

[Supplementary material]

The sacred pool of Ba'al: a reinterpretation of the 'Kothon' at Motya

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Table S1: Stratigraphic periods and phases in the main areas of Motya (for dating, see Nigro 2016, 2018, 2020).

MOTYA PERIODS	Absolute dating (BC)	Zone C Sacred Area of the Kothon	Acropolis Zones D, E, L	Zone CZ Temple of 'Cappiddazzu'	Tophet	City walls
I	–	–	–	–	Phase 13: earliest floors	Burials in Tower 4
IIA	2000–1650 (Nigro 2020)		Phase 16			
IIB	1650–1400	Phase 13	Phase 15: Zone D-I/Zone L	–	Phase 12: prehistoric depositions and offerings	
IIC	1400–1250	Phase 12	Phase 14: Zone D-I/D-III Zone L			
IIIA	1250–1100	Phase 11	Phase 13: Zone D-I/D-III Zone L	–	Phase 11	
IIIB	1100–900/800	Phase 10	Phase 12: Zone D-I/Zone L			
IVA	800–750	Phase 9: earliest cult installations (pits); wells; Building C8	Phase 11	–	Southern precinct wall of the Sanctuary: M.3267 Phase 10/Stratum VII): Earliest use of the depositional field	
IVB	750–675	Phase 8: refurbishing Building C8. Building Temples of Ba'al (C5) and Astarte (C6)	Phase 10: remains of the earliest Phoenician settlement (Zone D -I/D -III)	Phase 1: pits and cult installations		
VA	675–625	Phase 7: reconstruction of Building C8.	Phase 9: use of the western flank of the acropolis (Zone D-I/D-III)	Phase 2: Archaic Temple	Phase 9/Stratum VI: second use of the depositional field	
		Refurbishing of Temple of Ba'al (C5).			Building of Shrine	

VB	625–550	Refurbishing of Building C8	Phase 8		Phase 8/Stratum V: third use of the depositional field	
	c. 550	Phase 6: destruction	Destruction	Destruction	Destruction	
VIA	550–520	Phase 5: Temple of Ba'al (C1). Building of the sacred pool ("Kothon"). Reconstruction of Temple of Astarte C6.	Fasi 7: building of the 'Southern Basement'	Phase 3: earliest monumental temple of Melqart. Building of the rectangular Temenos	Phase 7/Stratum IV: fourth use of the depositional field (extends eastwards).	Phase I: first city wall
					West extension of the depositional field; Shrine A; Wall T1	
	c. 520	Building of the Circular Temenos			Destruction	
VIB	520–470		Phase 6: collapse and abandonment of the 'Southern Basement'		Phase 6/Stratum III: fifth use of the depositional field	Phase II: second city wall
VIA	470–425	Phase 4: Temple C2 (with the East Wing) Refurbishing of Temple C4. Reconstruction of the Circular Temenos	Phase 5: building of the 'House of the Domestic Shrine'. Building of the 'House of the Triton'	Phase 4: second Monumental Temple. Reconstruction of the Temenos Wall	Phase 5/Stratum II: sixth use of the depositional field	Phase III: third city wall
					Building T7	
					Phase 4/Stratum I,2: Seventh use of the depositional field	
VIIB-VIIC	425–397/396		Phase 4		Restoration of wall T2; reconstruction Building T7	Phase IV: fourth city wall
	397/396	Destruction	Destruction	Destruction	Destruction	Destruction
VIII	400–300	Phase 3: sanctuary C3.	Phase 3: industrial activities	Phase 5: third monumental temple (addition of porch)	Phase 3/strato I,1: eighth use of the depositional field.	Reuse of city walls for industrial activities
	c. 300	Abandonment of the Circular Temenos			Abandonment of Tophet	
IX	Third century BC to seventh century AD	Sacred pool serving as salt producing pan	–	Later use as <i>Villa rustica</i> and then	Phase 2: spoliation	Spoliation

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