

# Minoans, Hittites, & Myceneans

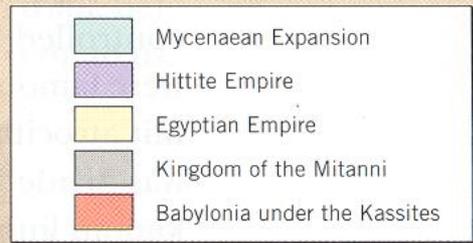
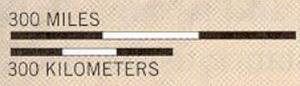
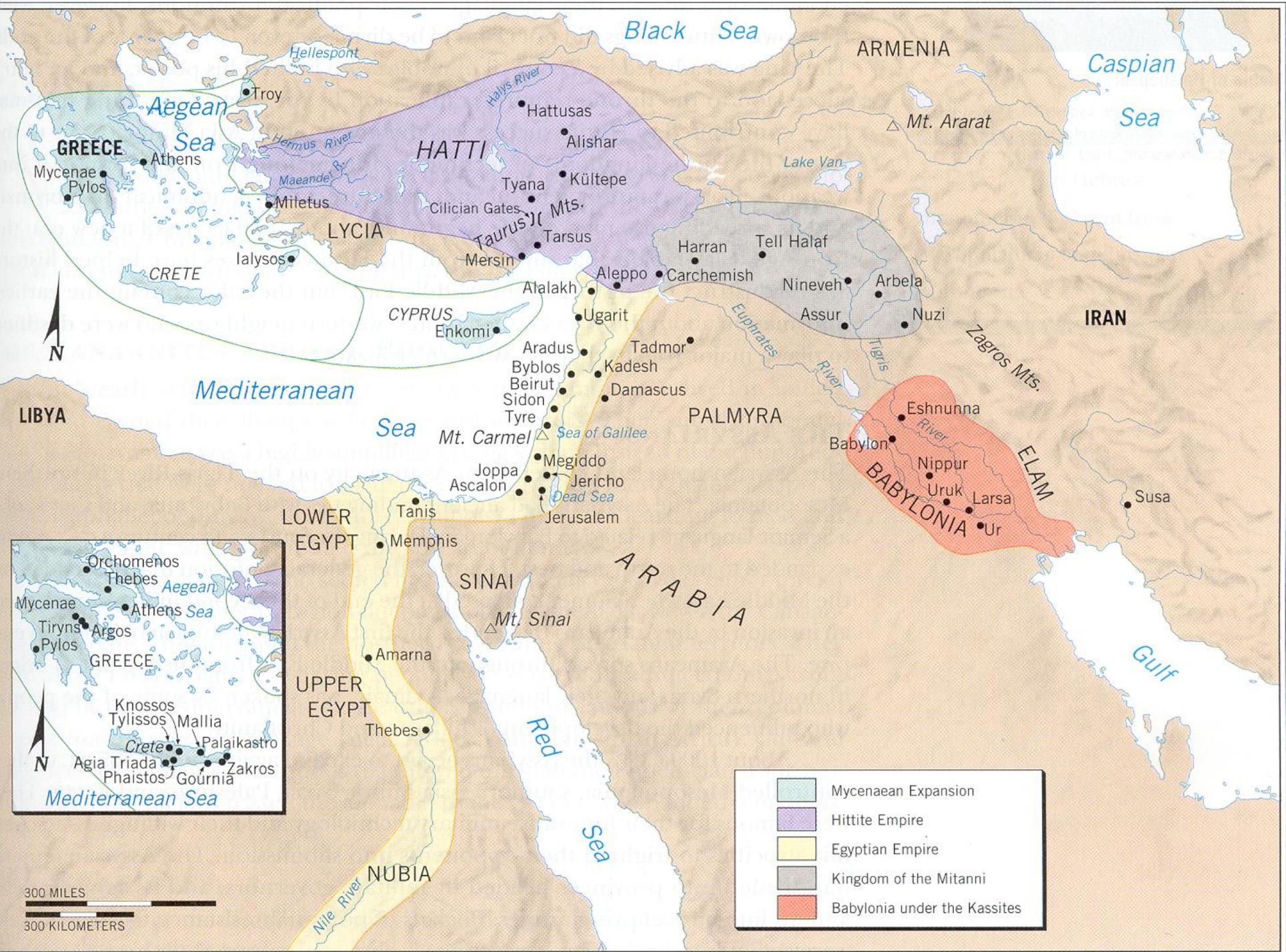
- Aegean and Anatolian Civilizations pre 1200,
- ie. **Before** the Sea Peoples destruction

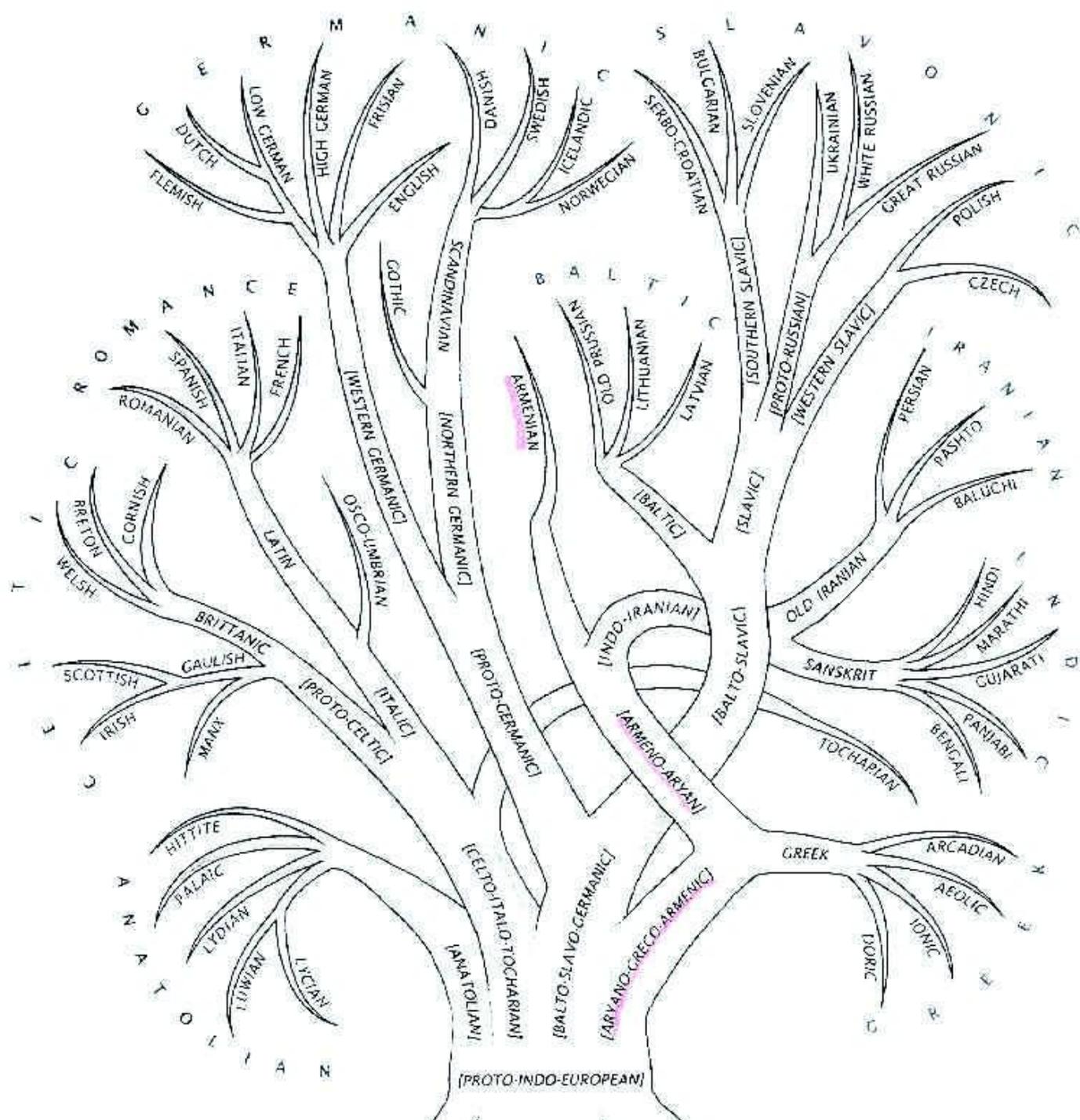
# Western Asia Minor looks West





**Minoan**  
and **Mycenaean** Sites  
before 1000 BCE





# Hattushas Lion Gate



**Vessel terminating in the forepart of a stag**, 15th–13th century B.C.; Hittite period  
Central Anatolia  
Silver, gold; H. 7 1/16 in. (18 cm)  
Gift of Norbert Schimmel Trust, 1989 (1989.281.10)





Title: Lion Gate, Boghazköy, Turkey  
Artist:  
Date: c. 1400 B.C.  
Style: Hittite  
Medium: Limestone  
Issues:





# Hittite religion

- Hittite religion is complicated by adoption of conquered kingdoms religion, so Hatti is known as
- “The Country of a 1,000 gods.”
- This makes analysis difficult, but the major god is a Storm god”
- Hittite for ‘god’ is “shiusu” meaning light







# None are universal

But specific to that people, they are the people's "lord" who protects them.

Since the gods are not universal, there is a storm-god of the Hittites, Zeus for the Greeks, Jupiter for the Romans, as well as Tarhunt for the Luwians, Teshup for the Hurrians, etc.

Reward for worship is in THIS life.

# Afterlife for us

The netherworld is below ground without sunlight.

“One does not recognize the other. Sisters by the same mother do not recognize each other. A mother does not recognize her own child... From a fine table they do not eat. From a fine cup they do not drink. They eat bits of mud, they drink muddy water.”

ie., gloomy view, not the Egyptian or Mystery religion view.

But the afterlife for most was  
dreary, awful  
this led to ghosts

Pankush

Hittite Laws



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# Mycenean





*H. Schliemann*

## **Heinrich Schliemann**

1822 –1890

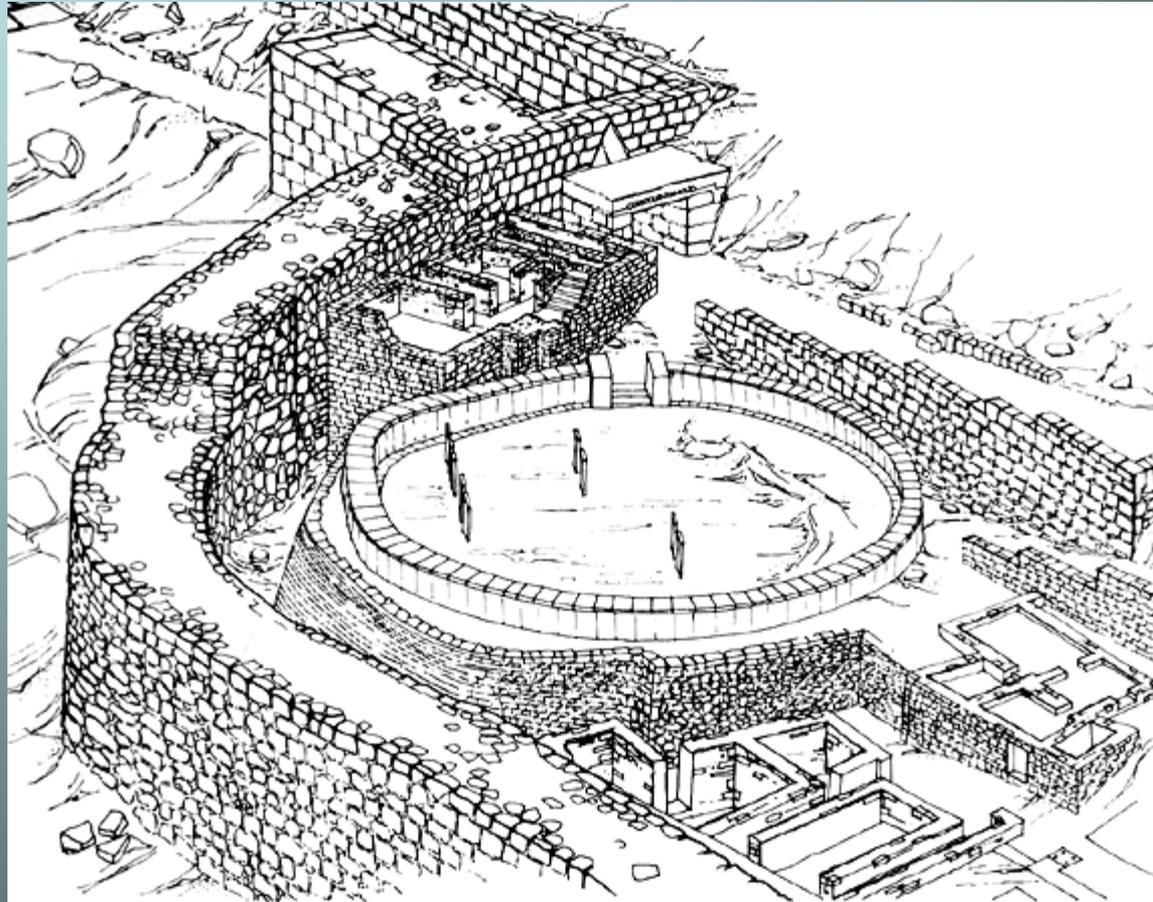
was a German businessman and amateur archaeologist, and an advocate of the historical reality of places mentioned in the works of Homer.

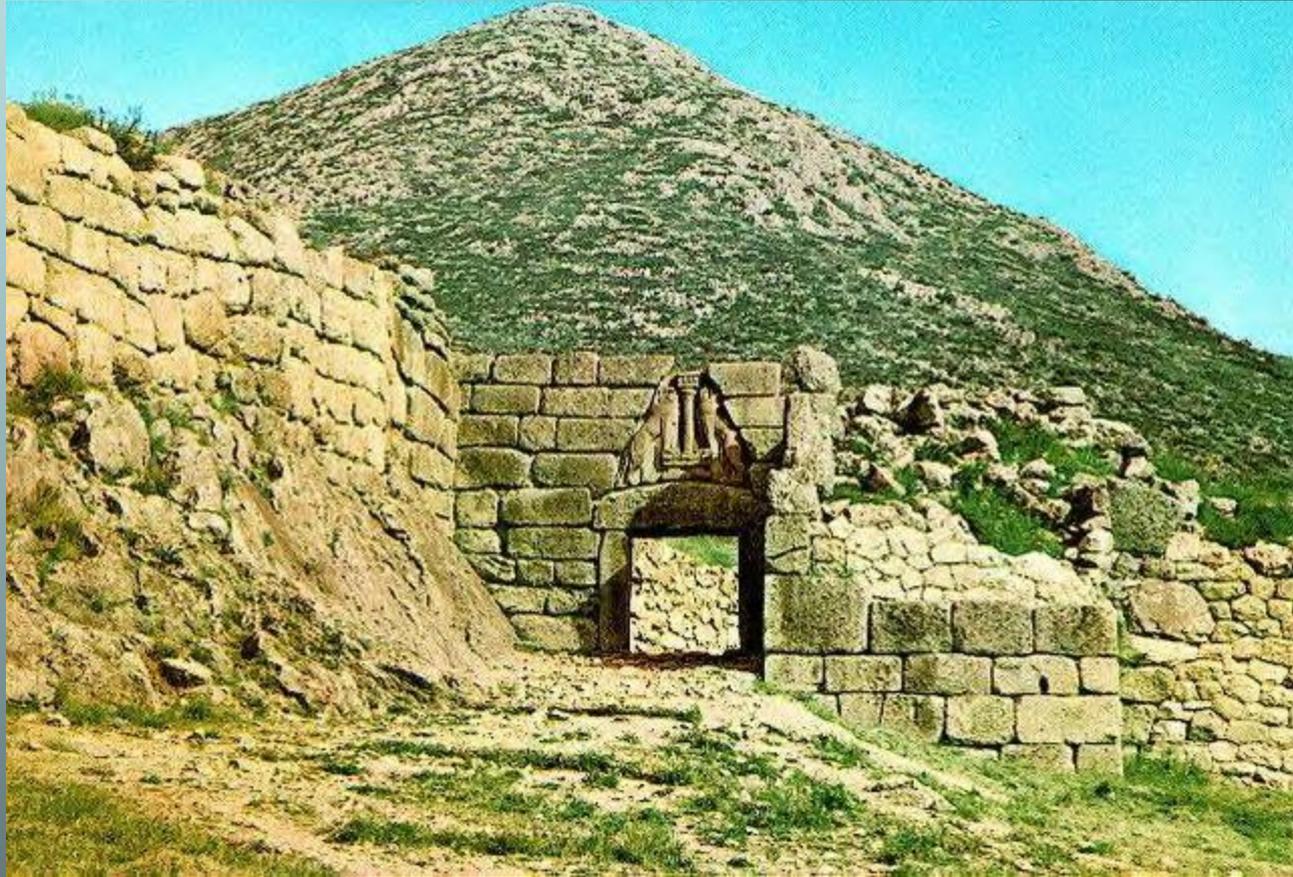
Schliemann was an archaeological excavator of Troy, along with the Mycenaean sites Mycenae and Tiryns.



# MYCENAE







# Myceneae, Lion Gate







Mycenae-----Hattushas





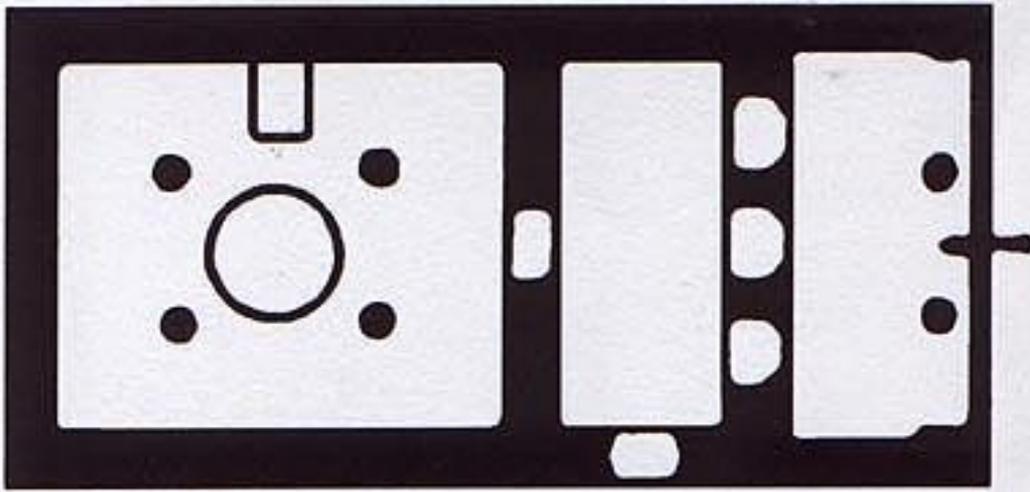




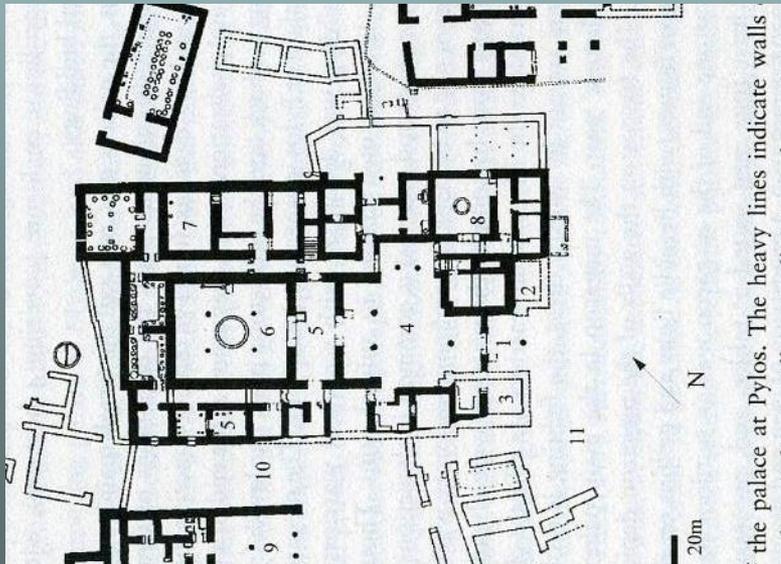
Mycenaean Death Mask, NOT Agamemnon, c. 1550 BC



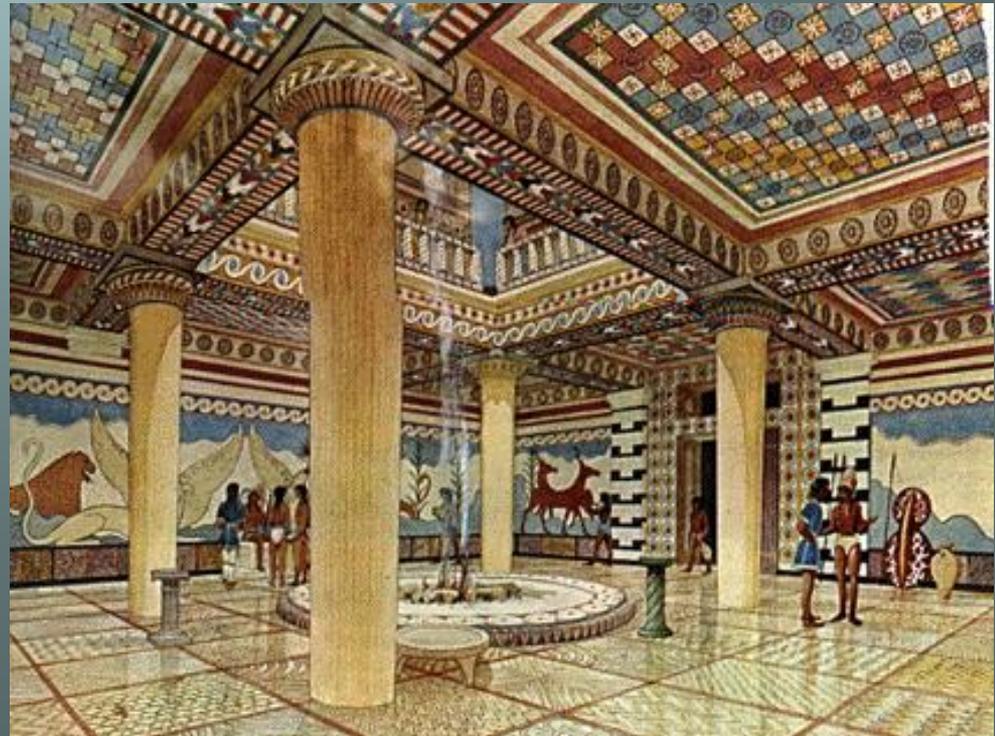


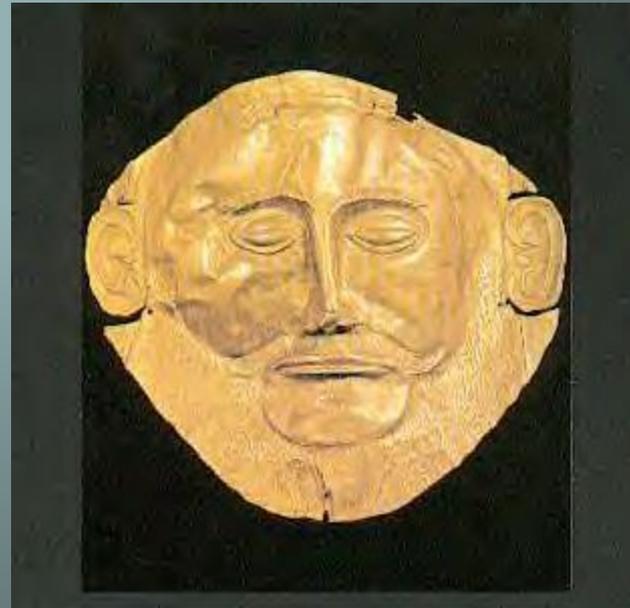


Plan of a Mycenaean megaron



the palace at Pylos. The heavy lines indicate walls



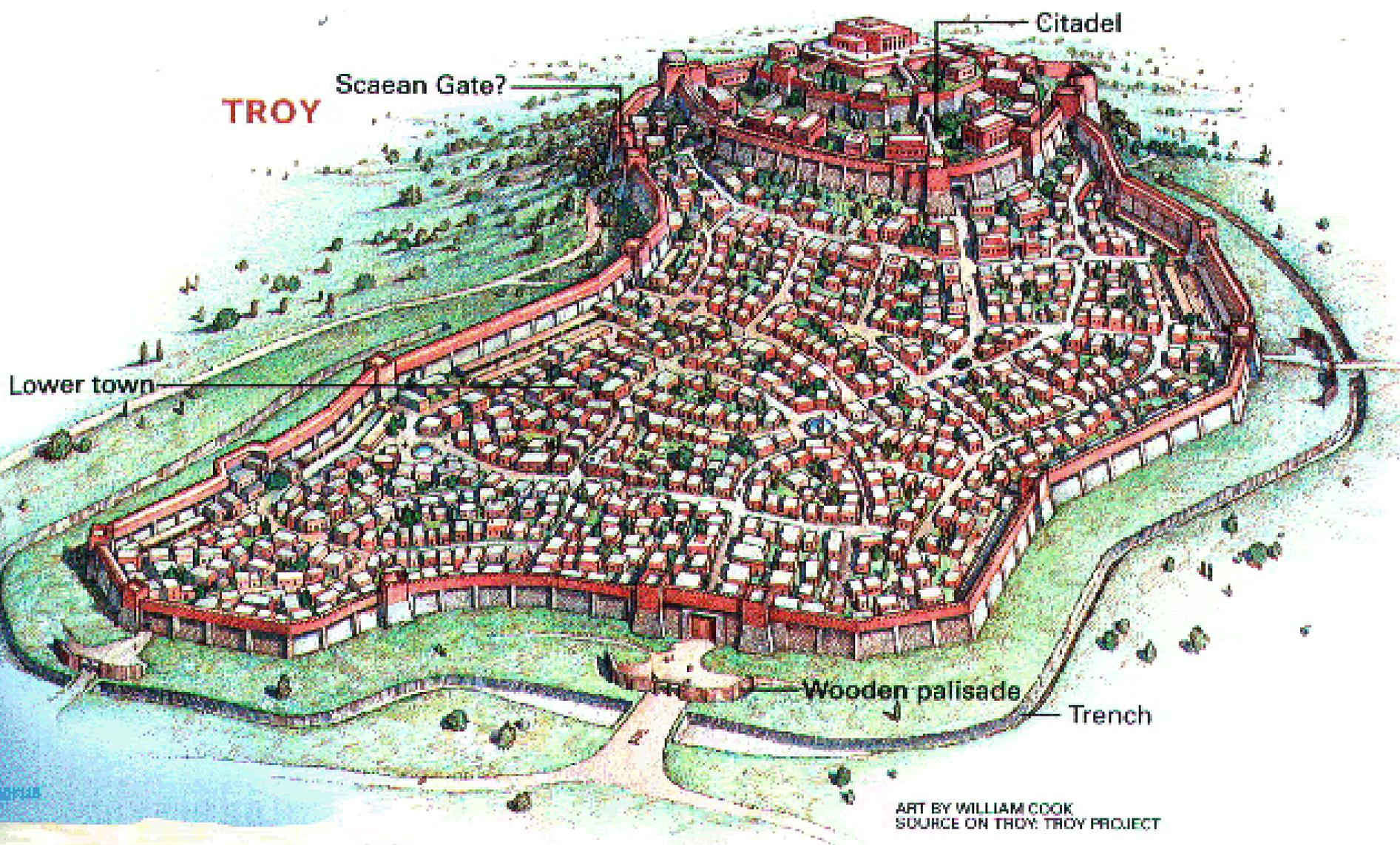




# Troy Reconstructed



# TROY



Scaean Gate?

Citadel

Lower town

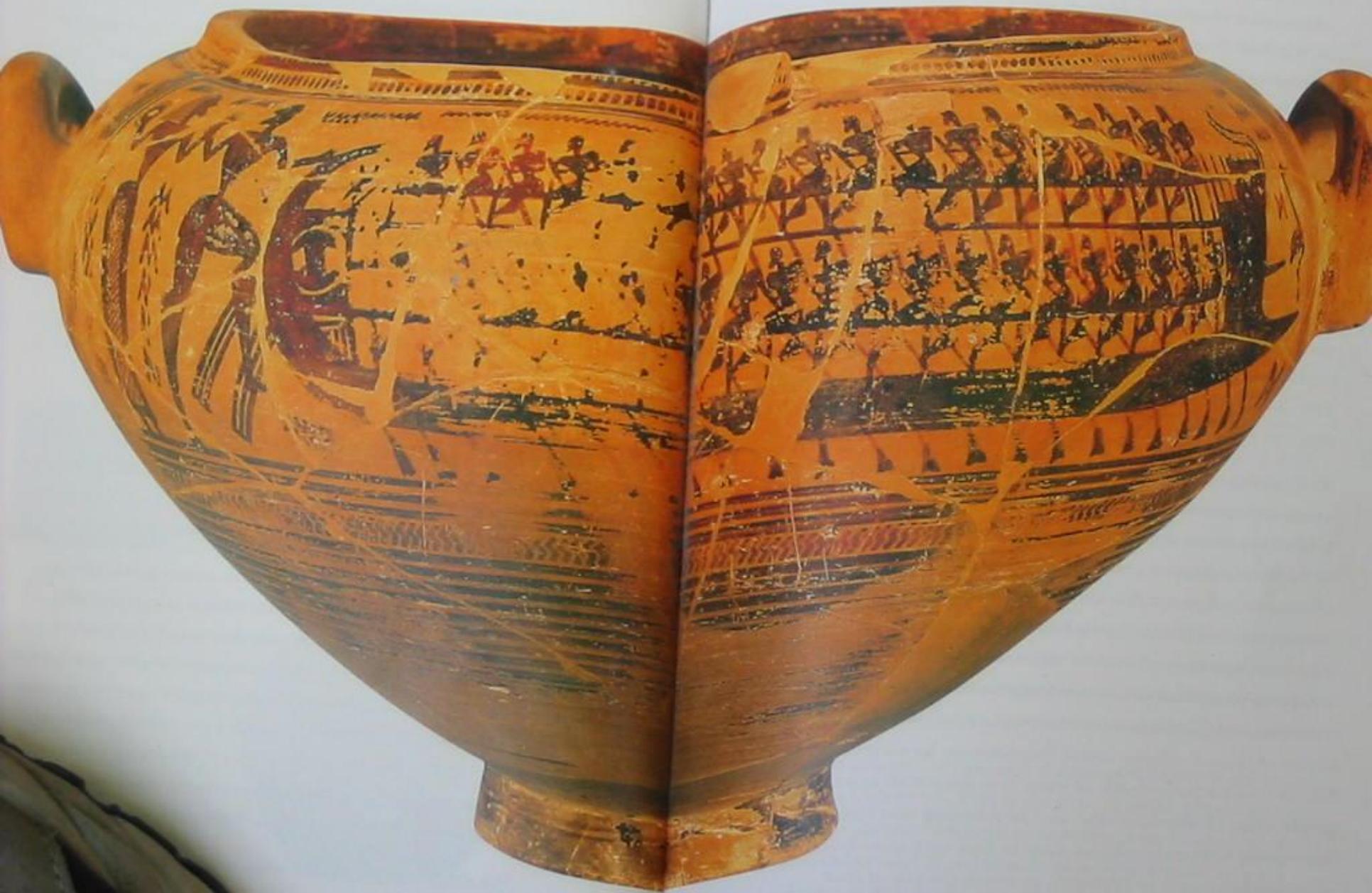
Wooden palisade

Trench

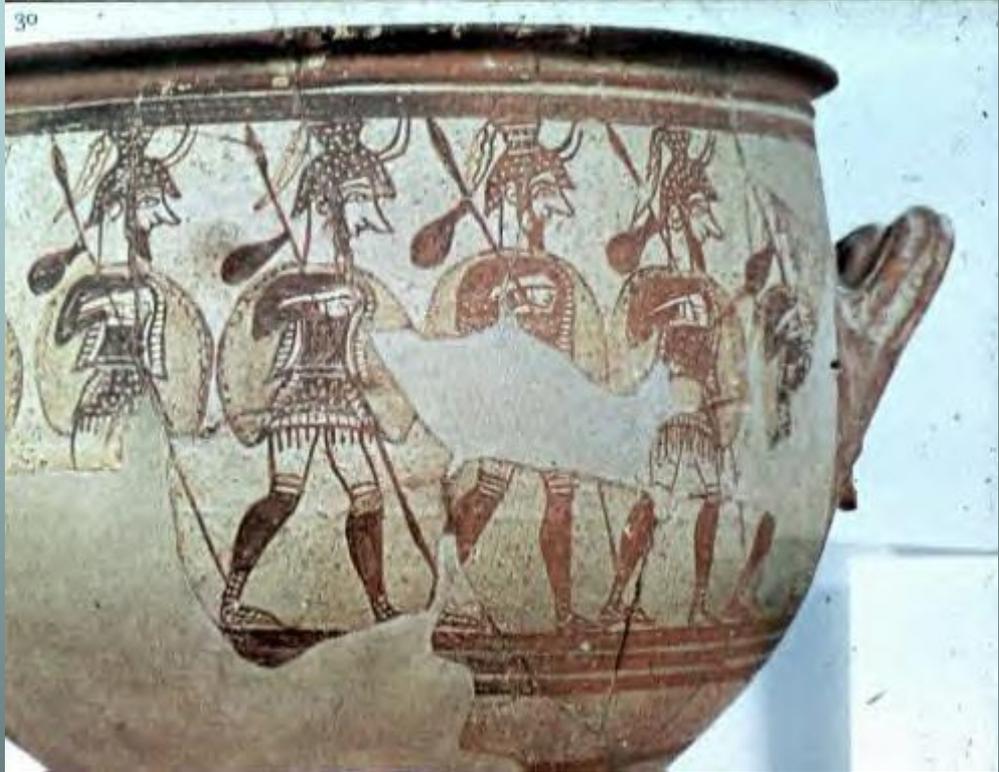
ART BY WILLIAM COOK  
SOURCE ON TROY: TROY PROJECT

**Bettany Hughes The Ancient Worlds 4 of 7 Helen of Troy -48:00**

Departure Scene, Geo. Period  
=? Paris and Helen???







# Trojan War

