



AREA B - «WEST-PALAST» AND NORTHERN SLOPE

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2007 Excavations at the «West-Palast» and on the northern slope

Investigations at the «West-Palast» and the «Skorpionentor» were continued in 2007. However, we simultaneously made a sounding on the northern slope to investigate the prehistoric settlement. Here, a long N-S-trench had already been located in Max von Oppenheim's days.

The investigations at the «West-Palast» and the «Skorpionentor» demonstrated even more clearly that the «West-Palast» was built on top of a prehistoric mound, in the younger depositions of which Iron Age structures were included, as well. The «West-Palast» was cut into these older buildings of the 10th/9th century B.C. through a large foundation pit.

On the northern slope, two small Halaf period round buildings with the characteristic keyhole-layout were brought to light (round buildings 2 and 3). Here, the walls usually consist of mudbricks, too, and in some places they are still covered with lime plaster. With an interior diameter of merely 3 m the buildings are fairly modest in size (**Fig. 1**).

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