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## CHAPTER I

ANTHEDON (SINAI)

1. The wilderness connecting Egypt and Palestine has from time immemorial been a sort of no man's and, which barred the way of armies and became the home of Avvim or robbers. Always a desert, with but a narrow strip of cultivation, it has been desolated far worse in the last few centuries by the advance of sand dunes, so that now no ordinary car can traverse it. To the later Egyptian it was the convict settlement of malefactors whose noses had been cut off, as notined by the name Rhinocolura, or hich Pormine and, for which Persian armies needed to build imYet there was formerly a flourishing district between El Arysh and Rafa, (map, pl. i), where a broad plain of verdure and gardens bordered the sea for plain of verdure and gardens bordered the sea for
several miles. So attractive was this, that three large towns of Graeco-Roman age grew up bearing the sweet name of Anthedon or " Flower of Delights." One of these tells retains, in Arabic, the name of Tel Jeneyn or the " mound of gardens," showing what it was, even a few centuries ago, before becoming swallowed in more than sixty feet of dunes. The sites are only marked now by piles of ruins hidden in sand.
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on a seven weeks' prospecting expedition through Syria, but it was stuck for the season at El Arysh by the dunes. Our chief assistant Mr. J. C. Ellis was sent to find us a Ford car with aero tyres in Cairo, before we could advance to the site of Anthedon. While we were at El Arysh, H.E. the Governor kindly lent us cars for Lady Petrie to make negotiations for brickmaking and building at Sheykh Zuweyid and effect transport, and Mr. C. Pape was placed in charge to build hutting. We also put up tents, and had in addition the use of a room in the Police Post, when Wermed poly about a hundred natives, as the work was on a small scale. Half of these were our work was on a boys from our previous wcavaion on for nd very fir a 3. It wap
3. It was on trying to reach Tell Jeneyn (plan pl. i), when the police car stuck in deep sand that I noticed an exposed mass of mud earth amid th f the and turned aside to investigate it. The top the slope was fre, happly, from Roman even from Greek potsherds, so it promised well for us All the larger tell sites in the neighbourhood we saw occupation

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the second main wall of this fort, at the N.E. corner, Mr. C. Pape, A.R.I.B.A., who were in all the work; we came upon a large perfect water-jar of the period in the second season there were also Miss M. V. xxiind to xxvth dynasty, and beside it a model corn Seton Williams and Mr. J. D. Waechter, with Dr grinder, cut from the shelly breccia of the sea beach. It was to be concluded that for twelve or fourteen centuries there was a frontier fortress here, to guard the border between Egypt and Palestine, and secure the great highroad between Africa and Asia.

We exposed the walls downward on the N . face of the mound, finding many building levels below that of the later dynasties ; the ground was largely encumbered by loose sand, and it was necessary to clear the way for a much wider pit before we could go deeper. We continued until 40 ft . below the top of the fort, and stopped in a wide extent of black burnt earth, not yet reaching the bottom. As it was hardly worth while to clear more dead ground outside, and worth while to clear more dead ground outside, and we destruction I concluded to pause at this point and destruction, I concluded to pause at this point, on clearance inside the town. It was obvious that on clearance inside the we must open up a large space on the surface, if we were to explore the remains below to so great a depth. We sufered furat a duration in April and May. It was up to $I I 7^{\circ}$ in the shade, and rose to $120^{\circ}$ in the tent, and this hindered the work, as a fit th hen was needed by the
workers, who felt the heat as much as we did.
The mound of Tell Abu Selymeh, called more usually Tell ez Zuweyid, is crossed by a high ridge of dune sand, and we had begun by sampling the opposite side of the dune on the south, about 400 ft from the northern side. The mound is very much wider at its base; the natural weathering of the walls of each superincumbent city caused the builders, at each respective occupation, to contract their space in rebuilding. It narrows upward, therefore to 400 ft . at the top. The sizes of the bricks, and the forms of pottery, were so similar to those of the same level on the north side, that I did not think it worth while to continue here, but rather to concentrate on the side which was more exposed. The details of the successive strata were carefully noted, and surveyed, by Ellis and Pape in continuous inspection of the work, all day long, and I cannot do better than adopt the summary given in chapter III of their detailed observations.

Excavation at Zuweyid was from 11 April to I3 May 1935, again 4 Dec. 1935 to 30 March 1936, and finally 23 Nov. to 29 Dec. 1936.
I was helped by Lady Petrie, Mr. J. C. Ellis and

Seton Williams and Mr. J. D. Waechter, with Dr. and Mrs. Teasdale part of the time; in the third The I 88 days J. Saunders and Mr. G. W. H. Walker heavy gales, rain, and prevalent influenza. Under good conditions four months would have sufficed.

## CHAPTER II

the place of anthedon (pl.v)
4. Ancient authors state three different positions for Anthedon. First, a position north of Gaza, according to Sozoman 20 stadia ( $2 \frac{1}{2}$ miles) distant ; this direction is vaguely implied by the order of town names in Josephus (Wars I, iv, 2 ; I, viii, 4 ; I, xx, 3 ; II, xviii, I). Second, Williams (in Smith's Dict, Geog.) states the place as close to Gaza and S.W. of it. Hill (in Brit. Mus. Catalogue of Coins, Palestine, xlv) places the city at ruins named El Blachiyeh at a short distance N.W. of Gaza, with a tradition that the place is called Teda. That it was by the sea is proved by the coin type of a city goddess with one foot on the prow of a vessel. But there is no such place, nor any ruin, marked on the Palestine Exploraion Map ; nor did I hear of any ruins north or Gaza though I enquired, and walked as far as Beit Hanūn in search of them. Third, Ptolemy, in one passage of his Geography (IV, 5, 6), places Anthedon not far from Rhinocolura (Arysh), yet in another place (V, 15, 2), he cites it between Ascalon and Gaza. But the conclusive statement in Ptolemy is that next after Rhinocolura, " at the East is the boundary of Judaea from Anthedon as far as the end of the position at $64^{\circ} 50^{\circ}, 3 \mathrm{I}^{\circ} 20^{\prime}$." This phrase, distinguishing the end of the position of Anthedon, refers to the extent of the three tells over about two miles at Sheikh ez Zuweyid. The old maps of Ptolemy agree with this. It is quite impossible that the frontier of Judaea should be north of Gaza.
5. In all Ptolemy's positions, the various readings of MSS. should be taken into account. The choice among these readings must depend on their rationality when applied to the actual positions. What we actually have on the ground are the following distances in miles, to compare with the Roman Itinerary and those readings in Ptolemy which correspond :-

Kasios
Ostrakene
Rhinokorura
Anthedon
Rafa
$\qquad$
Gaza port $\qquad$ -10

CHAPTER III
the external work on the tell by J. C. Elits
7. We began work on a patch of brick-earth south . We be found a long line of watl with of the dune ridge, and found a it (pl v) ome broken pottery outside it (pl. v).
The much better exposure of brickwork on the the the the slow this area but, a the lol. wh bet actual walling and brick dom We Yore got some of our former whe fan soon detected the old faces of the walls (see pl. xvi) The north-east corner of the Tell, which was much denuded, was attacked and we reached a large amphora of the xxiind-xxvth dynasty, built into the wall $F$. The position is marked foundation deposir on the plan, with the level. This vessel was found with a corn rubber by it, $6 \times 3 \times 2 \frac{1}{2}$ ins. This was evidently a foundation deposit similar to others, to provide food and water for the spirits of future builders (see Gerar, 7, 8).
8. Working downward, we found a fine wall $G$, of large bricks nearly square, $16.3 \times 15 \%$ ins., of black mud and straw, associated with lighter coloured sandy bricks.
Below this wall was a layer of about $4 \frac{1}{3}$ ins. of sand, and more sand with sherds and broken brick below that. This breaks the relation of the wall G to the stepping H. These no brick steps have a tread and riser of an average of 5 ins . The stepping turns outwards, and then runs along the face of the wall to east and west. The edges of the stepping were quite sharp and perfect. Soon after erection they must have been plastered over. The bricks were the same size as in wall $G$, and this wall, when we subsequently excavated it, was found to cover the subsequently exce or platform, of the stepping. We may account for this apparent contradiction by o mosing that the stepping was constructed first as upposing that the stepping was conis was covered basis th a sad $G$ according to a common o retain a sandy Egyptian custom.
As wall $G$ was very well preserved, all levels were measured from a point on top of it, marking this point as 500 ins. on an arbitrary scale.
A scarab with a crocodile above a lion ( $\mathbf{I} 2$ ), of
about the xxiind dynasty, was found in the material from over the stepping.
The platform J, about 90 ins. wide, is made of
bricks of irregular size. It ends in a slope of brick bricks of irregular size. It ends in a slope of brick rubbish with sherds ( K ). In this mass are two burnt levels which suggest that we have an indication of
successive destructions of the successive destructions of the town.
Below this is a wall of five courses of yellow brick, L, at a skew angle (see plan), which showed that it belonged to a system entirely different, and of wider extent than the later town. This was based on a mass of broken yellow brick 22 ins. in depth, which had been provided from the destruction of wall M. Of this wall seven courses remain. Both $L$ and $M$ walls were of yellow bricks, well bonded and of the same size, laid in alternate courses of header and stretcher. This level was better understood on examining the interior of the town.
The base of wall M rests on a course of tilted bricks, laid down to raise the base of the wall level Beneath this was a mass composed of layers of burnt earth, sherds, charcoal and rubbish at least 40 ins deep, which was deposited certainly below 167 ins, level. This was thrown out over a wall of brick rubble.
As the pit below sound walling was about 20 ft . deep, we could not risk going lower unless a very much wider excavation were made. It seemed best, therefore, to postpone deeper digging until we began the main work of descending inside the town, where the walling would be more satisfactory.

Plates of the Walls
I, I, 2, BC walls, north-east corner,
$3,4,5$, Stepped foundation of $H$ wall, north face.
II, 6, Shrine of Nebo at Khorsabad.
7, Similar shrine at Anthedon, of hard baked
bricks, see pls. x, xxxi.
III, 8, 9, West face of wall FB with scaffold holes,
o, Bend of wall east of LE looking west, LP at backs.
iI, HA, HX looking east, down to M
12, East face of MS wall $262-242$, marked by pole.
13, East face of MC, MP behind
IV, I4, Junction north of ME, looking west, C at top.
15, Same looking south-east.
I6, Walls MX, MC, looking west.
17, Junction MC, ME, looking south.
18, Same looking west.
19, West face of M wall in LT.
20, South end of wall LP.

## CHAPTER IV

 in the tell9. An area about 100 ft . E. to W. and 70 ft . N. to S. was attacked on the top of the Tell ; gradually as we descended, parts of the sides were left for preservation, and other parts extended northward to include lower levels, so that at the base of the excavation, an area of about 80 ft . in each direction was removed. When all the bases of the walls of any level became clearly uncovered, the whole of the walls of that level were removed, to leave the ground clear for planning the walls of the level below as these became visible. Men required continual checking to prevent their going into a lower level, and had constantly to be moved out elsewhere. As soon as walls were clearly defined, they were planned from an axis line ; this was carried down by theodolite from two terminal points at opposite sides of the top. Thus all the plans are superposed on the same grid, and planned upon squared paper. Every wall was levelled at its top and base paper. Every For distinguishing the poitd base
chambers were lettered, and the of objects, the top chambers were lettered, and the same letters were continued at the same part of the grid down to the (I) the successive town letters from town $A$ at the top down to town N at the bottom, and (2) the chamber or area letters. Beside these letters there were the levels in inches over an arbitrary zero. Thus HM 413 recorded town H , chamber M, level 413 inches, for an object of the Jewish kingdom. In so small an area a third letter of region is not needed. 10. Having every object that is found, duly levelled, it is possible to estimate the prosperity of the successive towns by the number of objects found in each 5 inches. This was first proposed in Gerar, pl. v , where curves of the number of objects were shown at every foot of level, and connected with the principal royal builders. The rate of deposit there was 33.5 inches per century, and the rate at Zuweyid was 34 inches, exactly the same within the small uncertainties of defining the limits.

The results are given in pl. XVII. The numbers of examples of pottery form a curve on the left of the axis line; those of objects which may come from a distance, as tools and Egyptian amulets, are on the right of the axis line. The successive town letters are on the left, and the levels of separation of the towns. On the right are named the contemporary events with the dates b.c. in the margin. The defini-
tion of date with level was taken from the beginning degradation, and this reduced the frontier adminof iron tools with $L$ town, and the general spread of ironwork at the beginning of the xxth dynasty; later two coins of Alexander, in different places, were at the same level, 556 ins. At the top, the cessation of pottery was before Roman styles, and there were only late Ptolemaic coins, but none Roman.
These points were identified some weeks before the rate of deposit was seen to be like that of Gerar observed.
11. At the base, the earliest fort seems to belong to Horemheb's defences as general after the Syrian revolt. The next expansion was when the Hittite alliance led to increased business with Syria. The expansion of Syrian trade began with the wars of till the close of the dynasty. The frontier began to revive as a reply to the activity of Pasebkhanu fortifying Tanis heavily. It passed a maximum early in David's reign, waning with his northern activity. It grew rapidly under Solomon, contracted later, and the frontier became much more active after the defeat of Usarken (Zerah) and the rise of Jehoshaphat. There was much contraction under Ahab, which was recovered by erpansion in the middle of the reign of Joash. The defence was weak down to the subjection of Judah under Samaria. After that, prosperity returned under Uzziah, who was powerful in armaments and engineering; a check came with the Assyrian invasion, passing through the land to Egypt, in $689-675$ B.c. Decline was evident in the later monarchy till the sharp contraction at the invasion of Nebuchadnezzar and the fall of Jerusalem. The Assyrian
invasion of Egypt in 568 accords with the sanctuary chamber like that of Khorsabad
The frontier prosperity dwindled during the absence of the Jews, but quickly increased on their return. The decree of Xerxes helped the country, but it did not expand much till a Jewish government under Nehemiah gave prosperity. The condition continued much the same till the great expansion of trade and affairs at Alexander's conquest. There was stagnation until Ptolemy I, as sole authority took up the development of the country. Henceforward a decline ran through to the old age of Philadelphus. With the accession of Ptolemy III, there was a strong man once more upon the owing to the childhood of Ptolemy V, and palace
istration almost to nothing. Ptolemy VI was a child, and it was not till he grew up and settled the country in 163 that prosperity could return. After his death in I45, the brief prosperity under Simon is reflected by a sudden expansion, but soon after the country was desolated by civil war, and rapidiy waned until the land decree in II8, which made an economic settlement. Under child kings and effete rulers the decay was rapid until the revival under Cleopatra, which was continued till the death of Herod. After him there was no value in a frontier, with Romans on both sides of it, and scarcely any remains are found later. Scattered about the top of the mound of level B were blocks of sandstome with fine stucco face on each, evidently from a building of Roman age (level A) of which no other traces are left.
It is very surprising to see how closely the prosperity of the place, as shown by recording between pend 8 objects in ach 5 -inch interval measures the prosper of the coun. A new bistorical instru prosp is of doverol welfare.

CHAPTER V
the successive towns
The plans all have the lettering North upward. The length of the plans $E .-W$. leads to the top of the page being east. Each plan has a large spot on the left, a small + on the right ; these marks key the plans one over the other
12. A. At the top the remains of the latest building were only loose blocks of sandstone of various sizes, each with one face covered with fine white stucco. Such probably came from some shrine placed on the deserted mound of ruin, which then stood nearly fifty feet high on the coastal plain. This may have been the work under an early emperor, but the absence of any Roman pottery proves that it was isolated, and did not belong to a settlement.
B. 64 B.c.-O. pl. VII. This was the town under Roman tutelage. Only three or four walls remain, shaded in the plan. The characteristic Seleucidan bowls, coloured with bistre wash, lasted till this stage. A bronze plummet (xviii, r), an iron pruning hook ( $\mathrm{xx}, \mathrm{I}$ ), the last of the little stone altars (xxvi, 24), and a little double crown cut in limestone (xxvi, 38) are all that show activities. In the wall was a little group of beads, as a building deposit (xxvii, 48). 13. C. $x 84-64$ b.c. pl. VII. Maccabean town.

The unshaded walls include a very solid building at the south-west, with walls five feet thick, probably a tower, which had lasted from D the town of Antiochus III, and is still seven feet high. The dimensions of building in this town are mostly in accord with the Egyptian cubit of 20.6 ins., which had been introduced by the Ptolemies. The bronze is hardly anything but nails and arrows ; the iron is a pruning hook, a large square pike head, small bolt head, and a narrow knife. A large heart amulet of clear crystal is purely Egyptian (xxvi, 39), a good stone mace-head (xxvii, 59) is unusually late. The sphinx (xxvii, 43) is Egyptian. A beautiful arm of glass for inlay of a figure, is also Egyptian (xxx, 14). The place seems to have been entirely staffed from Egypt.
14. D. $252-184$ B.c. pl. VIII. This town was mainly dominated by Syrian rule of Antiochus III. The few weights of the daric unit show the eastern link. The plan is on Egyptian measure ; the shaded part is of $D$, the open plan is of $E$, town. The skew building of DC is very strange, as it runs across a degraded part of the long wall on the east.
Some fragments of black Greek pottery survived (xxvii, $7^{2-81}$ ). The bronze is only of arrowheads and a pair of thin bangles. A leaden mace-head is rare (xxviii, 5), only two from Tell el Ajjūl being rare (xxviii, 5), only two from
known. The only iron was a knife and a lance. Of stone there are fragments of a large alabaster tub, drawing in to the top. Bone netting slips show a
drater great use of fishing nets. A few examples of glass are from foreign trade.
15. E. $362-252$ B.c. pl. VIII. The lay-out of this town, with long straight walls and rectangular chambers, was much better than those above. This was the most prosperous age of all, stimulated by the sudden spread of Greek activities under Alexander. The measures are on the Egyptian cubit, and the Egyptian weights are the commonest. Near the end of the period are some Aramaic sherds (LI 123). Coins of Ptolemies are usual, and two silver drachms of Alexander occurred at six inches above the base of the town. Bronze netting needles, and small hooks for fine netting, show more careful work than the use of large netting bones. Many iron tools mark the foreign influence, apart from Egypt.
A polished head of a syenite pillar for a table or couch (xxvii, 53) is evidence of the luxurious time, along with many pieces of ittle alash was not yet in use. A block of black
dishes. ink was found, ready for rubbing up.
16. F. 497-362 B.C. pl. IX. The walls are long and straight; beside that inherited later by E, there was a thick wall bounding the town on the west, carried up from G. The very narrow doorway shows that it was an outer defence. The unit of measure is 14.5 ins., continued from $G$ where the shrine marks it. This unit is 20 digits, the half of the Egyptian land unit, which was the diagonal of the cubit. As this multiple was hardly ever used anciently, there is good reason to derive it from the Egyptian land measure. In bronze work there is much variety, and it is four times as common as iron, marking Egyptian dominance. Yet weights are mostly of eastern standards, daric or khoirine, beside the universal beqa.
17. G. $630-497$ B.c. pl. X. The well-built work of this period survived largely in F , the period just dealt with. An unusual feature, at the S.E. corner of the area exposed, was a chamber with broad steps leading up to it. This chamber is shown in pl. ii, and above it is placed for comparison a view of the shrine of Nebo at Khorsabad. I have to thank Dr. Frankfort for this photograph from Discoveries in Frankfort for tig published in Dec. 1935. The steps at Khorsabad have a pedestal at each side perhaps for lion figures; at Zuwesid at each side, stop shor the widt of the perhaps for the same reason The side walls here perhaps for the same have all been cat away, to all The chamber ( $x \times x i$ ), is $14 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{ft}$. wide and $9 \frac{1}{2}$ long. It is Those of the platform are not deeply baked, but the Those of the platform are not deeply baked, but the steps are hard with a very smooth buff face. The dais originally was $12 \times 8$ tiles, but the front line has been stripped away, leaving a blank between the back of the top step and the dais front. The steps rise 8 ins. ( 2 courses), as seen at the north end and the middle of the front. The unit of 14.4 ins. is the same as in F. The dais slopes slightly up to the back.
There remains the question of the historical setting. By the diagram of levels dated, pl. xvii, the level of the base of the steps, 468 , was in 585 B.c. The level of the sill of the doorway, 472 , was the town level in 574 B.c. The date of the paved chamber, therefore, may be called 580 b.c. within a few years. It is approximately fixed, because the sill may have been above the floor level, or the step may have been sunk in the floor.
The records of Nebuchadnezzar are very defective in the latter part of his reign. That he did invade

Egypt on the frontier is certain, some time between the capture of Jerusalem 588 and the death of Aohmes 568. The above date of building between 585 and 574 is therefore close to the date of Nebuchadnezzar passing the frontier at Zuweyid, dated between 588 and 568 B.c. As he was a great builder of temples, it seems almost certain that this shrine of the Mesopotamian type was erected by him at his invasion of Egypt.
$G$ is almost the first building using square bricks, which were copied in all the later levels F, E, C, B The only square bricks earlier are in $\mathrm{J} S$, which seems therefore to have had some eastern influence, as the usage of square bricks is Mesopotamian. I left the brickwork of the shrine banked with earth, to hinder natives from using the tiles.
The north entrance to the hall in front of the shrine is at 472 . To the north are chambers divided by walls six feet thick. On the west the old wall of F is thickened by another wall on the inner side ; the purpose of this was to provide a fighting platform nine feet wide, instead of only five feet, for the better defence of the entrance. The ground west of the wall was entirely empty in this period.
More black Greek pottery was used, and red Cypriote with ring pattern. Bronze was scarce, only a small rosette and a few arrows; there is also but little iron, a knife, a lance, and a chisel. Two small alabaster saucers are the only stone work besides weights. A few netting bones and Egyptian amulets are all else of this scanty stratum. It seems as if the xxvith dynasty had made a splash here of good building rather late in the reign of Psametik I, and had not kept up the activity for long.
Trade was active, this and $J$ having the largest number of weights; northern lands gave the daric and the khoirine, and Egypt the qedet.
18. H. 824-630 B.c. pl. XI. The building was
rregular, and largely of rammed earth, qalūs or pisé. irregular, and largely of rammed earth, qaluis or pisé. Much of the building was based at 4 Io to 395 level, belonging to the active works of Uzziah, who buil towers in the desert, keeping a country. The north wall of the city here is the thickest of all periods. It is fenced in along the lower part with a stepped apron of brickwork, the wall itself rising so that it was retained as the wall of $G$ town (see 1 . The unit used in the building, and in town J below this, was bout Ir. I inches, the Syrian foot, as at Byblos, and in Phoenician colonies.

Pottery was abundant. The close of the Cypriote type 84 H , J, is in this period, after beginning at the time of Solomon. Scarabs are usual ; three silver earrings, and five bronze weapons, occur. Iron is common for knives. Stone weights are usual, also netting bones and little Egyptian amulets.
19. J. 9ro-824 B.C. pl. XII. This was also a prosperous period in Palestine, and trade in the south has left as many weights as in $G$. This period included the long and firm reigns of Jehoshaphat and Joash, reflected in a greater prosperity of this tell than in any age, except that of Alexander. Nearly all the buildings continued in use till the H period.
No bronze is recorded, but four objects of lead, perhaps due to the northern connections of Ahab. Iron knives were common. Of stone work there is a baboon with kohl pot, which had descended many centuries from about 1500 B.C. Fishing was disregarded, as there are no netting bones or fish hooks. 20. K. Io64-0TO B.C. pl. XIII. This town arose 20. K. . after a so as to keep each within the damaged outine of its predecessor, see the section xvi. The building is poor and irregular, nearly all of it earier walls of L , still in use. There was, however, a total stagnation between the two periods. The K period was of peaceful relation to Egypt, when the frontier could be disregarded under David and Solomon. There was a little beginning of fine red Cypriote globular pottery with lines. Some scarabs might be of the xxiind dyn., including one with crocodile chariot. There is no bronze, but plenty of iron, marking the civilisation as essentially Syrian and not Egyptian. A fine necklace of long carnelian beads, with a little Syrian scarab, was found in plain earth deposit much above the floor or ground level. There were few amulets and no glass.
21. L. 1212-1064 B.c. ; pl. XIV is the lower level of the K town, but sharply separated by the close of the xxth dynasty, which brought the place to a standstill. In the xxth there was a fairly wide trade, having weights of the eastern daric, the Palestine peyem, and the Egyptian qedet. In pottery the large barrel-shaped pilgrim bottle 86A is dated here by level to $I I 50$ B.c. It is like one al ready known (Gevar, 1x, 86), dated to about the latter part of Rameses III (see pl. v), or about riyo-60 B.c. This near dating is satisfactory, as hitherto it was contradicted by a specimen in Museo Papa Giulio at Rome, which I was told was a couple of centuries
later; so this suggests that Italian dating is too with a 4 -inch stratum of a clayey substance, apparlate, and there is nothing to check it before Bakenranef in 720 b.c. Being a very peculiar form, this may give a decisive dating in Italy.
Of bronze there is a very thin adze or razor blade, and some fish hooks; with a little iron of knives and lances. There is no stone beside weights, except a bad little ointment pot of gypsum ; of amulets only three and nothing more. The Egyptian dependance on the xxth dynasty did very little for the prosperity.
22. M. 1275-1212 b.c. pl. XIV. This was largely the basis of the building of L. It was practically the town of Rameses II, which prospered most under the tranquil conditions of the Hittite alliance and marriage. But the contact was strongest on the Syrian side, as there was no Egyptian bronze, and but a little of the new metal iron. There was good trade, leaving seven weights, and three groups of pebble weights, of various standards.
The striking object is the head of a giraffe ( $\mathrm{xxx}, 7$ ) which shows that the animal was known in a region intermediate between the Pliocene of Greece and the modern Abyssinia.
A gambler's house had a curious group, which is figured all together in xxxi
The strata of the town slope down to the S.E. owing to extension over a bare region; hence all the levels in M, N, though strictly recorded on the objects and in the catalogue pl. 1, have been read off in terms of the $L$ levels for the prosperity curve of pl. xvii. For the whole detail of the irregular start of the town, see the following description by Mr. Ellis, who examined it very carefully

CHAPTER VI
the first three phases, $L, M, N$
by J. C. Ellis
23. For the lowest three levels, reference should be made to the section pl. xvi bottom left-hand corner, and to the plans of L, M, N, pls. xv, xvi, which show, at the S.E. corner of the area worked, the result of a pit dug to ascertain if any earlier building phases occurred under M.
Water was reached at a depth of 112 ins. below M. Immediately above the water line lay 40 ins . of clean yellow sand containing nodules of gypsum. Above that stratum lay 24 ins. of a dark brown sand
ently a vegetation line. This was followed by 39 ins. of brown sand which contained a few fragments of burnt clay oven material, and this stratum was speckled with carbon, which suggests a squatter settlement before the building of the first town N . Immediately below the wall $M$ was II ins. of clean yellow sand without any deposit whatever. In this particular area there was no N phase
At three points in the area excavated there were remains of the earliest town N which was erected on the slopes of an old sand dune, and in the area worked there was a decided drop both ways in a S.E. direction, a dip which the later town M followed, a levelling off occurring in L. N was almost completely destroyed by fire, the bottom right of the section showing the depth of the burnt material underlying the next phase M. This burnt level was found at varying thicknesses throughout the area
The work was limited to the north by the depth of the surrounding sand, but here on the extremity of the area was a line of N wall running roughly east to west. This suggests that the area roughly east to west. This suggests that the area covered by the firt. sequew how the of the site decreased until at its shows how the are of the sited and it last stage the place was litte more than an out-pos station. It seems, however, from the observations, necessarily dune covering the area, that the original town coul not have been much more than 225 by 200 yds .
In town N a much smaller brick was used than subsequently, and the composition also differed.
The brick was loosely packed and was of a dark The brick was loosely packed and was of a dark grey earth containing white blobs of a gypseous substance with streaks of pink, blue, and yellow, giving the appearance of marbling. The material is similar to that found in the area in which tombs were discovered to the S.W. of the Tell, at the level of the salt marsh ( $\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{pl} . \mathrm{v}$ ). All later phases, with the exception of $B, D$, and $E$, where the same material was again adopted, had a larger orange coloured brick, hard and compact, containing a great proportion of sand. Phases B, D, and E, however, did not exhibit the colours, although the marbled effect was apparent

After the destruction and burning of N there was a lapse of time during which wind-borne sand was deposited, shown at the bottom left of the section and $M$ and in the plan, pl. xiv at MS and ME.
24. At the building of M a new orientation was adopted, and a larger brick employed. The plan pl. xiv shows in the north-east a large double wall with a doorway at the north end leading to a corridor between the inner and larger outer wall which may well be the east defensive wall of the town at this stage. Though it was difficult at first to relate L to M , it was found in the end that L was a rebuilding of M. No deposit or burnt stratum was found anywhere between $L$ and $M$, the only changes being a rather different orientation of $L$, swinging slightly to the east between areas LS and LD, and the setting back of L on M. In the south-west areas F.C.D. enclosed by a large room, M was taken down to only two courses of brickwork for the rebuilding.
An interesting view (in pl. iv, 20) taken at LE looking west, shows four periods of building, and demonstrates the way in which L and M were cut away at the angle in LE to make way for K wall, which ran over $M(223 / 215)$; it shows also traces of $N$ with the burnt spill of $N$ under $L$ and $M$ to the right of the view. Between K and LM a gap was filled with broken brick and packed earth.
A peculiar feature of the LM phase was the jogoling of the first course of bricks illustrated on the same plate (iv, Ig).

## CHAPTER VII

OBjECTS FROM TOWNS
25. VI. The scarabs of the town are nearly all of local work, hardly one is pure Egyptian
4 is a clay impress of a finely cut stone with an
bis on a crocodile. bis on a crocodile.
10 is finely engraved in jasper, Hormen, of early xxvith dyn. (Lieb. Dict. 1137) ; a large flake is broken out of the face.
18 is so rudely cut that it might represent two adorers, or two crocodiles when turned.
$2 I$ is unique, the cross pattern with stars between.
35 is a new type, of a chariot drawn by crocodiles.
38 bears a jackal, baboon, and sphinx ; Anubis, Tehuti, and the king.
39 is a common type of a man behind a crocodile, a hand and bull's head above, see Buttons and Design Scarabs, 1066, 1067
62. This plaque has Horus standing on the gazelle, like the figures of Horus holding captive the gazelle which destroys crops.
$67-77$ are from the S.W. graves on the desert, see pl. xxx.
A. -2
26. XVIII. Bronze. I. Plummet. 2. A drop handle. 3, 4. Clasps for two crossing bars; 4 has been deformed by a blow. 5. A toggle. 6. Large bronze pot, crushed flat and approximately restored here by measurement, scale $1: 6$. 7-I2. Coiled rings. 13-40. Nails which were common from 550 to 50 B.C. ; they show the thickness of the wood work about three inches to the clenching. The extreme pliability of 26 , where it has run against an obstacle and turned back, shows that pure soft coppe was used. 23 is a hinge, 43 a tube, 44 a chisel, 45 end of a dagger sheath.
XIX. Tools and weapons. 46, 47. Netting needles, probably for fishing nets. $4^{8-50}$. Needles. 51,52 Small piercers. 53, 54. Hooks for netting. 55 Tweezers. 56. Strainer plate. 57 . Bunch of fish hooks. 58. A chisel end. 59. A rasp. 60. An earring. 6I-62. Adzes, 63-66. Small knives. 67 A dagger. 68. A razor. 69. A dagger 70-72 Small dagger. 68. A razor. 69. A dagger. 70-72. Small heads. At Gerar the three-bladed begin 800 arro but the solid triante $60-50$. Heg 80 B.c. all types are 600 B.C -450 . Here at Zuweyid all types are of 600 B.c. onward. The difference Asiatics, while farther south there was Asiatics, will farth such
novement till the Scythian invasion of 1 th cent $57^{2}, 543,515,493,453,373$, and a long one is the earliest 38
$2 \%$. XX. All the iron work, being tools or weapons is classed uniformly by level. It was deeply corroded, or rather it consisted only of oxide in most cases All that could be done was to copy the points of the outline which were least attacked, and join them, ignoring the larger lumps of rust.
To trace the source of types of knives is very difficult. There are few examples from the producing centres, as Noricum and the Chalybes. The eastern type began straight and long, as in Armenia (T.W., xxvi, II5). This form occurs first at 400 b.C in Zuweyid (xxi, 24), and this is the date of the retreat of the 10,000 through the Chalyb region, which may have brought such tools into Western use.
5. The narrow curved pruning hook is Norican. 7, 27. A triangular blade with a long tang may be a lance head, and the nearest parallels are Italian.
XXI. 20,23. The long straight knife, with riveted handle, was found also at Defenneh, but otherwise the nearest parallel is from Ialysos (T.W., xxiv, 33) and Mykenae (T.W., xxx, 33).
XXII. 4r, 85, with very wide blades, are new to us. They do not belong to the bill hooks (T.W., lvii), as the edge is convex and not concave.
XXIV. 82, with a straight edge and curved beak, is like one from Como (T.W., xxv, 65).
The comparisons are thus mostly with those of Norican origin. Two socketed tools here, though rather alike, seem of different purpose; 52 had a chisel end, shown by the side view, and was therefore for cutting, while 71 had a round end and would therefore be a pike. The broken piece 37 is so deeply split and altered that the original form is not clear.
XXIII. The extraordinary tool 60 has a socket at the end, and is a thin flat bar in the length of it. The bends are too regular to be due to accident, as the bar is thick and round at that part.
The examples of a curved tang, 82, 89, are for holding in the fingers, and perhaps for girdle suspension : but the tang in 89 is too short for a hand grip.
XXV. Nos. 93, 97, 98, 100, all in the NF region, from 2 II to 204 level, are about 20 above the base of walls at NE (170, 20I). The slope down strata to $F$ makes this group equivalent to 230 of the IM series. Thus the date was about tre Bo. for this earliest iron, though the free supply of iron for this eariest iron, though the free supply of iron 28 XXV Burials by
. XXV. Bure found by men digging marl a little below and N.W. of our huts, Burials
Burials exposed by denudation, I mile S.W. of the police post (see map, pl. i) seem to be of about hand, is much like a cylinder termed a "sceper at right hand, is much like a cynnder termed a sceptre" in the Swedish Cyprus report, pl. vii from Amathus, tomb 5. I should rather accept these as sheaths fo wooden legs of couches or tables (see Beth-pelet I xlvi).

## STONE WORK

29. XXVI. I. Limestone copy of palaeolith pick, with diagonal palm plane.
30. Neolith hoe, the chipping nearly ground away
31. Half of large flint hoe.
32. Sickle flint. 5, 5A. Delicate arrow heads.
33. Sickle flint. None of these were found in situ, but in shifted earth.

7, 8. Gypsum alabastron.
9. Calcite alabastron, fragments.
ro. Tip of alabastron.

II, IIA. Alabaster pots of ointment
I2, I3, 15-19. Alabaster saucers with wide lip None such were found in our previous Palestine sites. 14, 17, 22, 23. Bowl forms of alabaster 20, 2I. Upright dishes of alabaster. Pieces of 21 we found in five places, differing 26 inches in level. 24-33. Limestone altars, usually burnt on the top used for incense. Such altars at Gerar had anima figures incised. Those were (with one exception) of $800-500$ b.C. At Zuweyid they are from 470 to 15 B.C., a later class.
34. Necklace of dark carnelian beads, with scarab of Canaanite make, found loose in earth.
35-37. Finger rings (broken) of bone, ivory, and alabaster ; the last dated to xxiind dyn.
38. Roughly cut limestone double crown.
39. Clear quartz heart, Egyptian, IOо в.с.
XXVII. 40. Roughly cut phallic figure, common in Memphis, 350 B.C.
4I. Very slightly cut recumbent human figure limestone.
42. Limestone cat and kitten, 650 B.C.
43. Passably cut sphinx, limestone, zoo B.C 44. Carnelian pendant
45. Carnelian disc, not pierced ; for setting in ame.
6. Pendant, grey-green limestone. Dyn. xx
47. Trachyte foot scrubber, for removing hard skin ; as Gerar, xlii, 9, II
47A. Half of a whet-stone, worn almost through and snapped.
48. Agate and garnet beads, with a large hollow gold bead ; placed in wall of B town at 668 level. 49. Head of uraeus, hard brown stone
50. Kohl pot held by a baboon, with a bound captive beneath the base. This form is well known early in dyn. xviii. The transition from the early pot to the later tube was under Tehutmes III.
51. Mace-head of fawn and pink limestone.
52. Stand of alabaster for a vase, fragments only. 53. Syenite capital of the leg of a throne or couch, turned and polished. This is a surprising evidence of magnificence in the site, under Ptolemy Philadelphus.
54. Fragment of a polished syenite stand.
55. Model axe of hard grey slaty stone.
56. Mace-head of white limestone. This prolate form is of dyn. xviii at Gaza.
57-62. Spindle whorls; 63-64. Small sizes.
65, 66. Tags for threads in pillow-netting.
67. Tag or plumb bob.
68. Pink limestone pendant.
69. Large spindle whorl. 70, 7r. Roughly formed dishes of limestone, broken up.
Occasional fragments of black Greek pottery were found, between the dates 580 and 300 . The forms are mostly unusual, being stands and lids. 76 is of a soft white paste, probably intended for glazing.
30. XXVIII. Lead. I. Bowl, 8.7 ins. wide, hammered, edge unfinished, 330 B.C
2. Rosette with black copper centre ; strips for attachment behind

3, 4. Cast strips.
5. Mace-head, with square shaft hole. Othe lead maces have been found (Gaza III, xxii, 79 IV, xxxii, 429), but not of trumpet form like these.
$6-9$. Leaden net sinkers are very common; often put in graves, probably with nets, like other hunting gear. They were in towns of xviiith dyn., and here extend from dyn. xxii to Ptolemaic.

The only large group of beads (beside the carnelian 134) is this string of dark chalcedony, with a few red C. carnelian and W. white quartz ; they were in a grave of late Ptolemaic age.
31. Bone. 1. This is a still ruder example of the figures found under a pavement (Beth-pelet I, xxvii)
2. Bone polisher.
3. Bone disc, others found here are placed with fellow objects.
4. Nacre disc, flat on top; for inlay ?
5. Hair pin. 6. Bead.
7. Head of a hair pin, Roman age.
7. Head of a hair pin, Roman age.
8. Spindle whorl. 9. Plate with ridges
8. Spindle whorl. 9. Piate wi
Io-I3. Tags for pillow netting.

10-13. Tags for pillow netting.
14-16. Hair pins (?). Here of xxth-xxvth dyn. 14-16. Hair pins
of xxiind at Gerar.

I7. Spiral twist, unusual
18, I9. These seem to anticipate the " backscratchers" of Stuart times. First in Gaza II, xxiv, 33 of xix dyn. ; in Gerar, xxxiii, 6,9 , 10, of xxii; here of $800-770$ в.с.
20. Bone tube. 22. Half a marker. 23. Bone panel.

21, 24-32. Piercers, for basket making ?
XXIX. 33-56. Bobbins for net making, made of rib bone. They range from $900-200$ b.c. here, and $1200-400$ at Gerar. The metal netting needles (xix, 46, 47) followed on this, about 300 B.C. In Egypt bone netters are of dyns. xviii, xix (Kahun, xviii, 20, 21), with slender points; the shortest points here are the latest, Nos. 23, 24. Netting of fish seems to
be later than hooking, as the fish hooks here are of dyn. xx (xix, 57).
32. XXX. I. Pottery figure of a girl, of good proions, 350 в.с.
2. Horse's head in harness, 700 B.C
3. Similar, rougher work.

Bovine head as a spout
5. Slip of white steatite ; the form may be natural wear.
6. Pottery figure with Scythian hood (Memphis III, xlii, $136-8)$
7. Giraffe head and neck, pottery. The giraffe, though now Abyssinian, was in Greece in Pliocene times, so it may not have been extinct in S. Palestine at 1260 в.с.
8. Seal impress, an Egyptian and captive, 1000 B.c.

9, 10. Pieces of variegated glass beads, 190 and 575 в.c.
II. Playing piece of white glass.
12. Clay reel.
13. Triangular glass bead, 930 B.c.
14. Black glass arm for inlay, 150 b.c.

15-23. Glazed figures of Bast.
24-28. Isis figures.
29. Limestone figure playing double pipes, 940 в.с. 30-31. Ptah Sokar figures.
32-40. Bes figures.
4I. Double figures.
42. Harpokrates.
43. Hathor head.
44. Part of collar and menat.

47-50. Draughtsmen.
47-50. Drass ring, 450 B. C .
51. Glass ring, 450 B.C. 58-79. Uzat eyes, $\operatorname{II} 50-550$ B.C. Quadruple $915-$
800 B.C.
33. XXXI. At the base of E town, 544, lay a group which suggests a gambler's outfit (about 360 B.c.). Six dice, of which the larger are worn almost round ; 25 thin ivory counters much worn, 7 blue glass dumps as playing pieces (probably more, broken up by decay) ; these are all a larger outfit than needed for a single game. The bent pieces of bronze are the fittings for a box ; the string of beads with bluegreen glaze are unusual. The scarab of the time of Rameses II was many centuries old, probably from a tomb. A whorl, a bronze point, and the bowl covered with bistre facing, all belonged to this house. Similar bowls are also earlier, at GE 476 and GB 461 , about 560 and 606 B.c.
34. 19-22. Pieces of painted pottery, about 1250 dynasty. The periods of dyns. $x i x, x x, x x i+x x i i$,
23. Red on buff pottery, I300 в.c., derived from nautilus pattern, so-called Philistine
$24,25,26,29,30,34,37,38,40,4 \mathrm{I}$. Hard pottery with black lines. The form has not been found complete, but seems like a tubular stand with flaring top, and ring round the base, or possibly the necks of great bottles, xxxviii, 86 A . The date is $1300-$ 1250 b.c. Probably northern, due to advance of Rameses II.
3I. Characteristic Cypriote, early, at I290 B.C.
Plan on left, the Babylonian shrine of Nebuchadnezzar, see pls. iv, $x$.
35. XXXII. Pottery. As Zuweyid is between Egypt and Palestine it was not desirable to base the references on either land. The drawings are therefore complete here without depending on any published before. But as the Palestine influence was the stronger, the numbering of types here is based on that of Palestine. The underlined types are the perfect specimens, sent to Cairo. The notable new types are $9 \mathrm{~S}, 23 \mathrm{~K}^{18}$ which is Hyksos, but here as late as xixth dyn., 28J extended from xxiind dyn. to Seleucid age in Antioch with the bistre wash, and continued till Ptolemy II ; and unpainted it asted till Herod. 48G is a drain pot with hole for a soak-away, used in a kitchen as a sink.
$55 \mathrm{~T}^{18}$ is of hard thick buff pottery. 59 H a little pot with a maker's stamp. $74 \mathrm{D}^{s}$ is a pomegranate pot, with too many sides, about xviiith dyn. $84 \mathrm{H}^{1}$ the type originating in a leather bottle, with a reed neck, is here traceable from level 349 up to 450 , or 920 to 640 B.C. The pilgrim bottle form begins in late xviii, and lasts to early Ptolemaic, $8_{5} \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{Q}, \mathrm{T}, \mathrm{U}$. The barrel bottle 86A has lost the neck. I have already noted that the dating of this neck. I have already noted that the dating of this the dating current in Italy being about two cen turies too late. The funnel 92 C occurs at Beisan.

## CHAPTER VIII

## weights

36. The frontier fortress of Anthedon was not of importance for trade. Probably most travellers passed it without unpacking until they reached the customs frontiers; these are now at Khan Yunis and El Arysh, between which there is only an inspection to stop hashish.
Only a dozen weights are later than the xxvith
and xxvi each produced about a fifth of the total, and xxvi each produced about a fifth of the total,
and all the non-Egyptian periods yielded very few. The characteristic of Anthedon is the poor quality of the weights in all periods, and therefore their local origin.

Haematite is the best material, and it is only 4 per cent. of wrought weights, whereas at Tell Ajjul it constitutes 55 per cent. The bulk of the Anthedon weights are of badly worked stone.
$3 \%$. This becomes therefore a place to test the matter of natural forms of stones having been collected to serve as weights, and so placed in groups, and uniform in quality. Such groups of pebbles selected anciently, agreeing to a standard, were noted in Beth-pelet I, pl. xlix, and it was concluded that a batch of natural pebbles had been tested in a balance, and those which agreed to one standard were selected for use (see pl. xli).

The test is to see how closely they accord to one standard. In groups of made weights found together the average variation is 1.8 per cent. The pebble-groups have variation of 3.4 per cent. (JA 384), $2 \cdot 6$ per cent. (JT 360), $2 \cdot 3$ per cent. (D 208), I per cent. ( B 200 ) and in the necef 0.6 per cent. Thus the average variation in different groups of natural pebbles is 2 per cent., as against made weights $x .8$ per cent. Practically the selected natural forms are as good as made weights. Such groups are evidence of the nature of the standard groups are evidence of the nature of the standard employed, but hardly to be accepted as defining the Value. It might be supposed that No. 6286 (xl, KL 319 ), an untouched natural boulder of syenite of is 2,000 weight, was hardly a selected weight ; but it is 2,000 of the stater unit to which four stones found it agree.
Besides the groups of unworked pebbles there are many stones of natural form adjusted by grinding down one edge.
For reference from the plates of forms to the list, see the top right-hand number. For reference from the list to the plates of forms, see the level number, as the outlines are all in order of level. Where the form is regular, the reference to the type is below on the left, see Weights and Measures, pls. iii-viii.

The number within each form is the weight in grains. It is noticeable that the stater rarely appears alone (only three examples), but it is the commonest unit for the rough groups of selected pebbles. The standard was the least civilised, and
elonged to the Western world, from the rxth to the are of the same group can be designated on the plan ind the plan. is cubasty. The most crediable weight here is a cube of translucent white quartz ( 6238 ), a heavy deben of the xxxist dynasty.
All of these weights have been delivered in Cairo (except the syenite boulder), and they should be
revised more accurately there revised more accurately there.
38. A difficulty in administration delayed the accurate weighing of the examples from Tell Ajjul (Gaza) found in 1934. These were all detained in Jerusalem unallotted, and the list in Gaza IV is only approximate. It is mostly here cancelled by the list in pls. xlii, xliii. Out of the 302 weights found, there were 225 left to us, and these I have weighed with a fine balance kindly lent by Mr. Hornstein. Unfortunately museums are not yet awake to the great historic importance of weights for ancient trade connections, so no balances for objects over 20 gms. are provided. Also when excavators understand, and will pay two piastres for each weight found in their excavations, the history of trade will begin to take its proper place
The remarkable character of the Ajjul weights of the Hyksos age is the preponderance of finely formed black haematite examples, many equal to he best Mesopotamian work. That such were which weights had been cut (Gaza IV, p. I4)
39. The only inscribed weight from Zuweyid 6202, bears the Phoenician letters PY obviously for PYM the peyem. Yet it is of the lighter type of daric weights, about 5 per cent. too heavy for the peyem. It was therefore fraudulently marked for a buyer: the care of clear marking and finely regular form with pleasing material prevents the dea of its being a wrong attribution
For list of Anthedon weights, see pl. xli.
For list of Gaza weights, see pls. xlii, xliii.
40. XLIV. Brick sizes. These are plotted here in order to see the groups of irregular value. Here we see that a brick of r 2.7 is all one with one $\mathrm{I} \cdot{ }^{\circ}$, and therefore these need the same mark on the plan. The differing groups of sizes are therefore here marked with a Greek letter, so that all walls which

It is clear here that the early bricks were all I: or breadth half the length. Only one early wall is of the square brick, JS. all the others being later 41 XIV-I 41. XL L. The General Catalogue is designed for ready reference. Every object is placed at it level, given in inches at the left margin. The level number on each object thus indicates all other objects found with it.
The seven columns of different materials give quick reference to all similar objects, and enable any kind of object to be sought. It is much to be hoped that official lists of town remains supplied to Departments of Antiquities by excavators may be of this form, instead of senseless lists in the order of finding. That order does not even succeed in keeping a group together, as any large group may take some days for careful clearance. If the duties of an excavator were simplified in the field, he could better give attention to necessary publication.
42. LI. Some sherds with Aramaic writing were found from 577 to 570 level, and were of Ptolemaic age. These Aramaic scribbles have yielded little to Dr. Sukenik, who kindly examined them for us. The line at 575 level, HUR, NBY BR HUR may probably be read Horus, Nuby bar Horus, and translated "Horus and Nuby son of Horus." Nuby meaning a goldsmith, is a personal name as well as Horus, in Egypt
A scratching on a black vase fragment is of 570 level; and a sherd with the nefer and letters was at 598. Sōnira is ink-written on the base of a vase ; a rough handie has a stamp on it of 10 strokes and NMU (?), late Ptolemaic. A small circular stamp has the letter NO.

The usual run of Greek wine-jar stamps were found between the levels of 550 and 660 , the whole Ptolemaic age.

At the bottom are the coarse stamps of Roman mortaria, the latter two in relief. These were brought from late sites in the district by boys, who also brought coins and fragments of red pottery with applied relief figures.

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