

Excavation in 18-O/P

This was a trial trench in the theatre area over what was hoped would prove to be the stage building. The excavation gave an extraordinary negative result: no ancient building remains were struck from the surface to bedrock except a late drain on an upper level. This is the only place we have dug in Antioch & its vicinity without striking a series of ancient walls of many periods.

The trench was 9.03 meters deep & bedrock was struck at level 90.87 m. Ground level = 99.90.



18-Op Theatre. Trial 2, S extension

Late rubble wall running N-S.

Structure: only two courses preserved. Rubble consists of broken pieces of quadrated masonry, set in mud & chinked irregularly with fragments of brick.

Plan of typical section:



80 m.



80 m.

Cf. architect's field plan under 18-Op
for accurate dimensions & orientation



18-0/P
THEATRE TRIAL 2.

Surface to 1.50 16-4-36
Jewelry glass 5776-G174

Coarse

Frag. Byzantine lamp

Late B & C.

Muslim glazed

Coarse pot profile 5775-P1227

TO 4.00 M. 17-4-36

Glass frag

Coarse

Byzantine lamp frag

Blue glazed frags.

TO 4.75 18-4-36

Coarse

Nails

Muslim glazed

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Frag Byzantine lamp

Red glazed

TO 3.50 18-4-36

Coarse

Frag. Byzantine lamp 5782-L493

Siliceous glazed

Muslim glazed

Late C & B.

Iron resetment hook 5783-U427

Late C. 5784-P1228

OLD TRENCH 4.50 18-4-36

Glass bead 5777-G175

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THEATRE TRIAL 2.

TO 3.50 to 4.50
Bone button 5780-B142

18-4-36

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20-4-36

5 Metre
Coarse
Muslim glazed
Frag. Byzantine lamp.

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THEATRE

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BETWEEN 5.50 & 6.50

21-4-35

Coarse

Muslim glazed

Byzantine lamp frag.

Nails

Late B.C.

Late B.

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DIG 2. 7 to 8M.

22-4-36

Muslim glazed 5802-P1233

" " 5803-P1234

" " 5804-P1235

" " 5805-P1236

Coarse

Byzantine lamp

Muslim glazed

Nails

Byzantine lamps

Rhodian handle; illegible.

Byzantine lamp frag.

Glass blue

Byzantine lamp 5797-L495

Bronze frag.

Bronze object 5798-U432

" " 5799-U433

" " 5800-U434

Arabic pottery frag

Bone fragment

Bone spoon frag. 5801-B145

Glasstrinket 5806-G177

7 to 8M.

22-4-36

Coarse
Muslim glazed
Byzantine lamp frags
Muslim silicious glazed.& painted.

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Trench 2. Depth 8 to 8.50 M. 23-4-36

Siliceous glazed painted
Lead glazed & painted
Lead glazed scraped
Black polished slag or bone
Coarse
Muslim glazed & painted
Late B
Muslim scratched
Frag of Late Roman lamp(VI-VII)
Glass
Arabic ware
Muslim unglazed moulded
Muslim glazed & painted
Muslim siliceous glazed & painted
Muslim glazed circular stamp on rim.
Stamped brick
Leg of stone incense burner
small bronze utensile of no value

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SURFACE

24-4-36

Small bone circular dish with
large hole in center 5811-B146
Coarse
Glass
Byzantine lamp frags

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THEATRE DIG 2.

ALONG LATE WALL @ -2.50M.

25-4-36

Coarse

Muslim glazed

Byzantine lamp frags

Glass

Siliceous glazed painted

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TO 2.00 BELOW ϕ LATE WALL

27-4-36

Much coarse ware buff & red

cooking pots, water jars

Glazed and painted Muslim

Coarse medieval lamps

Late C rim

Coarse scratched decoration

Glass

Glazed & painted with knots

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LEVEL 1.50 from top of late wall 27-4-36

Coarse water or wine jars

Coarse ware

Late C rim

Muslim ware glazed

Medieval coarse lamps

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Imitation porcelain?

Spiral glass

Late A base

Large wine Amphora -rabbled base

red black glazed bowl, neck of pottery

Muslim scratched & glazed

Iron hook

Glass

Nail

Siliceous glazed ~~plain~~ plain & colored

Cave in from surface 28-4-36

Large coarse buff & red
 Late B rim
 Red coarse cooking pot rim 2
 Coarse red medieval lamp 3
 Glazed & scratched base 1.
 Glazed & fused color sherd
 Coarse Byzantine lamp 1
 Iron nails 15
 Iron ring 1
 Glass
 Base glazed Muslim 1.

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LEVEL OF LATE E.W. WALL 28-4-36

Glazed moulded
 Glazed fused color
 Pottery bomb neck 1.
 Glazed yellow scratched
 Glazed fused color scratched
 Large coarse jar sherds red & buff
 Large Iron nail
 1 siliceous glazed painted muslim

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IN STONE PLUNDERERS PIT. 29-4-36

1 base coarse red pottery bomb
 1 small coarse jug.

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DEBRIS FROM CAVE IN ABOVE LATE VAULT 29-4-36

Coarse red cooking pot rim 1.
 Iron nail
 Late B rim 1.
 Glazed & painted rim 1.
 Glazed & painted base 2.

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Theatre trial dig 2.

SOUTH EXTENTION

29-4-36

IN STONE PLUNDERERS PIT.

Coarse ware;buff;black:red

Stamped brick 5837-T250

Late C rim

Glazed fused color

Siliceous glaze

Iron revetment nail

Coarse medieval lamp

Local red glaze

Glass

Iron ring

Glazed moulded

Glass stopper

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THEATRE TRENCH 2.

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6 to 7M.

25-5-36

Arabic lamp
Several nails
Coarse ware
Simple ware with incised decoration
Much glazed ware
Lustre
Fused color
Green & brown scratched
Blue.

B.2. Arab lamp
Simple ware
B sherd
Glazed ware

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TO 10M.

26-5-36

Simple ware
C ware
Figured glaze
Arabic lamp sherd
1 TS sherd

B.2. Simple ware

Late C & D
Arab glaze 6111-P1370
" " 6112-P1371

Arab lamps
Old iron
Blue & white glaze
Glass
Byzantine lamp frag. 6110-L535

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DEPTH 9-10M

29-5-36?

6092-U474

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THEATRE TRENCH 2.

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DEPTH 6-7M. 25-5-36
Bronze spoon 6033-U470
6034-U471
Glaze ware Byzantine.
Simple ware
Stone bowl 6040-S323
Arab Pottery
Glass bottle

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-16M 26-5-36
6018-B153
Button 6019-B154
Simple ware
Arab bowls
stone

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10-11 M. 29-5-36
Buff ware
2 pots
Loom weigh
Glass
Arab lamp
Lamp sherd I BC-I AD.
Simple ware
Moulded Arab
Roman glazed red ware
Old iron
1 TS.

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THEATRE TRENCH 2.

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9-10M. 29-5-36

Simple ware
Glass

~~ROMAN~~ BOMBS

Byz. lamps
Cut ware Arabic

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10-11M. 29-5-36

Simple & coarse ware
Iron
Green glazed sherds
Few late B
Marble frags
Glass

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11 TO 12M. 1-6-36

Coarse ware
Glass
Glazed pattern ware
1 C late
Glass bottle neck
Old Iron.

B.2. Glazed pot 6096-P1366

B.3. Buff simple ware

Black cooking ware
Arabic lamp frags
Blue glazed
1 A rim
Much green glaze
White Chinese ware

12-M. 2-6-36

Coarse ware

one Arabic lamp
Few glazed sherds

1 brown + white, 1 light blue, several painted

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THEATRE TRIAL 2.

IN STONE PLUNDERERS WELL. 20-4-36

Terra Sigillata 2 bases
Late B 1 rim
Coarse mediaval lamps 3.
Many sherds muslim glazed with fused color
1 Siliceous blue glaze ribbed
1 rim glazed & painted
1 base glazed & painted
3 Bowls of Turkish pipes.

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@ - 12.M. 2-6-36
6117-U475
6118-U476

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To 12.50M. 3-6-36
Simple & coarse ware
Medieval lamp frag
Blue & white glaze
Byzantine glazed base
Glass.

B.2. TO 12.50M. 3-6-36
Coarse Arab ribbed ware
Some glaze
Late C rims
B3 Simple ware
Glass
C rims
Byzantine lamp & pot
Iron.

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SURFACE TO 1.00 M. 4-6-36
Coarse ware sherds
2 bases badly worn Muslim glazed
Frag glass bowl with blue glass dec.
1 sherd vertical blue glaze. 1 sherd TS
3 Sherds green glaze MUSLIM

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THEATRE TRIAL 2.

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SURFACE TO 3.00 M.

5-6-36

6136-G191 Glass Pot Muslim
6140-U481

B.1. Frag. of lead of large coarse jar.

Bottom of Just(?) pottery bomb
Much coarse ware

Brown glazed cooking pot sherds
2 small ~~xxxx~~ vitreous blue glazed sherds
1 late B rim
1 brown lead glazed scratched sherd
3 Lead glazed painted bases bad condition
2 Lead glazed painted rims

1 White porcelain base
6 Muslim lamps (sherds)
1 piece red stucco.

B.2. 1 top & base pottery bomb

Much coarse ware
2 sherds scratched & scraped
2 " " " " with fused color

2 bases glazed fused colors
1 base blue vitreous glaze
2 bases glazed ware bad condition.
2 bases transparent vitreous glaze
18 broken unglazed medi@val lamps
4 broken glazed medieval lamps
1 piece pompeian red stucco

N.B.

Medieval & Turkish lamps
probably from stone cutters tunnels
Stucco from theatre podium wall.

SURFACE TO 3.60 M.

5-6-36

Simple coarse ware
Glass Green brown glaze
White glaze
1 TS. 1 disc handle.

TO - 6M.

6-6-36

2 Round Medieval lamps

1 shoe lamp sherd

1 Late B sherd

Coarse ware

Green glaze

Early scratched ware

Brown glaze

Painted

Fused color.

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LEVEL OF PRESERVED SEATS.

8-6-36

Simple red & buff coarse ware

Glass

Much green-Yellow Brown, blue etc.

B.2. White & red simple

Green glaze

Glass

Seladon fragment.

B.3. Coarse ware

Glass frags.

Glaze green yellow

Fused color

Gray lustre ware

1 round lamp sherd

B.4. Late coarse ware

Some with incised decoration

Few glazed sherds of fused color

1 fused color profile of small bowl.

B. 5. 1 base large dolia lamp red with
buff clay slip

1 base jar some

Coarse ware

BUFF smooch

LEVEL OF PRESERVED SEATS.

8-6-36

Red smooch

Red small ribbed

Stamped unglazed Muslim

1 frag. Medieval coarse lamp

1 rim of Late B.

MUSLIM GLAZED.

3 bases painted

3 sherds painted

1 fused painted sherd

3 rimspainted

1 rim fused paint

1 rim TS

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LEVEL OF PODIUM

9-6-36

Coarse ware

red

buff

Lamps 2 sherds medieval coarse

MUSLIM GLAZED

2 rims fused color

1 base fused color

1 sherd vitreous blue

1 sherd vitreous painted

1 sherd TS.

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THEATRE TRIAL 2

TO 6M.

6-6-36

10 Byzantine round lamps

1 Early Byzantine *shoe* type

Hellenistic yellow sort sherd glazed ware

1 brown, & white

1 yellow brown

Much green & yellow glazed ware

2 blue glazed sherds

Heavy coarse ware jars.

B.2. Coarse red ware

Glass

Marble fragments

Medieval lamps.

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LEVEL OF PRESERVED SEATS

8-6-36

10 round need lamps

Lots of coarse ware

Glazed ware

Yellow green painted

Yellow painted & scratched

Yellow green scratched & painted

6157-B166 ~~xxxxxx~~

B.2. Much light buff coarse ware

1 frag. Medieval coarse lamp

1 Coarse sherd of amphora with red painted decoration on neck like from 27-P.D.H.

2 necks & 1 bottom pottery bombs

2 sherds fused painted glazed

2 rims fused painted glazed

~~xxxxxx~~ 1 vitreous blue painted glazed

1 base fused painted

1 late B

1 scratched glazed

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THEATRE TRIAL 2.

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B.3. LEVEL OF PRESERVED SEATS

8-6-36

Coarse ware

Buff clay, buff slip, wide rib.
red clay, medium rib.

red clay smooth

2 frags. coarse medieval lamps

Bombs

1 round nazzle

1 conicle nazzle

1 bottom of red slip type.

1 unglazed clay disk with stamped rosette

MUSLIM GLAZED

15 rims fused color

9 bases fused color

2 bases scratched & fused

12 sherds fused color

2 sherds scraped

1 sherd late B.

1 base clear glass.

B.4. Coarse:

Buff-thin

red-plain & fine ribbed

Lamps.

Frag of 4 medieval coarse

1 Muslim glazed 6159-1545

Handle of iron Knife ?

15 Muslim unglazed stamped

GLAZED MUSLIM WARE

5 rims painted

4 rims fused color

4 rims vitreous glaze

4 sherds painted

4 sherds fused color

B.4. LEVEL OF PRESERVED SEATS

8-6-36

Glazed MUSLIM ware

- 4 sherds vitreous glaze
- 1 sherd scratched
- 3 bases painted
- 2 bases fused color
- 1 base white vitreous
- 1 section small porcelain or stone bowl
- 1 sherd thin grey burnished
- 1 rim late B
- 1 sherd T.S
- 1 piece hectogonal grey & white opus sectile

B.5. Coarse ware

- 2 medieval coarse lamp sherds
- 1 clear glass handle

Mould Muslim coarse sherds
Bast late B.

MUSLIM GLAZED WARE.

- 2 painted rims
- 4 fused color rims
- 1 vitreous glaze rims
- 3 painted sherds
- 5 fused color sherds
- 4 painted bases
- 3 fused color bases
- 1 base vitreous glaze

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THEATRE TRIAL 2.

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LEVEL OF PODIUM

9-6-36

COARSE: red clay; buff slip
red fine ribbed
Muslim stamped

LAMPS: 2 medieval unglazed
1 medieval glazed

MUSLIM GLAZED

2 bases painted
3 bases fused paint
3 sherds painted
1 vitreous blue ribbed sherd
1 rim scratched 1 sherd vitreous .
2 rims vitreous painted
1 rim fused color
3 bases pottery bombs of round heavy
1 nozzle pottery bomb of " type.
4 sherds clear glass.

1 sherd Attic
Red figured ware 6163-P1387

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11-6-36

Coarse ware; Buff thick some combed

red cooking.
base medieval coarse lamp
2 bases clear glass

MUSLIM GLAZED ware

1 base fused color
1 sherd painted
1 vitreous white & blue

2 Late C
1 rim TS
1 base TS
sherds TS

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2.00M. FROM DOOR LINTEL

12-6-36

Coarse ware:

Buff-thick

Red cooking

Neck of small clear glass bottle

Base medieval coarse ware lamp 6173-L547

Nozzle medieval coarse ware lamp

2 frags of rims of medieval lamps

1 rim late B

1 rim late C

3 rims Terrasigillata

B.2. COARSE WARE....

thin red cooking

thick buff

2 rims late C

Medieval coarse lamp 6172-L546

MUSLIM GLAZED

1 base fused color

2 rims fused color

1 sherd fused color

4 sherds round type pottery bombs.

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ABOVE FOUNDATION OF PODIUM

13-6-36

COARSE WARE: buff thick

1 neck of conical type pottery bomb

1 neck Muslim clear glass jar

1 frag. base of coarse medieval lamp

1 iron nail

MUSLIM GLAZED WARE: 1 rim fused color.

2 bases painted

1 rim late B

1 shoe type lamp 6178-L548

1 piece marble opus sectile.

18-0

DUMP:

14-9-38

POTTERY: Inscription on glazed pottery
/: b781-P2454a-b

DUMP:

14-9-38

UTENSILS: b769-U697

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12-6-35

Suyani to (60) meters. Trench #1.

Coarse ware

(opus scitile)

Pat. C.

Muslin glaze blue, green

Art. lamp.

Bronze fragments.

14.6.35 Trench. 5.50 m.

Coarse

Pat. C.

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Surface to 2.00 m. Trench 1. 12-6-35

Coarse ware
Italian ware
 Late C.
 Muslim glaze Blue, Green,
 Arab lamp
 Bronze fragments.

Surface to ~~x~~ 4.00 M. 13-6-35

Coarse ware
 Red , Green, Brown,
 Blue glaze.
 Arab lamp.

Surface to 5.00 m. 14-6-35

Coarse ware *white porcelain*
Muslim Musselman glaze - *blue*
 Glass
Perg.

Trench 5.50 m. 14-6-35

Coarse ware
 Late C.
 Perg.

Surface soil to -7.00 m. 15-6-35

Coarse ware
 Late C
 Muslim glazed
 Local Hellenistic red
 Lamp frags IV & Vc.
 White frags.

5384 - U 360 pin
 5385 - U 361 "

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Surface soil to-7.00 m.

15-6-35

Muslim coarse ware
Muslim green glazed ware
Late B plate bottom
Muslim coarse ware
geometric rouletting

Perg

Late D.m

Marble pavement & *revetment*
glazed ware-Celadon ware.

To bed rock

18-6-35

Marble frag.

Lamp fragment IV-V century.

Coarse ware

Late "C" & "A"

Lamp frag IV-Vc.

18 June ca - 8.50m.

glass

bronze part of fibula

Muslim with rouletted decoration

opus sectile

Late Roman lamp shard

Late B rim

Pergamene base

Roman vitreous green glazed

Late D

Late C

Coarse ware geometric rouletting

Sondage

6-8-35

Glass bowl 5542-B166

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Trail trench 2 down to -4.00M

7-8-35

Late B ware

Bronze frag

Coarse

Nail

glass

Muslim glazed

Byzantine frag.

Hell black glazed

Coarse frags of cooking pot

Stone caised frag. lamp

/5559-L460

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Trail trench 2. -7 meters.

8-8-35

Hell lamp handle II-III A.D.

Roman frag lamps III A.D.

Moulded frag. ~~xxx~~ 5566-P1132

Coarse

Muslim glazed

Frag of Byzantine lamp

Coarse lids

Glass

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THEATRE. Trench 2 to -7.50 M

9-8-35

Muslim glazed

Coarse

Byzantine frag. lamp

Frag of Corinthian capital

Small marble buct, a broken

hand holds the left shoulder

from behind. 5561-S306

18-0

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7.50 M. depth

10-8-35

Drag of clear glass with
rough surface.

Muslim ware
Coarse ~~xxxxx~~

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Trail trench 2 to 7.50M

10-8-35

Blue glass

Coarse

Muslim glazed

Clear glass

Incised coarse ware

Frag of Byzantine lamp

Late C rim

Late D ware

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18-0

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13-8-35

1. Pergamene
Coarse Arabic incised ware
Muslim glazed
Fragmentary Byzantine lamps

To - 10 m.

14-8-35

2. Clear glass
Blue glass
Muslim glazed
Fragmentary Byzantine lamps

To - 12 m.

15-8-35

3. Fragmentary Byzantine lamps
Coarse Arabic ware

To - 12 m.

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4. Clear glass
Late B ware
Muslim glazed
Arabic coarse moulded ware
I A.D. Roman lamp lids

Depth now 12 meters

16-8-35

5. Coarse Arabic
Muslim glazed
oyster shell
Clear glass

~~North 26-K
Sub Room I in reddish-
brown stratum under
T-C pipe line.~~

~~1. Bronze object 5573-U386 15-8-35~~

~~Entered in notebook for this quadration~~

18-0.
Sondage

5542-G166

6.8.35

Tiny glass bowl with a small crack on one side. Slightly out flaring lip, the glass is clean and thin, very little oxydation, the rim is more oval than round.
Max. D: 0.02; min. D: 0.018

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18-0. 5559-I460
Trial trench II. down
to 4 metres.

7.8.35

Part of a large, round stone lamp with more than one nozzle, two are present on the fragment. A narrow raised rim encircles a low wide, flat channel on one side, on the other another raised lip forms the large filling hole. In between the two nozzle in this flat channel is a small hole. The wick hole starts right outside the rim. The nozzle is small, short pointed. The stone is hard, grey fairly good carved.

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18-0. 5561-S306

9.8.35

Theatre trench 11.

7.50 metres.

Fragment of a marble statue representing the bust of a child without head and arms below the shoulder, a large hand with the first three fingers broken holds the child from behind at the left shoulder.

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18-0. 5384-U360 18.6.35
Surface 7.00 m.

Fragmentary fancy headed bronze pin.

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18-0. 5385-U361 18.6.35
Surface 7.00 m.

Fragmentary fancy headed thick bronze pin.

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18-0. 5316-P1055 17.6.35
Trench over 8.30 m.

Sherd of Arabic coarse pottery with geometric roulettings. Rose-red clay, very hard and somewhat gritty. Pinkish gray slip on decorated surface. Conventional design made by sharp tools worked into wet clay.

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18-0. 5317-P1056 17. 6.35
Trench over 8.30 m.

Sherd of Arabic coarse pottery with geometric roulettings. Rose-red clay, very hard and somewhat gritty. Pinkish gray slip on decorated surface. Conventional design made by sharp tools worked into wet clay.

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18-0: 5566-P1132 8.8.35
Trial trench 2.
7 metres.

Moulded fragment of a bowl, Megarian most probably, it represent a border decoration near to the rim. The fragment is broken on all sides, it is of thin, fine, hard red buff clay with red brown glaze.

L: 0.045 H: 0.032

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