

## Chapter 1 : David I. Owen (Author of General Studies and Excavations at Nuzi 10/2)

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In the middle second millennium invading Hurrians absorbed the town and renamed it Nuzi. The history of the site during the intervening period is unclear, though the presence of a few cuneiform tablets from Old Assyrian Empire indicates that trade with nearby Assur was taking place. After the fall of the Hurrian kingdom of Mitanni to Ashur-uballit I of the Middle Assyrian Empire, Nuzi fell back into the hands of the Assyrians and went into gradual decline. Note that while Hurrian period is well known because those levels of the site were fully excavated, the earlier history is less firm because of only scant digging. Archaeology[ edit ] While tablets from Yorghhan Tepe began appearing back as far as , the first serious archaeological efforts began in after Gertrude Bell noticed tablets appearing in the markets of Baghdad. The site has 15 occupation levels. The hundreds of tablets and other finds recovered were published in a series of volumes. More finds continue to be published to this day. Many are routine legal and business documents and about one quarter concern the business transactions of a single family. It is unknown exactly what the Nuzi map charts, even though the majority of the tablet is preserved. The Nuzi map is actually one of the so-called Gasur texts, and predates the invasion of the city of Gasur by the Hurrians, who renamed it Nuzi. The cache of economic and business documents among which the map was found date to the Old Akkadian period ca. It is possible that Ebla was a trading partner, and that the tablet, rather than a record of land-holdings, might indeed be a road map. The tablets of this period indicate that Nuzi was a small provincial town of northern Mesopotamia at this time in an area populated mostly by Assyrians and Hurrians, the latter a people well known though poorly documented, and that would be even less if not for the information uncovered at this site. Administration[ edit ] Nuzi was a provincial town of Arrapha. The palace, situated in the center of the mound, had many rooms arranged around a central courtyard. The functions of some of those rooms have been identified: The walls were painted, as was seen in fragments unearthed in the ruins of the building. Archives that have been exhumed tell us about the royal family, as well as the organization of the internal administration of the palace and its dependencies, and the payment in rations addicts[ clarification needed ] received when working in his[ who? Free subjects of the state were liable to a charge, the Ilku, which seems to consist of chores military service, work for various government account, including its land. When a person sold land to another but remained to exploit it, they kept the burden of drudgery:

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