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Zaldapa's Basilica 2 and the Christian fabric of a Constantinian city



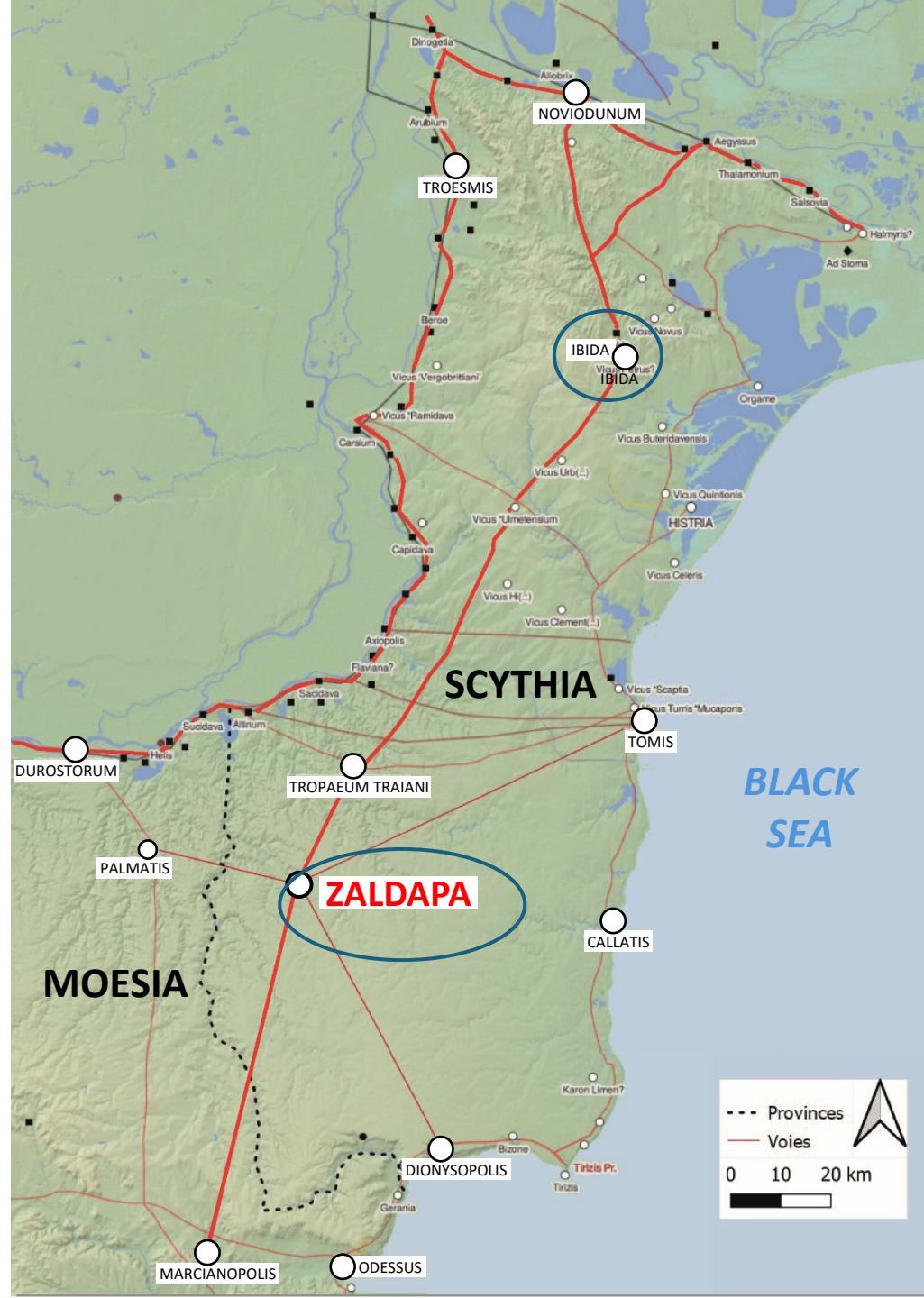
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The Lower Danubian *limes*



Zaldapa

- taken by the Avars in 586
- recovered in 587
- taken by the Sclaveni and recovered again in 594
- abandoned shortly afterwards and never reoccupied

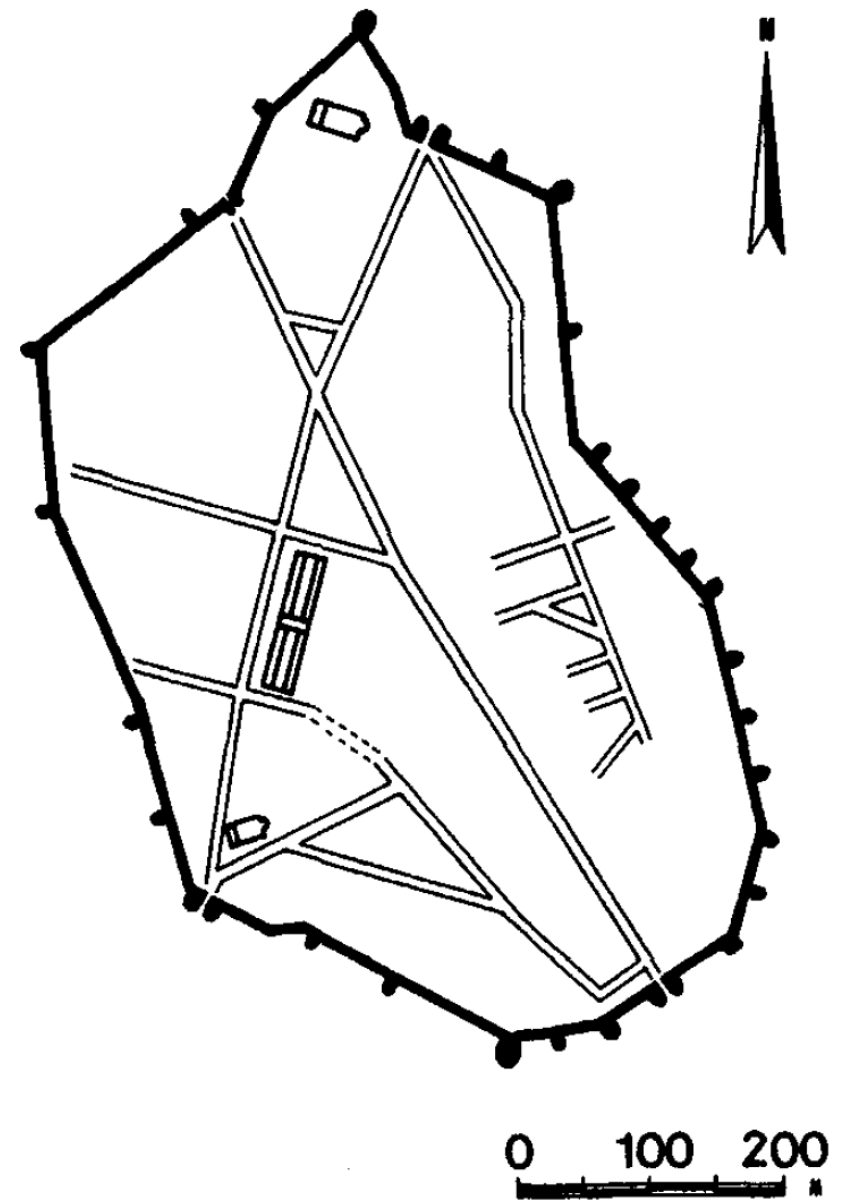


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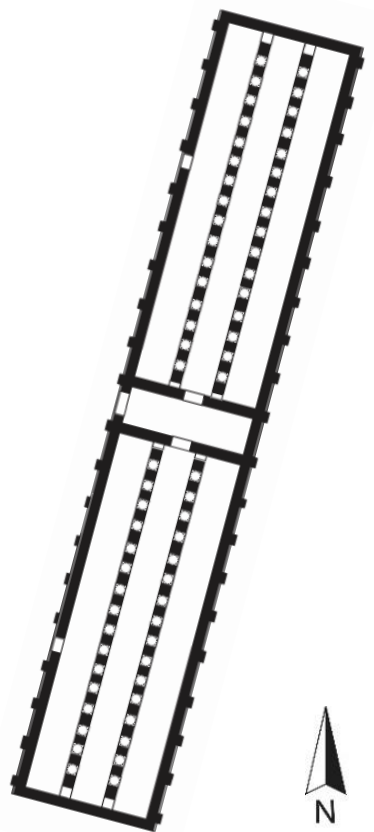


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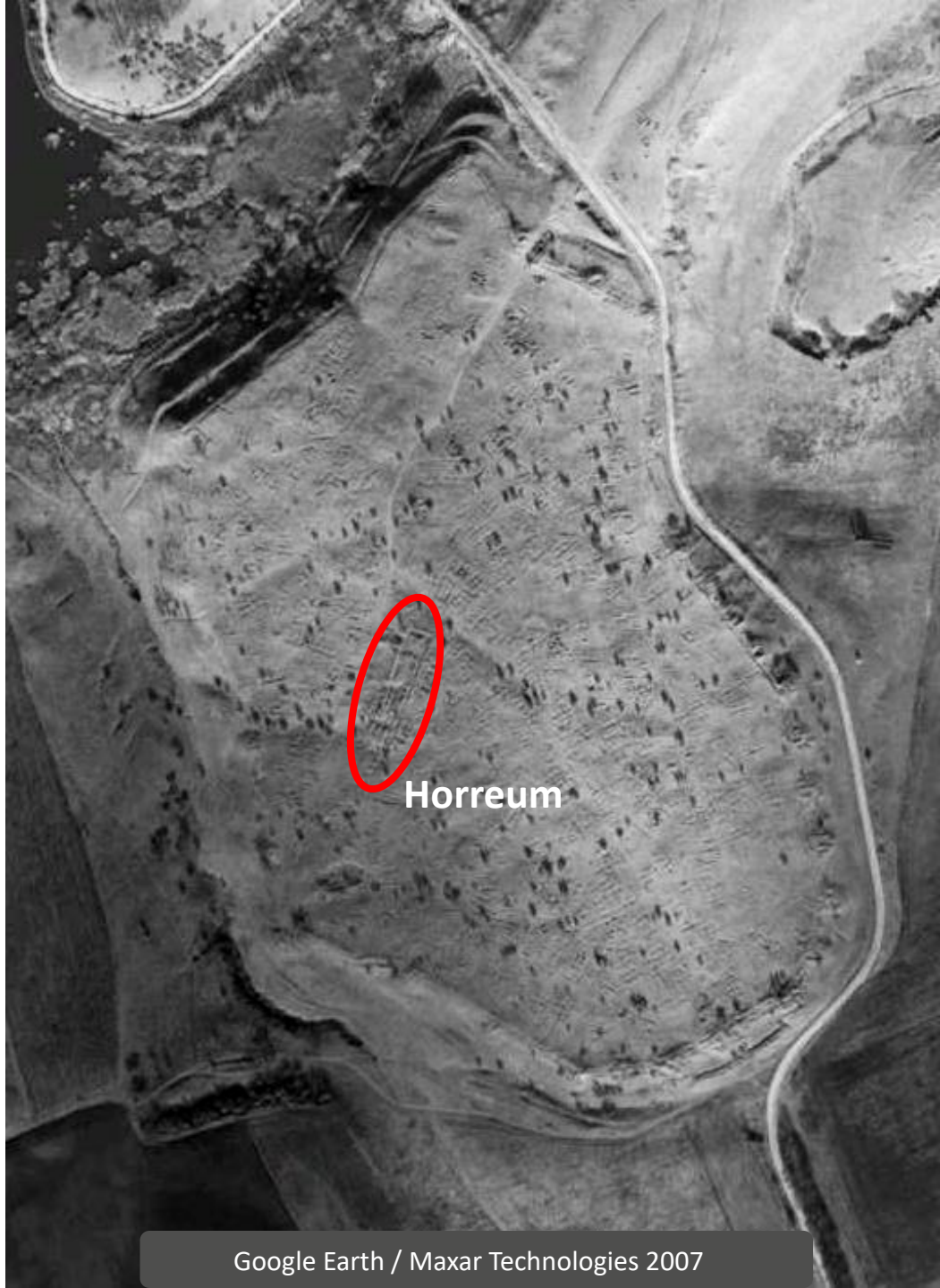


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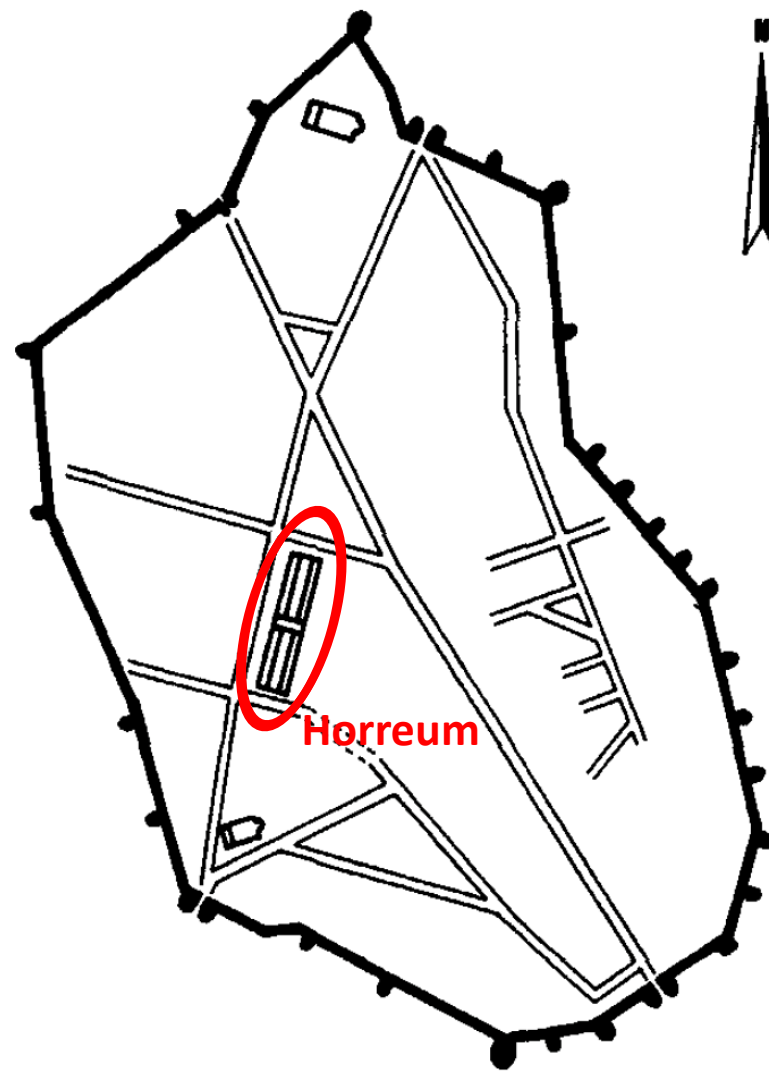
Horreum
100 × 18 m



0m 10m 50m



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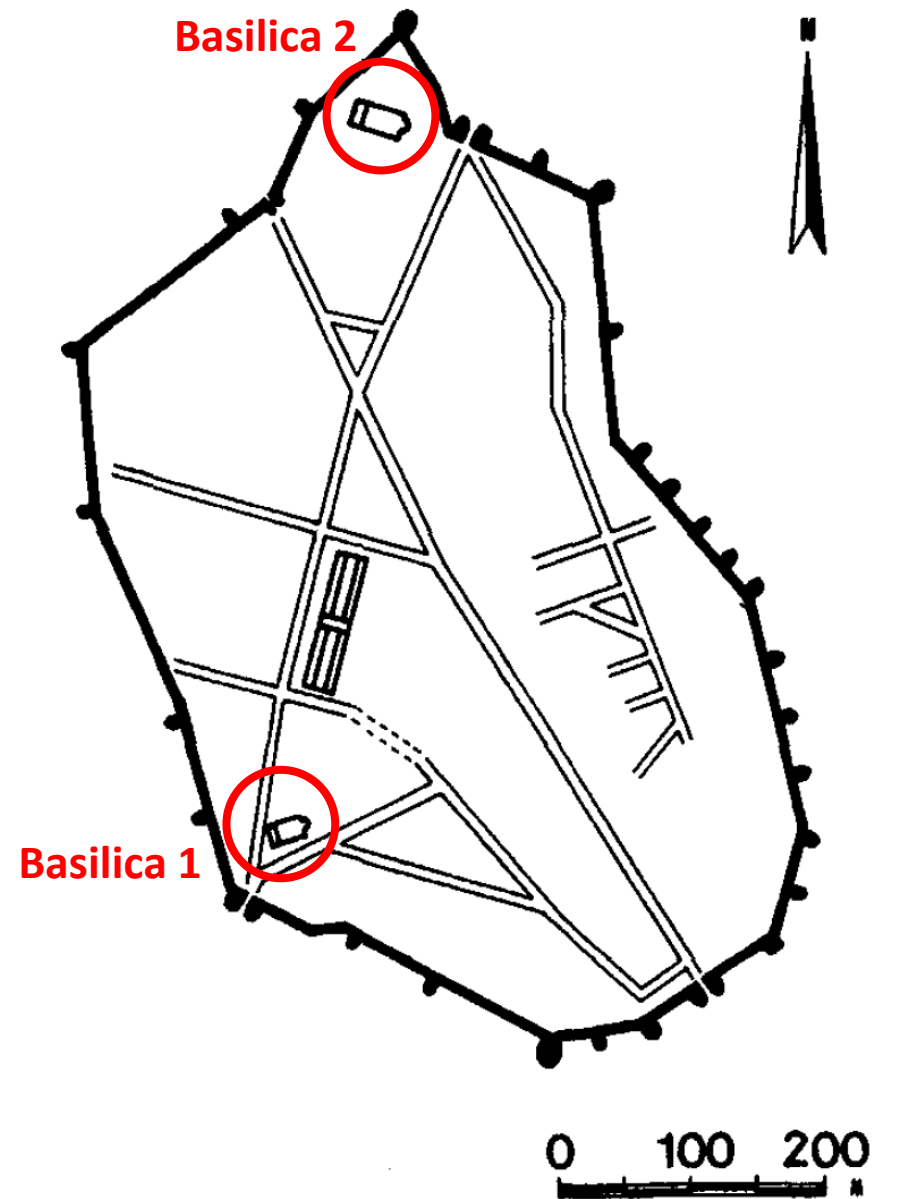


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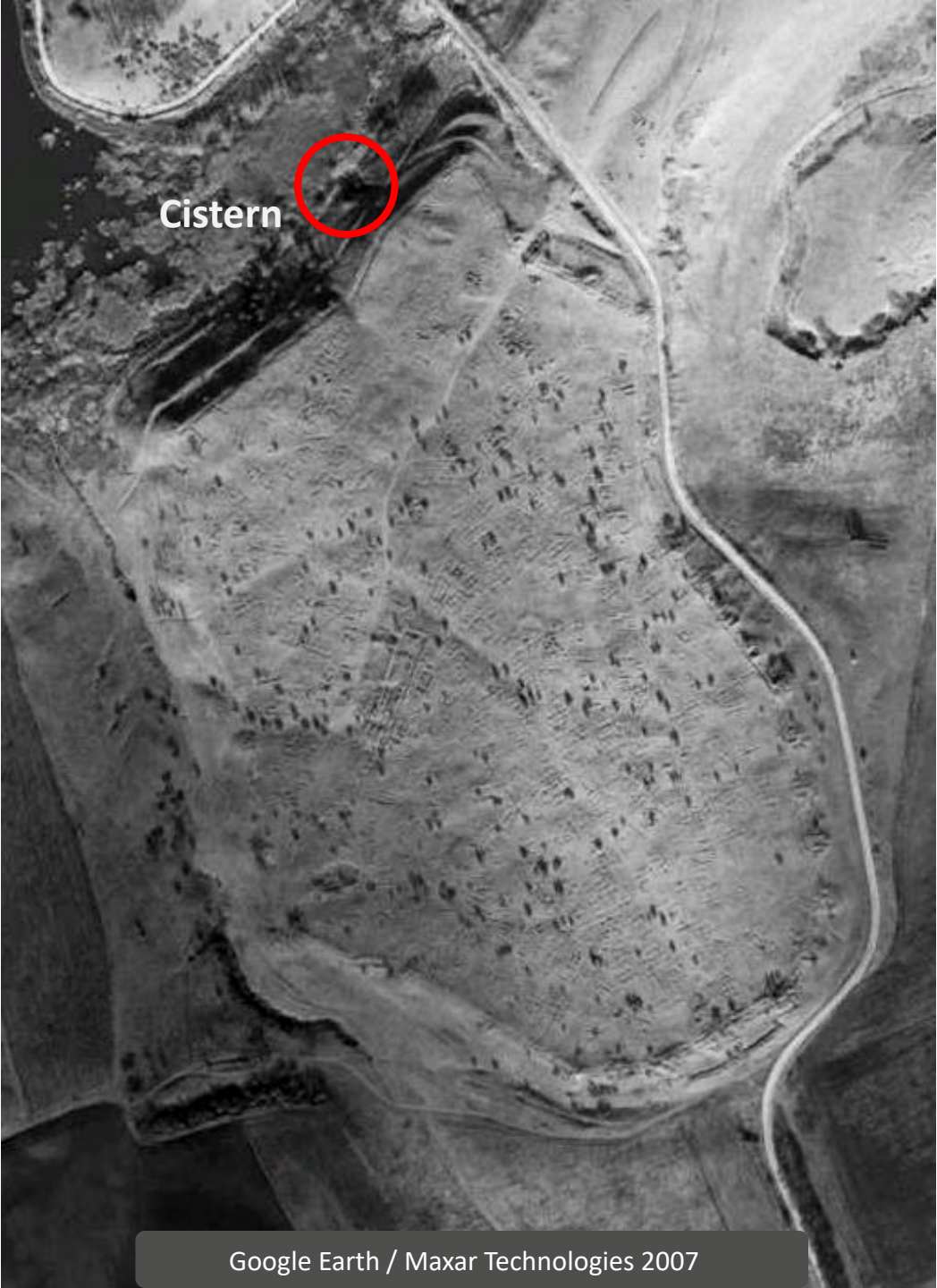


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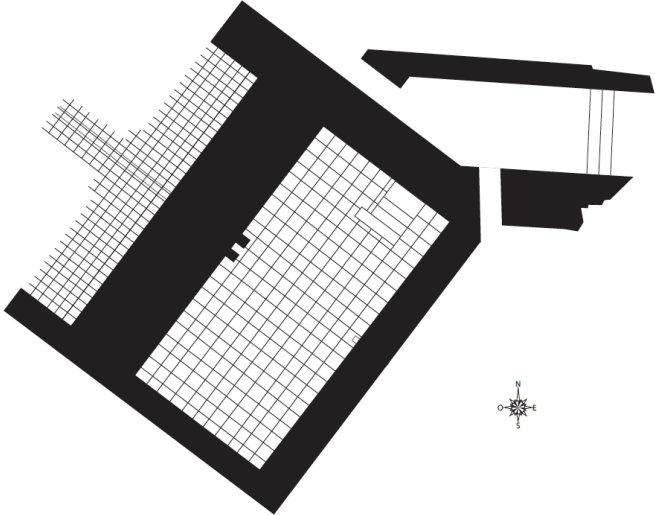
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Extramural
cistern



Cistern

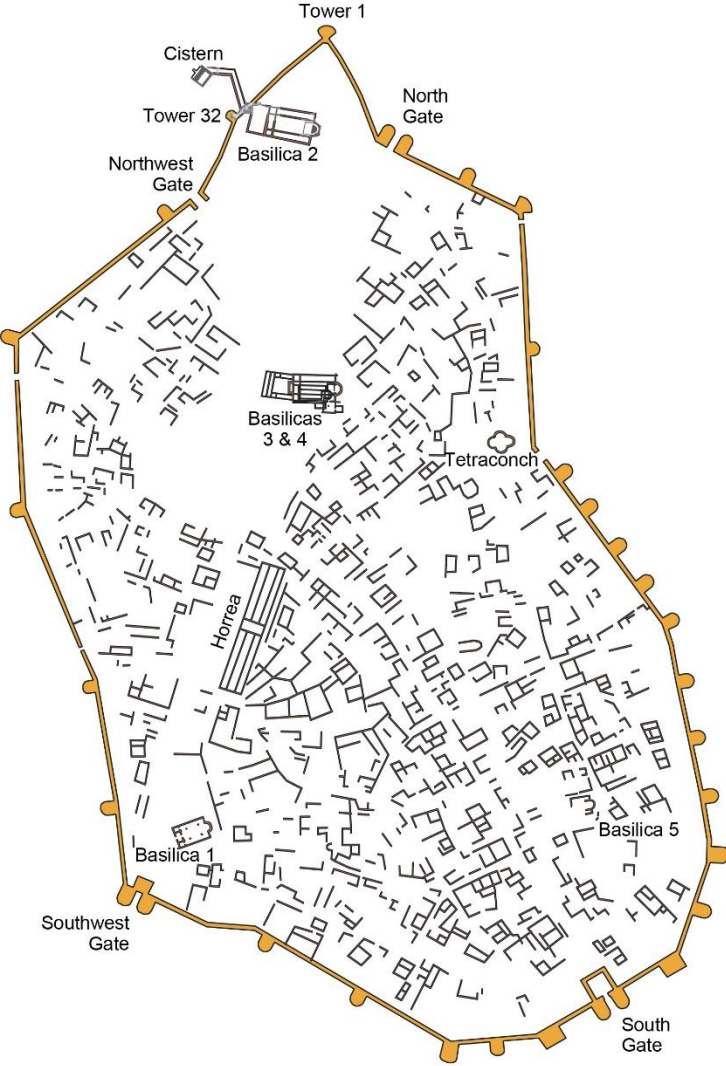
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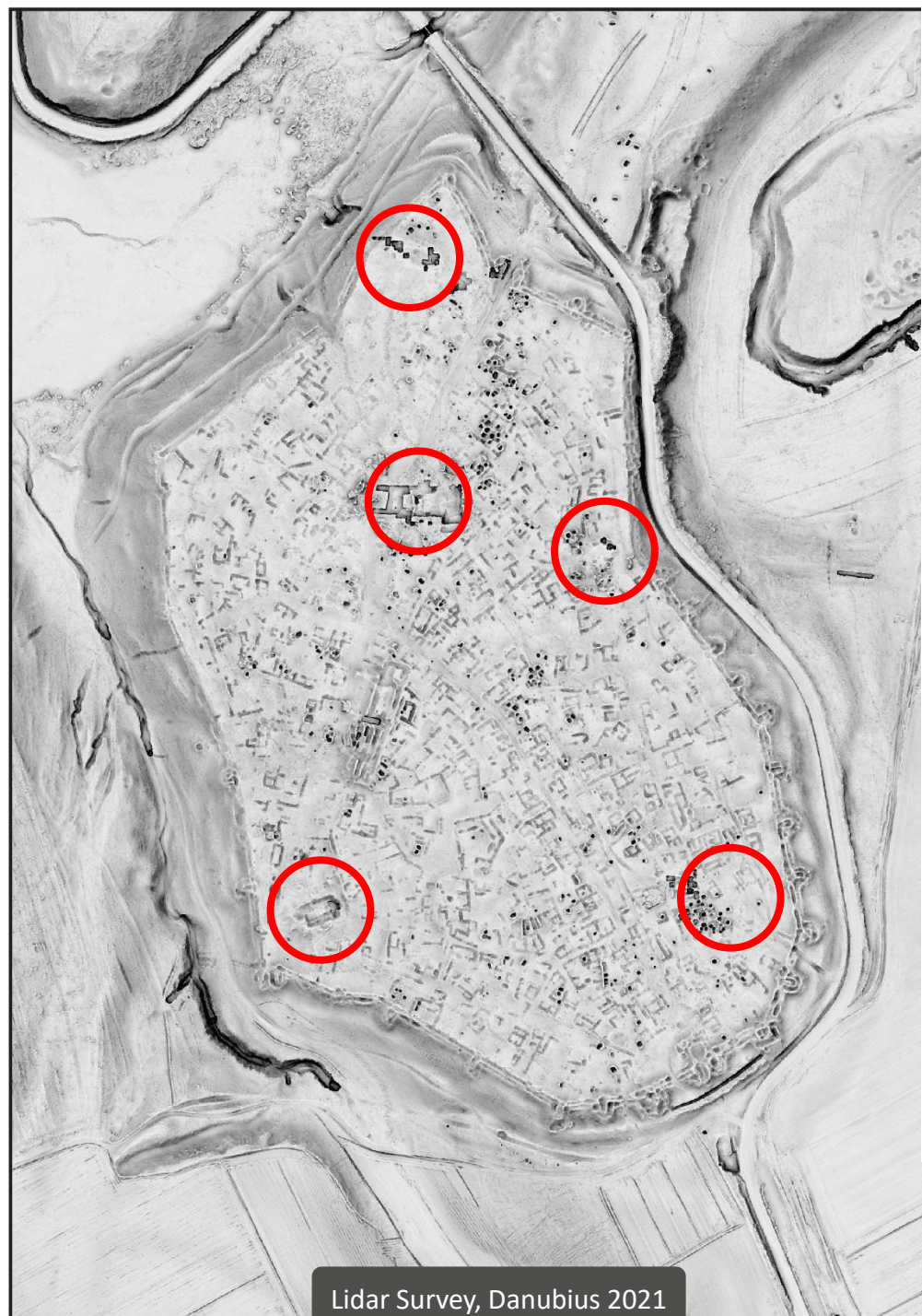


Zaldapa after 2014

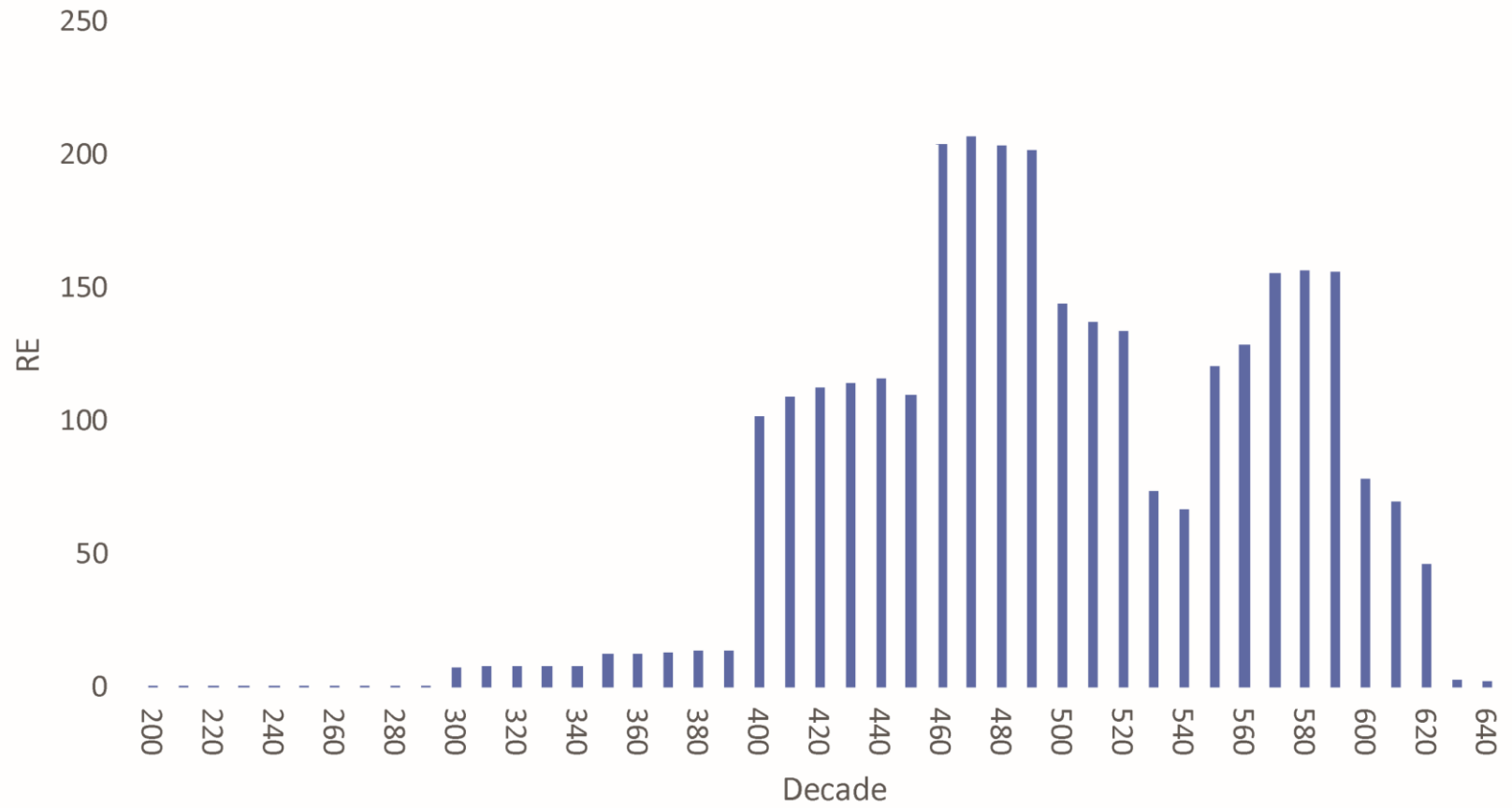


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The churches of Zaldapa

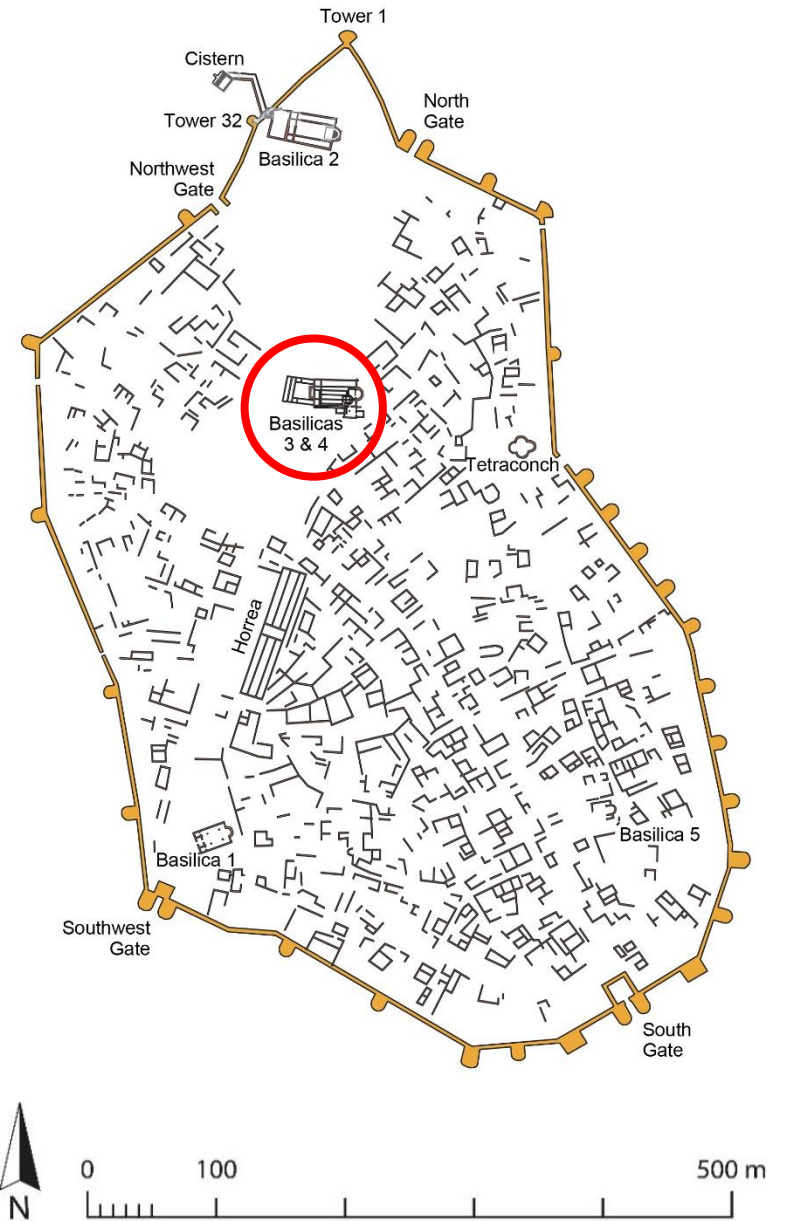
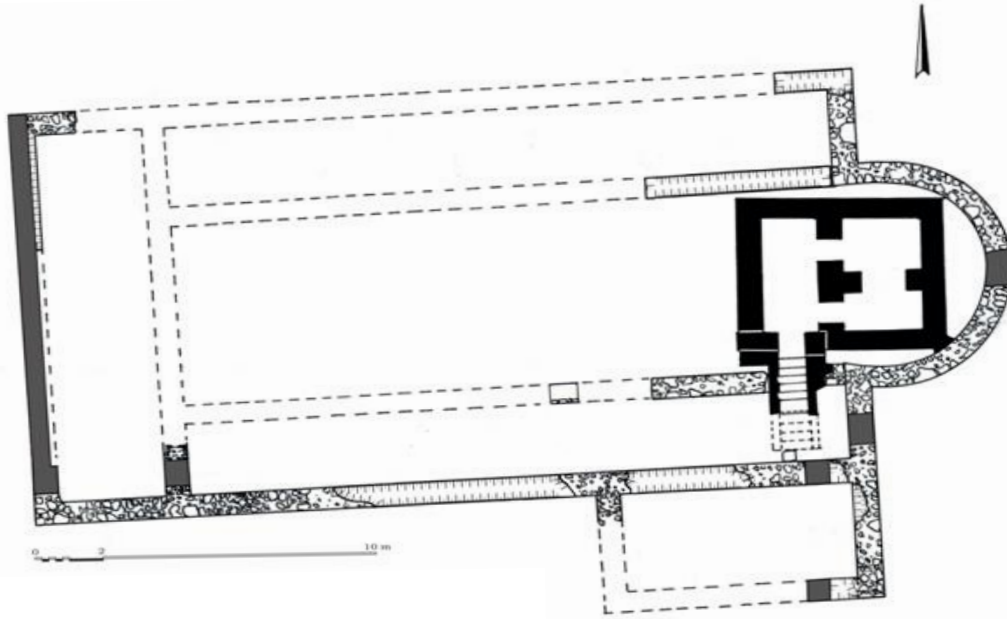


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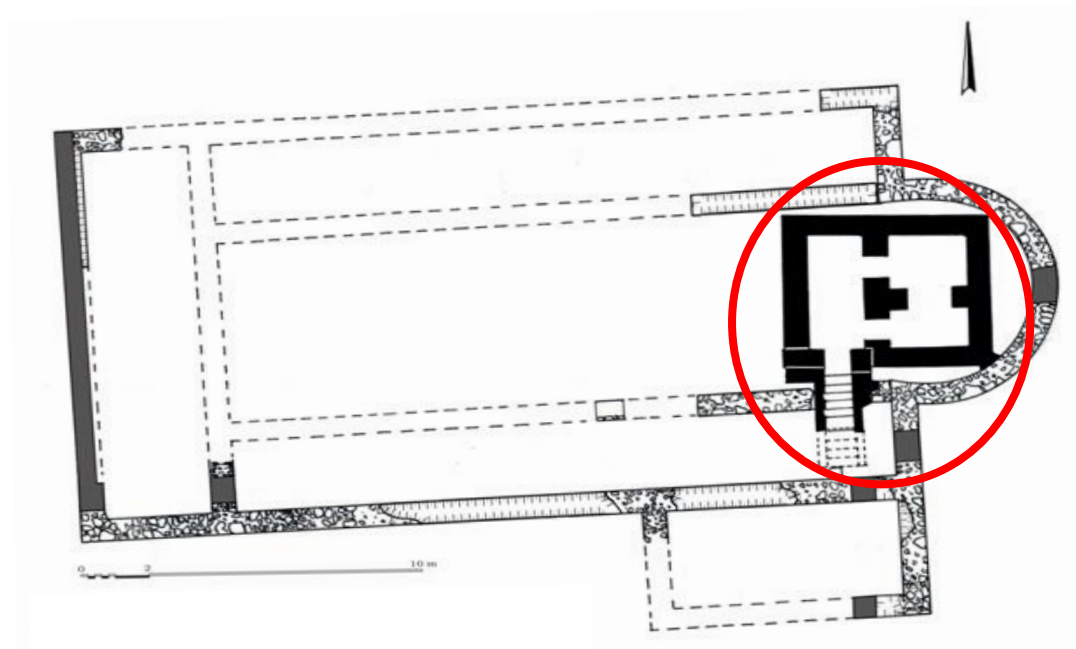
Chronological spread of pottery finds by rim-equivalent, 2018-2023 (P. Mills)

Basilica 4
28 × 14 m

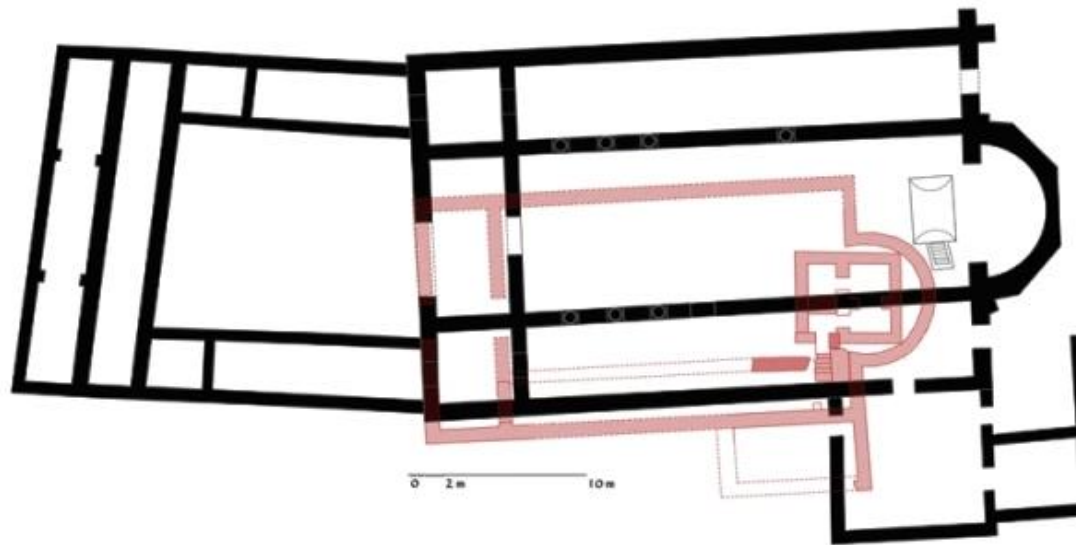


Basilica 4
28 × 14 m

Crypt
33 m²

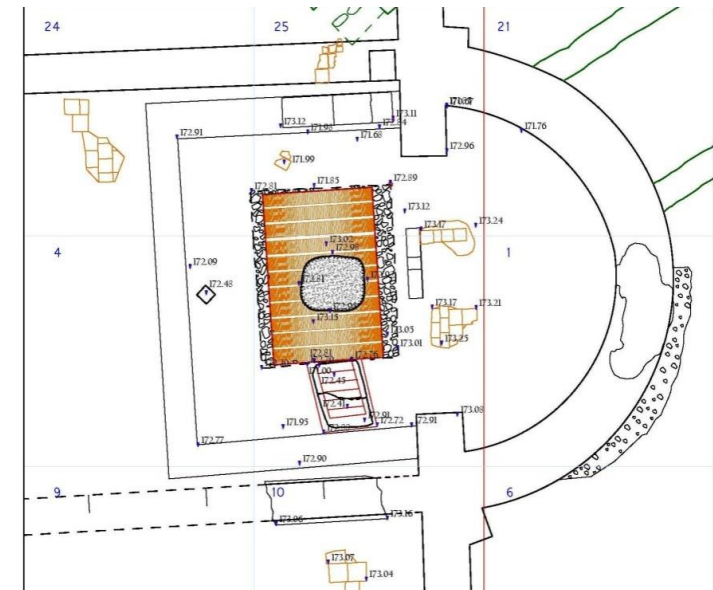
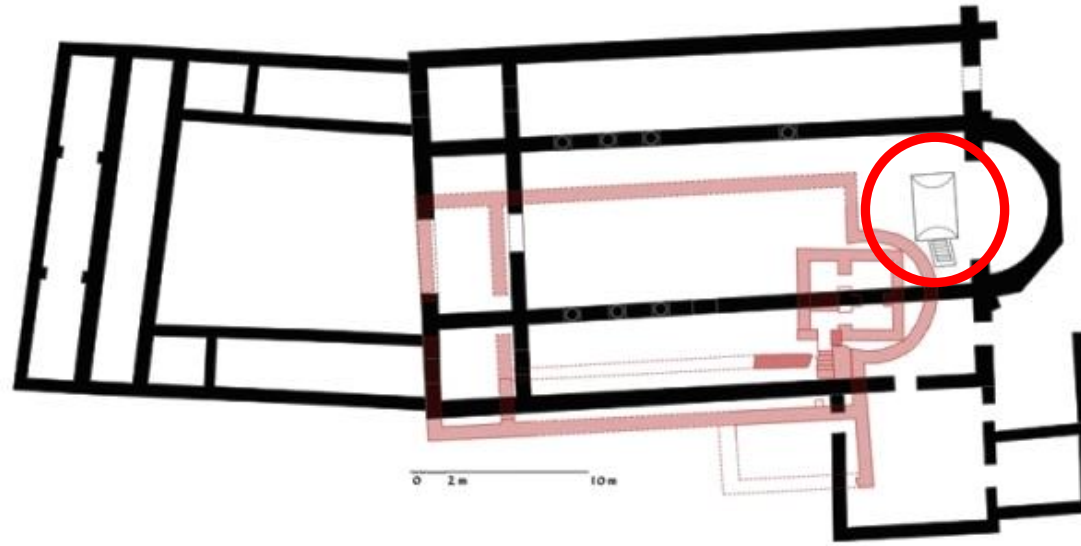


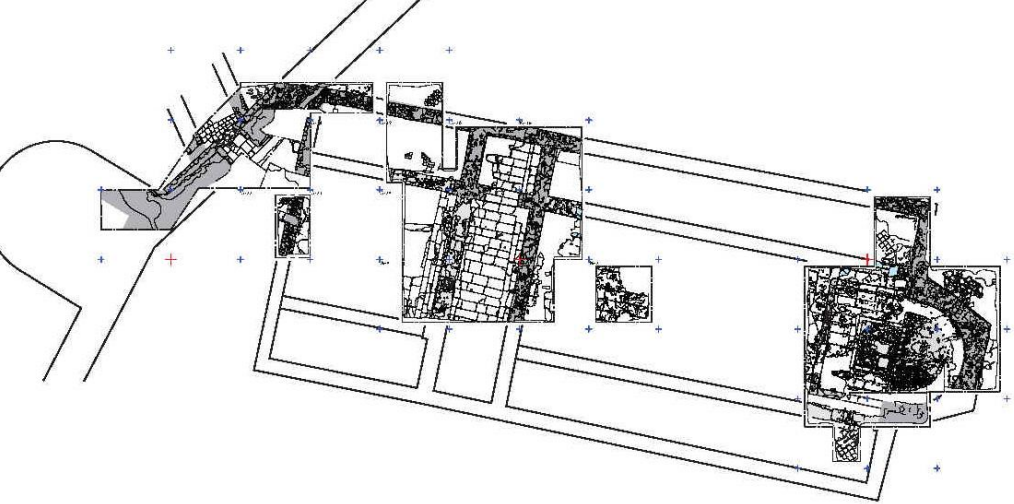
Basilica 3
38 × 21 m



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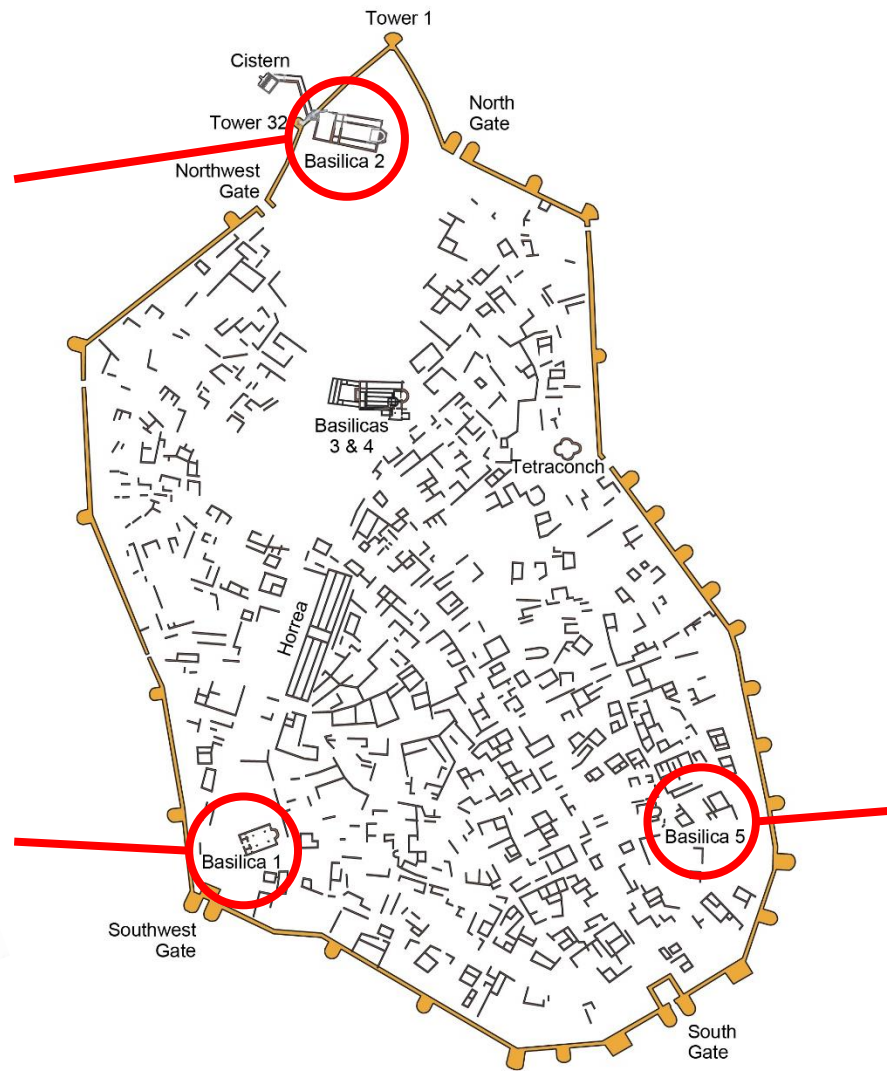
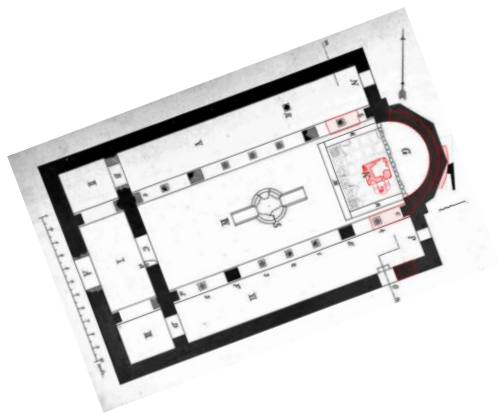
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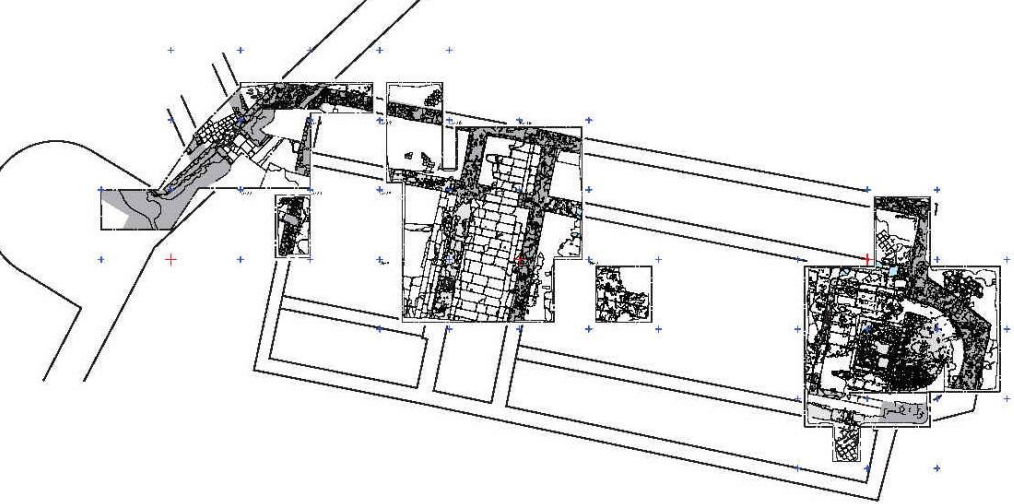


Basilica 2
39,50 × 21,70 m

Basilica 1
27,75 × 16,50 m

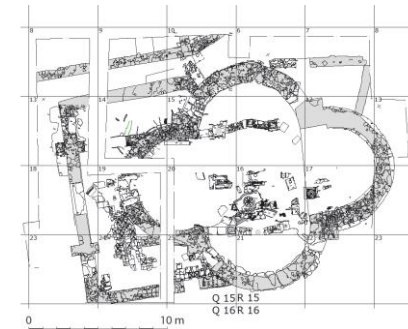
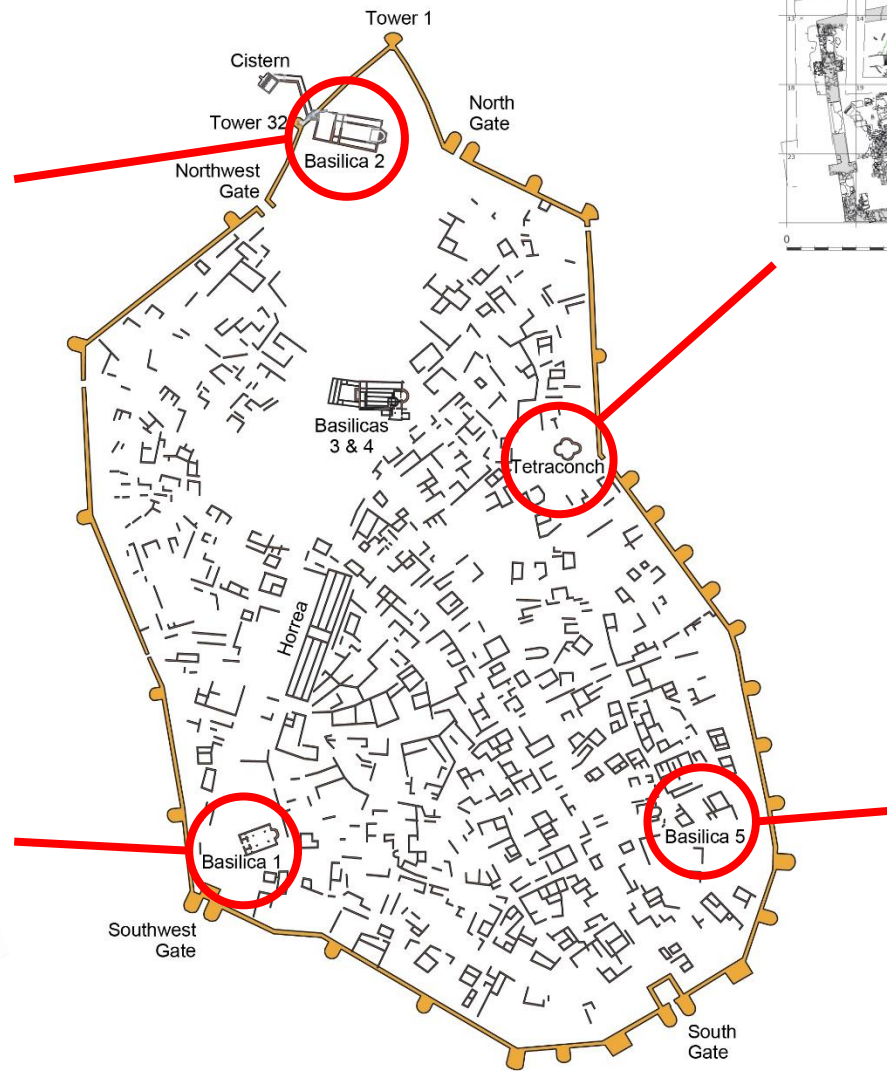
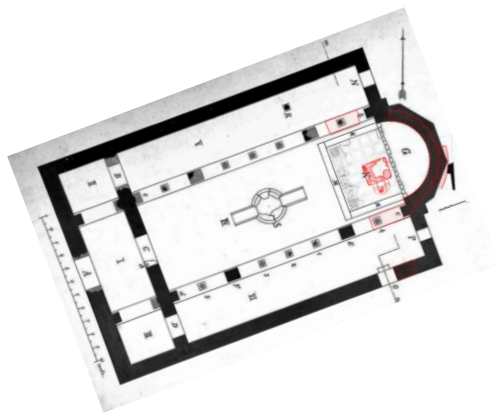


Basilica 5
21 × 17,50 m

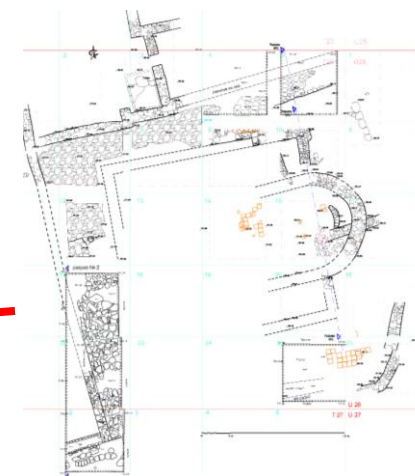


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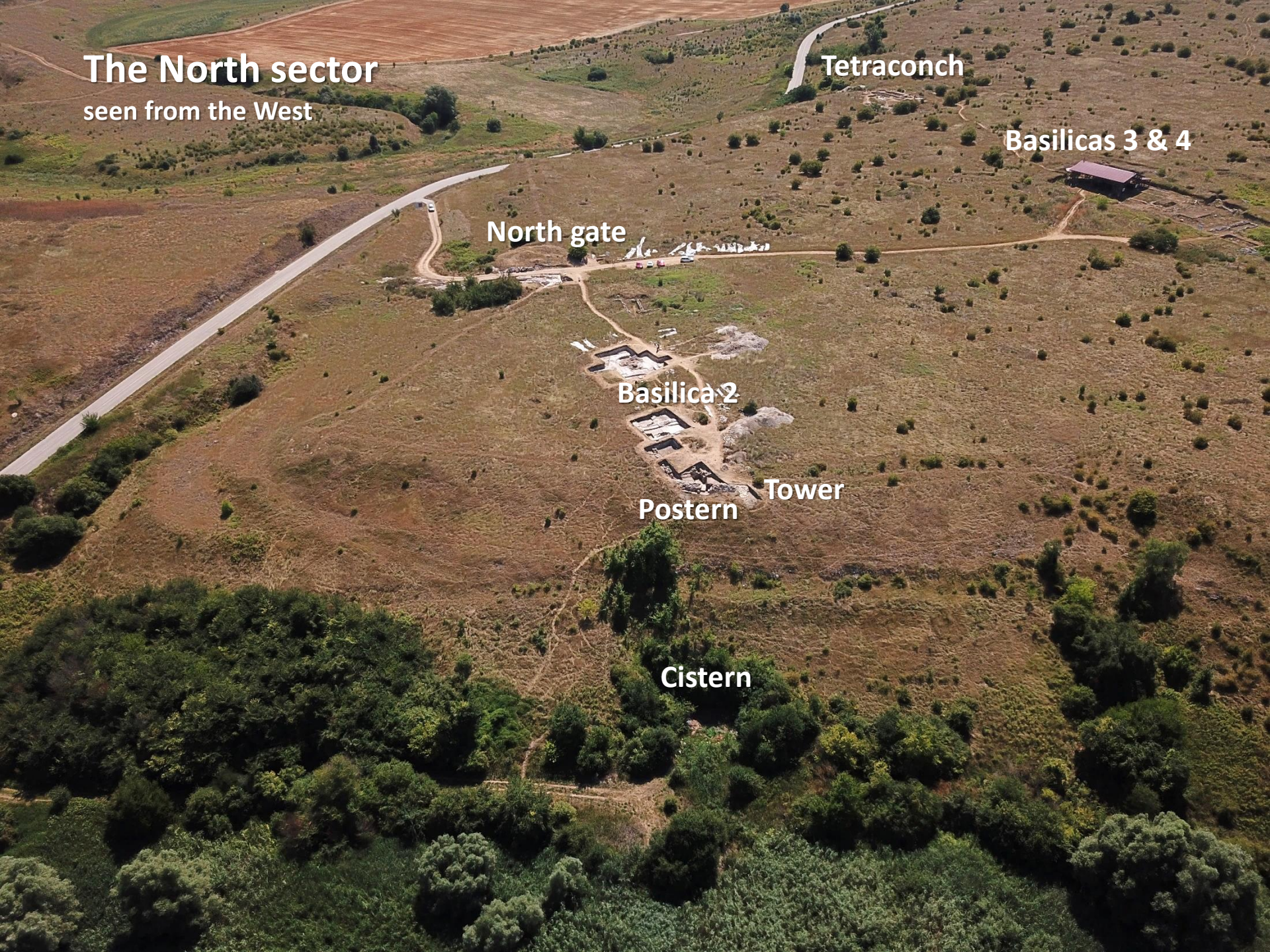


Tetraconch church



Basilica 5
21 × 17,50 m

The North sector seen from the West



Tetraconch

Basilicas 3 & 4

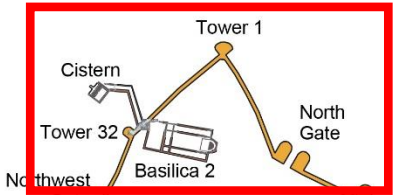
North gate

Basilica 2

Postern

Tower

Cistern



Northwest Gate

Tower 1

Cistern

Tower 32

Basilica 2

North Gate

Basilicas 3 & 4

Tetraconch

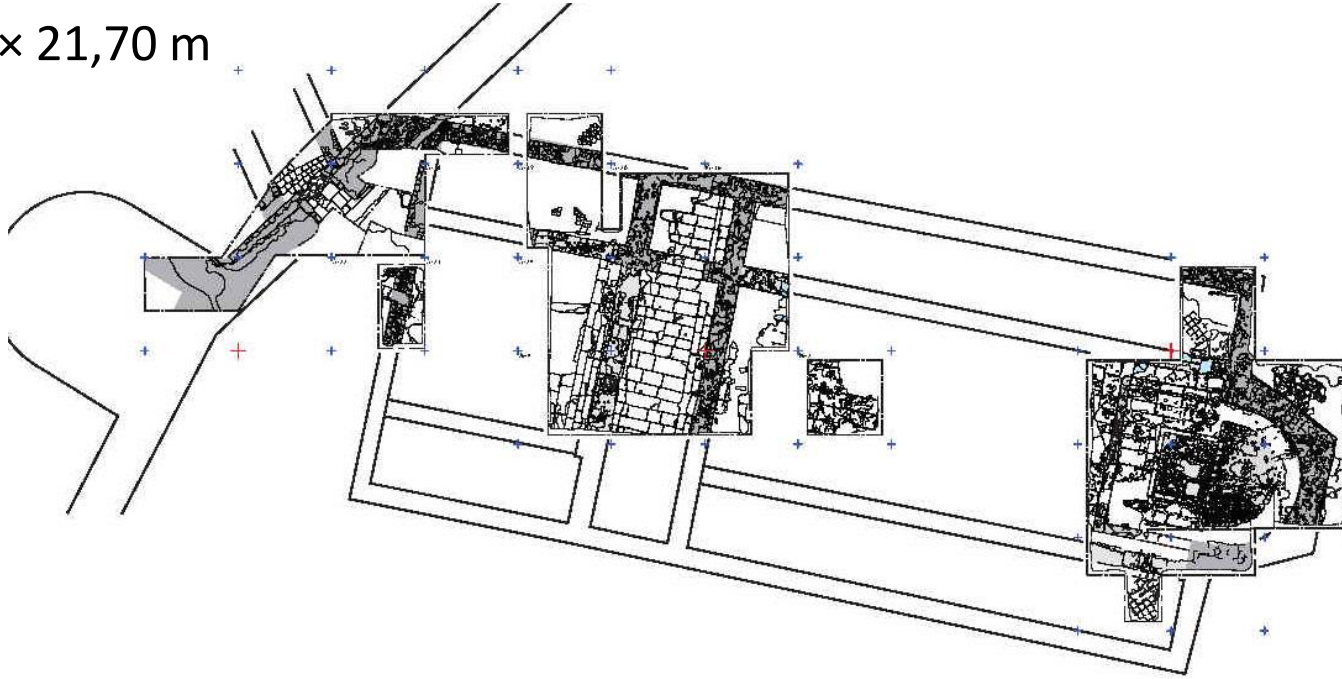
Horrea

Basilica

Southwest Gate

Basilica 2

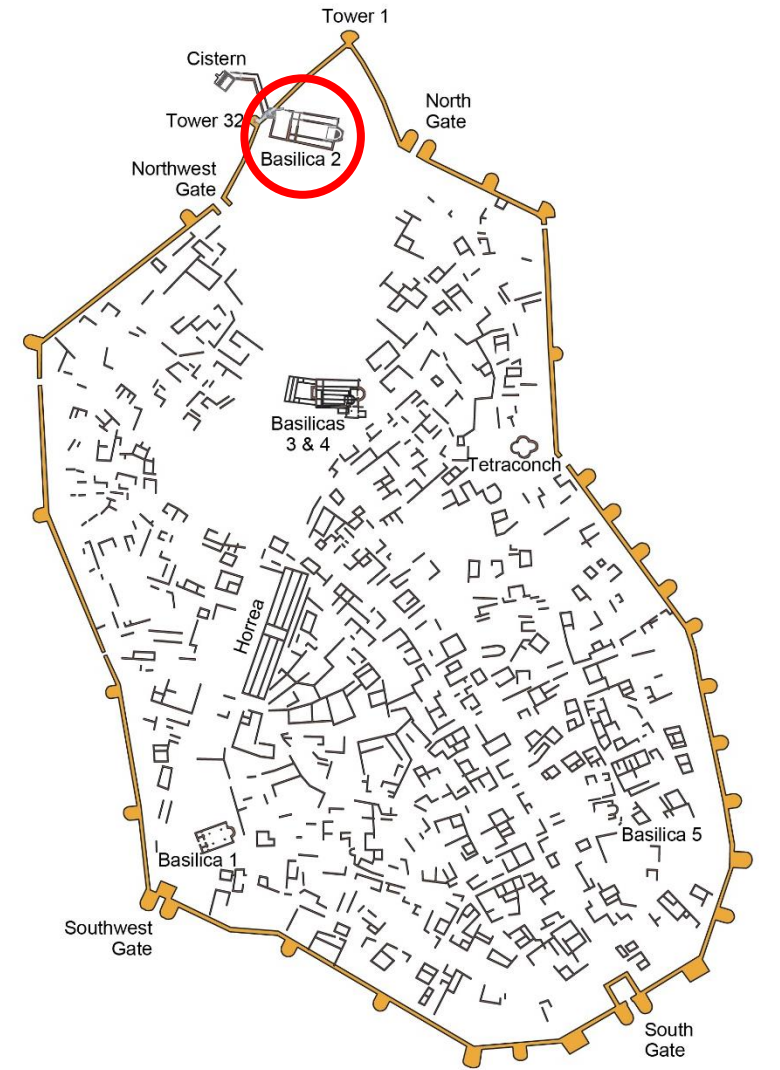
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2023



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Basilica 2 Sanctuary



Basilica 2
Sanctuary

Glass tesserae
from an apse mosaic



Basilica 2

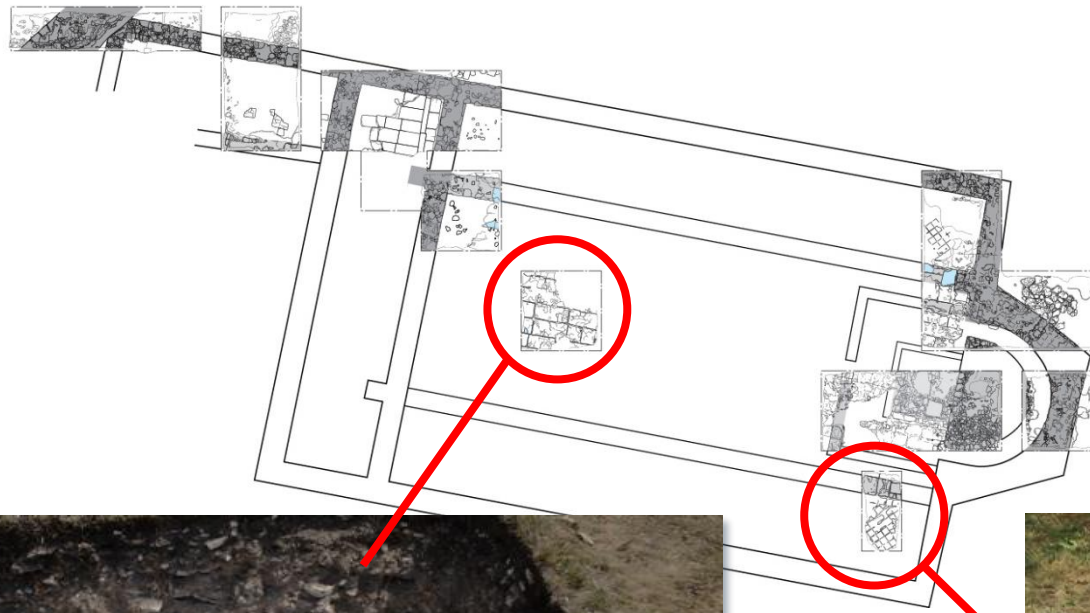
Naves

Ionic impost
and Corinthian capital



Basilica 2

Naves



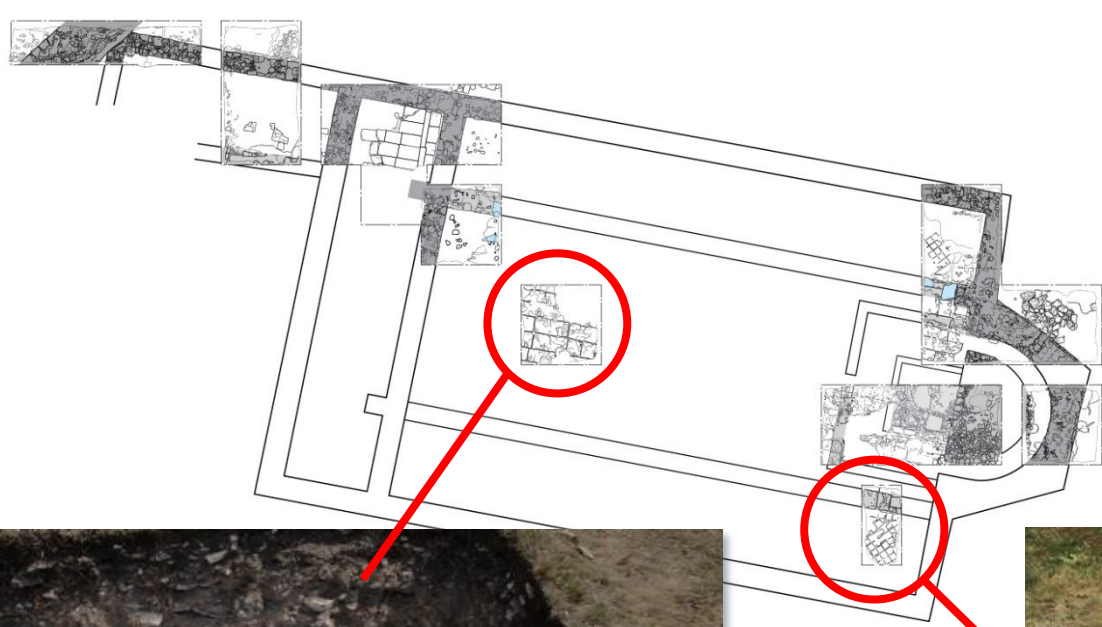
Impressions of marble slabs in the nave



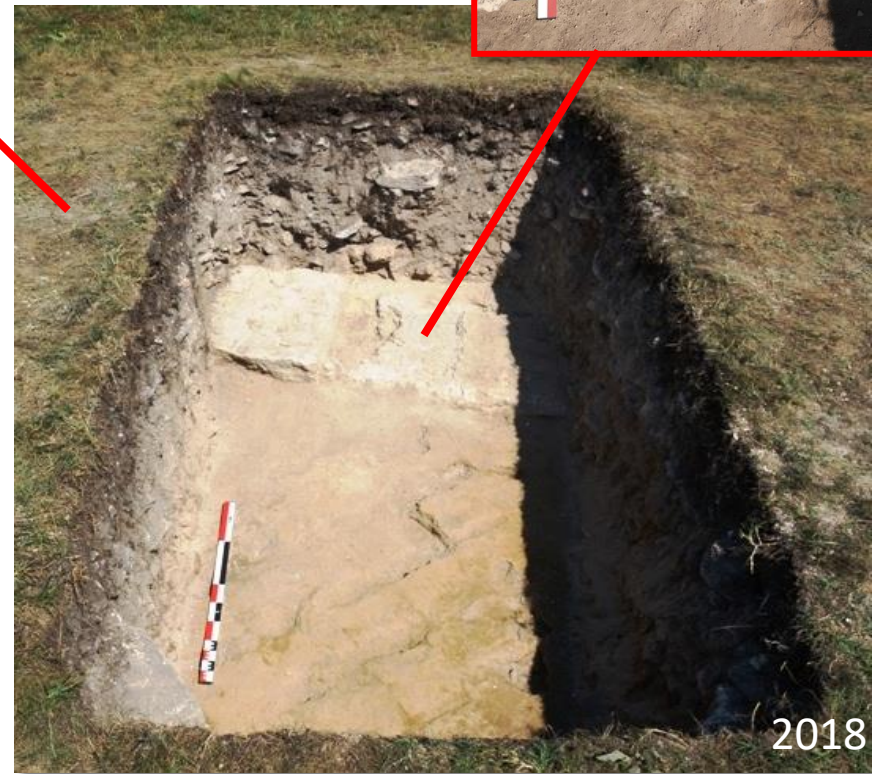
Impressions of a brick pavement in a side-aisle

Basilica 2

Naves



Impressions of marble slabs in the nave



Impressions of a brick pavement in a side-aisle

Basilica 2

Narthex



Limestone slabs and step
in the narthex

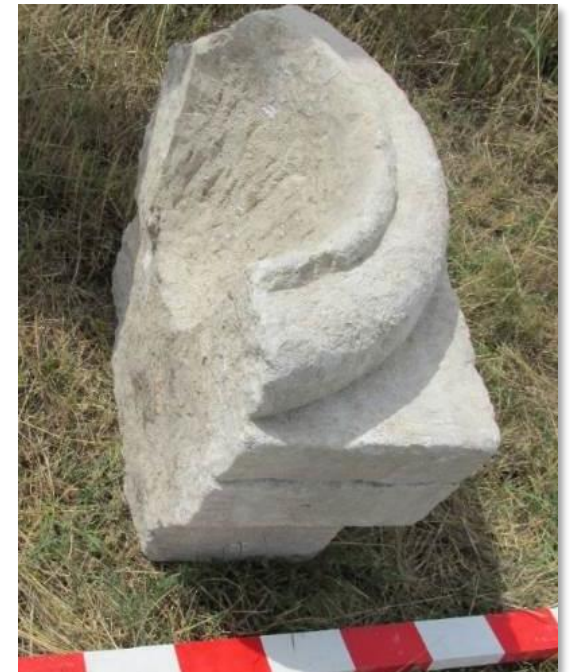
Basilica 2
Façade



Monumental
entrance
of the narthex



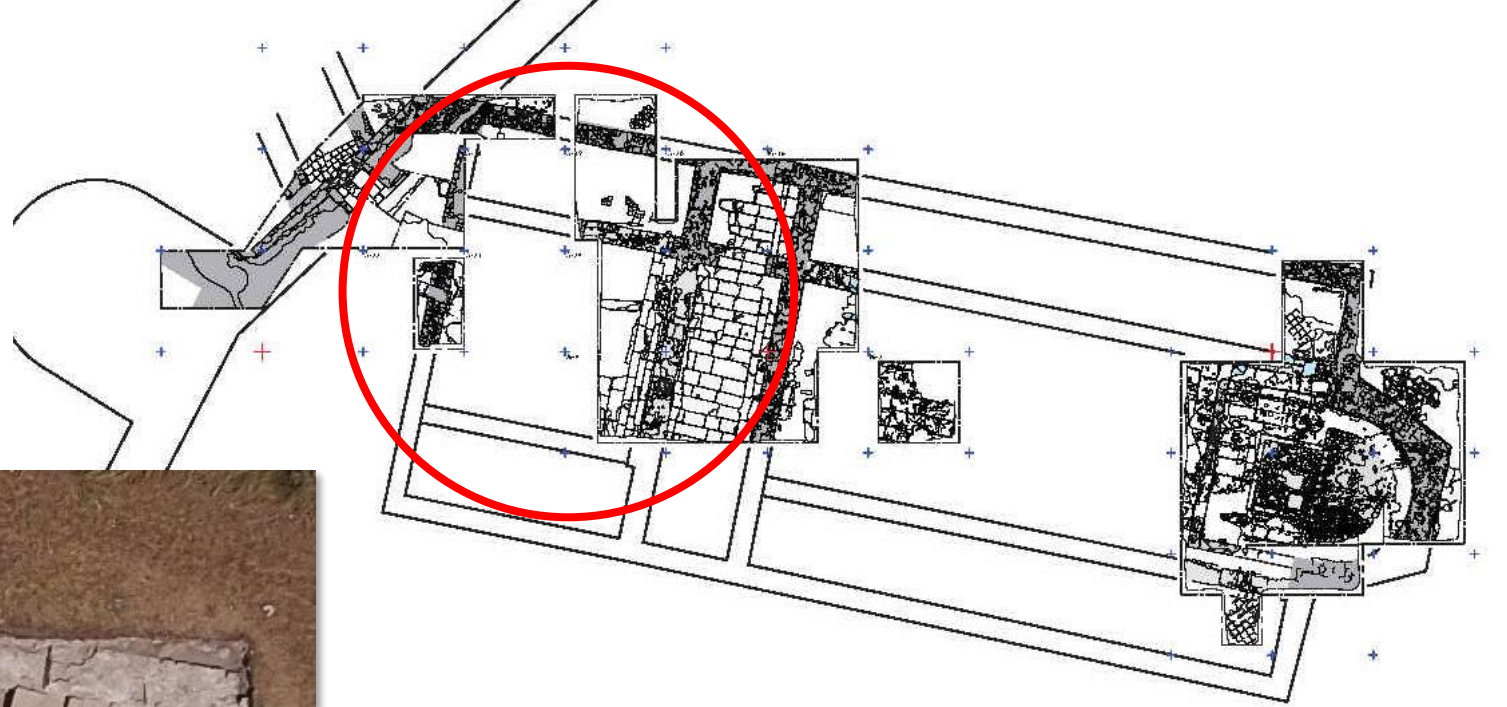
Plastered façade
of the narthex



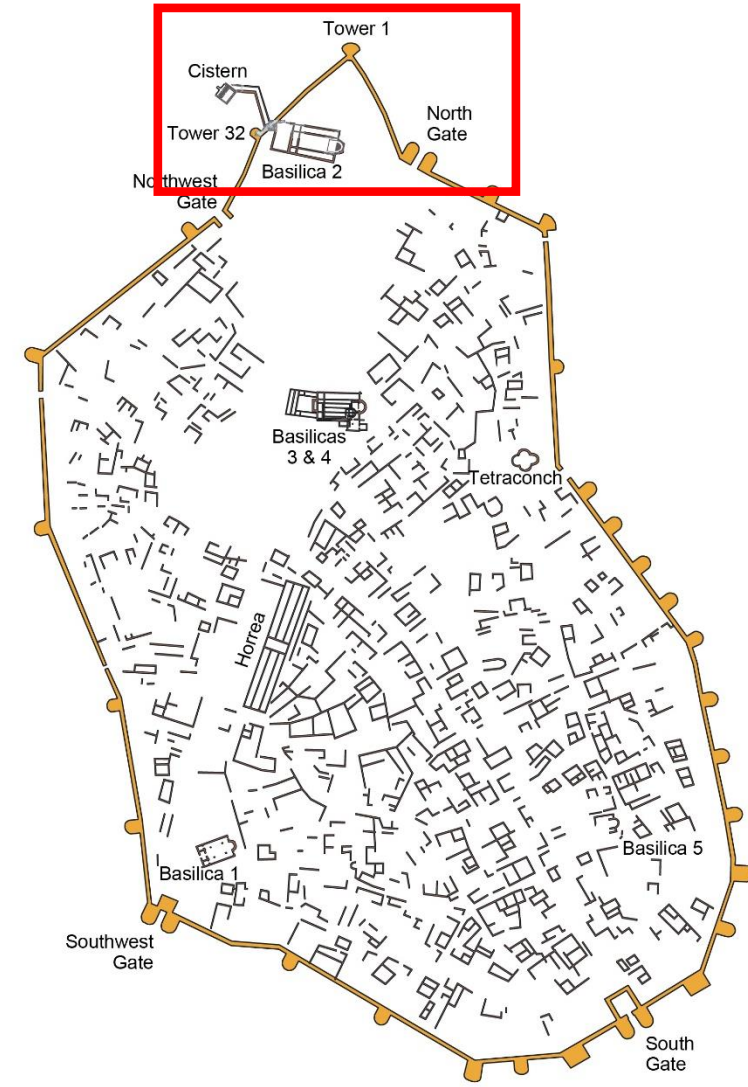
Holy water vat
found in the narthex

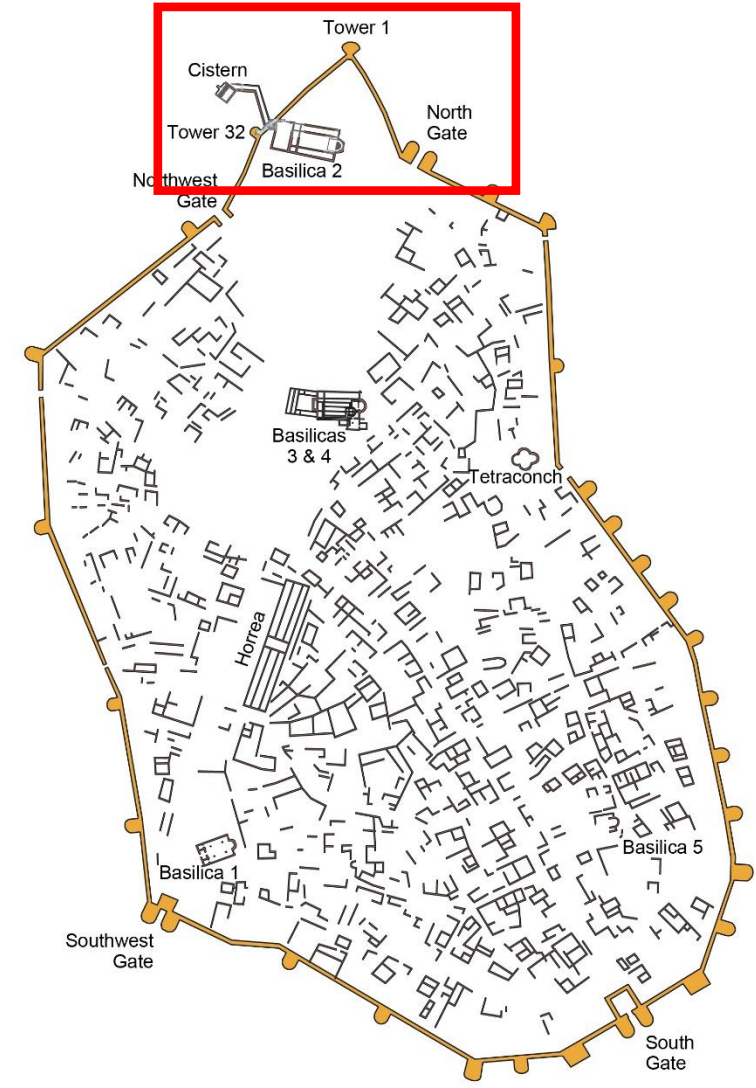
Basilica 2

Narthex



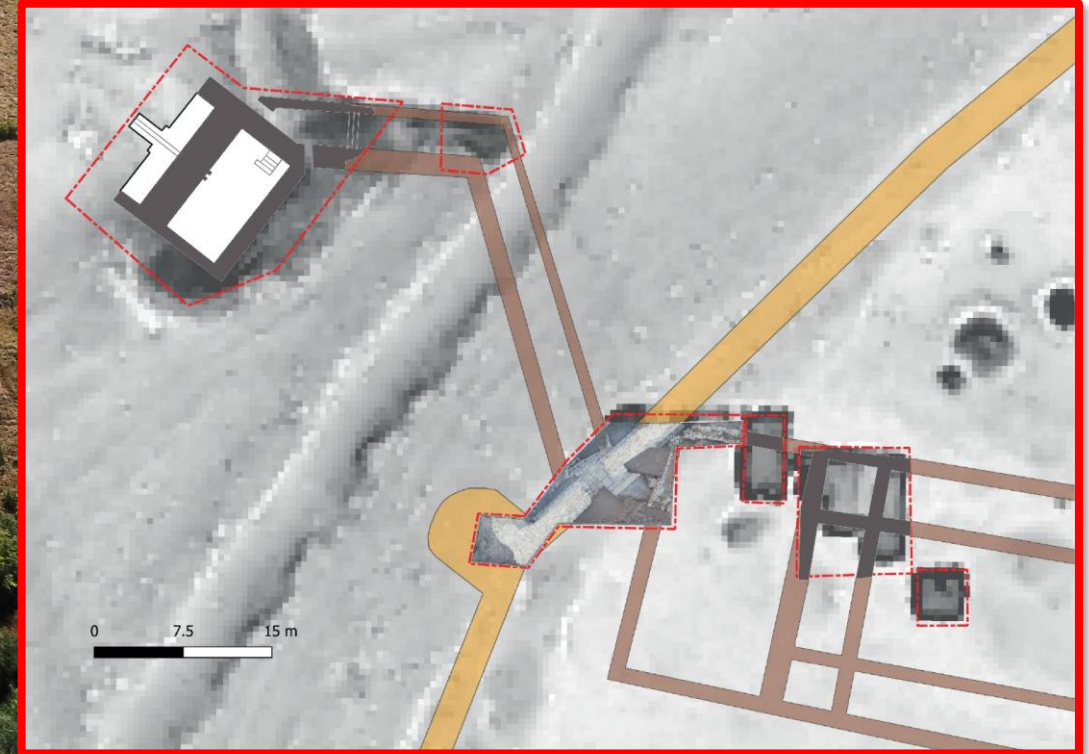
Basilica 2 in the urban fabric of Zaldapa





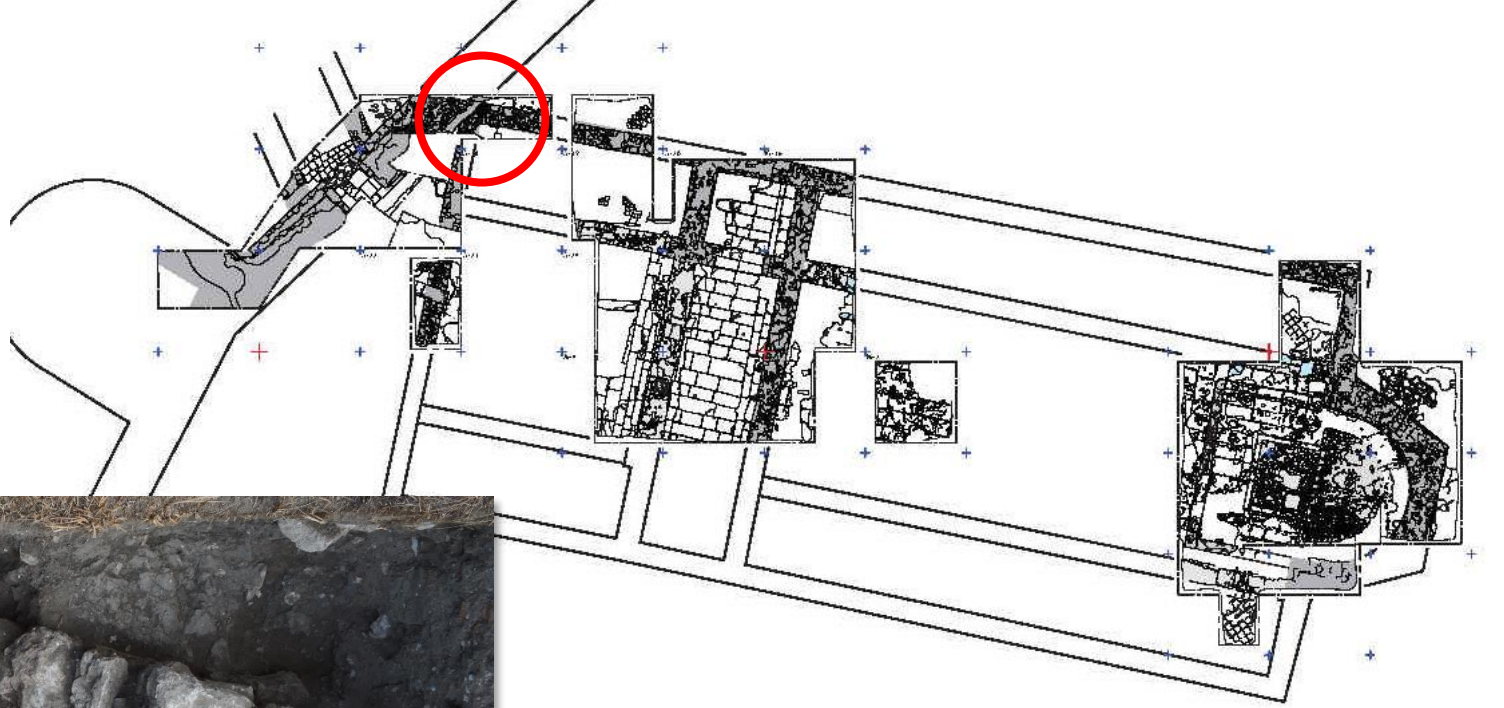


Fortified corridor descending into the cistern



Basilica 2

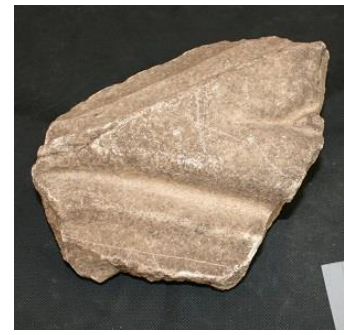
Northwest corner of the narthex



The atrium
abutting the rampart

Basilica 2

Marble furniture
and decor



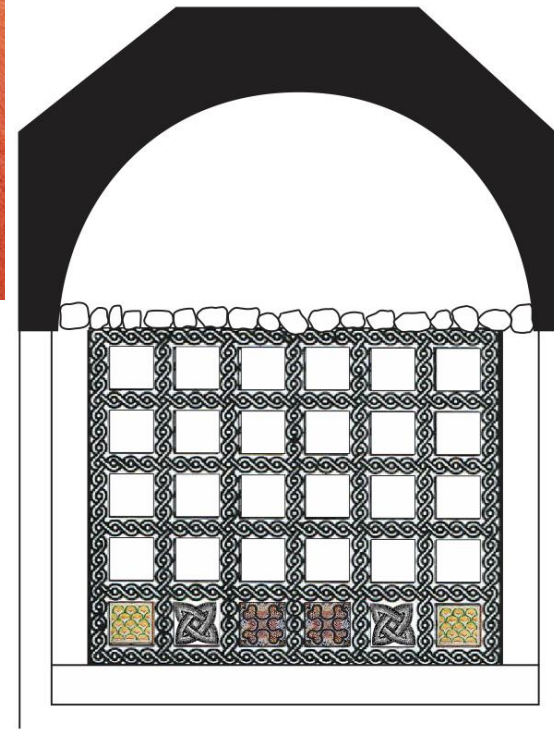
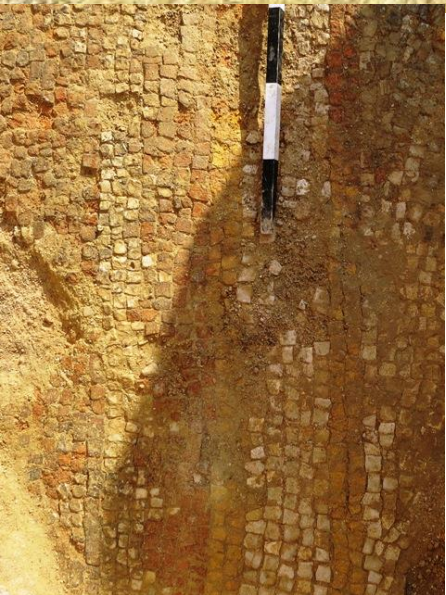
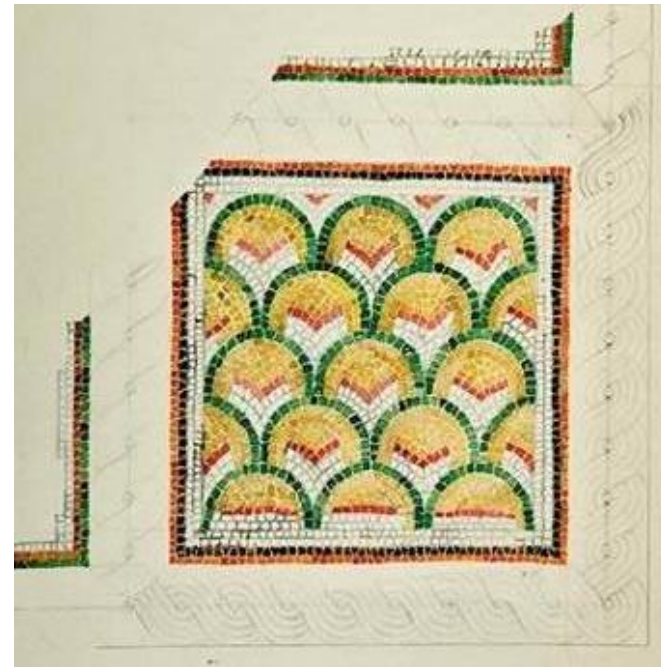
The churches of Zaldapa



The tetraconch church

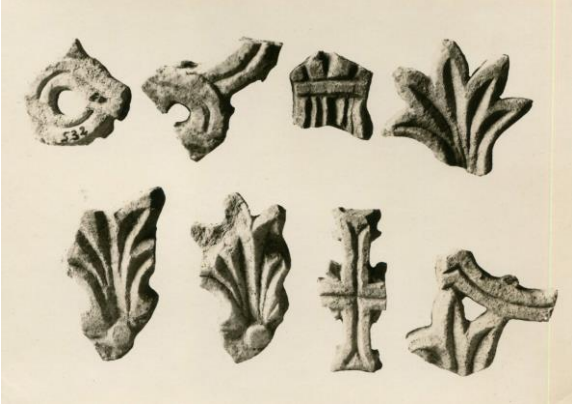
Zaldapa

Mosaics



Zaldapa

Marble furniture and decor



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