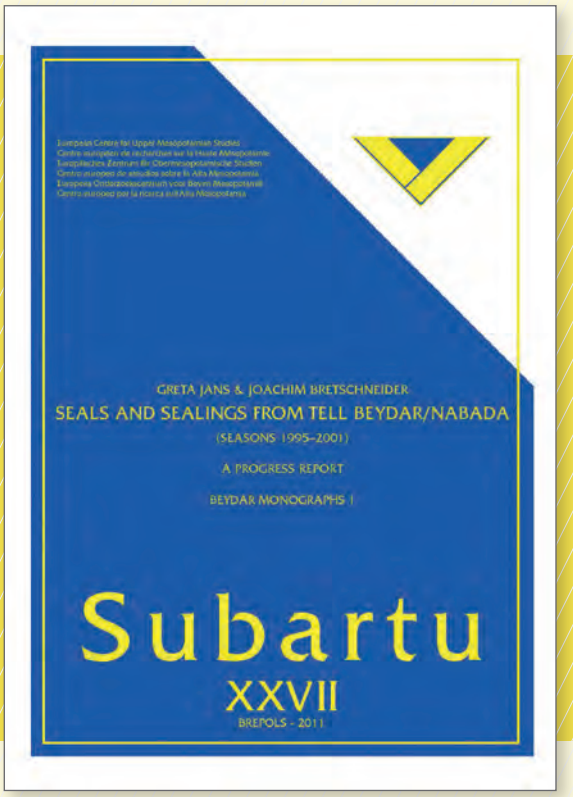

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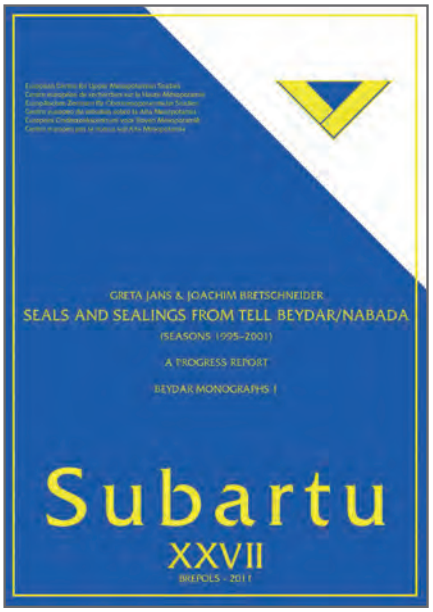

Greta Jans & Joachim Bretschneider

Seals and Sealings from Tell Beydar/Nabada (Seasons 1995 - 2001). A Progress Report. Beydar Monographs, 1

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The *Kranzhügel*, Tell Beydar (ancient Nabada) is located in the Upper Syrian Jezireh. Its main occupation dates back to the Early Dynastic/Early Jezireh IIIb period during which time Beydar was subordinate to Tell Brak (ancient Nagar).
Tell Beydar, excavated since 1992 by a joint Syro-European expedition headed by Marc Lebeau and Antoine Suleiman, has produced more than 1500 sealings, representing 215 different designs, many of the finest quality. Eighty-five percent of these sealings can be ascribed to the final phase of the Early Jezireh IIIb Official Upper City Complex (dated around 2350 BC). This glyptic material is the largest corpus of Early Bronze Age sealings from Northern Mesopotamia attributed to an official household. The study of the different designs, the functional aspects and the contextual analyses of the sealings give an impression of the official administration in an Early Bronze Age palatial complex.

The authors were responsible for the glyptic study of the 1995 — 2001 seasons, but earlier published glyptic data - the 1994 season conducted by Béatrice Teissier and the 2002 - 2006 seasons by Elena Rova — have also been incorporated in this research.

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The excavation of Temple D was completed. South of Temples B, C and D, a huge temple – Temple E – has been recognized. Close to it, a large open ceremonial court ('Southern Square') reminds similar urbanistic features at Tell Brak. Field B has been extended, providing more private houses and a large EJ IIIb building – B 1 – having some residential features. Field O, west and south-west of Temple B reveals an artisanal quarter, grouped around the main drainage of the city.

A second EJ IIIb Palace – The Eastern Palace – is the main purpose of Field P and its plan seems to be similar to the one of the Acropolis Palace. Field C has been reopened and extended, providing substantial data about the Hellenistic (Parthian-Seleucid) levels of occupation and their stratigraphy. The large programme of architectural restoration, launched in 2003, has been extended, concentrated on the Acropolis of the EJ IIIb city.

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Thomas McClellan *has excavated extensively in the Middle East (West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Syria), concentrating on the Euphrates River region of Syria. He directed excavations at el-Qitar and co-directed those at Tell Banat.*

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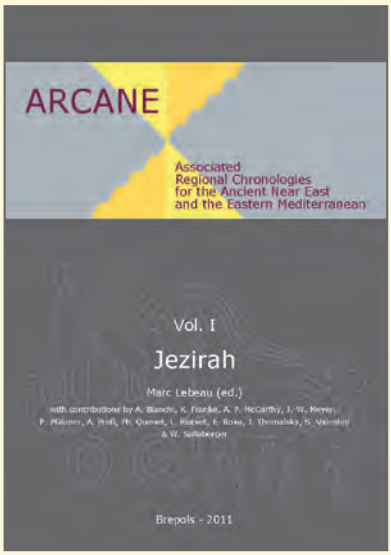

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