

Concept of Death

Awareness of Death and Mortality

Thoughts

- “Death does not concern us, because as long as we exist, death is not here. And when it does come, we no longer exist.”
- *Epicurus, Letter to Menoeceus*

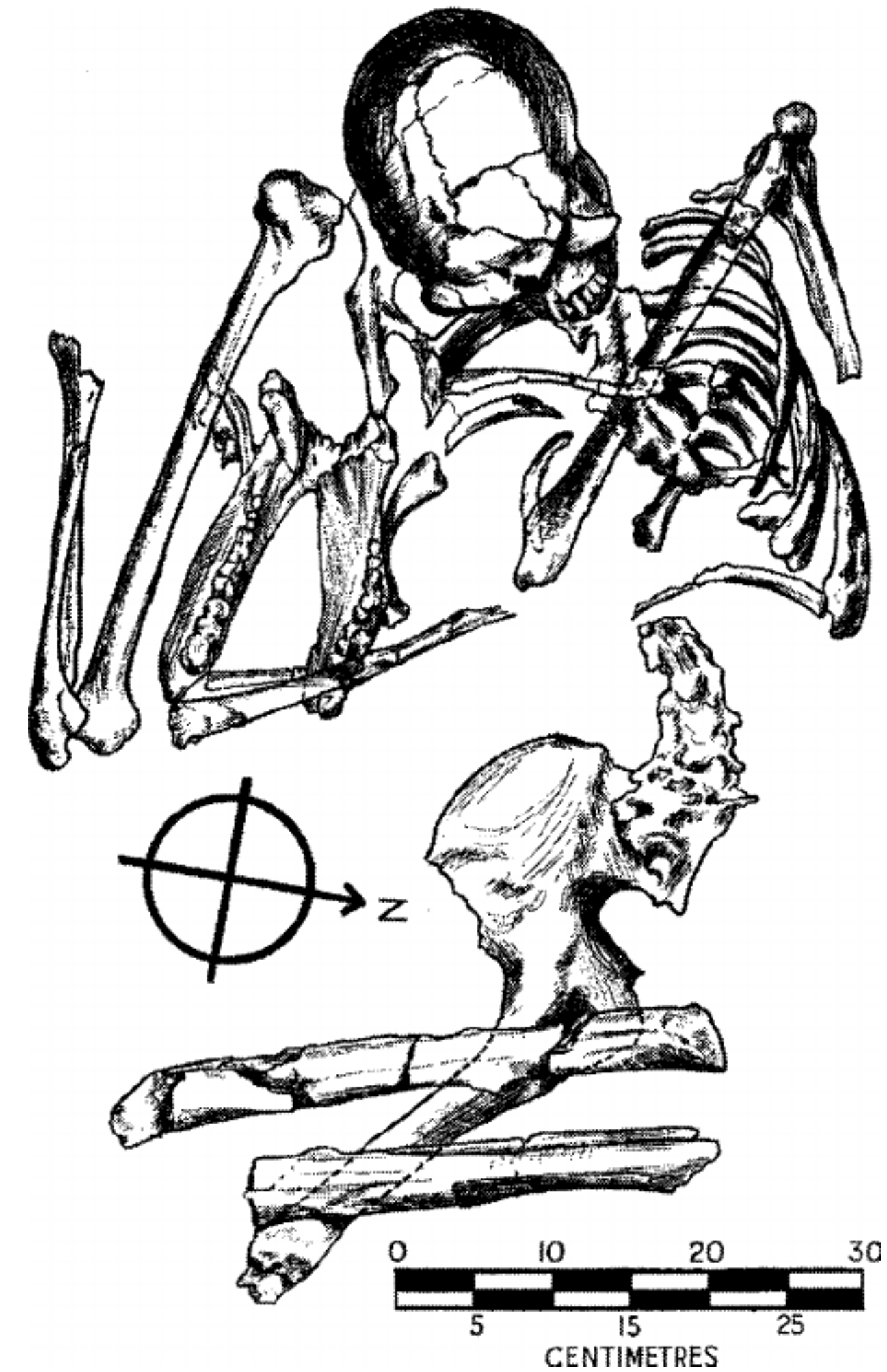
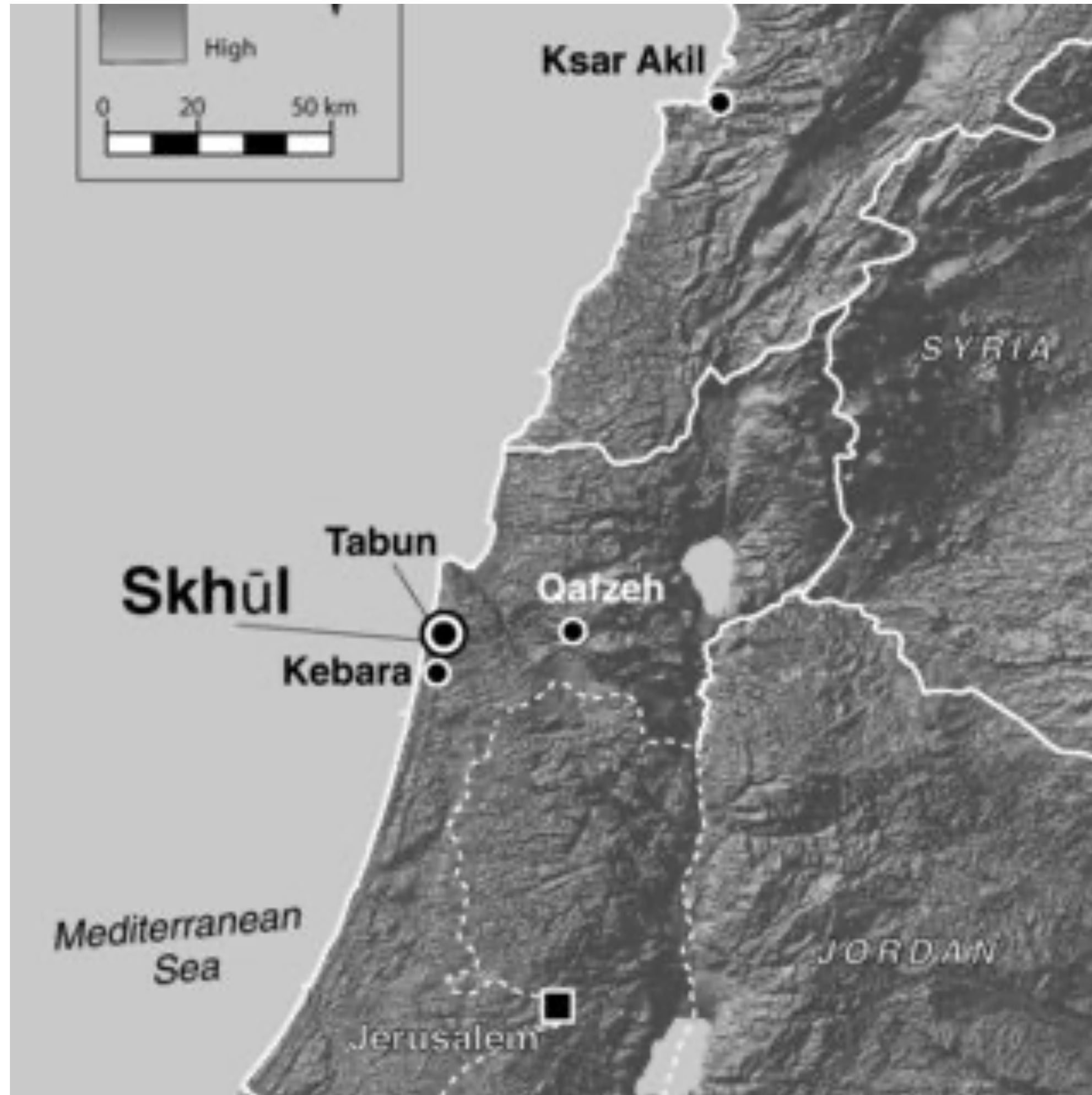
Burials and dead people or death

- Archaeologists do not encounter death or dead people
- Matter of Faith
- Formal burial
- Cemeteries (space specifically chosen for the formal disposal of the dead)
- Archaeology of Immortality (gold, jade, later part of the faith)
- Development of the ranked societies and belief in deities (which are immortal)

Capuchin Monk cemetery in Rome



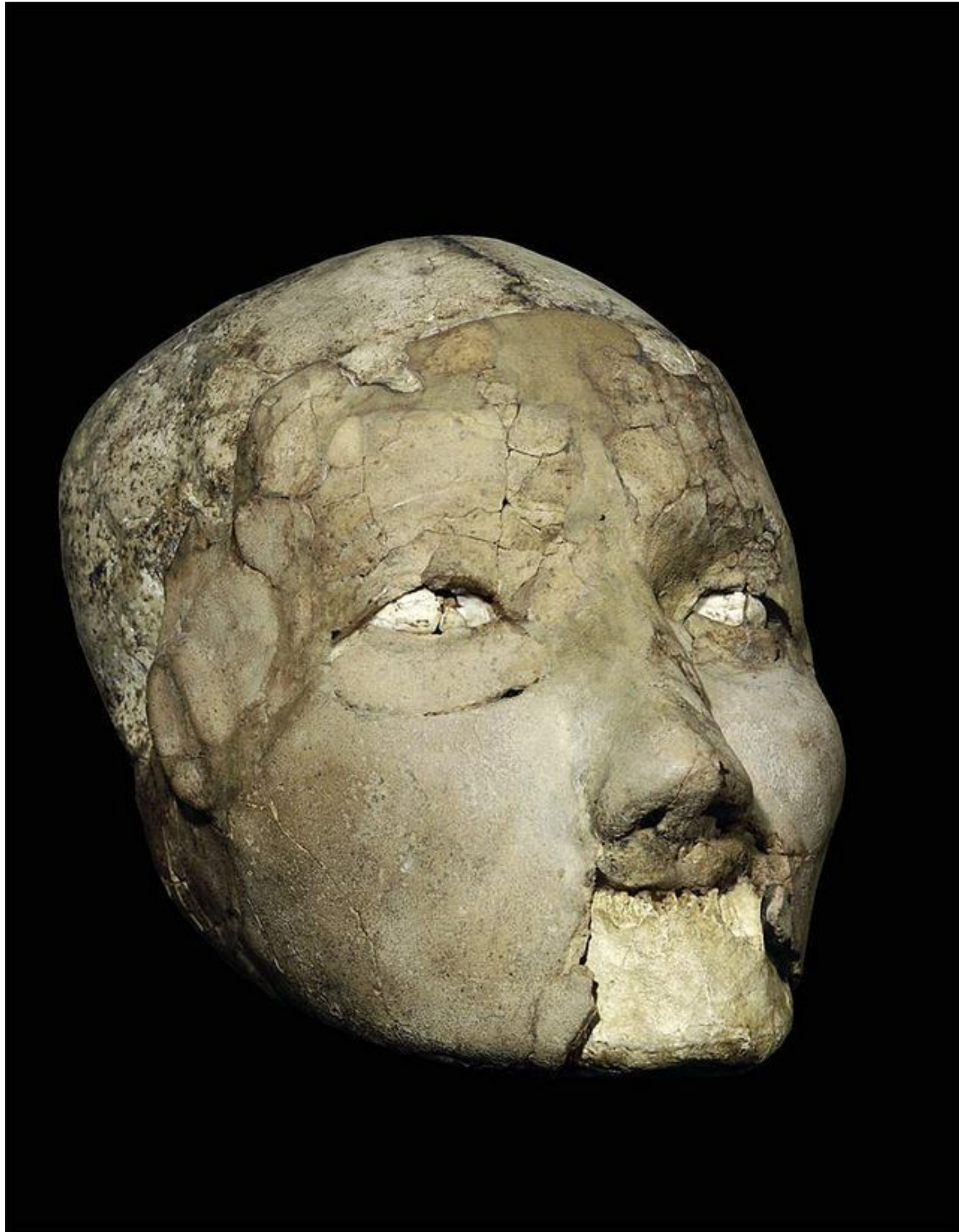
Shul, Jordan (100 kya)



Burial from Sungir and Arene Candid (Upper Paleolithic)



Jericho plastered skulls (9 500 y.a.)



Jade burials in China (3300 BP)



Piramids of Giza and Valley of the Kings



Jade burials suits and its details (princess Dou Van and prince Liang)



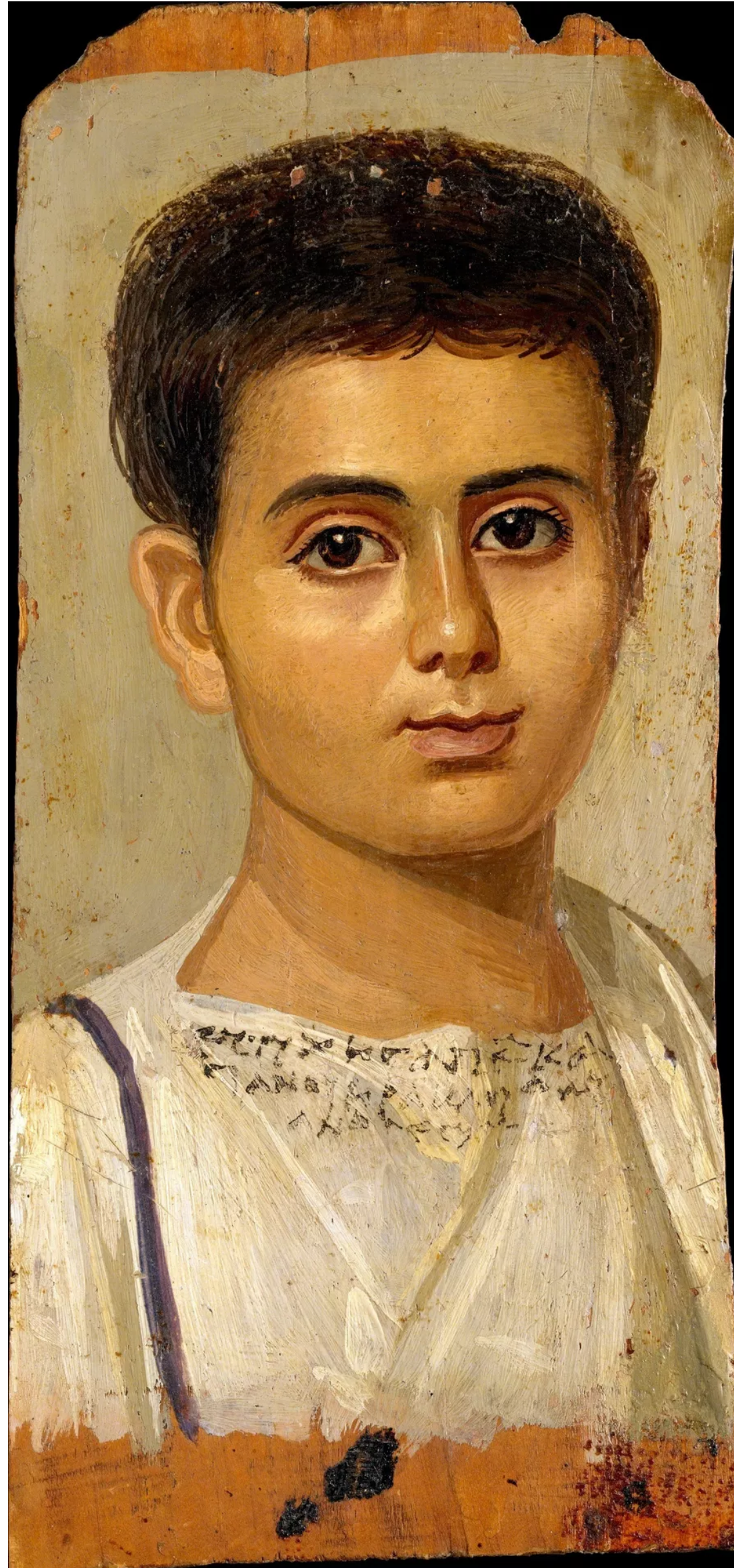
Golden men and women of Saka Era



Etruskan necropolis and Sarcophagus of the Spouses at Caere



Fayum mummies portraits (100-250 AD)



Mausoleum of Hadrian



Mausoleum of Mausolus at Halicarnassus



- Belief to afterlife
- Significance of ansectors
- Immortality
- Divinity of living and dead