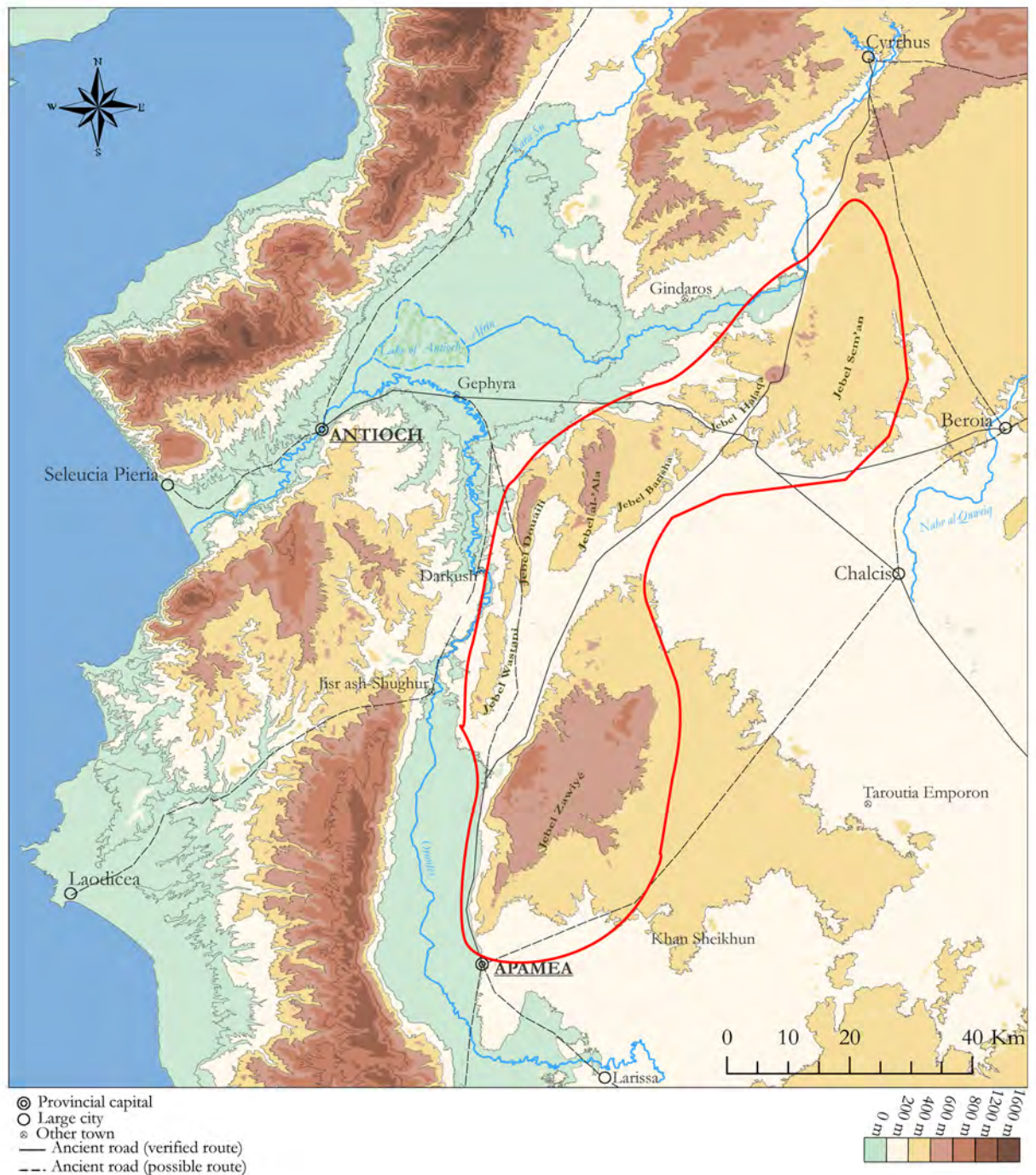
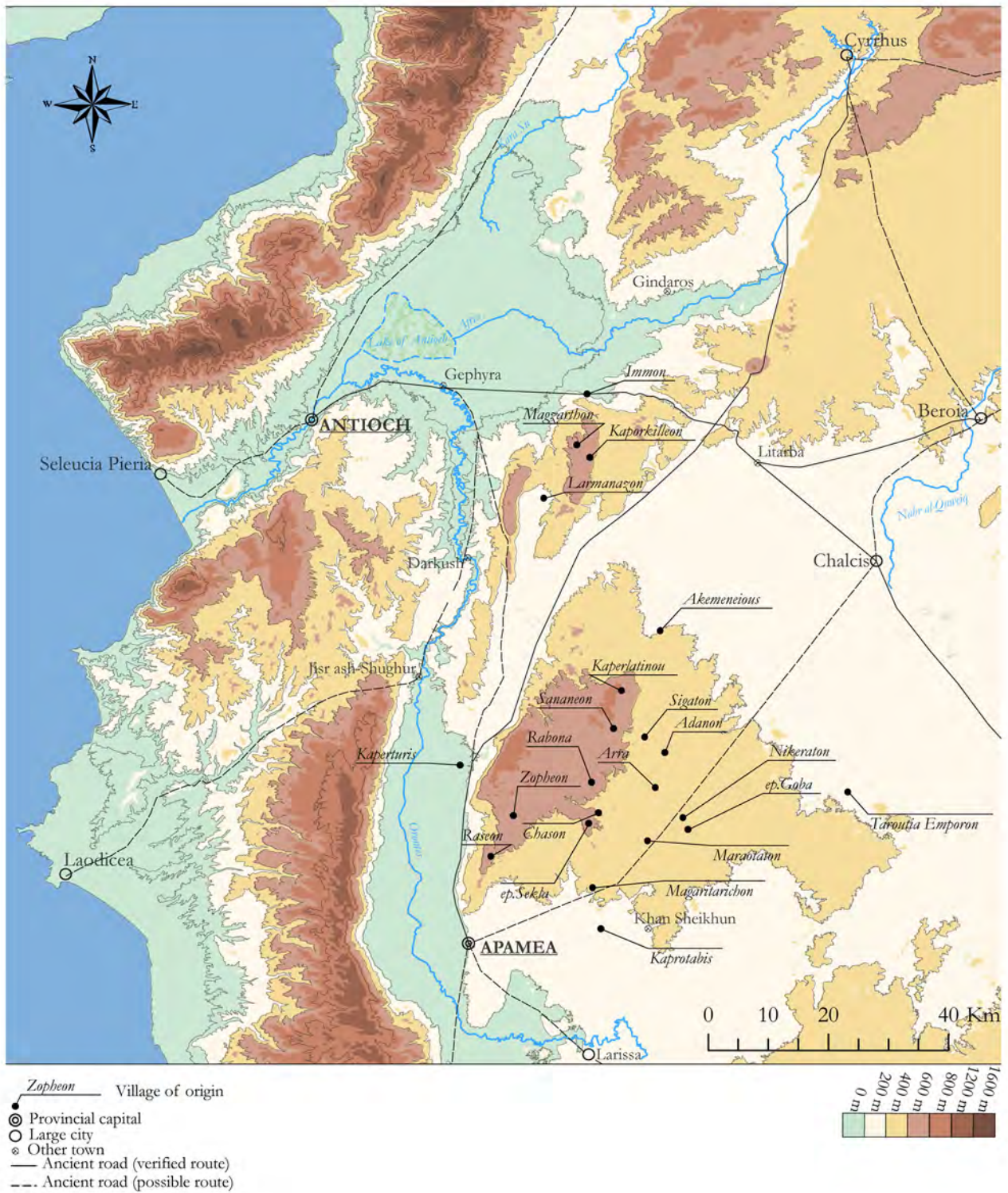


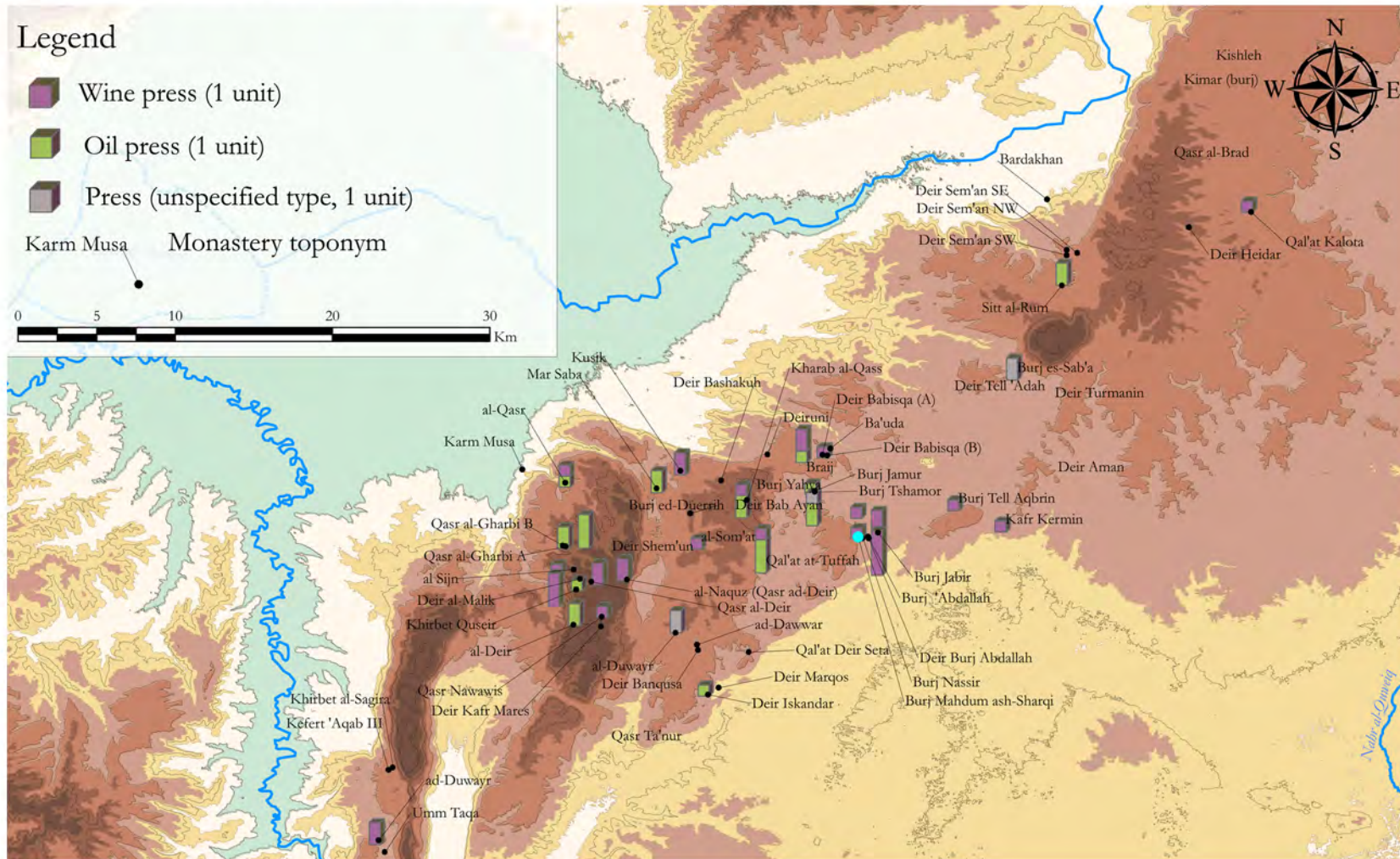
Map 1. The Limestone Massif of northern Syria. Study Area



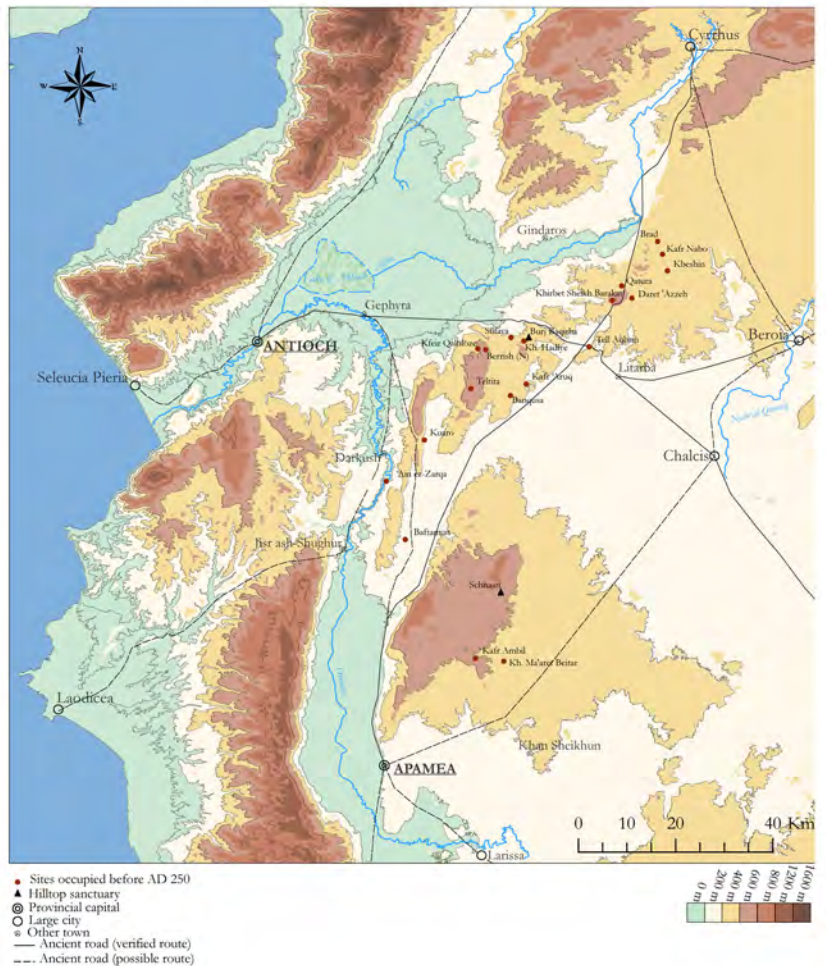
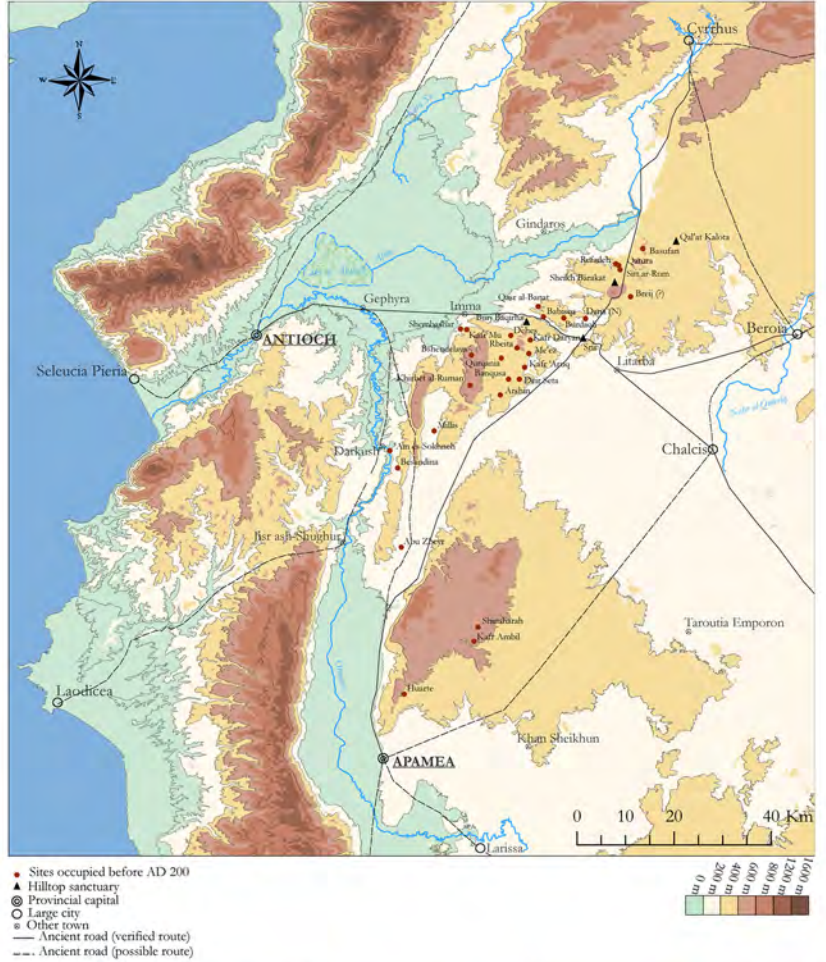
Map 2. Villages of origin of migrants as known from the inscriptions of the diaspora



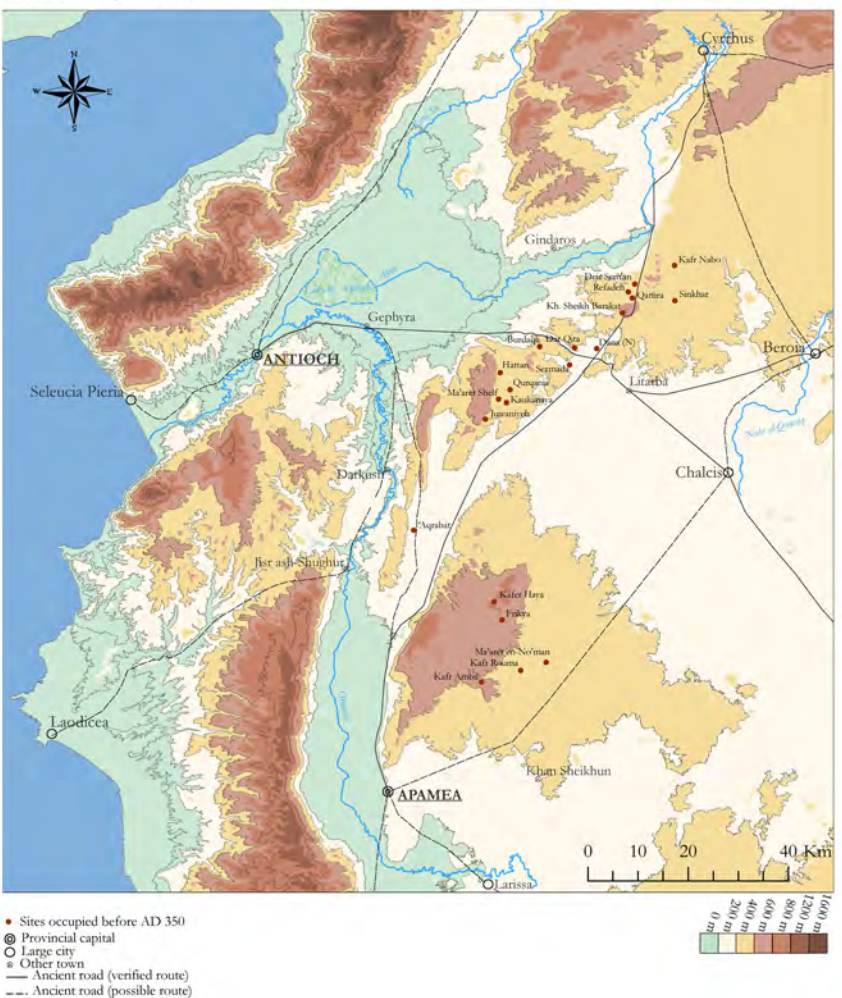
Map 3. Monasteries and presses in the northern Limestone Massif



Map 4. Distribution of dated inscriptions up to AD 250



Map 5. Distribution of dated inscriptions, AD 250-350



Map 6. Distribution of dated inscriptions, AD 350-450



- Sites occupied before AD 400
- ⊙ Provincial capital
- Large city
- ⊙ Other town
- Ancient road (verified route)
- - - Ancient road (possible route)



- Sites occupied before AD 450
- ⊙ Provincial capital
- Large city
- ⊙ Other town
- Ancient road (verified route)
- - - Ancient road (possible route)



Map 7. Distribution of dated inscriptions, AD 450-550



- Sites occupied before AD 500
- ⊙ Provincial capital
- Large city
- ◐ Other town
- Ancient road (verified route)
- - - Ancient road (possible route)



- Sites occupied before AD 550
- ⊙ Provincial capital
- Large city
- ◐ Other town
- Ancient road (verified route)
- - - Ancient road (possible route)



Map 8. Distribution of dated inscriptions, AD 550-600



Appendix 1. The Syrian diaspora (IV-VI sec.)

	Migrant	Occupation	Native community	Hosting community	Date	Notes	Source/Bibliography
1.	Aur. Bassos	-	κ. Ζωφεων (Sfuhun/Apamene)	Iulia Concordia	5 th c.	Νεοφώτιστος	CIL V 8725; IG XIV 2325; Lettich 1983 n. 86 ; Feissel 1982: 336
2.	Aur. Malchos	-	κ. Μεζιανῶν (Meyzin?/Apamene)	==	5 th c.	==	CIL V 8729; IG XIV 2328; Lettich 1983 n. 87 ; Feissel 1982: 336
3.	Aur. Alexandros	-	==	==	5 th c.	-	CIL V 8723; IG XIV 2324; Lettich 1983 n. 88 ; Feissel 1982: 336
4.	Aur. Gennadios	-	κ. Ἀδανων (Dana-Sud/Apamene)	==	5 th c.	Νεοφώτιστος	CIL V 8727; IG XIV 2326; Lettich 1983 n. 89; Balty & Balty 1981:57
5.	Aur. Sammos	-	κ. Μαγαριταριχων (Ma ^c ar Tarih/Apamene)	==	5 th c.	-	CIL V 8732; IG XIV 2334; Lettich 1983 n. 90; Balty & Balty 1981: 57
6.	Aur. Firminos	-	==	==	5 th c.	Νεοφώτιστος	==
7.	Aur. Makedonios son of Abbibas	-	ἐπ. Γεννεου (Apamene)	==	5 th c.	-	CIL V 8728; IG XIV 2327; Lettich 1983 n. 91; BE 1987 n.541
8.	Aur. Marianos son of Marôsinôn	-	ἐπ. Σεκλα (Bsaqla/Apamene)	==	5 th c.	-	CIL V 8730; IG XIV 2329; Feissel 1980:331; Lettich 1983 n. 92

9.	Aur. Silvanus son of Alexander	-	==	==	AD 410 ¹	-	CIL V 8731; IG XIV 2332; Feissel 1980:331; Lettich 1983 n. 93
10.	Aur. Kyrinos son of Euagrios	-	==	==	-	Died aged 2 and 8 months	Lettich 1983 n. 101 ; Feissel 1980: 331.
11.	Aur. Marcianus son of Sallustius	-	κ. Φισωρου (Antiochene)	==	AD 433/4 ²	Died aged 19	CIL V 8730; IG XIV 2330; Lettich 1983 n. 95
12.	NN	-	κ. Νικε(ράτων) (Deir esh-Sharqi?/Apamene) ³	Aquileia	-	-	IG XIV 2359; Feissel 1982a: 330 n.76
13.	Basilis wife/daughter of Romanos	-	ἐπ. Γωβα (Kh. Bgubeh/Apamene)	==	-	Died aged 50	Brusin 1967 n. 10; Feissel 1980; 1982a: 334.
14.	Mareas, Iulianos, Palladios, Josephos	-	κ.Καπερτουρις (Qastoun?/Antiochene)	==	mid-5th c. ⁴	Mosaic inscription	Brusin & Zovatto 1957 n.18; Feissel 1982a: 321 n.11; Zettler 2001: 170 n.6
15.	NN	-	κ.Χασων (Hass/Apamene)	==	mid-5 th c.. ⁵	Mosaic inscription	Brusin & Zovatto 1957 n.30; Feissel 1980; Zettler 2001:171 n.8
16.	Barbeusos son of Drakontios, Mathbê (wife), Iôannes & Malkos (sones)	-	κ.Ραβωνα (Rbei'a/Apamene?)	==	mid-5 th c.. ⁵	Mosaic inscription	Brusin & Zovatto 1957 n.4; Zettler 2001: 172-3 n.13; Vannesse 2011: 715 n.13
17.	Aur. Esôpos	-	κ.Αδδανων (Dana-Sud/Apamene or	Verona	-	Died aged 50	IG XIV 2306

¹ Seleucid era

² Antioch era

³ See note 7

⁴ The foundation poles of the church have been radio-carbon dated to 460 ±50.

			Dana-Nord/Antiochene)				
18.	Diokles	-	κ.Καυκάβων (Kaukaba in Antiochene/Apame- ne?) ⁵	Ravenna (Classe)	mid-5 th c. ⁶		Brizio 1904:184-5; Bollini 1975: 39-41 n.13; Feissel 1983: 612-4
19.	Annulei son of Arbelos	-	κ. Ἀκεμενείους (Qminas?/Aramene)	Como	AD 401	Died aged 60	IG XIV 2300; An.Ep. (2004) n.626; SEG 54 950
20.	Paulos and Patrikios sons of Abbōnas; Petros grandson of Patrikios	-	κ. Μαρωτάτων (Ma'arhatat o Ma'arata/Aramene)	Pavia	AD 471	-	IG XIV 2290; SI 9(1992), 254- 5
21.	Maraôtēs	-	κ.Καπροτάβις (Kafertab/Aramene)	Angera (Lago Maggiore)	Mid-5 th c.	-	David & Mariotti 2005; SEG 55 1040
22.	Mak(ari)a daughter of Iōannes	-	κ. Νικεράτων (Deir esh- Sharqi?/Aramene) ⁷	Florence	AD 417	Died aged 3	CIL XI 1689; IG XIV 2265; Balty & Balty 1981:58
23.	Theoteknos son of Barbeousos	-	κ. Σιγάτων (Sighata/Aramene)	= =	AD 405	Morto a 40 anni	Maetzke 1957: 282-324; BE 1960 n.433; Feissel 1980: 342
24.	Diogenes son of Iamblichos	-	κ. Μαγαράτων κατώτερα (Aramene)	Rome	AD 414	Grandson of Anatolius <i>praepositus</i>	ICUR VII 1748 + ICUR VII 19864; Feissel 1982b: 358-61

⁵ This toponym is particularly common in the Levant. Within the Limestone Massif, the names of four villages derive from the Aramaic root KWKB' ("star" or "planet"): one in the j Sem'an, and three in the j. Zawiye (Feissel 1983: 613).

⁶ Dated from archeological context. Alongside coins of Honorius and Valentinian III, the necropolis of S.Apollinare in Classe contained amphora burials which, based on the drawings provided by Brizio, might be Keay 61B (to be assigned to the mid-late 5th c.).

⁷ This is probably Theodoret's Nikertai (*HR* III), which has been recently identified with Deir esh-Sharqi south of Ma'aret en-No'man (Fourdrin 1993).

						<i>thesaurorum</i>	
25.	Emidabous wife of Cassianos son of Marius & their son Petros	-	κ. Ἀδανων (Dana-South/Aramene or Dana-North/Antiochene)	==	-		ICUR I 868; Feissel 1982b: 361
26.	Zaôras son of Heraclius	-	κ.Καπροκιλλεων (Kafer Kila/Antiochene)	==	-	-	ICUR I 1870; Feissel 1982a: 322
27.	Thalassios	-	κ. Μ.... (Aramene)	==	-	Moved to Rome aged 32 anni.	ICUR I 4004; Feissel 1982b: 363-5
28.	NN	-	κ. Λατ[...] (Kafer Latmin?/Aramene)	==	AD 431	Died aged 25	ICUR II 4891; Feissel 1982b: 361
29.	Hermes son of Salêk(ato)s	-	κ.Καπρανανεων (Aramene)	==	-		ICUR III 8048; Feissel 1982a: 332-3
30.	Paulus	-	κ. Οραγων (Aramene)	==	-		ICUR III 9319; Feissel 1982a: 328-32
31.	Eusebis son of Abednesoubos	-	κ. Ἄρρων οἰνοφόρου (Ma'aret en-No'man/Aramene)	==	-		CIG 9612; ICUR VII 19790
32.	Zênobios	-	Ἀντιοχεὺς Λαρμαναζηνός (Armenaz/Antiochene)		Philippopolis (prov. Thracia)	Christian (4th/5th c.)	Tsonchev 1960 n.12; BE 1961 n.398; BE 1965 n.2
33.	Iôannes son of Priskos	pragmateutês	κ.Μαγζαρθων (Ma'ssarteh/Antiochene)		Panion (prov. Europa)	6 th c.	Dumont-Homolle 1892 n.86; Feissel 1982a: 324-5
34.	NN	-	κ. Οραγων (Aramene)		Mesembria (prov. Moesia II)	-	Beševliev, SGLI n. 161; Feissel 1982a: 328-30

35.	Paulos	gounarios (fur dealer)	χ.Σανανέων (Schnaan?/Antiochene)	Odessos (prov. Moesia II)	6 th c.		Beševliev, SGLI n.99; Feissel 1982a: 332 n.92
36.	Daniel son of Heliodoros	-	κ.Ταρντία Ἐμπόρων (Kerratin/Apamene)	==	AD 557	Died aged 73	Beševliev, SGLI n.97; Feissel 1982a: 332 n.92
37.	Eusebios	-	κ.Ταρντία Ἐμπόρων (Kerratin/Apamene)	==	6 th c.		Beševliev, SGLI n. 117; Feissel 1982a: 332 n.92
38.	NN	-	κ.Θοδέων (Apamene)	Thessalonica (prov. Macedonia I)	Christian		Tsigaridas & Tsigaridas 1979 n.31; BE 1980 n.315; Feissel, RICM, p. 162
39.	Barsymos	trapezitês (banker)	χ.Καπερναγαθον (Kafr Nagd/Antiochene)	Korykos (prov. Cilicia I)	6 th c.		MAMA III 3 76A; Feissel 1982a: 321 n.9; 324 n.36
40.	Antiochos son of Theodoros	-	==	==	6 th c.?		MAMA III 2 48C; Feissel 1982a: 321 n.9; 324 n.36
41.	Phôtios and Iôannes sons of Kalliopios	-	Καπερλατ(ινου) (Kafr Lata/Antiochene)	==	Christian		MAMA III 445A; Honigmann 1939: 131-3; Feissel 1982a: 321
42.	Kasianos son of Marôn	-	κ.Κα[πε]ρλατ[ινου] (Kafr Lata/Antiochene)	==	Christian		MAMA III 507B; Honigmann 1939: 131-3; Feissel 1982a: 321
43.	Leontios and Petros sons of Bacchos	linopôlai (linen merchant)	Κ[α]περλατινου (Kafr Lata/Antiochene)	==	Christian		MAMA III 5 63; Honigmann 1939: 131-3; Feissel 1982a: 321
44.	Paulos son of Ménas	zygostatês	==	==	Christian		MAMA III 642B; Honigmann

		(ponderator)					1939: 131-3; Feissel 1982a: 321	
45.	Andreas	kapêlos (retailer, tavern-keeper)	χ. Ἴμμων ('Imm = Yeni Sehir/Antiochene)	==		6 th c?	MAMA III 240B; Dussaud 1927: 231-2; Feissel 1982a: 323	
46.	Val. Iamlys & his mother Dionysia	Priest	κ.Καπρονανέων (Aramene)	Salona (prov. Dalmatia)	Metà- IV/Metà V sec.		Egger 1927: 217; Šešel & Šešel 1986 n. 249 6; Marin <i>et al.</i> , Salona IV.2 n.794; Feissel 1982 ^o : 332 n.97	
47.	Aur. Mathaziz	-	κ.Μαγα[ρα--]πιατων (Aramene)	==		AD 372	No Christian symbology	CIL III 9505; Egger 1927: 107; Šešel & Šešel 1986 n. 2385; Marin <i>et al.</i> , Salona IV.2 n.768
48.	Malchos son of Abramios	-	κ.Αλσα/Αασα (Aramene)	==		AD 460	Died aged 60	CIL III 9522; Marin <i>et al.</i> , Salona IV.2 n.775
49.	NN	-	κ.Αιουζ/Μαιουζ (Aramene)	==		6 th c.	-	Egger 1927: 224; Šešel & Šešel 1986 n.2503; Marin <i>et al.</i> , Salona IV.2 n.783
50.	Geōrgios and Mara sons of Petros	-	κ.Ρασέων ἐσωτέρα (Rasha al- Qibliyeh/Aramene)	==		AD 535	-	CIL III 2659 (in note); Marin <i>et al.</i> , Salona IV.2 n. 777 ; Balty & Balty 1981
51.	Eusebia wife of Eusebios	-	κ. Ἀψωνα (Antiochene)	==		V-VI sec.	-	CIL III 14894; Marin <i>et al.</i> , Salona IV.2 n.747; Honigmann, RE IV.A2 col. 1555
52.	[I]sakis son of Sa[...]n	-	κ.Γ[----] (Aramene)	==		Late- 4th/early- 5th c.	Died aged 20	CIL III 9505 (in note); Marin <i>et al.</i> , Salona IV.2 n.799
53.	Azizos son of Agrippa	-	κ.Καπροζαβαδαιων (Aramene)	Treviri (prov. Belgica I)		5 th c.?		IG XIV 2558; RICG 1975 n.10

54.	Eusebia	-	κ. Ἀδδανῶν (Dana-Sud/Apamene or Dana-Nord/Antiochene)	= =	AD 409	Died aged 15	IG XIV 2559; RICG 1975, pp. 270-3
55.	Kassianos son of Abedsimios	-	= =	= =	5 th c.	Died aged 22	IG XIV 2560; RICG 1975, pp. 310-1
56.	Antonina wife of Eusebios	-	κ. Λαρμαναζῶν (Armenaz/Antiochene)	Thabraca (prov. Proconsularis)	4 th -5 th c.	-	CIL VIII Suppl. 17384; BE 1961 n.398; BE 1965 n.2
57.	Fl. Pelagios	-	κ. Μαρατονυμῶν (Ma'aret en-No'man/Apamene ?)	Thysdrus (prov. Byzacena)	6 th c.?	Inscription purchased on the market	McKechnie 2009: 177-9; BE 2011 n. 735

Appendix 2. A database of dated inscriptions from the Limestone Massif

Ordered by name of collection as cited in the text

How to access the database

This CD contains a database of 434 Greek, Latin and Syriac inscriptions from the Limestone Massif of northern Syria. Most of these texts are dated, though ca. 50 undated texts have also been included due to the relevance of their contents. All of the inscriptions from the Limestone Massif which are discussed in the body of this thesis may be found here.

The database has been created by using FileMaker Pro 11, a software published by Filemaker, Inc., a subsidiary of Apple, Inc. The user will need to install this software in order to consult the database. A 30-day trial copy may be downloaded from http://info.filemaker.com/Us_en_FileMaker_Pro_11_Trial.html.

The epigraphic database may be navigated by using the layout 'Inscriptions' (Fig.2). Searches may be performed either by using the "Find" function, which allows searches by individual fields, or by performing a full-body search (Fig.1).

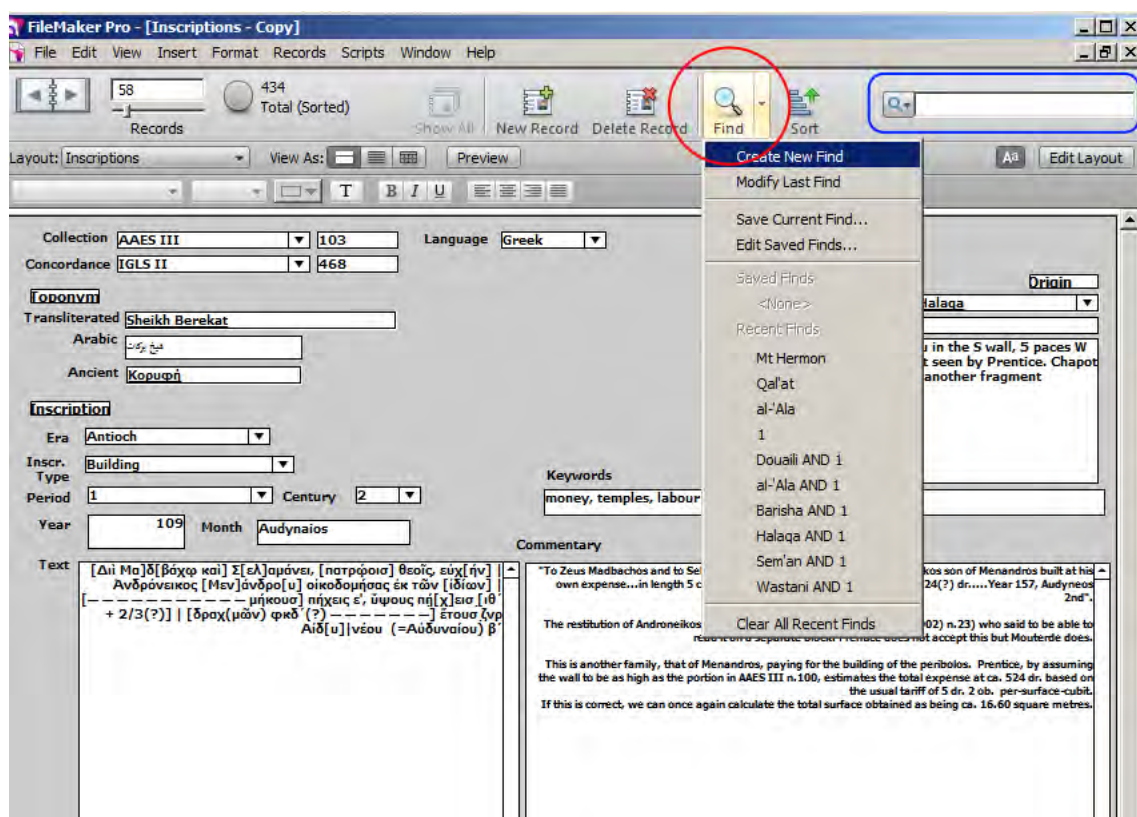


Fig.1. Searching the database. The 'Find' mask may be accessed by selecting 'Find' and 'Create New Find' (circled in red). The full-body search may be performed by entering a keyword (Greek and Syriac supported) in the search field in the top right corner (circled blue).

Layout: Inscriptions View As: [Icons] Preview

Collection **AAES III** 103 Language **Greek**

Concordance **IGLS II** 468

Toponym

Transliterated **Sheikh Berekat**

Arabic شيخ بركات

Ancient **Κορυφή**

Origin

Jebel **Halaga**

Territory **Antiochene**

Findspot **On a broken stone in situ in the S wall, 5 paces W of AAES III n. 100. First seen by Prentice. Chapot (BCH XXVI 1902) adds another fragment**

Inscription

Era **Antioch**

Inscr. Type **Building**

Period **1** Century **2**

Year **109** Month **Audynaios**

Keywords **money, temples, labour costs, cubit**

Text

[Διι Μα]δ[βάχω και] Σ[ελ]αμάνει, [πατρῴοισ] θεοῖς, εὐχ[τήν] |
 Ανδρόνεικος [Μεν]άνδρο[υ] οικοδομήσας ἐκ τῶν [ιδίων] |
 [----- μήκουσ] πήχεις ε', ὕψους πη[χ]εισ [τῆ] +
 2/3(?) | [δραχ(μῶν) φκδ' (?) -----] ἔτους ζηρ Αἰδ[υ] |
 νέου (=Αὐδυναίου) β'

Commentary

"To Zeus Madbachos and to Selamanes, ancestral gods, ex-voto: Andronikos son of Menandros built at his own expense...in length 5 cubits, in height 19 and 2/3 (?) cubits, for 524(?) dr.....Year 157, Audyneos 2nd".

The restitution of Androneikos is entirely reliant on Chapot (BCH XXVI (1902) n.23) who said to be able to read it on a separate block. Prentice does not accept this but Mouterde does.

This is another family, that of Menandros, paying for the building of the peribolos. Prentice, by assuming the wall to be as high as the portion in AAES III n.100, estimates the total expense at ca. 524 dr. based on the usual tariff of 5 dr. 2 ob. per surface-cubit

Fig.2. The 'Inscriptions' layout. The table contains three different sets of data: information pointing to the corpus/publication where the inscription is published (fields 'Collection' and 'Concordance') and the language of the inscription ('Language'); information on where the inscription was found, including the modern and ancient toponym of the findspot ('Transliterated', 'Arabic', 'Ancient'), the sub-region where the inscription was found ('Jebel'), the ancient city territory in which this area lay ('Territory') and, finally, the actual findspot for the inscription ('Findspot'). The rest of the table contains data specifically on the inscription, specifying the type of text ('Inscr. Type'), the text of the inscription in the original and in translation ('Text' and 'Commentary', which also include the apparatus and notes) and keywords related to its content ('Keywords'). Finally, the year and month to which the inscription is dated ('Year', 'Month' and the related fields 'Period' and 'Century').