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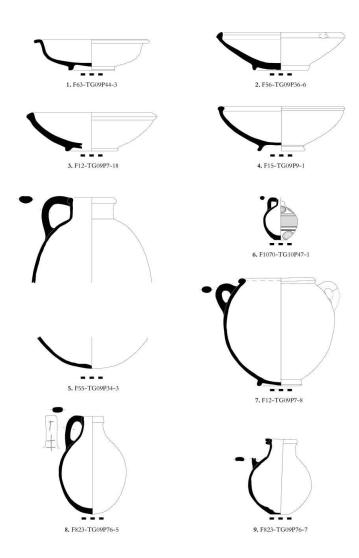


Fig. 3. Selection of Iron Age III assemblage Cooking and Storage Wares (1:4 scale, except 1:8 for nos. 7-8).

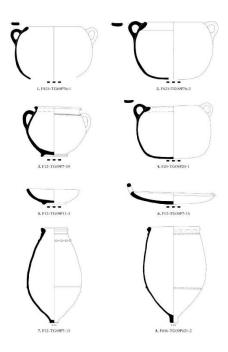


Fig. 2. Selection of Iron Age III Common Ware (1:4 scale).

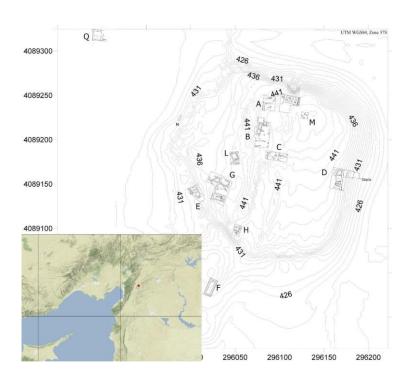


Fig. 1. Topographical map of Taşlı Geçit Höyük featuring the 2009 and 2010 excavation areas of the Turco-Italian Archaeological Expedition and the location of the site in the Northern Levant (on the bottom left corner).

type is dominant in inland Syria (Mazzoni 2014: 345, fig. 13; Lehmann 1998, fig. 5).

Most of the local assemblage is plain and few vessels display a surface treatment or a decorative pattern. A notable exception is a globular juglet with whitish slip on its outer surface and a composite reddish and blackish painted decoration of lines, bands and concentric circles (Fig. 2.6). The vessel, in fact, belongs to Bichrome Ware repertoire and, based on the fabric and decoration features, was most probably imported from Cyprus, where this type is widely attested during the 7th century BC (Gjerstad 1948: fig. XX:5).

3. Conclusions:

This short overview of the architecture and material culture of the Iron Age III levels at Taşlı Geçit Höyük allows to provide considerable insights on a small center displaying evidence of agricultural activities and domestic productive activities. Furthermore, despite its limited size, the local ceramic repertoire displays a variability in shapes comparable to larger sites of the region, sharing multiple connections with the site of Zincirli/Sam'al above all. Based on this evidence, the site can likely represent one of the several minor settlements located in the agricultural hinterland and administratively dependent from larger cities, a scheme attested all through the Neo-Assyrian Empire.

Afis (Mazzoni 2014, fig. 20.10-14), Karkemish (Pizzimenti, Zaina 2016, fig. 5.4-5; Zaina 2018, figs. 3.49.12-13, 3.60.4-8) and Tell Ahmar (Jamieson 2012, fig. 3.4.1-3). Alongside these shapes, tableware includes jugs with plain or spouted rim and a single handle on the side, usually displaying a piriform or globular profile (Fig. 2.8-9).

Common Ware includes a small group of jars for short-term storage (Fig. 2.5,7). The repertoire displays an average variety in terms of profile's features and volumes but they usually display an out-turned rounded or inflated rim and a biconical or rounded body. These types are again wellattested within the Neo-Assyrian repertoire in both inland Syria (Mazzoni 2014, fig. 16.9-9) and the Euphrates valley (Jamieson 2012, fig. 3.12.2). The Cooking Ware repertoire includes several complete vessels recovered from different contexts in Areas A, D and G: the holemouth pot (Fig. 3.1-4) is the most recurrent and can be considered a hallmark for the Neo-Assyrian period in both Northern Mesopotamia (Anastasio 2010, pl. 21) and Syria (Lehmann 1998: 13, fig. 4.16). The vessel generally has a globular shape and a narrow opening on top, featuring a plain or inflated rim and two small handles on the side. The cooking assemblage also includes several open vessels (such as platters, trays and casseroles) featuring a coarse, fire-resistant fabric (Fig. 3.5-6): the attestation of these specimens appears to be limited to the Islahiye valley (Soldi 2019: 172-173, fig. 8.g-h), while it is absent in the surrounding region and beyond. Finally, several complete storage pithoi were found during the investigation of the Iron Age structures of Area G and Area M (Fig. 3.7-8): these large vessels mostly have a biconical shape and an applied or impressed rope decoration on the body. This morphology, attested in the Islahiye valley (Soldi 2019: 174, fig. 9), is common in the Euphrates region (Jamieson 2021: fig. 3.20) while a more elongated, cylindrical were built leaning against a thick wall, which possibly was a defensive enclosure running around part or most of the settlement.

The lower terrace provided a more coherent and abundant structural evidence. Further domestic structures were investigated in Areas H and L (Marchetti 2012: 534), but the most significant architectural evidence was uncovered in the south-western sector of the mound, in Area G (Marchetti 2011a: 300): three rectangular rooms, featuring earthen floors, stone installations and one or two column bases in the center, are organised around an open courtyard. During the excavation of the complex, several complete storage and cooking vessels were found smashed on the floors, together with stone grinders and clay loom weights. Based on the structural features and the collected material, the rooms can be interpreted as storehouses where we can assume agricultural commodities harvested from the surrounding fields were deposited, measured and partially processed.

2. The IA III pottery assemblage of Taşlı Geçit Höyük:

The ceramic assemblage from the IA III levels at Taşlı Geçit Höyük includes more than 700 selected sherds. The presence of a good number of complete vessels allows to better underline the variety of the repertoire and to define a clearer chronological framing.

Common Ware is the largest group and includes a wide set of tableware and other vessels for the consumption and short-term storage of both dry and liquid commodities. Above all, several specimens of complete bowls are featured (Fig. 2.1-4): mostly displaying a distinctive triangular rim, they are clearly included into the Neo-Assyrian ceramic tradition (Anastasio 2010, pl. 6) and they are present in the repertoire of several sites in the Northern Levant, such as Zincirli (Soldi 2019, fig. 5), Tell

2009 and 2010 by a joint Turco-Italian archaeological team led by prof. Nicolò Marchetti (University of Bologna), uncovering – in the excavated areas – an archaeological sequence spanning the Middle Bronze I (19th-18th cent. BC), Late Bronze I (16th-14th cent. BC), Iron Age III (7th cent. BC) and Hellenistic (3rd-1st cent. BC) periods (Marchetti 2011b: 42-51).

1. The topography and architecture of Taşlı Geçit Höyük during IA III:

The mound extends for ca. 3.5 ha and lies on the western bank of the Karasu River: the constant flooding of the area led to the erosion of part of the site, which in the next years will be completely flooded because of the construction of a dam. The ancient settlement is organised around two terraces: mostly domestic structures were uncovered on the upper area, while the investigation of the lower town revealed larger buildings.

To the north, the upper terrace was investigated in its western sector: several domestic structures have been excavated in Areas A, B, C and M, with different preservation conditions. Excavation in Area A and nearby Area M investigated a group of houses with mudbrick walls on stone foundation, earthen floor and features such as *tanurs* related to domestic food production (Marchetti 2011a: 299; 2012: 535). The structures in Areas B and C (Marchetti 2011a: 299) were less preserved and the reconstruction of their original plan was more problematic, but they can be easily interpreted as further domestic units.

On the eastern side of the mound, in Area D, a section of a possible larger building was uncovered (Marchetti 2012: 533), featuring a broad set of room installations, including stone benches, a mudbrick platform and a mortar. Within the room, clusters of unbaked clay loom weights and several ceramic vessels (notably cooking pots) were found. These units

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الكلمات المفتاحية: نظرة، الريف، الاشوري الحديث، مستوطنة، العصر الحديدي الثالث، تل تاسلي جيسك، وإدى، إصلاحية، تركيا.

Introduction:

The Neo-Assyrian empire dominated at its political and military height in the mid-7th century BC most of Western Asia, including modern day Northern Syria and South-Eastern Turkey. This geographical area, which is also referred to as Northern Levant, included a wide network of settlements including centers of political and economic relevance as former seats of independent kingdoms (Tell Ahmar, Karkemish, Zincirli, Tell Afis and Tell Tayinat among others) together with smaller towns and hamlets distributed in the region (Osborne 2020: 15-19, fig. 1.1).

The Islahiye valley, together with the 'Amuq valley (its natural prosecution to the south), represents a crucial corridor for the roads crossing the region, connecting eastern Anatolia with the Mediterranean coast and the Syrian inland. The main urban center of the area for most of the Iron Age (10th-7th cent. BC) is Zincirli, ancient Sam'al: capital of an independent Aramaean kingdom, it was incorporated within the Neo-Assyrian Empire in the last quarter of the 8th century, becoming an important administrative center in the region (Hermann, Schloen 2016: 271).

Located 20 km south of Zincirli, Taşlı Geçit Höyük is one of the main mounds in the valley but no archaeological investigation ever occurred there until recently: rescue excavations were finally undertaken between

A Look into the Neo-Assyrian Countryside: the Iron Age III Settlement of Taşlı Geçit Höyük in the Islahiye Valley (Turkey)

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Abstract:

Turco-Italian excavations on the site of Taşlı Geçit Höyük, located in the Islahiye valley (South-Eastern Turkey), partially investigated a rural settlement dating to the Iron Age III (late 8th-7th cent. BC). The evidence from the site represents an opportunity for further insights on the impact of the Neo-Assyrian Empire on the countryside of the Northern Levant.

Keywords: look, Neo-Assyrian, Countryside, Iron Age III, Settlement, Taşlı Geçit Höyük, Islahiye Valley, Turkey.

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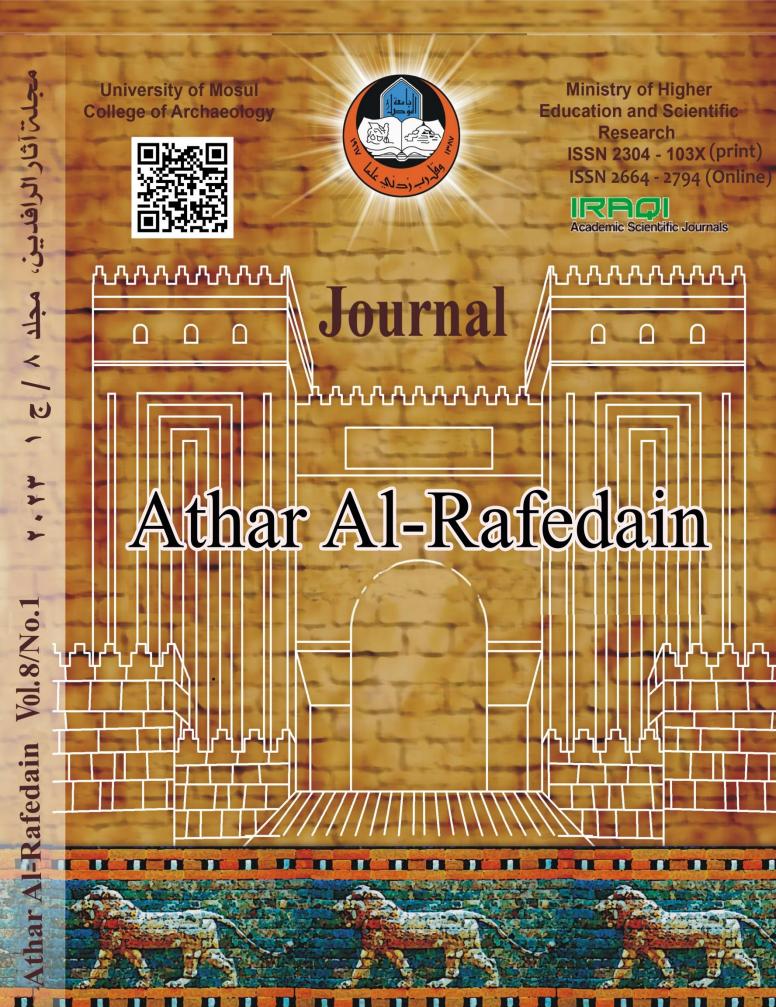
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