

The Iron Age Burials from Boğazköy (Turkey): Publication Project

The site of Boğazköy in Central Turkey, about 150 km east of the modern capital Ankara, is most famous for being identified with the Hittite capital Hattuša. After the fall of the Hittite Empire around 1200 BC the site continued to be occupied in the Iron Age. In the years between 1956 and 1977 a cemetery consisting of 29 burials (mainly cremations) was excavated in the area of the Lower City. After Gordion this is the second largest Iron Age cemetery excavated in Central Anatolia. Despite the fact that this discovery provides considerable insights into the burial customs and the social structure of Iron Age populations in this region, the results were only mentioned briefly in a few preliminary reports.

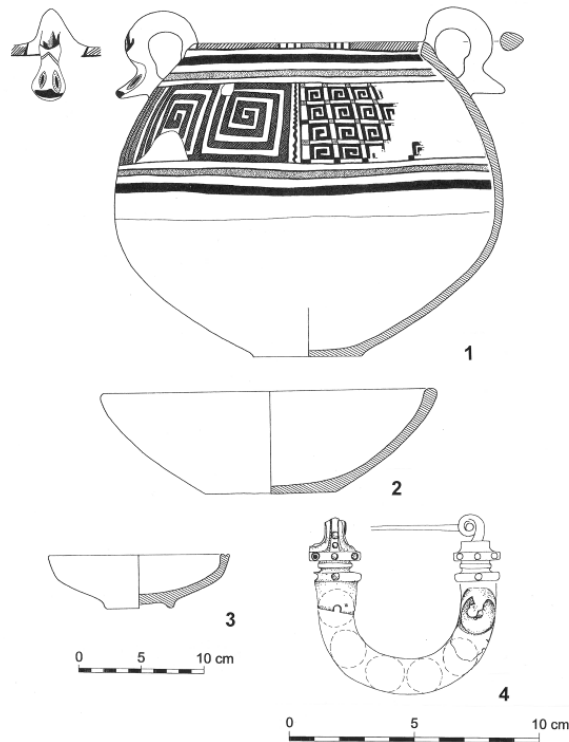
The study will result in a monographic publication, describing the graves and their contents as well as placing them in the larger geographical and social context of Iron Age burial customs in Central Anatolia.



Boğazköy, view of the Lower City with Temple 1 from the east. The Iron Age cemetery is located above the ruins of Hittite domestic dwellings west of the temple.



Burial 2/76 during excavation



Inventory of burial 4/73.

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