TURKEY, EGYPT, ISRAEL, IRAN, JORDAN, IRAQ, LIBYA, LEBANON, SYRIA – Attachment J

Turkey

- i Royal tomb discovered in Gordion may belong to King Midas' dynasty
- ii Ancient Roman pool sees first excavation in 79 years: Tyana's hydraulic legacy unearthed
- iii Was Ancient Troy Ruled by the Assyrian Empire?
- iv The Story of the Alexander Sarcophagus in Istanbul Archaeological Museum: A Masterpiece of Greek Craftsmanship
- v Olympos opens ancient Roman rock tombs to visitors for first time
- **vi** <u>Two charred textile fragments unearthed at Beycesultan</u>, a prominent archaeological site in western Türkiye, have revealed the earliest known use of indigo dye and a sophisticated yarn-looping technique called nålbinding in the region.
- vii The Discovery Of Troy's Last Inhabitants: A Startling Find In A Legendary City
- viii Library of Stratonikeia being restored
- **ix** Archaeologists working in <u>Mersin</u>, have unearthed nearly 5,000-years-old food preparation and cooking area dating back to the Early Bronze Age, featuring a horseshoe-shaped hearth, a silo, and a fragment of a traditional clay oven.
- x <u>Untouched 8th century tomb connected to King Midas' family found in Turkey</u>
- xi Ancient Agora Discovered in Hyllarima: Shops to Be Excavated in the Heart of the City
- xii Outrage as 3,000-Year-Old Unesco Tomb in Phrygian Valley Turned Into Café
- xiii Vast marble agora discovered in Magnesia
- **xiv** Dardanos Tumulus under renewed examination
- xv Archaeologists dig into possible traces of Trojan War. Focus narrows on the destruction layer tied to war
- xvi Türkiye's Mersin uncovers unique Hellenistic weights, balance scale
- xvii Bronze statue from Roman era revealed in Marmaris Museum
- **xvii** Alone Against Time: <u>The 3,000-Year-Old Last Hittite Monument of Western Anatolia</u> <u>Awaits Rescue</u>

xvii –

- **a** Roman-era 50-square-meter mosaic found almost untouched in Dara, Turkey Archaeologist Devrim Hasan Menteşe says a coin from emperor Justinian I dates the floor to AD 525-575 and confirms Dara's status as a key Mesopotamian trade and pilgrimage center.
- **b** 1,500-Year-Old Byzantine Mosaic Uncovered in Ancient City of Dara in Turkey
- xviii <u>Hidden Gods of Kurul Castle</u>: Dionysus and Pan Figurines Capture Spotlight as Dig Resumes
- ixx Two-Thousand-Year-Old Shipwreck Discovered Off Turkish Coast
- **xx** <u>Does King Priam of Troy Appear in Hittite Records?</u>
- xxi We can learn a lot from Troy's trash
- **xxii** <u>Agora of Smyrna</u>
- xxiii Roman bathing complex discovered in eastern Türkiye
- **xxiv** <u>Artifacts Recovered from the Kumluca Bronze Age Shipwreck Reveal There Was a Cretan Merchant On Board</u>
- **xxv** <u>Statue of Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius back home in Ankara</u>
- xxvi Statue of Hestia at Manisa Museum
- xxvii Ancient Mosaics Unearthed in İznik Hint at Residence of Roman General
- **xxviii** <u>Grave Dig Uncovers 1,500-Year-Old Mosaic with Star of David and Cryptic Greek</u> Petition

xxix - Archaeologists working at Zerzevan Castle uncovered an 1,800-year-old water network that carried spring water from 8.5 kilometers away to cisterns, residences, and the subterranean Mithras Temple beneath the hilltop fortification

xxx - 3,500-year-old Hellenistic stoa emerges in ancient city of Assos

хххі - Before Rome, Before Greece: Anatolia's Oldest Glass Revealed in Hittite Büklükale

xxxii - Rare Bronze Cauldron Unearthed in Ancient Greek City of Pergamon

xxxiii - <u>Lavish Roman villa with rare fish pond and frescoes unearthed in ancient Tripolis</u>

xxxiv – 3,000-Year-Old Fortress Discovered 10,000 Feet High in Turkey - nearly 50 rooms and stone walls extending roughly four kilometers, marking one of the most significant Iron Age discoveries in the region.

XXXV - Remains of Seven Children Discovered in a Mysterious Hittite Circular Structure in Ancient Zippalanda

xxxvi - Aspendos Excavation Reveals Rare 1,700-Year-Old Roman Emperor's Statue Head

xxxvii - Troy's Fall "Partly Due" to Environmental Strain

xxxviii – <u>Archaeologists Uncover Monumental 2,800-Year-Old Lydian Palace in Sardis,</u> <u>Birthplace of Money</u>

xxxix - Nine female burials at Türkiye's Satala surprise archaeologists; remains described as unusually delicate. Unexpected women at a legionary cemetery

XXXX - <u>Underfloor Heating System Discovered in 1,700-Year-Old Roman Bath</u>

xxxxi – One of the World's Oldest Streets Unearthed at Canhasan 3 in Türkiye, Dating Back 9,750 Years

xxxii - Tiny carved animals found in Turkey tell story of prehistoric myth making

xxxiii - <u>Neolithic Twin of Knossos: First 8,800-Year-Old Architectural Remains Unearthed on</u> Gökçeada

xxxiv – <u>Turkey's Third-Largest Roman Odeon Emerges from Ancient Sagalassos</u>

xxxv – <u>Çatalhöyük excavations uncover "House of the Dead" with evidence of ritual practices</u>

xxxvi – <u>Homer's legendary Odyssey will be brought to life by reconstructing an ancient ship using age-old techniques and setting sail across the Aegean, blending mythology, history and sustainability. The 360 Degree History Research Association has rebuilt a traditional "Hippoi" vessel without nails, using the kavela-zıvana method, and adorned it with a horsehead figure at its bow – a design rooted in Phoenician maritime culture. The project, titled "In the Footsteps of Homer with Hippoi," will launch its voyage in the Aegean Sea, retracing the routes of myth and memory.</u>

xxxvii - Temple of Goddess Demeter Unearthed in Ancient Greek City of Aigai **xxxviii** - Built for legionnaires, Roman pool in Satala remains lifeline after 2,000 years

Lebanon

i – Ancient Phoenician Builders Used Concrete-Like Plaster Before the Romans

Israel

- i Sarcophagus Showing Dionysus Trouncing Hercules Found
- **ii** <u>Archaeologists reveal mythological scene on ancient sarcophagus found in Caesarea</u>. The sarcophagus was discovered outside the known walls of Caesarea, indicating that the ancient city was far more extensive than previously thought.
- ii <u>Investigation of ancient Tel Dan sanctuary reveals Phoenician ritual bathing traditions</u>
- iii The Aqueducts and Water Supply of Ancient Jerusalem

- iv Lion-head Bronzes in Grave in Israel May Reveal Zoroastrian Influence on Rome
- v <u>The Israelite camp's layout</u> provides a double layer of protection for the Tabernacle and ensures an orderly march through the wilderness. But where does this organizational model come from? New evidence points not to Egypt—but to Persia.
- vi Sacrificial asses 'killed in the prime of their lives' found under Bronze Age houses in Israel. Extraordinary 'sacrificial ass' with severed head discovered from Bronze Age Israel — and it was from a faraway land

The nearly 5,000-year-old remains of a "sacrificial ass" and three other donkeys from a faraway land have been discovered under a Bronze Age house in Israel.

- vii Volunteer uncovers 2,000-year-old Roman gold ring in Israel
- viii Roman-era gold jewelry found at Hippos testifies to wealth of city likely visited by Jesus ix The Lod Mosaic
- x Archaeologists in Israel have uncovered one of the oldest known pieces of evidence for wick use in the world—4,000-year-old textile wicks preserved inside clay oil lamps.
- xi Archaeologists uncover 1,600-year-old Samaritan estate with mosaics in Kafr Qasim

Iraq

- i 12-Ton Monument of Assyrian Deities Found Beneath Ancient Palace in Iraq
- ii The First Kiss in Recorded History Took Place 4,500 Years Ago
- iii <u>Meskalamdug's Helmet</u>: One of the world's oldest helmets depicts a Mesopotamian prince's man bun. This 15-karat gold helmet was discovered in a royal tomb at Ur, but it may only have been worn for ceremonial purposes.
- **iv** <u>Severe drought conditions in northern Iraq have uncovered a remarkable archaeological treasure.</u> The discovery, revealed as water levels at the Mosul Dam dramatically receded, has unearthed the remains of a lost Hellenistic-era city and a sprawling cemetery containing at least 40 ancient graves.

Jordan

- i <u>Ancient water management unveiled</u>: Sophisticated cisterns, channels discovered in Southwestern Jordan
- ii Pella, Jordan A Window on Survival

Egypt

i - Beneath Alexandria Lies a Roman Necropolis in Stone

The Catacombs of Kom El Shoqafa reveal a city in flux—a place where Egyptian, Greek, and Roman cultures didn't just coexist, but collided, fused, and reformed into something wholly Alexandrian.

- ii Greek and Roman Rock-Cut Tombs Unearthed in Aswan
- iii Restoration of the "Tomb of the Two Brothers" completed, in the ancient city of Athribis, Sohag
- iv Greco-Egyptian stele of Diphilos
- v Tomb of Alexander the Great in Egypt: New Archaeological Evidence, Ongoing Mysteries.
 Modern archaeological missions—especially the Greek expedition led by researcher
 Lemenios Papakosta—have focused on the Shalalat Gardens area, close to the Alexandria
 National Museum
- vi Ancient statues, Roman coins and other artifacts from a sunken city were pulled from the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Egypt

Libya

- i- Italian archaeologists unearth monumental necropolis in Cyrene
- ii New Roman-era archaeological site discovered in Benghazi

Lebanon

i – <u>Iron Age builders used recycled ceramics in hydraulic mortar at Tell el-Burak Lebanon,</u> new study reveals

Iran

- i Archaeologists race to preserve looted Parthian-era cemetery in Yazd
- ii <u>Archaeologists uncover lavish Bronze Age burial of young woman in Greater Khorasan at Tepe Chalow.</u>
- iii 3,000-year-old burial of elite teen unearthed in Iran, with gold jewelry and astonishing 'scorpion' cosmetics box
- iv An Iranian archaeologist has announced the discovery of what is believed to be the world's smallest ancient inscription, a find that experts say could reshape understanding of the cultural and religious life of the Sassanid Empire
- v Effort underway to safeguard Persepolis from ongoing erosion

Syria

i - A 2,000-year-old Roman stele featuring Greek inscriptions was discovered in the historic city of Manbij in Syria. The artifact, carved out of black basalt stone, also featured the image of an eagle clutching a wreath.