

## **TURKEY, EGYPT, ISRAEL, IRAN, IRAQ, LIBYA, JORDAN, LEBANON, SYRIA, KUWAIT**

– Attachment I

### **Iraq**

- i - What's an ancient Greek brick doing in a Sumerian city? An archeological investigation | Aeon Videos <https://aeon.co/videos/whats-an-ancient-greek-brick-doing-in-a-sumerian-city-an-archeological-investigation>
- ii – [Once-buried 2,700-year-old Assyrian deity statue uncovered in Iraq](#)

### **Syria**

- i – Syrians are once again picnicking and smoking shisha amid the ruins of [ancient Palmyra](#), once desecrated by jihadists but still awe-inspiring, and open to the public following the overthrow of President Bashar al-Assad.
- ii –
  - a - [Roman-era mosaic panel discovered in Homs](#)
  - b - [Huge Roman era mosaic found under home in Syria](#)
- iii - [Mysterious Syrian artifacts reidentified as ancient baby rattles](#)

### **Iran**

- i - [Ruins of Valerian's palace to undergo archaeological excavation](#)

### **Kuwait**

- i - [Significant Archaeological Discovery on Failaka Island: Hellenistic Courtyard and Building Unearthed](#)

### **Jordan**

- i – [Archaeologists Discovered 160 Mysterious Coins Stuffed in the Walls of an Ancient Building](#)  
Approximately 160 coins minted around 80 B.C. were discovered stashed in the walls of a building in the Jordan Valley. The ancient coins include inscriptions that tie to Alexander Jannaeus, king of the Hasmoneans.
- ii – [New research explores Hellenistic, Roman influences on Petra's Treasury](#)
- iii – [Archaeological efforts continue to uncover, restore Jerash's northern theatre](#)
- iv - [Unveiling 10th Century BC copper boom: Breakthroughs in technology at Khirbat an-Nahas](#)

### **Egypt**

- i - [Ostraka of Oxyrhynchus](#)  
The Egyptological Collections at the University of Pisa preserve a collection that is fundamental to understanding the economy of ancient Egypt in Roman times: these are the ostraka of oxyrhynchus, more than a thousand ceramic fragments and other materials used as administrative documents.
- ii - [World's Oldest Gym Membership Was Written in Greek 1,800 Years Ago](#)
- iii – [Ancient Ptolemaic and Roman Military Structures Uncovered in Egypt's Sinai](#)
- iv - [Shatby Necropolis offers a glimpse into Alexandria's earliest Greek community](#)

### **Lebanon**

## i – How Were the Stones of Baalbek Moved? And By Whom?

### **Turkey**

#### i - Turkish farmer discovers rare mosaic of ancient hunt

Dating to the late Roman period, a stunning, figurative mosaic, found buried under just 50cm of soil and featuring the rare Anatolian leopard, may be the first of its kind in Turkey

#### ii – Türkiye's Largest Roman Mosaic Found

iii – Paw prints found on artifacts in the ancient Greek city of Heraclea (Herakleia) in today's southwestern Turkey show that local inhabitants loved their animals.

#### iv - Myth meets reality at Troy: 5 discoveries that redefine the legendary city

#### vi - Study reveals Ephesos skull is not Cleopatra's sister but an 11-year-old boy's

#### vii – Bone Game Stones Discovered in Ancient City Of Hadrianopolis

#### viii – 2,000-year-old Artemis bust preserved with original paint in Türkiye's Bolu

ix – Swan iconography in funerary art for youthful deceased - terracotta figurine of a youth carrying a quiver with a swan-shaped pommel 50 BCE - 30 CE produced in Myrina, Turkey.

x – Antioch, an ancient city of Mesopotamia located in present-day Şanlıurfa, Turkey, lies the Kizilkoyun necropolis. Recent archaeological excavations there have unearthed 2,000-year-old stone tombs.

#### xi – 2,000 Bronze statue fragments found in Izmir ancient scrap yard

#### xii - Hadrian's Stadium Restoration Starts in Bolu

#### xiii - Rome, Egyptian blue ingot discovered at Domus Aurea: extremely rare find

#### xiv - The Colosseum's Inaugural Games: 100 Days of Spectacles

If you were in Rome for the inaugural games of the Colosseum, what kinds of spectacles and entertainment could you expect to see?

#### xvi - 2200-year-old mosaic and 1800-year-old tomb unearthed in Assos

and an 1,800-year-old monumental tomb

xvii - Archaeologists Discover Ancient Tokens That Roman Soldiers Used to Play Strategy Games The lentil-shaped objects were unearthed in Hadrianopolis, an ancient city in modern-day Turkey, that once hosted a Roman fortress

xviii – Skeletons From Ancient Santorini Volcano Eruption Found in Turke skeleton of a man who was a victim of the Santorini volcano eruption was found along the coast of Ionia in what is now Turkey. The man and his dog had been killed by the tsunami that resulted from the cataclysmic eruption of the volcano almost 3,600 years ago. Credit: Vasif Sahoglu/Phys.org

xix - 70-gram gold crown believed to date back to the Hellenistic period was seized in Denizli, Turkey, hidden inside a glasses case during a recent operation. The crown is thought to have been worn by kings between the 1st and 3rd centuries BCE and is considered a priceless artifact due to its historical and archaeological significance.

#### xx – Ancient gladiator arena in Türkiye' Sebastapolis to be fully unearthed

#### xxii – Ornate mosaics featuring aquatic animals found in ancient Herakleia

#### xxiii - Centuries-old Bronze drink filter unearthed in Türkiye's Hadrianopolis

#### xxiv - Archaeologists discover 5 stunning statues in Perge

#### xxv - Ancient Roman Bridge Discovered at Eleusis/Elefsina

xxvi – A luxurious spa operating under the name ‘Navitas Spa Sarnic’“inside a 1,500-year-old historic cistern beneath the world-renowned five-star Hilton Hotel near Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque has been shut down. The cistern, originally an ancient water storage facility, had

been controversially repurposed as a massage and jacuzzi parlor, sparking public outcry and legal action.

**xxvii** – Mosaic House' unveiled in Türkiye's Pergamon: A glimpse into ancient life

**xxviii** - The sweetest child in the world': Mother's tribute on Pergamon tombstone

**xix** – A 2500-Year-Old Persian Fire Altar Reflecting the Fire Cult in Central Anatolia

**xx** - Unique Rock Tomb Discovered in Şanlıurfa

**xxi** - Nero's 2,000-year-old Patara lighthouse to shine again. Built by emperor Nero in 64 AD, the lighthouse has been restored using thousands of original stones.

**xxii** - Statue of Hermes, messenger of Zeus discovered. Fragments of statues of Aphrodite, Eros, Artemis, and Nemesis also uncovered during excavation at ancient city of Aspendos.

**xxiii** - Reimagining Didyma's Sacred Way

**xxiv** – Roman columbariums in Türkiye enter cultural records

**xxv** - Sarıkaya, Türkiye: 2,000-year-old Roman bath reopens after restoration

**xxvi** - Assos Excavations Uncover 2,200-Year-Old Mosaic And Monumental Tomb

**xxvii** - The ancient Roman theatre of Laodicea recovers its glory

**xxviii** - Türkiye's Catalhöyük: A Victim of Climate Change

**xxix** – Lost history of ancient Greek artists traced in excavations near Izmir

**xxx** - Uncorking the past: new analysis of Troy findings rewrites the story of wine in the early Bronze Age

**xxxi** - Human sacrifices found in a Bronze Age tomb in Turkey were mostly teenage girls

**xxxii** – Restored Athena Temple in Antalya's Side opens to visitor

**xxxiii** - AI helps rebuild Roman-era lighthouse in southern Türkiye

**xxxiv** - Located in the İzmir Culture and Arts Factory, which was established after the restoration of the historic Alsancak Tobacco Factory, the Archaeology and Ethnography Museum sheds light on the city's 8,500-year-old history with a modern museology approach.

**xxxv** - Sarcophagus with Garland Unearthed in Ancient City of Stratonikeia

**xxxvi** – Ancient animal figurines reveal spiritual secrets of Karaz culture in Türkiye's Erzurum

**xxxvii** - Archaeological surprise: Roman chamber tomb found during roadworks in Türkiye

**xxxviii** - 1,100-year-old sealed amphora discovered off coast of Antalya

**xxxix** - Ancient Mars statue draws global attention at Zeugma Mosaic Museum

**xl** - Ancient City's 2-Kilometer Walls to be Opened to Tourism

**xlii** - At the Ancient City of Kadyanda, Brutal Pankration Competition Shows

**xliii** - Ancient sacred hearths unearthed in Elazığ restored to former glory

**xliv** - Commagene Kingdom's Monument Defying Time: Sesönk Tumulus The Commagene kings, tracing their lineage to both Persian and Hellenic origins, established a bridge between the two cultures.

**xlvi** - Could there be an untouched ancient tomb on Türkiye's Mount Nemrut?

**xlvii** - Türkiye's timeless treasures restored with 'Heritage for the Future' project - Stratonikeia & Teos

**xlviii** - Walking on history: Ancient mosaics beneath Istanbul's Sultanahmet Square

**xlix** - New Hittite Tablet Reveals Luwian Songs on the Fall of Troy

**I** - Euromos Zeus Temple to regain its former glory

**li** - Archaeological treasure in Düzce being uncovered

**lii** - Türkiye's Lagina Hecate Sanctuary excavations unveil city gate and shops

**liv** - Archaeologists have uncovered a stunning 5th-century AD mosaic and a remarkably intact cistern in Syedra, an ancient Greek city that flourished under Roman rule, located near Alanya in Turkey's Antalya province.

**lv** - The 1,500-Year-Old Lady's Sandals With Sweet Message in Greek

"Use in health, lady, wear in beauty and happiness."

**lvi** - Hidden among the lush forests of southwestern Turkey, the Delikkemer Aqueduct stands as a testament to ancient Roman ingenuity. This engineering masterpiece has become a must-see attraction for travelers trekking the famed Lycian Way

## **Israel**

**i** - Archaeologists have uncovered a rare Tetrarchic boundary stone at the site of Abel Beth Maacah. Originally marking land borders under Roman Emperor Diocletian's tax reforms, the stone provides insight into ancient land ownership, local settlement patterns, and imperial administrative practices.

**ii** - 2500-years-old dig sheds light onto horror of human trafficking

Archaeologists uncover an isolated burial site near Tlalim Junction with evidence of human trafficking using Yemenite merchants' caravans.

**iii** - A massive Roman camp was recently unearthed in Israel at Har Megiddo, the mythical Armageddon where in the New Testament the kings of the earth will wage war on the forces of God at the end of history.

**iv** - The Magdala Stone: Does It Show God's Chariot in the Temple?

**v** - Archaeologists Excavating Judean Desert 'Pyramid' Find Hellenistic Structure

A pile shaped like a pyramid wasn't one after all, but a Hellenistic building that may have been used to guard the Dead Sea trade route

**vi** - Archaeologists uncover Iron Age hub for prized purple dye in Israel

**vii** - Police find ancient treasures, weapons in Dimona antiquities probe

A Dimona resident was detained for questioning after the search uncovered not only the archaeological treasures but also a cache of weapons, ammunition, and currency.

**viii** - A team of archaeologists made a singular discovery at the ancient site of Khirbat Ibreika: four bronze discs with lion heads in relief, accompanied by rings that served as handles

**ix** - Mysterious capital depicting menorahs found in 1,500-year-old Roman site in Jerusalem

**x** - The Strange Iron Keys from the Roman Era Found in the Judean Desert

**xi** - Evidence of a Roman ritual with pig jaws found among remains of a legionary camp

**xii** - Bronze Lion-Head Coffin Handles with Rings Mounted Above the Mane Found near Ibreika. First-known example of overhead ring placement suggests handles were designed as lifting grips for Roman-period wooden coffins, not decorative door knockers.

**xiii** - A strange artefact unearthed by a thirteen-year-old while on a trek in Haifa, north of Israel, has turned out to be a rare ancient Roman ring featuring Minerva

## **Libya**

**i** - Polish Archaeologists uncover ancient residence and mysterious mask in Libya's ancient city Ptolemais

**ii** - Ruins of ancient Roman home — with jars for collecting taxes

**iii** - Ancient Greek tombstone discovered in Cyrene (Shahat) after flooding from Storm Daniel