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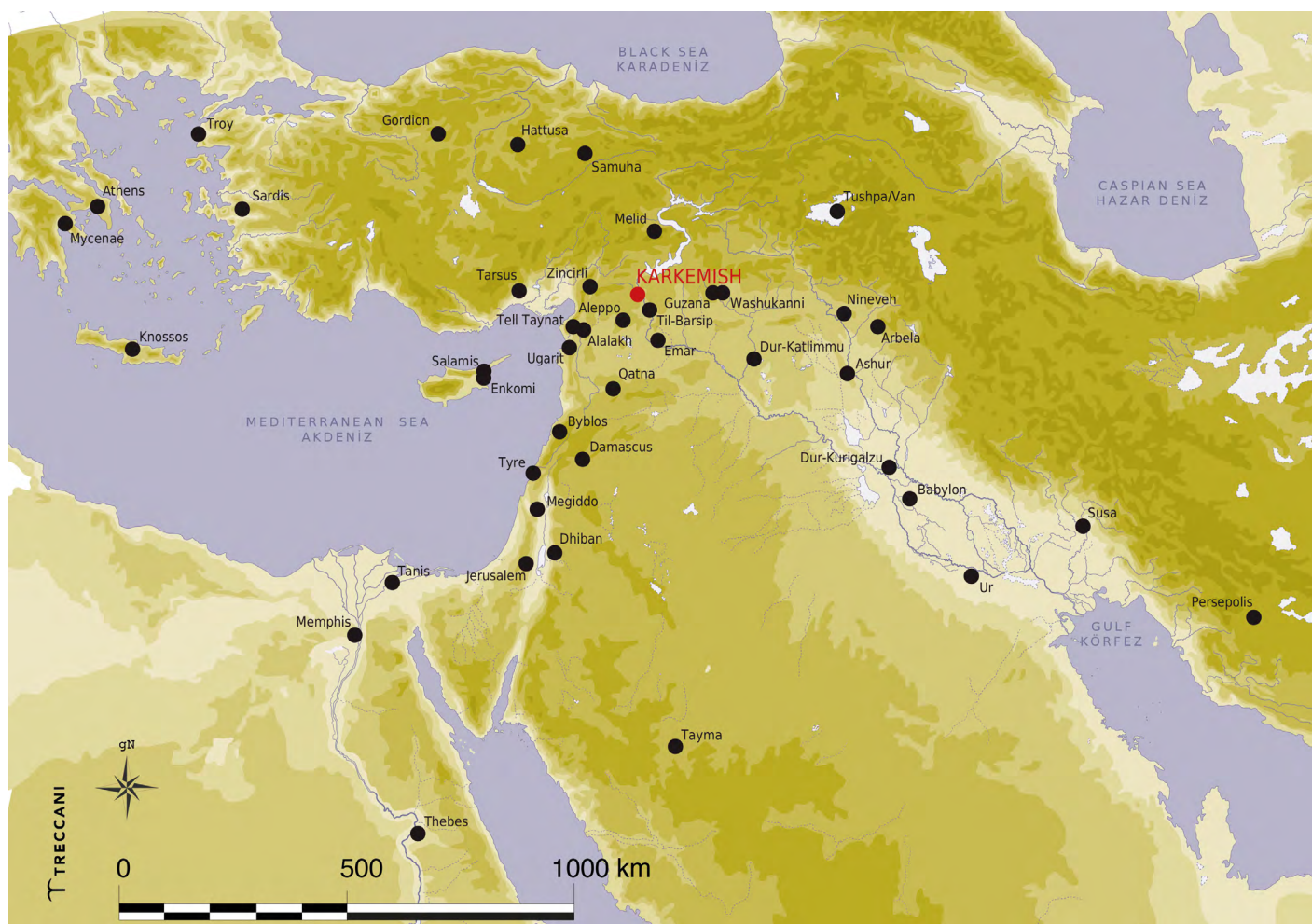
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Impressed sealing

Excavation no. KH.19.O.110 (Gaziantep)

Material: Clay

Dimensions: h. 1.9; w. 0.7; th. 0.7 cm

Context: Lower Palace, area C East, fill F.9632

Date: Early Iron I, c. mid-late 12th century BCE

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Description

Fragmentary clay sealing, placed against the neck of a vessel, although no traces of cloth cover or string are preserved on its back. The sealing was impressed with a cylinder seal, featuring two standing male figures facing at the edge of the central scene, not preserved (the hieroglyphic inscription stands as a divider). Of one of them only a thick strand of hair on the back of the head remains, while of the opposite figure a powerfully rendered body, sporting a belt at the waist, and a horizontal left arm may be discerned. The hieroglyphic inscription actually supplies the name of the owner: [...] ^h*wa/i-su-na-sa* “[This seal is] of Wasuna,” which is the same formula as in the contemporary seal impressions Cat. nos. 24 and 27-30. All these sealings were found in different parts and phases of the early Iron I reconstruction (with several inner refurbishments) of the Late Bronze II Seal-house (for which see above under Cat. nos. 3-4, 14), when a sector for the processing of food was added to the east, featuring benches and circular ovens and siloses. A room farther to the West, along the presumable limit of the building and directly above the earlier rooms which had already that same function, seems to have been used as a storeroom judging from the number of sealings found there (Cat. nos. 27-30).

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