Boztepe 1999 Small Finds Overview

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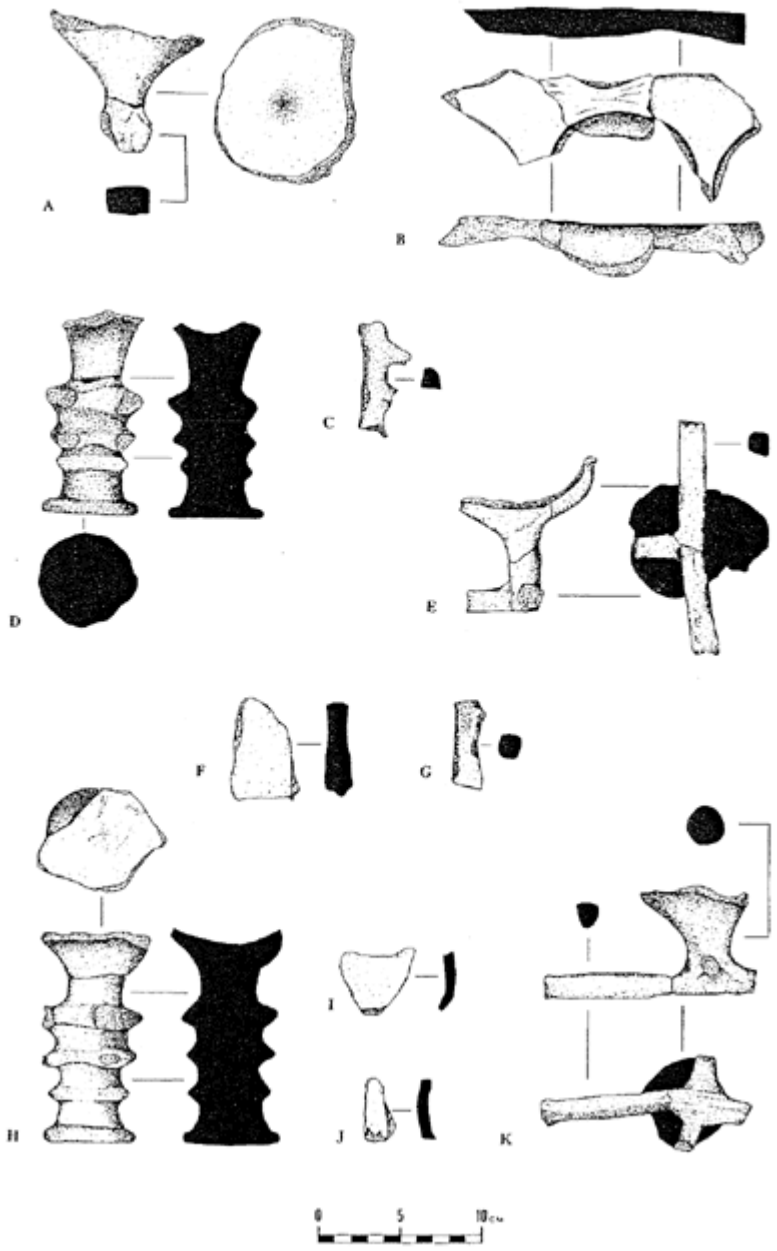
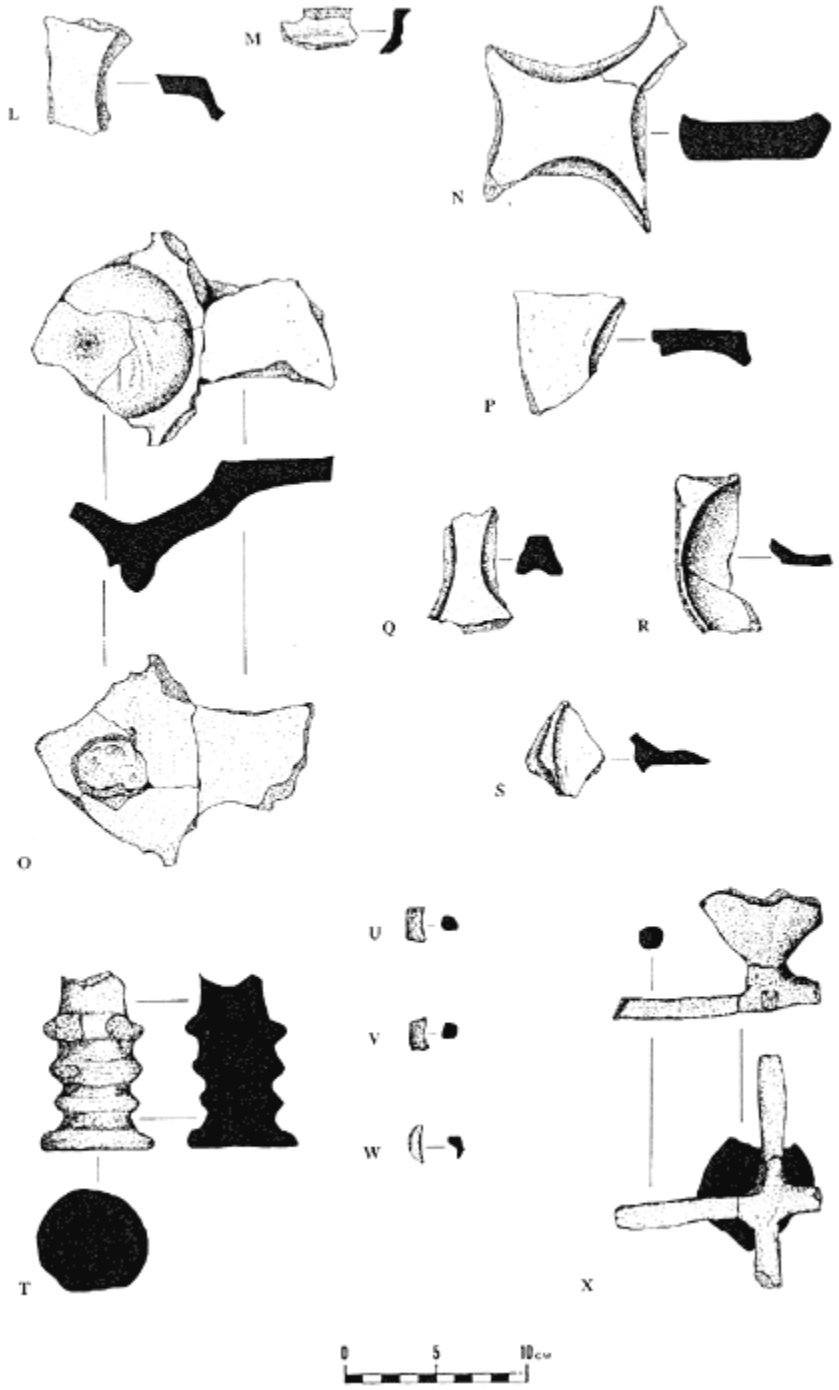
Excavations at Boztepe have revealed a Halaf Period cemetery (ca. 5000-4000 B.C.), an Iron Age colony (ca. 800B.C.) and a Hellenistic farmstead (ca. 250 B.C.). The Halaf cemetery was exceptional in the number of grave goods it produced.

Iron Age Artifacts:

Complicated collection of pottery from two vessels found in burn layer.
Ceramic, ca. 700 B.C.



Drawing of possible "Ritual Vessel"



Handmade ceramic pieces from enigmatic vessel discovered in the Structure 2 collapse layer. The surfaces were probably originally pink (7.5 YR 7/3) but the vessel was severely blackened in the conflagration of Structure 2. Coarse grit tempered fabric with highly burnished surfaces. Sherds consist of mainly ringed pedestals (figure 12 D and H,

figure 13 T), bowls (figure 12 A and B, figure 13 O through S), clay rods and rod intersections (figure 12E and K, figure 13 X).

Another view of the collection of pieces.

Detail of one of the "legs".

Top of one of the "bowls".

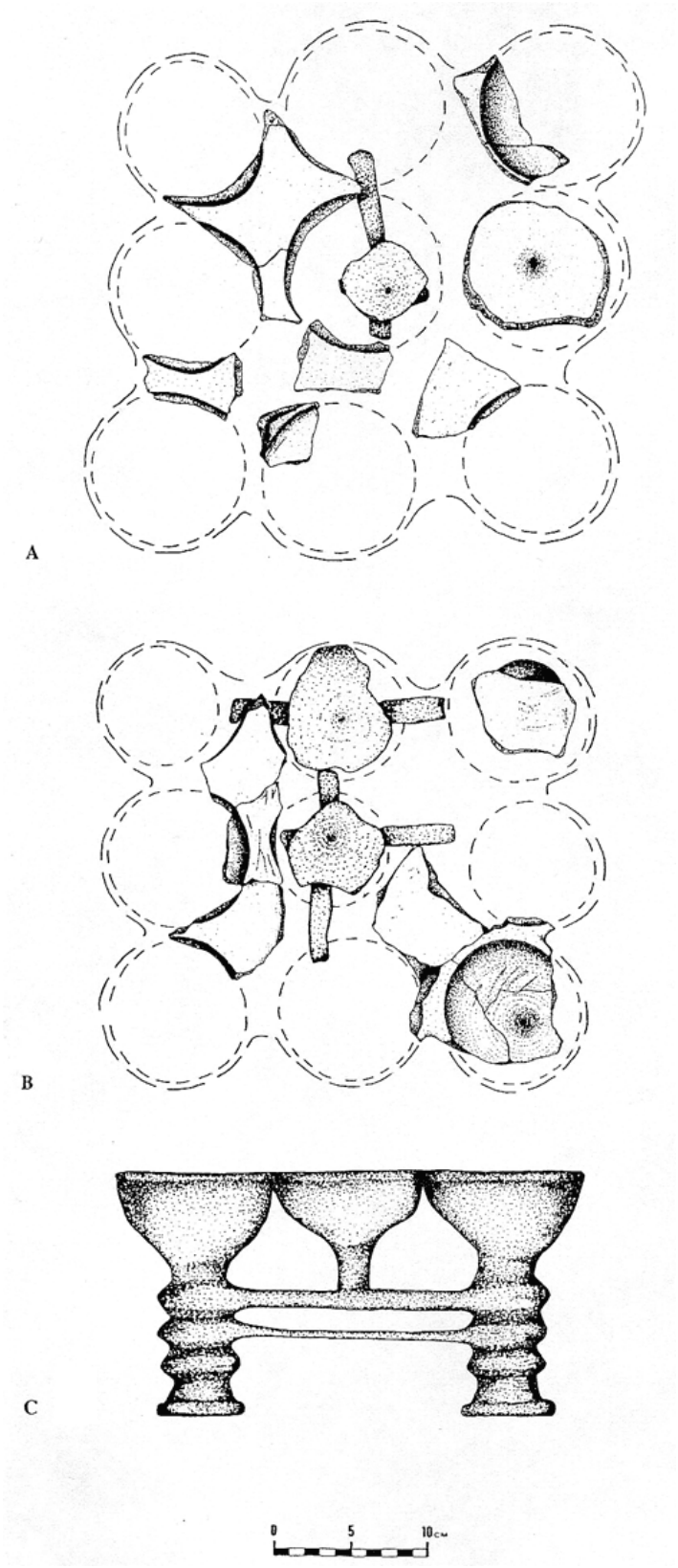
Overhead view of "cup and support" structure.

Bottom view of "cup and support" structure.

Possibly an area of intersection between 4 "cups".

Oblique of intersection piece.

An unusual pottery collection.
Ceramic, ca. 750 B.C.



Reconstruction of enigmatic vessels from Structure 2 collapse layer.

Halaf Period Artifacts:

Handmade ceramic vessel from Area A, Locus 1014, BZ1087

Interior color is pink (7.5 YR 7/4). Exterior color is reddish yellow (5 YR 7/6). Surface is painted. The color of the paint ranges from reddish black (10 R 2.5/1) to reddish brown (2.5 YR 4/4), this appears to be due to the amount of paint left on the brush during painting and to preservation. There is a dark solid band of color extending a little over a centimeter down from the rim, as well as a solid band of color covering the entire base of the vessel, extending about 2 centimeters from the bottom. The body of the vessel is covered with a repeating motif of running animals (ostriches?), surrounded by dots running at a roughly 45 degree angle. Temper is indeterminate.

Width measurements: 10 cm. diameter, 13.5 cm. body width. Total height is 9.4 cm.. Ceramic, ca. 5000-4000 B.C.

Handmade ceramic vessel from Area A, Locus 1009, BZ1043. Fine ware.

Interior color is a reddish yellow (5 YR 6/6). Exterior color is reddish yellow (5 YR 6/8). Surface is painted with very dusky red (10 R 2.5/2). The base is unpainted, however about 1 cm. up from the base is a 1 cm. solid band of paint around the entire vessel. The body of the vessel is painted with lines of alternating dots and dashes in a horizontal orientation. The interior rim is painted with a 1 cm. solid band of paint, connected to this band is a wavy band of paint, creating a scallop motif. Temper is indeterminate.

Width measurements: 10 cm. diameter, 10.3 cm. neck width, 8.6 cm. shoulder width, 13.6 cm. body width.
Total height is 7.8 cm.
Ceramic, ca. 5000-4000 B.C.

Handmade ceramic vessel with 4 lug handles from Area A, Locus 1008, BZ1073. Fine ware.

Interior color is very pale brown (10 YR 7/3). Exterior color is very pale brown (10 YR 8/4). Surface is painted with reddish brown (5 YR 4/3) paint. The base of the vessel is not painted. The rest of the body is painted solid, except where interrupted by a total of 4, 2 by 3 cm. trapezoids, located between each of the lug handle. Inside the trapezoids the exterior surface color shows through, over which is painted several lines that connect in obtuse angles. Temper is indeterminate.

Width measurements: 5 cm. diameter, 4.9 cm. neck width, 5.4 cm. shoulder width, 8.6 cm. body width. Total height is 5.4 cm.
Ceramic, ca. 5000-4000 B.C.

Whole pots from Halaf Burials in Trench A-1.

A. Handmade, rough ware, ceramic vessel from Area A, Locus 1009, BZ1055. Interior and exterior color is very pale brown (10 YR 7/4). Temper is indeterminate, however

vessel is porous. Width measurements are: 3 cm. diameter, 3 cm. neck width, 4 cm. shoulder width, 4.1 cm. body width. Total height is 4.2 cm. Total weight is 60.6 grams.

B. Handmade ceramic vessel from Area A, Locus 1015, BZ1099. Rough ware. Interior and exterior is very pale brown (10 YR 7/4). Temper is indeterminate. Width measurements: 4 cm. diameter, 5 cm. neck width, 9.3 cm. body width. Total weight is 224.3 grams.

C. Handmade ceramic vessel from Area A, Locus 1008, BZ1072. Rough ware. Interior and exterior color is light brown (7.5 YR 6/4). Fine grit temper. This vessel is similar to A1009 BZ1055 and is also porous. Width measurements: 3.5 cm. diameter, 3.6 cm. neck width, 3.5 cm. shoulder width, 4.2 cm. base width. Total height is 3.7 cm. Total weight is 46.2 grams.

D. Handmade ceramic vessel from Area A, Locus 1014, BZ1087. Interior color is pink (7.5 YR 7/4). Exterior color is reddish yellow (5 YR 7/6). Surface is painted. The color of the paint ranges from reddish black (10 R 2.5/1) to reddish brown (2.5 YR 4/4), this appears to be due to the amount of paint left on the brush during painting and to preservation. There is a dark solid band of color extending a little over a centimeter down from the rim, as well as a solid band of color covering the entire base of the vessel, extending about 2 centimeters from the bottom. The body of the vessel is covered with a repeating motif of running animals (ostriches?), surrounded by dots running at a roughly 45 degree angle. Temper is indeterminate. Width measurements: 10 cm. diameter, 13.5 cm. body width. Total height is 9.4 cm.

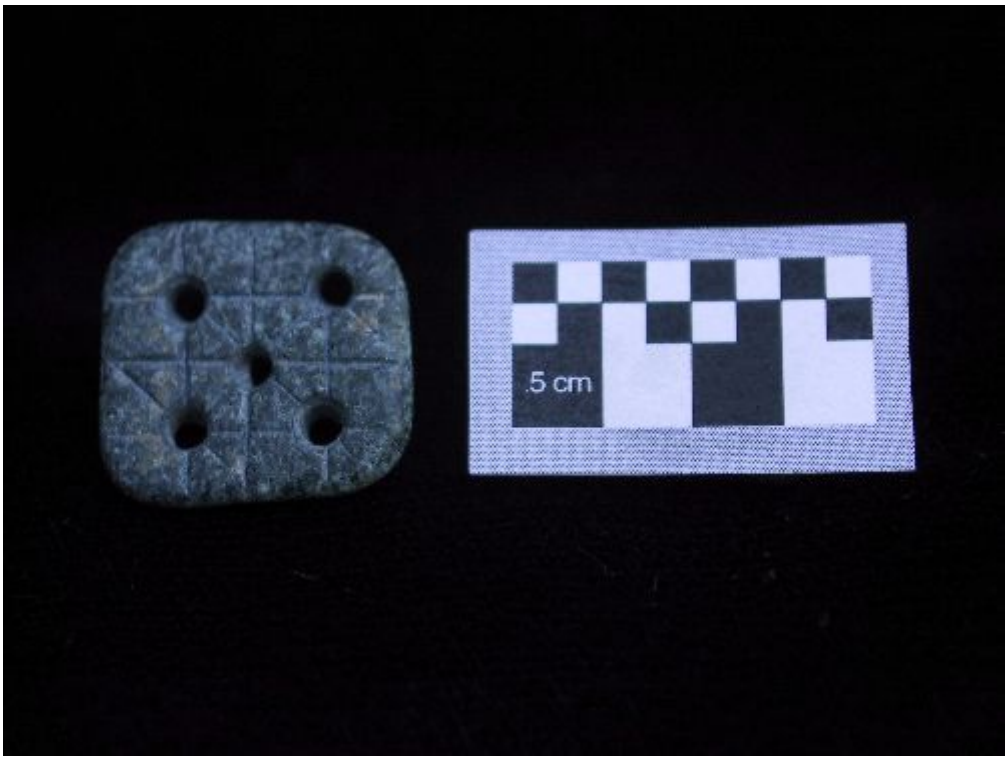
E. Handmade ceramic vessel with 4 lug handles from Area A, Locus 1008, BZ1073. Fine ware. Interior color is very pale brown (10 YR 7/3). Exterior color is very pale brown (10 YR 8/4). Surface is painted with reddish brown (5 YR 4/3) paint. The base of the vessel is not painted. The rest of the body is painted solid, except where interrupted by a total of 4, 2 by 3 cm. trapezoids, located between each of the lug handle. Inside the trapezoids the exterior surface color shows through, over which is painted several lines that connect in obtuse angles. Temper is indeterminate. Width measurements: 5 cm. diameter, 4.9 cm. neck width, 5.4 cm. shoulder width, 8.6 cm. body width. Total height is 5.4 cm.

F. Handmade ceramic vessel from Area A, Locus 1008, BZ1074. Interior and exterior color is light brown (7.5 YR 6/4). Surface is painted black (7.5 YR 2.5/1), in a 1 cm. band around the rim and in 3 wavy lines around the body of the vessel. Temper is indeterminate. Width measurements: 5.5 cm. diameter, 5.2 cm. shoulder width, 7 cm. body width. Total height is 4.2 cm. Total weight is 78.8 grams.

G. Handmade ceramic vessel from Area A, Locus 1009, BZ1043. Fine ware. Interior color is a reddish yellow (5 YR 6/6). Exterior color is reddish yellow (5 YR 6/8). Surface is painted with very dusky red (10 R 2.5/2). The base is unpainted, however about 1 cm. up from the base is a 1 cm. solid band of paint around the entire vessel. The body of the vessel is painted with lines of alternating dots and dashes in a horizontal orientation. The interior rim is painted with a 1 cm. solid band of paint, connected to this band is a wavy

band of paint, creating a scallop motif. Temper is indeterminate. Width measurements: 10 cm. diameter, 10.3 cm. neck width, 8.6 cm. shoulder width, 13.6 cm. body width. Total height is 7.8 cm.

Measured drawings by Debbie Dilly.



Stamp seal.
Soapstone, ca. 5000-4000 B.C.

Hellenistic Period Artifacts:

Lion-headed handle. Ceramic, ca. 250 B.C.

Animal Spout. Ceramic, ca. 250 B.C.