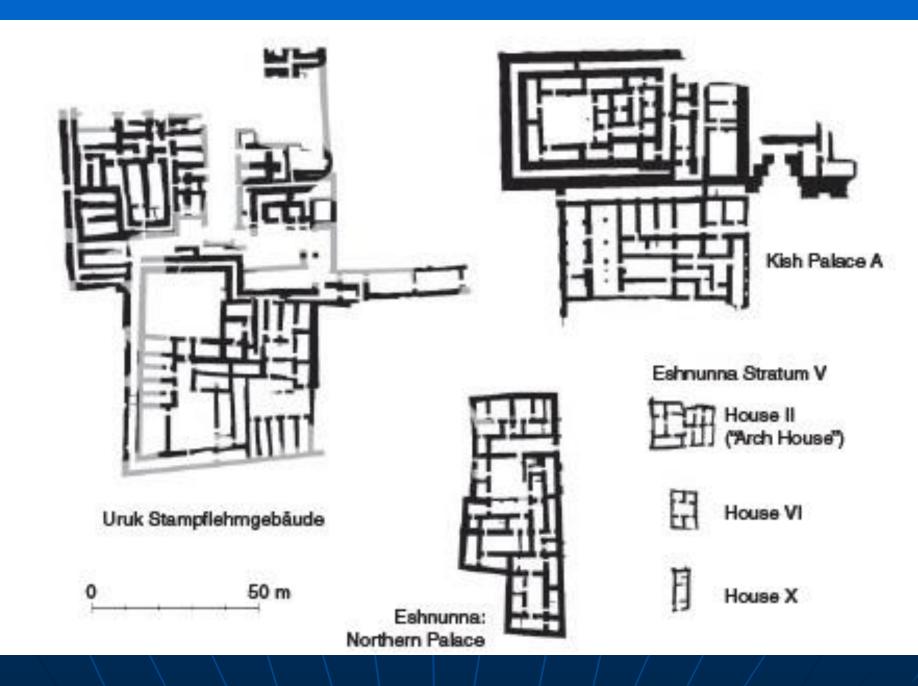
### CLAY CONES WITH PETALS – WALL DECORATION AL UBAID TEMPLE



### KISH – EARLY DYNASTIC PALACE A AND SO CALLED "PLANO-CONVEX BUILDING"







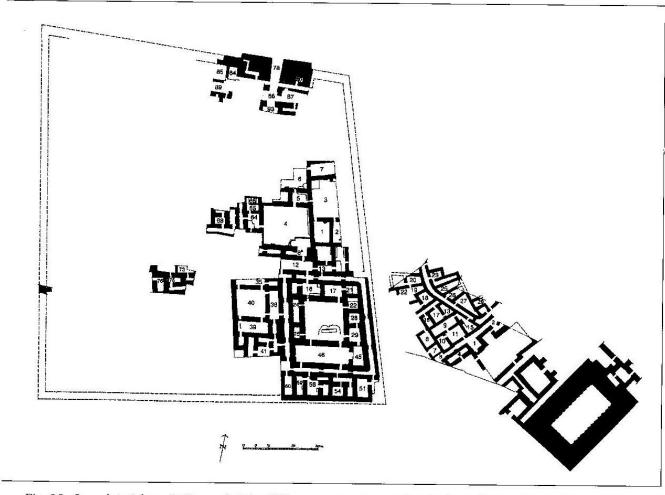


Fig. 29. Le palais (phase P-1) avec le Massif Rouge et son sanctuaire réunis par le quartier du Grand-Prêtre (N. Bresch)

### SEAL IMPRESSIONS FROM EARLY DYNASTIC I - III



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