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Arabic: تـل أبو العـليـق الشمالي

Site location: Lat. +31° 51' 9.19" N; Long. +35° 26' 2.70" E.

Extension: the extension of Tulul Abu el-‘Alayiq (both Tell Abu el-‘Alayiq North and Tell Abu el-‘Alayiq South) is ca. 120 dunams; the extension of the whole Royal Estate is ca. 500 dunams.

State of preservation: preserved.

Disturbance: modern cultivations.

Occupational periods: [Early Bronze Age](#) , [Hellenistic](#) , [Roman](#) , [Byzantine](#) .

Plates: I, III-X.

Early Bronze Age

Site typology: village.

Domestic architecture: floors, walls (Areas AB and AM).

Material culture: pottery.

Bibliography: Netzer 2001a, 1, 7, note 2; Netzer - Bar-Nathan 2002, 14.

Hellenistic Period

Site typology: palace complex.

Public architecture: towers (pre-palace and palace phases), palaces (First Hasmonean Palace with ritual baths, "Buried Palace" and "Pool Complex" with ritual baths, "Fortified Palace", "Twin Palaces"), industrial area with ritual baths, synagogue complex (after Netzer 2000b) or *triclinium* (after Maoz 1999; Rapuano 2001).

Domestic architecture: dwelling units east of the "Twin Palaces".

Material culture: frescoes, mosaics, architectural features, coins, alabaster and basalt mortars ("Pool Complex"), pottery.

Bibliography: Netzer 1973, pl. 72:A-B; 1974, 27; 1975, 89-92; 1977, figs. 1-9; 1982a, 45-48; 1982b; 1982c; 1983, 51; 1984, 7, fig. 12; 1985; 1986; 1990, 36-42, figs. 2-5; 1993, 683-686; 1996; 2000a; 2000b; 2001a, 1-7, 11-174, 334-338; 2001b; 2004, 9-13, 17-25; 2008a, 1798-1799; Donceel-Voûte 1999, 99-100; Maoz 1999; Netzer - Kalman - Laureys-Cachy 1999; 2004; Netzer - Kalman - Loris 1999; Rapuano 2001; Netzer - Bar-Nathan 2002, 13-16, 19-20; Netzer - Laureys-Cachy 2004a; 2004b; Stacey 2006, 191-200; Greenberg - Keinan 2009, 71-72, site n. 357.

Roman Period

Site typology: palace complex.

Public architecture: Herod's Second Palace, with ritual baths and bathhouse, Herod's Third Palace (northern wing), industrial area.

Material culture: frescoes, mosaics, coins, *Terra Sigillata Ware*, pottery.

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Byzantine Period

Site typology: agricultural activities.

Public architecture: channels.

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