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## POTTERY OF LEVELS III AND IV AT THE KARUM OF KANESH

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I had the good fortune of being the student of Prof. Dr. Tahsin Özgür and Prof. Dr. Ninet Özgür, who made important contributions to the development of Ancient Anatolian Archaeology and to the establishment of Near Eastern Archaeology in Turkey. As a member of the expeditions they led at the magnificent Anatolian centers I had the chance of benefiting from their vast knowledge and experience. This article is a result of the opportunities I enjoyed and it gives me pleasure to dedicate it to Prof. Dr. Tahsin Özgür.

## I. ARCHITECTURE

The building Levels III and IV at the Karum of Kanesh, which are below Level II, were investigated during the excavations of 1948 and 1949 in two separate areas until virgin soil was reached<sup>1</sup>. The excavations were continued in 1955-56, 1958, 1960 and 1965 in four parts of Karum, below the rich archive of Level II; the results verified the conclusions reached in 1949 besides increasing the number of finds.

The excavations in squares O-P-R/19-23, S-T/25, M-N/11-13 and U-V/22 (Plan, I-IV) revealed similar characteristics in the buildings, the pottery and the burial customs. The stone foundations of Level III are below the deeply built Level II foundations (Pl. 20-23). The foundations and partly the walls of both building levels are embedded in a mass of extremely soggy soil. During winter the water level in the Karum is very high. In some parts the water reaches the floor level of Level II and floods the cellars containing the rich archive, inflicting considerable damage on the tablets. The weak foundations of the Level III and IV houses are built with small irregular stones (Pl. 20, 1; 21, 2; 22, 1); flat stones are used in very few houses (Pl. 21, 1). The houses are rectangular and have either two or four rooms. The mud-brick walls are thickly plastered with mud. Stone walls are very rare; the existing ones are also thickly plastered with mud both inside and out (Pl. 22, 3). The mud-brick work begins at floor level.

In square U-V/22 the stone foundations and floor of Level III appear at a depth of 6.33-6.40 m. Level IV appears at 7.20-7.39 m.; the foundations are as deep as 8.64 m. At Sq O-P-R/19-23 the oven floor of Level III is 5.90 m. deep and the foundations are 6.50-6.60 m. deep. In this square the stone foundations of Level IV, built on virgin soil, appear at 7.22 and 7.48 m; the oven floor is 7.17 m. deep. At this the virgin soil is reached at approximately within the 8th meter. Water begins to appear below 8.25 m. and considerably increases below 9 m. In squares M-N/11-13 the oven floors of Level III are revealed at 6.10 m. and the foundations at 6.14 m. The foundations of Level IV appear at 7.47 m. and go down as deep as 8.01 m. (Plan, I-IV). As Tahsin Özgür has explained<sup>2</sup> the Karum area was apparently a flat plain when the Level IV city was built.

The ovens of Level IV and III are basically similar to those of Level II. The hearth is on a mud plastered platform; this is a simpler version of Level II ovens (Pl. 22, 4) which evolved from it.

<sup>1</sup> T. Özgür, Ausgrabungen in Kültepe-Karum über die im Auftrag der Türkischen Historischen Gesellschaft, 1948 durchgeführten Ausgrabungen, T.T.K.Y.V.-38, Ankara 1950 (Alev. T. Özgür, Kültepe 1948), p. 175 ff.; N. + T. Özgür, Ausgrabungen in Kültepe-Karum über die Aufträge der Türkischen Historischen Gesellschaft, 1949 durchgeführten Ausgrabungen, T.T.K.Y.V.-12, Ankara 1953. (Alev. N. + T. Özgür, Kültepe 1949), p. 128, 188 ff.

<sup>2</sup> T. Özgür, Kültepe 1948, p. 149 ff.

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THE POTTERY OF THE ASSYRIAN COLONY PERIOD  
ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING LEVELS OF THE  
KANIŞ KARUM

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The pottery called Hittite Pottery in Central Anatolia, appeared for the first time in the fourth level<sup>1</sup> of the Kaniş Karum, the earliest of the four building levels present there. On the city-mound of Kültepe, no pottery of this kind was found in the level which is earlier than level IV in the Karum area. Here, different types of pottery were used<sup>2</sup>. Pots belonging to this level were made on a fast wheel and have a restricted range of shapes. It is not clear whether they were widely distributed. In spite of this, the pottery of levels IV and III in the Karum is parallel with the first phase of level II at Alışar, with Level 5 M<sup>3</sup> on the Citadel mound, and with the first phase of the Early Hittite level at Alaca Höyük<sup>4</sup>. In level IV there is also another kind of pottery<sup>5</sup> called Alışar III, which is hand-made and painted; there are also similar unpainted types. The proportion of these two wares is approximately half and half.

Although the two kinds of pottery were manufactured together in the third level of the Kaniş Karum Pl. XIX, 1, 2, the wheel-made monochrome pottery became more popular and increased in proportion<sup>6</sup>. The shapes became more numerous and new shapes were added to those that were already known in level IV.

The truly representative pottery of the Assyrian Colony Period is the pottery found in levels II and Ib of the Kaniş Karum. In level II, the technique of manufacture was greatly developed, the shapes became more numerous and secondary types were added to the basic types, so that a wealth of pottery, the like of which was never

<sup>1</sup> I. Özgür, Ausgrabungen in Kültepe, Ankara 1959, p. 216 II.

<sup>2</sup> Nuri-Efisim Özgür, Ausgrabungen in Kültepe 1959, Ankara 1973, p. 212.

<sup>3</sup> OHP XXVIII, p. 243 II.

<sup>4</sup> H. Z. Keser, Alaca Höyük Höfe ve Aileler 1951-52, Ankara 1954, Pl. 19.

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<sup>6</sup> Kültepe 1959, p. 100.

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ACEMHÖYÜK SERAMİĞİ

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Acemhöyük'de çanak-cömlek, DB-GB/27-30; NA-U/45-51; TZ/2-13; TA-NA/78 plânkarelere açılan hâyük kazı alanlarında ele gelmiştir. Bu çukurlarda, yukarıdan aşağıya, tesbit edilen üç mimarlık seviyesinde (I - III) Hittit seramigi denilen çanak-cömleğin kullanıldığı anlaşılmaktır. Kazı alanlarının dörtlünde de, høyüğün yüzeyine çok yakın olan I. seviye tâhirebe uğramış ve ancak bir kaç kesik duvar kalıntıları ile varlığı anlaşılmıştır. Bu mimariye bağlı çanak-cömlek de az sayıda ve daha çok parçalar halinde ele geçmektedir. Bunların teknik ve şekilleri, tarihendlîmede fazla yardımcı olamamaktadır. Yalnız, bu katın altındaki II. seviyenin Kaniş Karumu'unun Ib katu ile çapdadı olduğu göstermiştir. Acemhöyükün I. seviyesi bundan sonrası bir devreaittir. Ancak, alt hududun nereye kadar indiğini söyleyemek imkânına, henüz, sahip değiliz.

II. seviye seramigi ıskân yerinin her tarafına yayılmış olup, minden bağlantılıdır. Şekillerin de tetkikinden alagsaçağı üzere, bu devrin çanak-cömleği bir tarafdan alttaki III. seviye geleneğini devam ettirirken (çanaklar, bazı fincan tipleri, gaga ağızlı tiplerin bazları, küpler gibi), diğer tarafaftan Assur Ticaret Kolonileri Çağının son safhasında ait olan tipik şekilleri (kantarolar, emziği kulbunun yan tarafında olan ibrikler, derin çanaklar, vazolar, hazı gaga ağızlı testi tipleri gibi) de ihtiva etmektedir.

Büyük bir yangın geçiren III. seviyede bol miktarda çanak-cömlek bulunmuştur. Bunlar arasında luce sıvri, ayakkabı biçiminde iki kabı, hayvanbaş şeklinde biten kulp, dalgalı hatlarla bezeli kaplar, gaga ağızlı iki testi, kapaklı iki vazolar, çift kulplu çömlekler gibi) Kaniş Karumu'nun II. kat örnekleriin tam paraleli olanların yanında, mahallî hususiyet gösteren kaplar yoğunluktadır.

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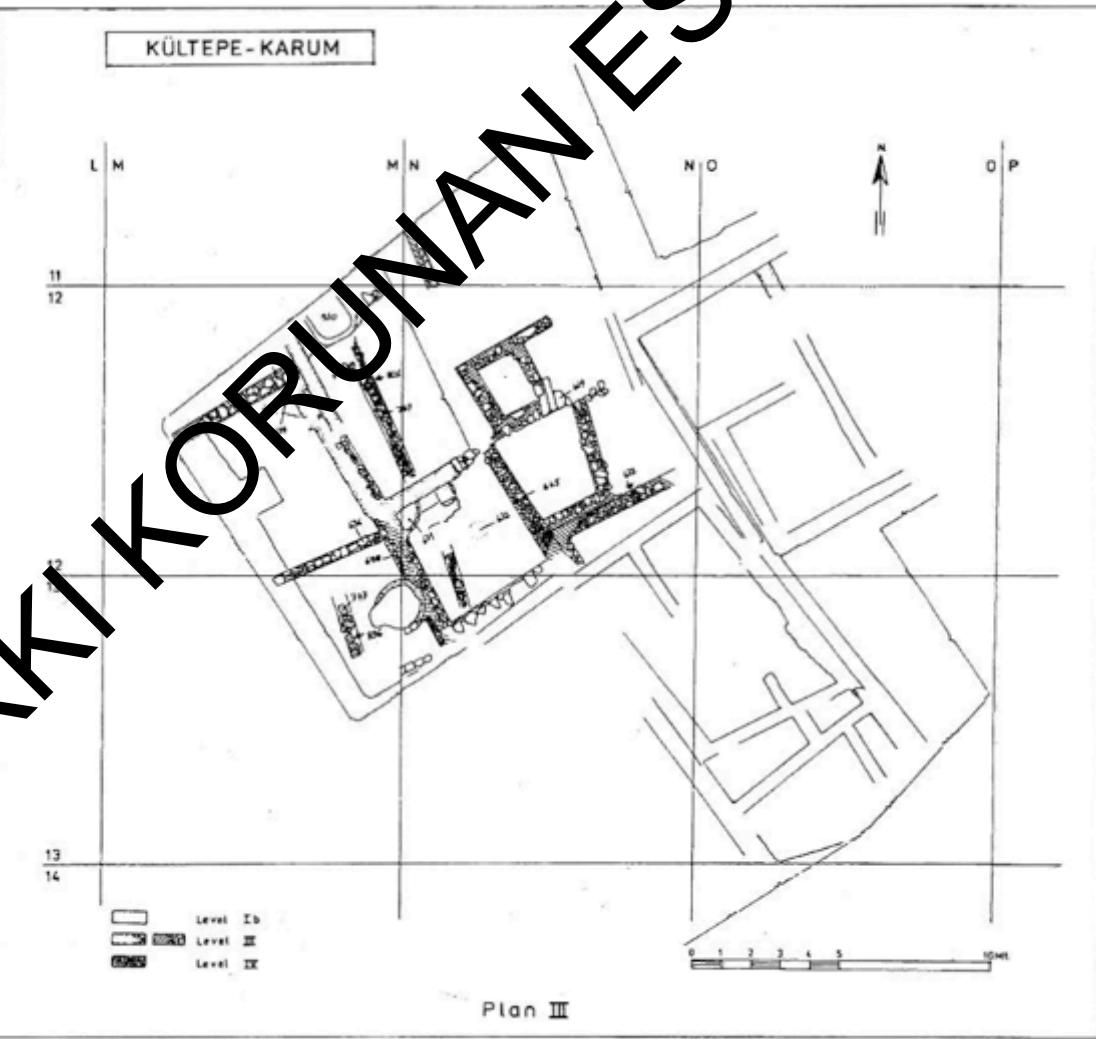
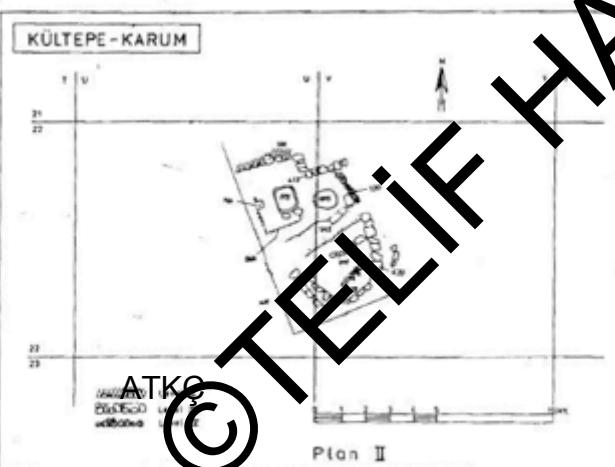
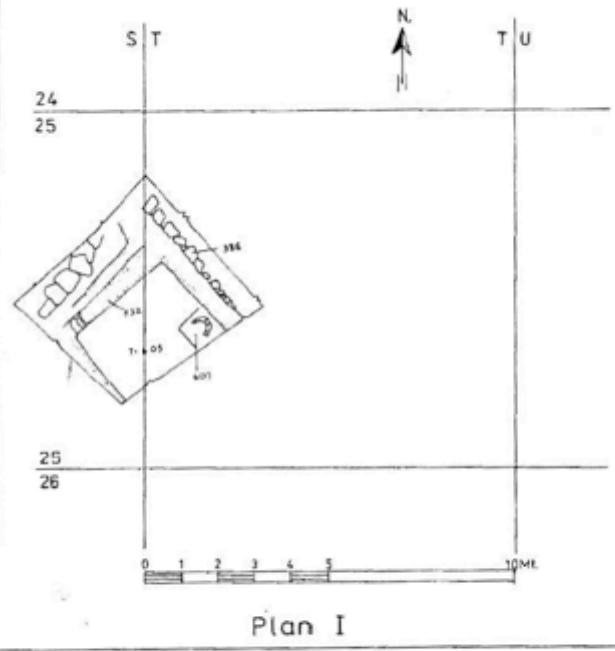
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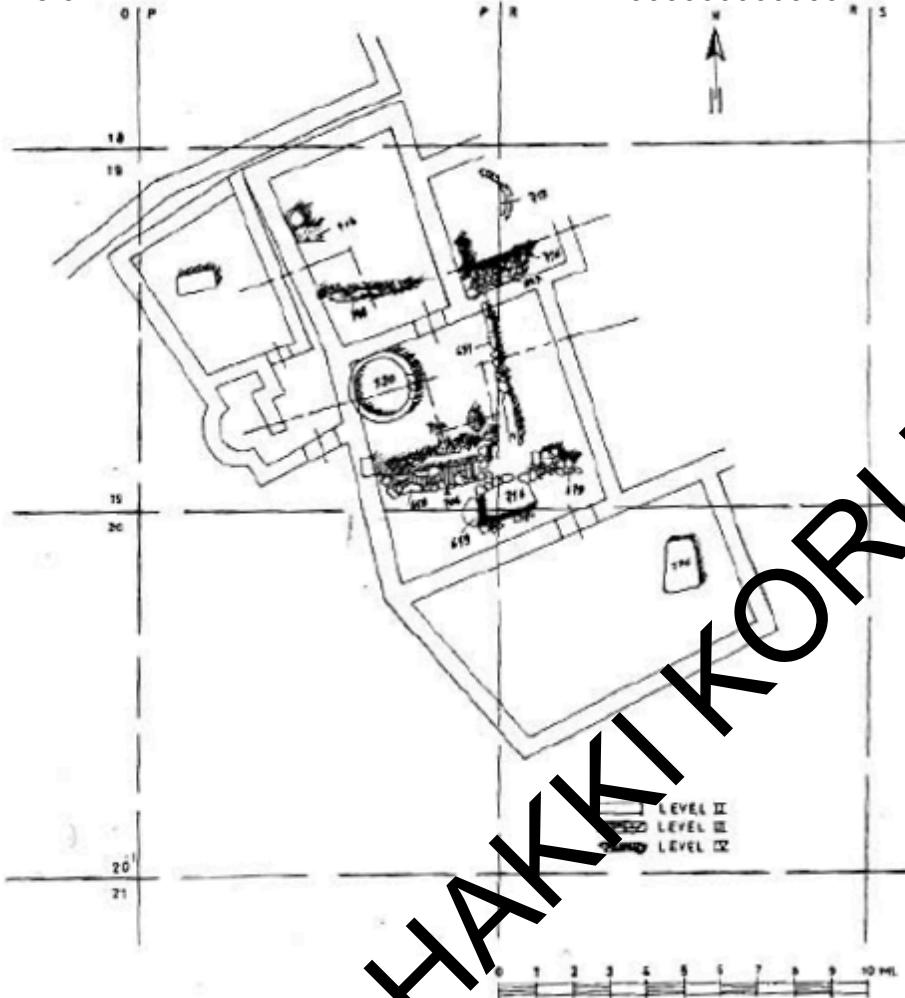
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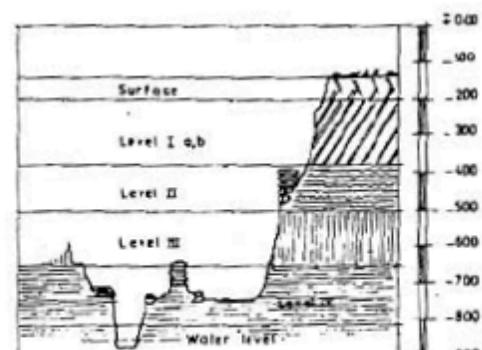
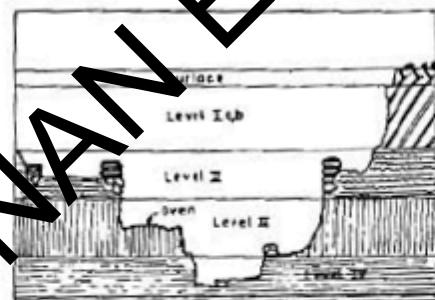
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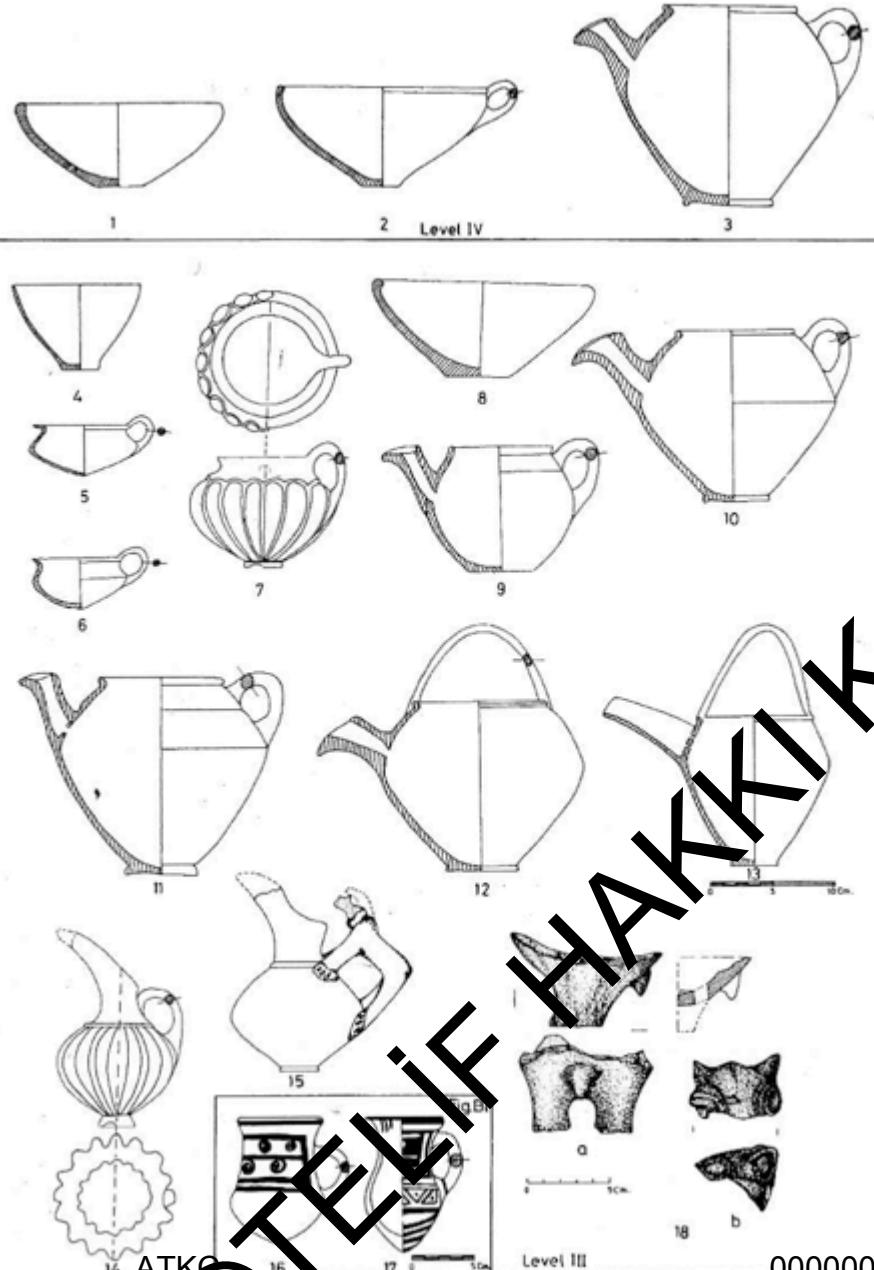
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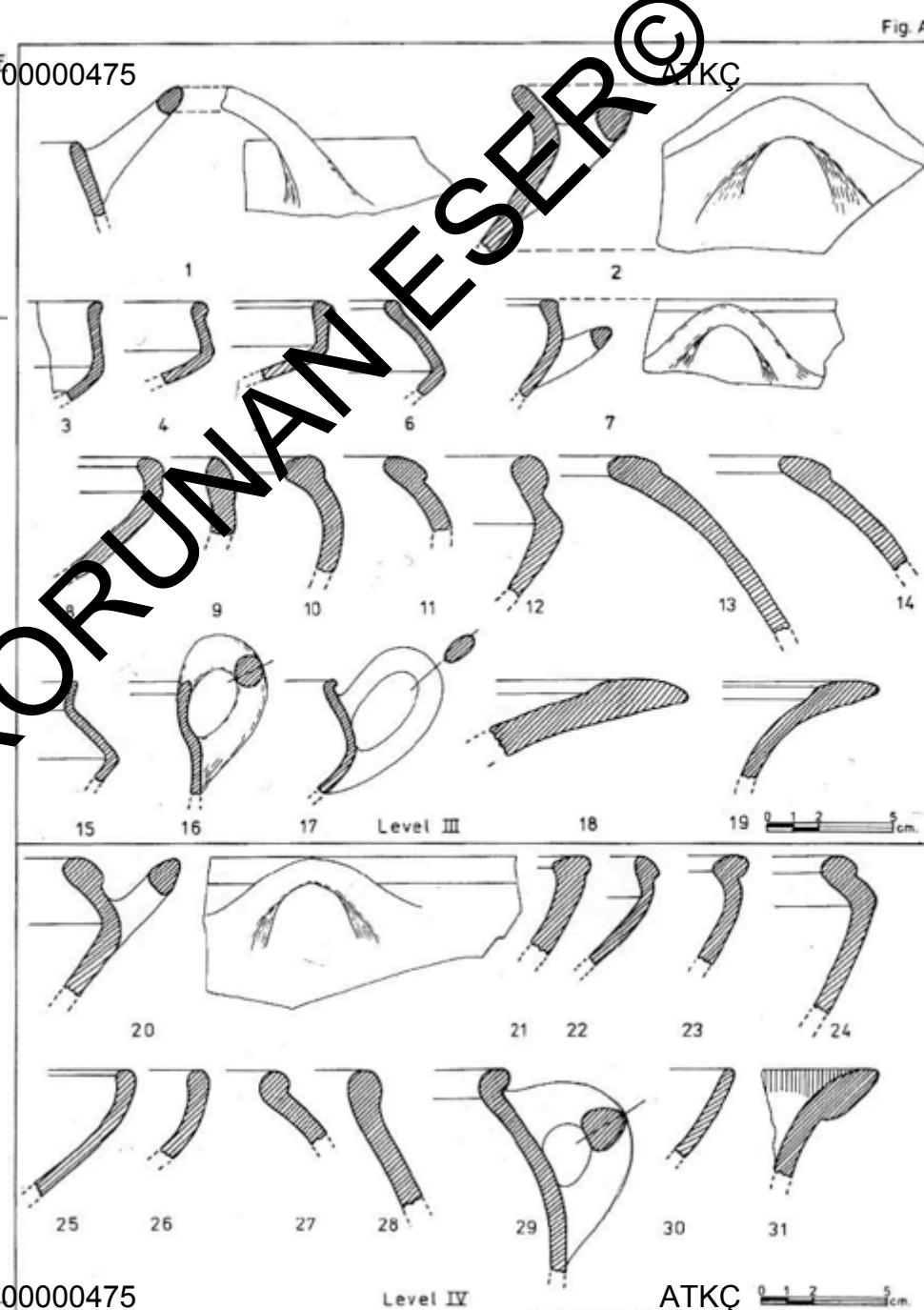


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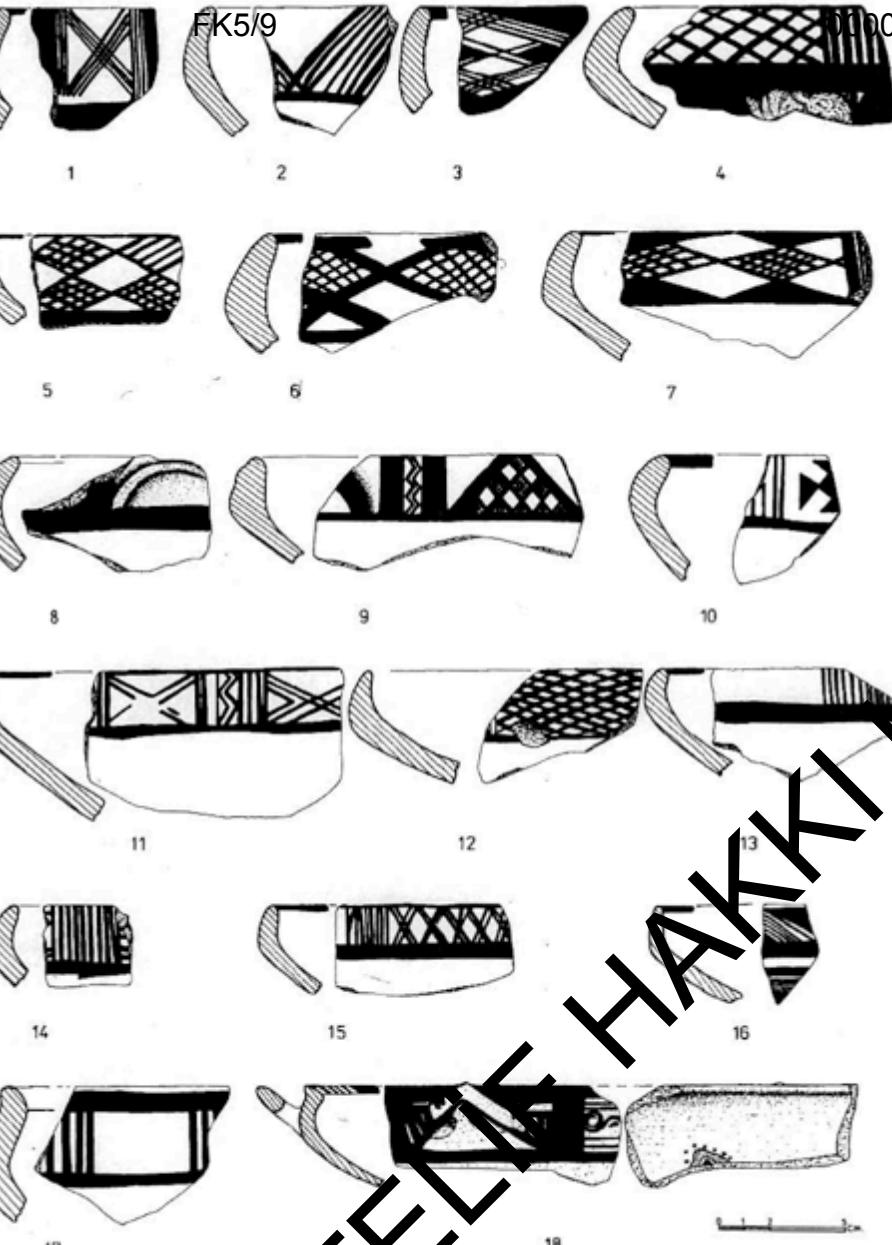


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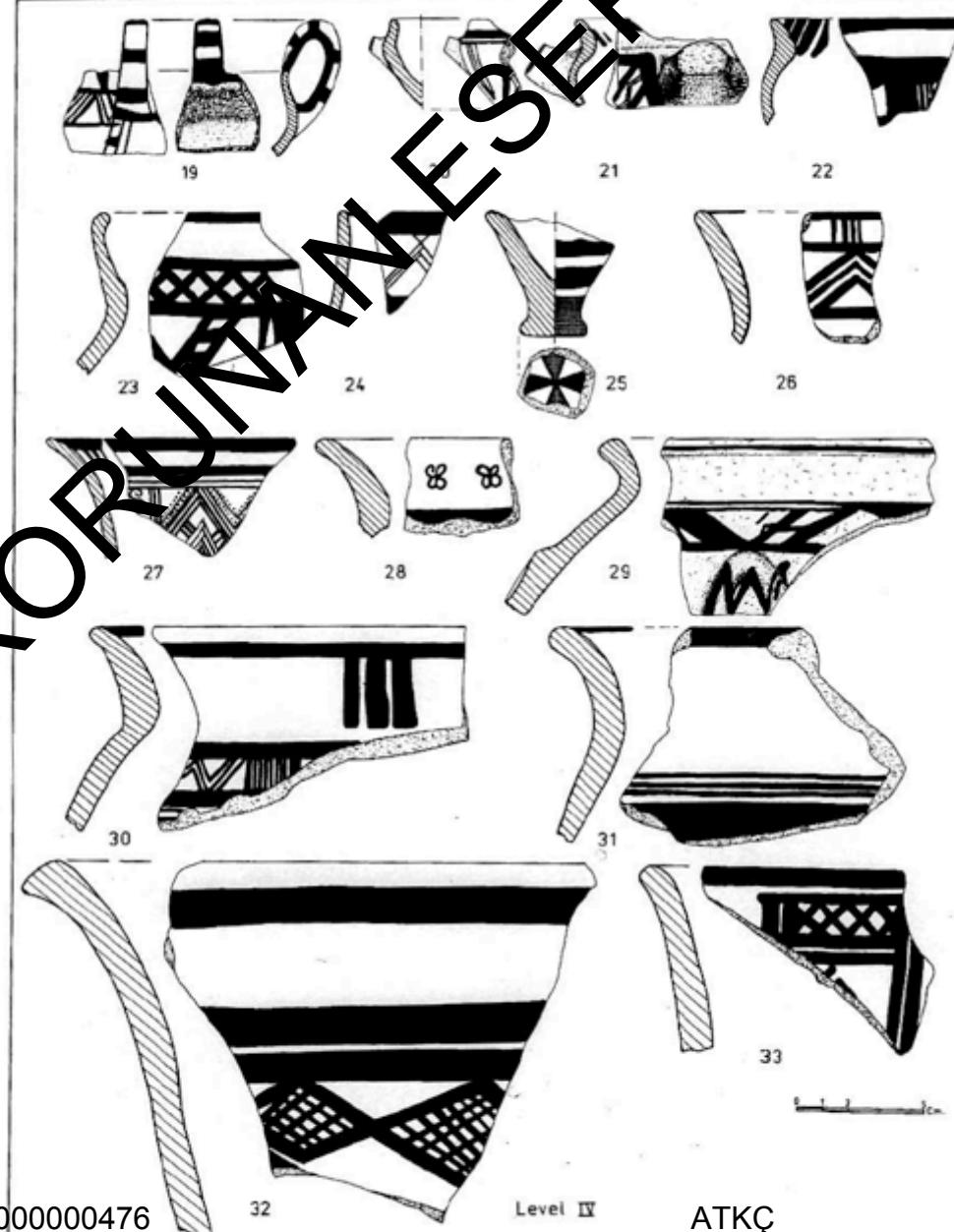


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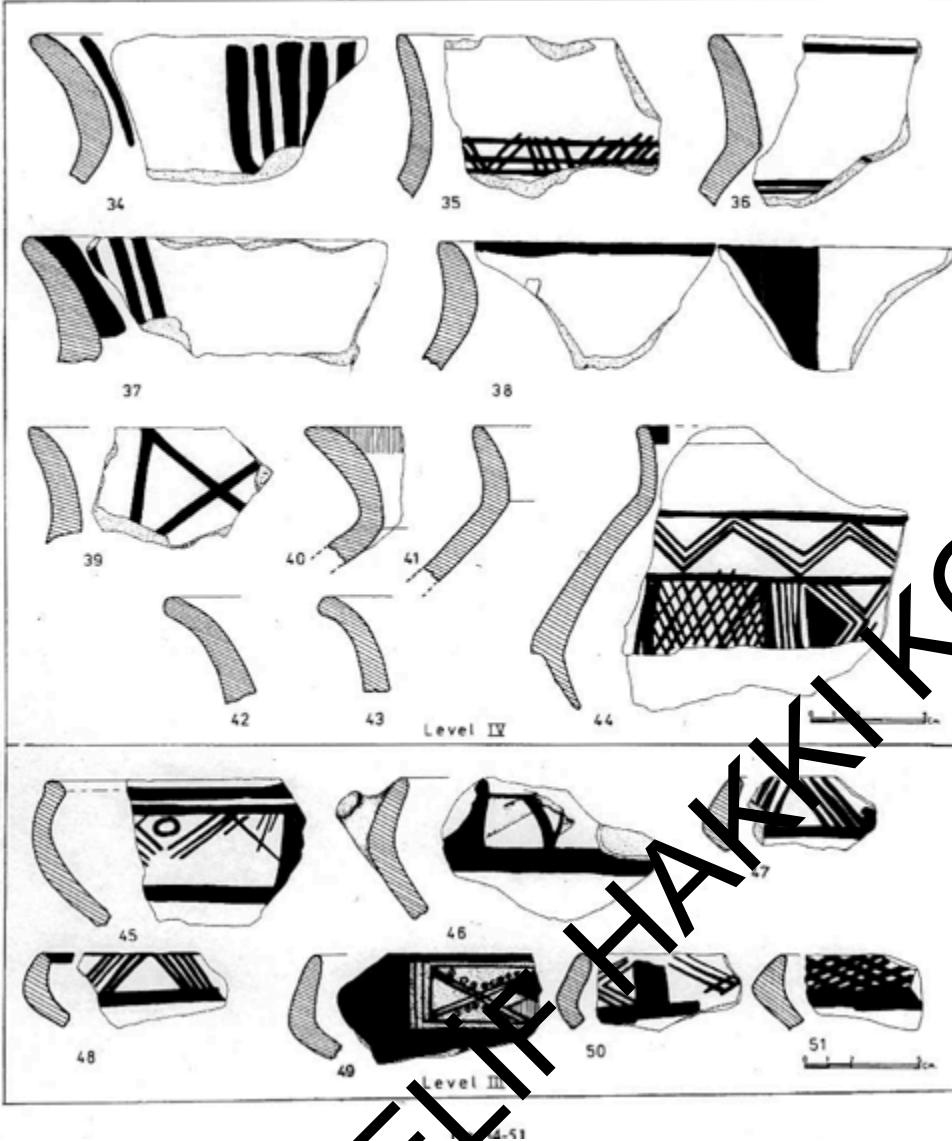


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Fig. 10 — Kültepe, Pottery from Level II

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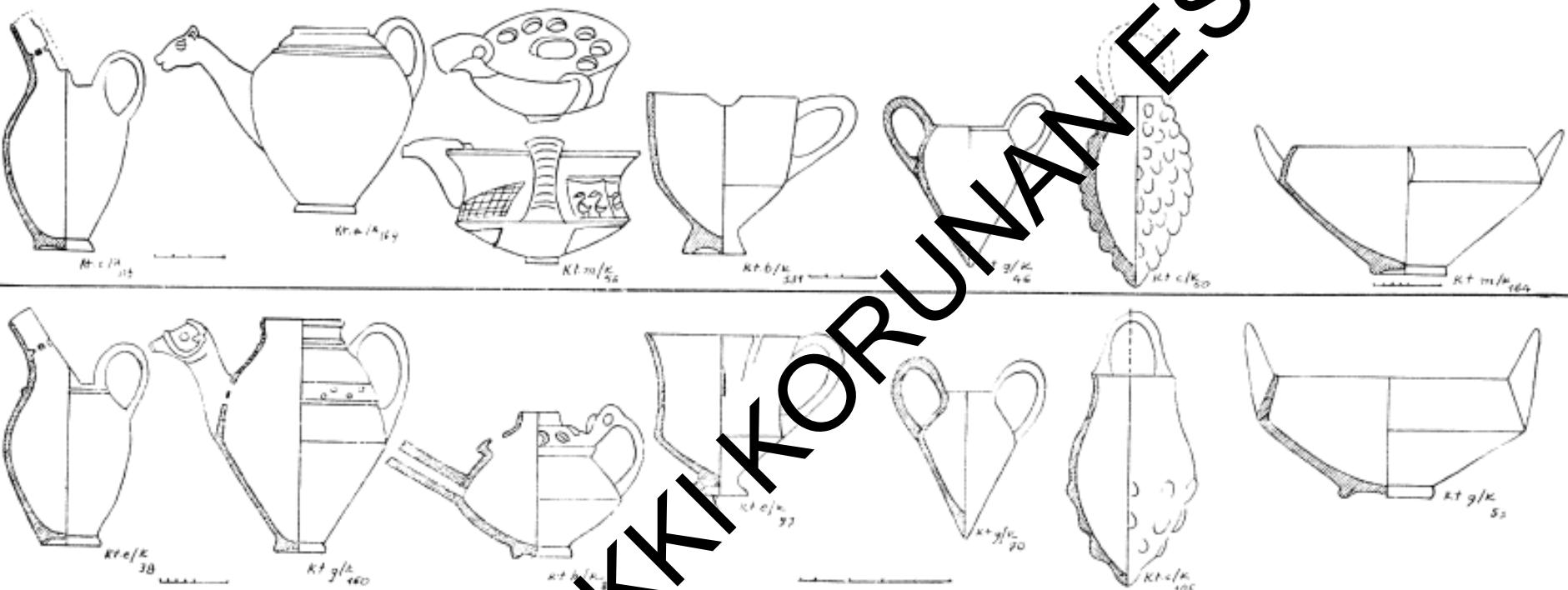
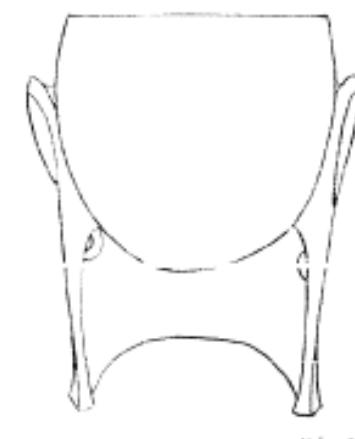
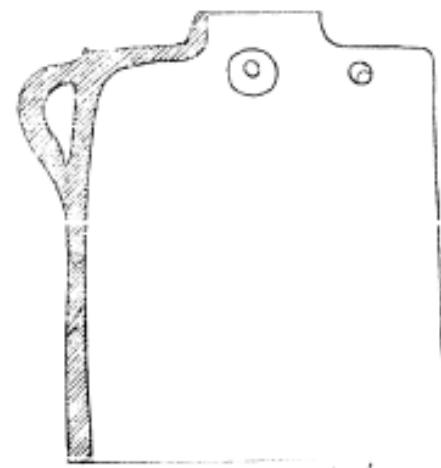
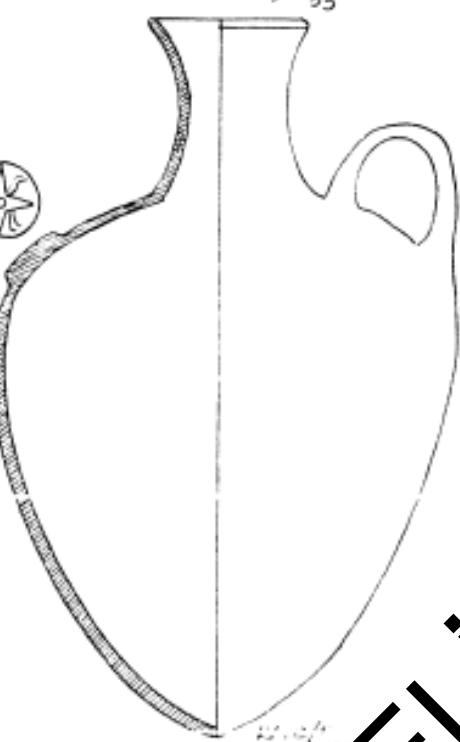
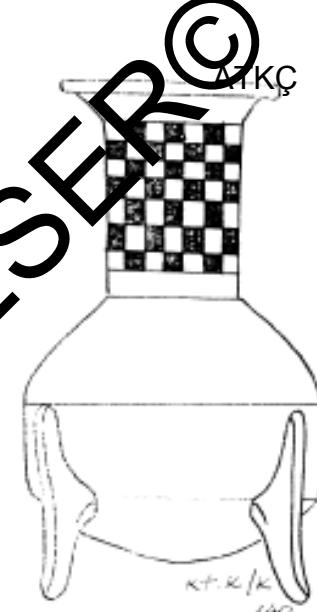
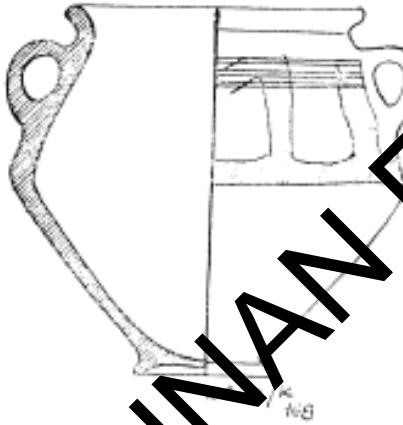
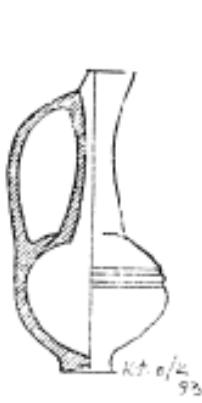
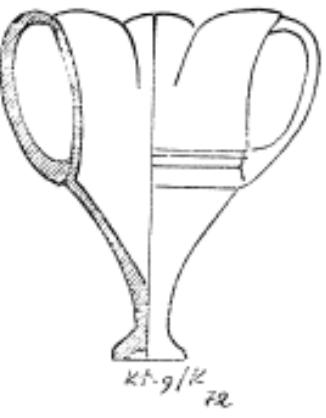
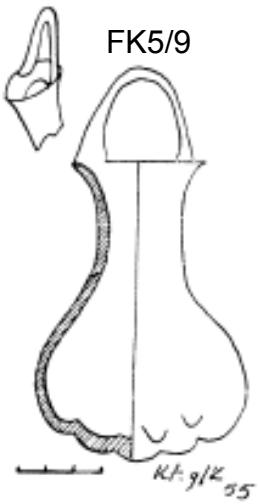


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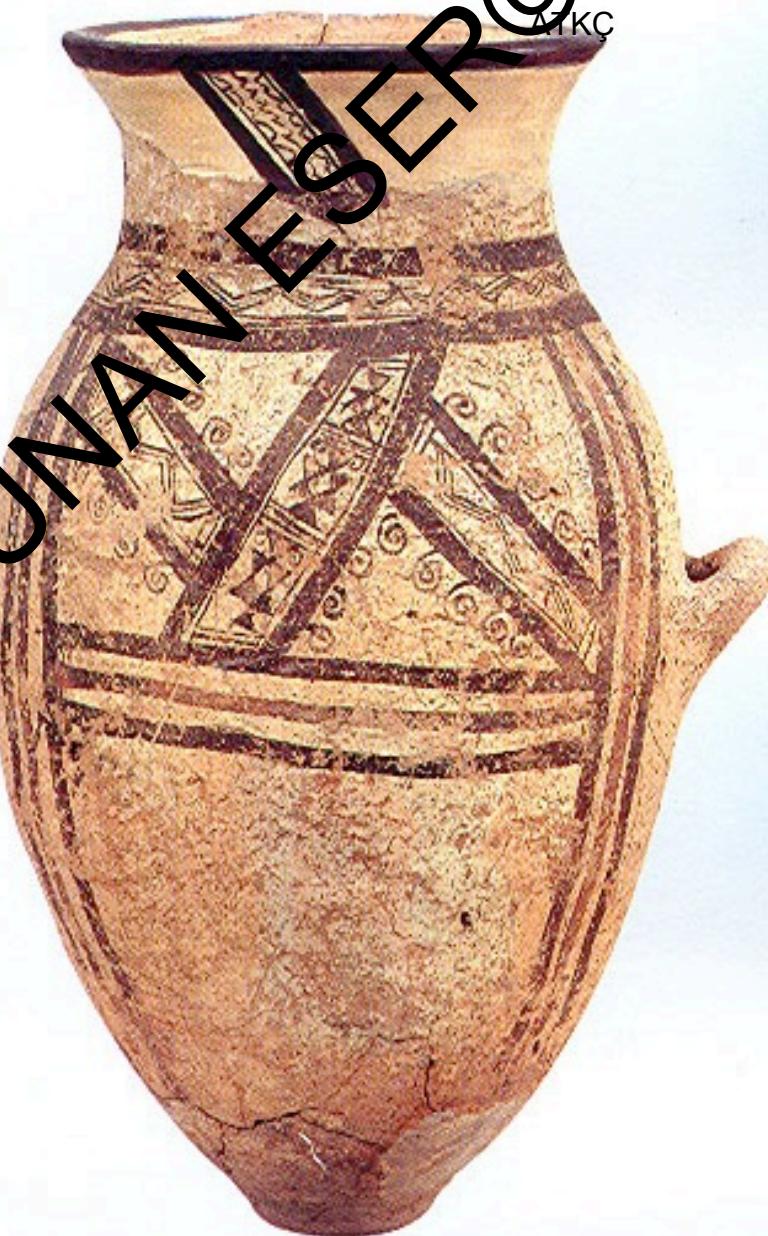
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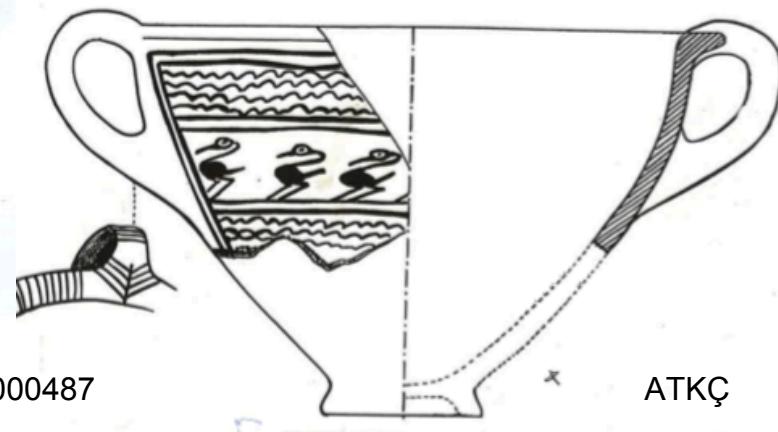
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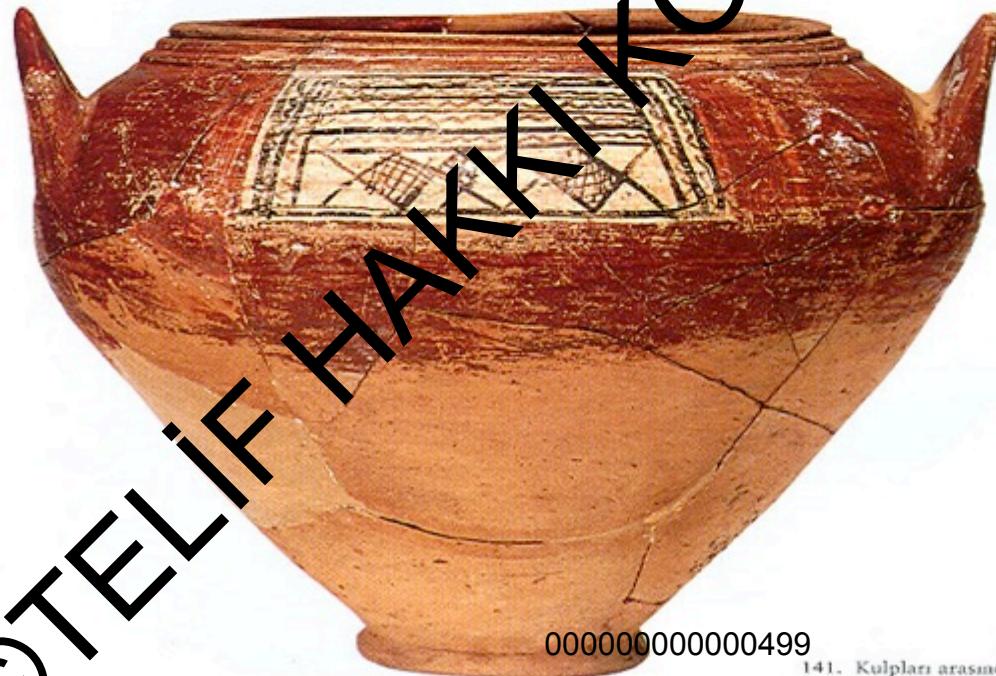
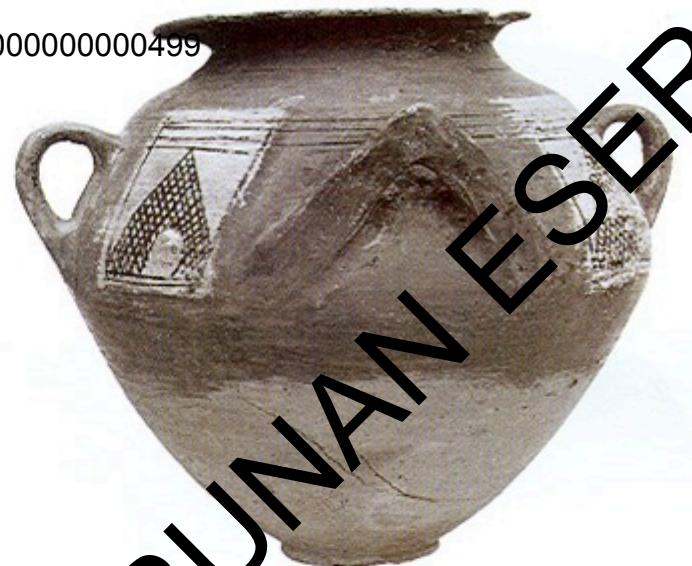
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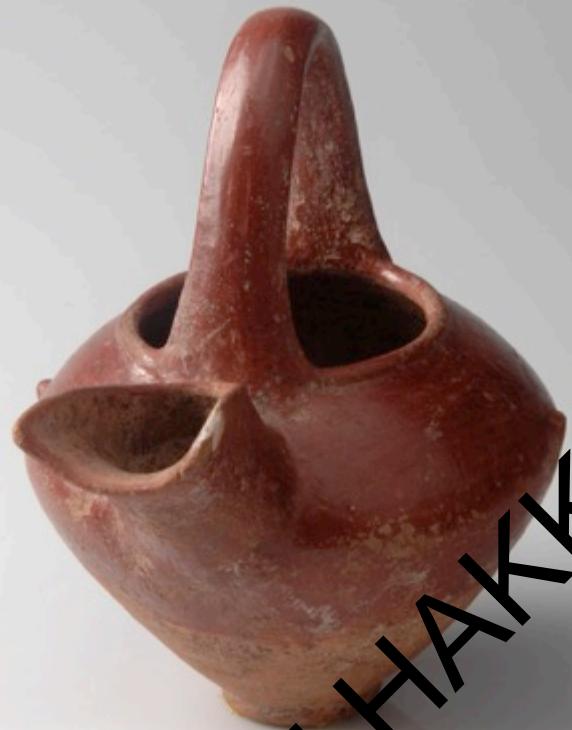
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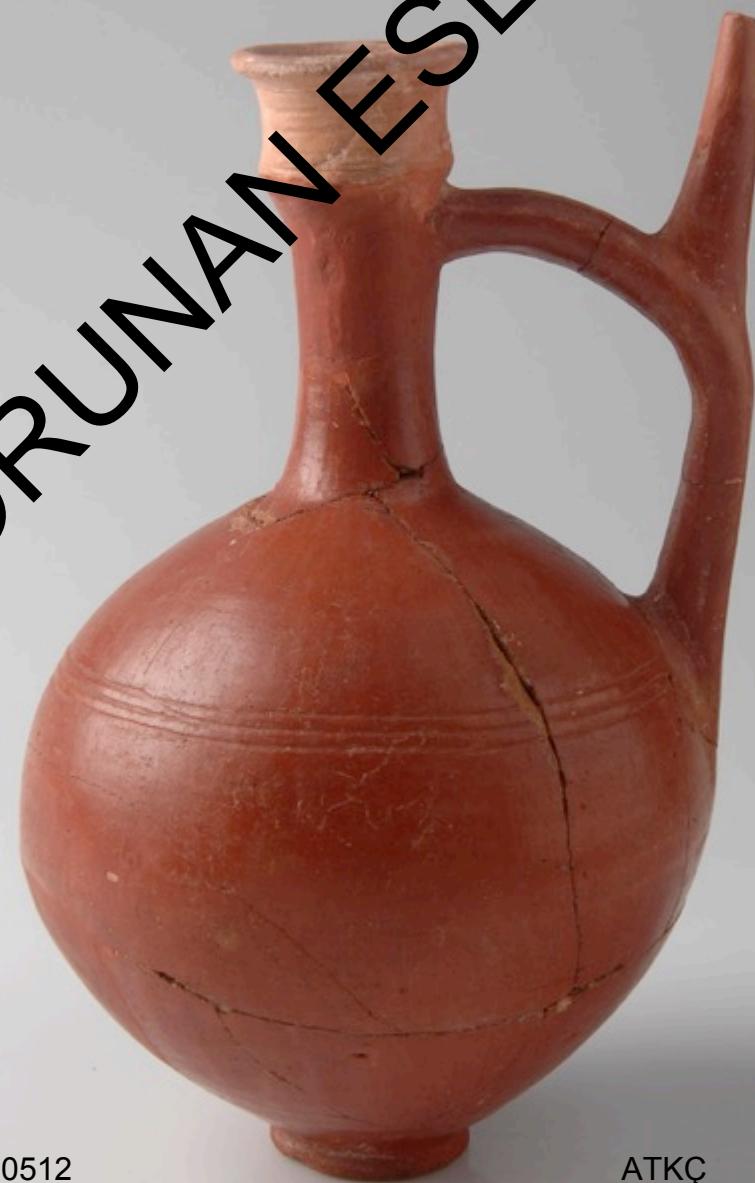
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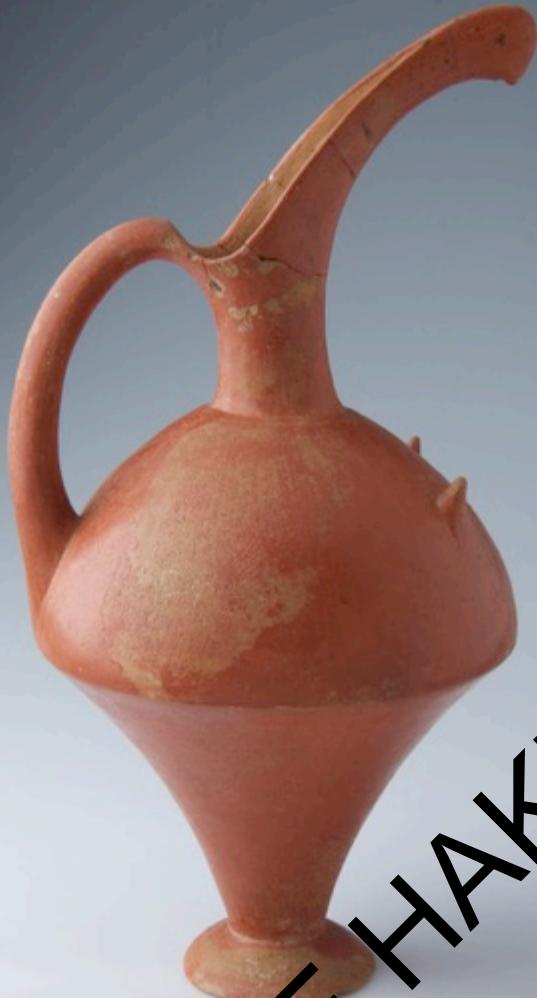
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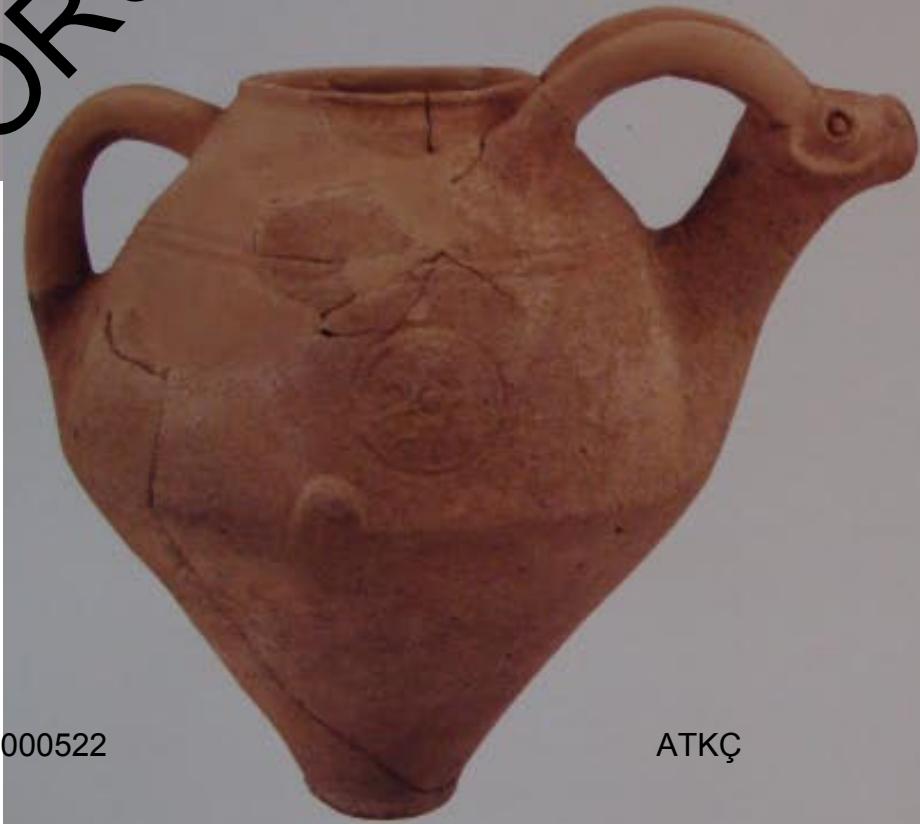


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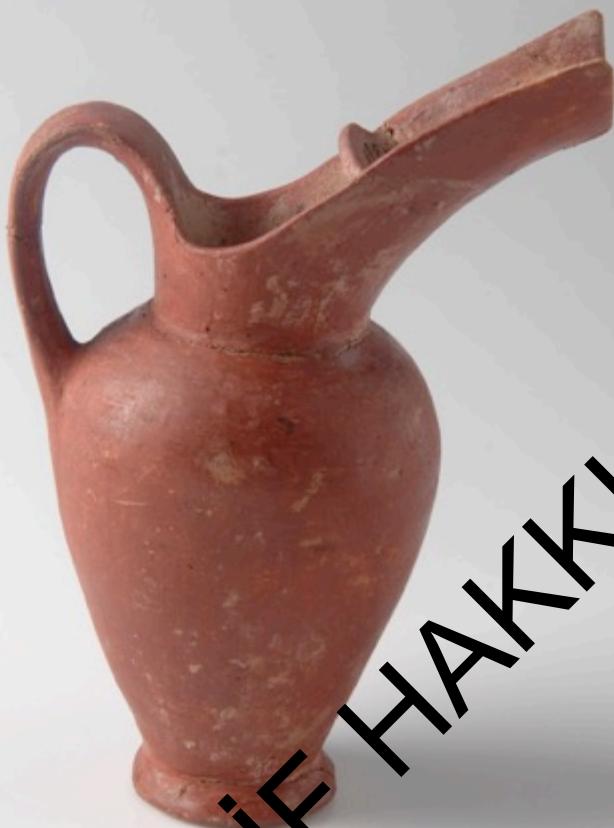


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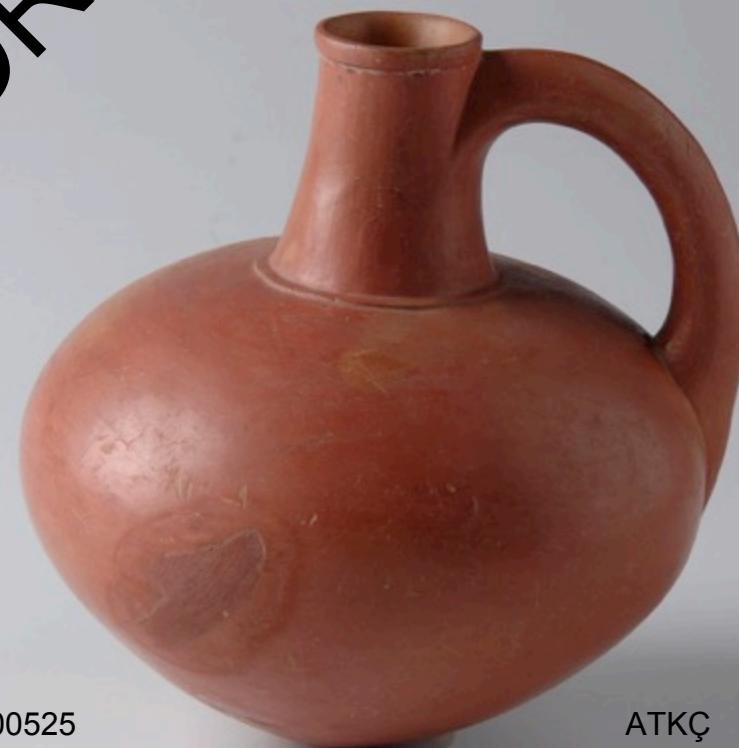
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