

The Old Kingdom Part 1

Dynasties 3 (2670-2600 B.C.E.) and 4
(2600-2487 B.C.E.)

Kings of Dynasty 3 (2670-2600 B.C.E.)

- Nebka
- Djoser
- Sekhemkhet
- Huni

Highlights of Dynasty 3

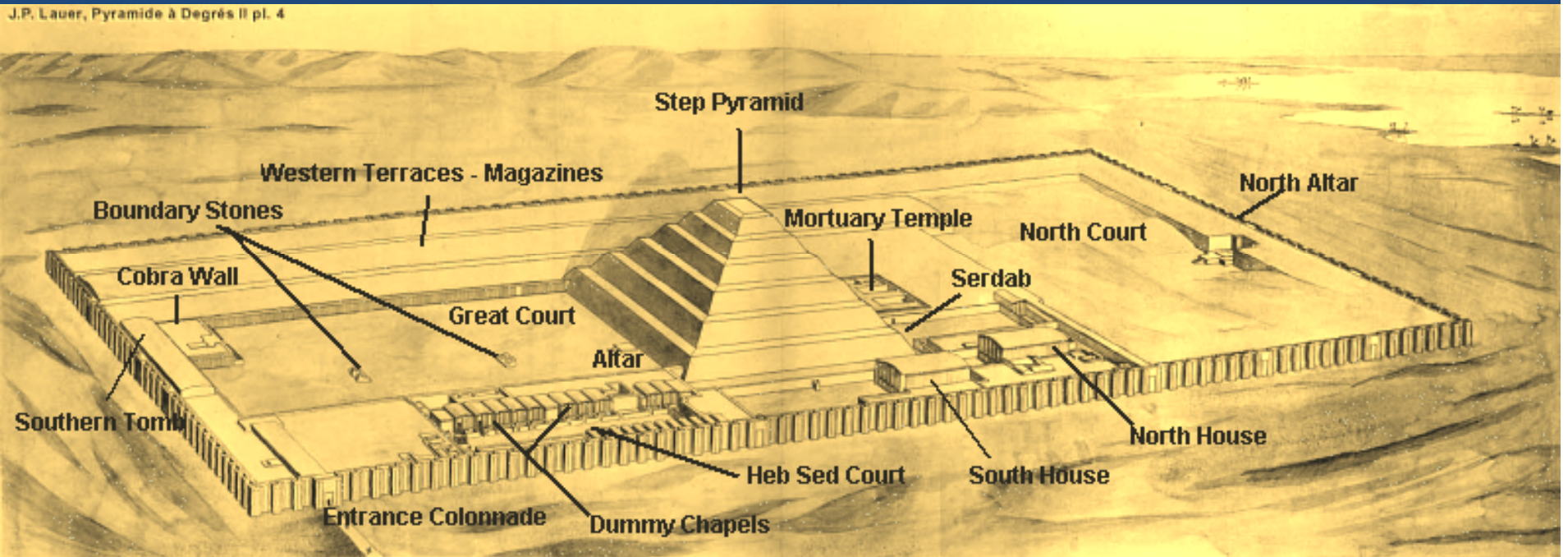
- First monumental stone construction
- First life-sized sculpture
- Higher quality relief sculpture
- Expeditions to Nubia, Sinai copper mines, Syria

Step Pyramid of Djoser



Reconstruction Drawing of Step Pyramid Complex at Saqqara

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Entrance in outer wall



Interior of Entrance Reconstructed



Entrance interior

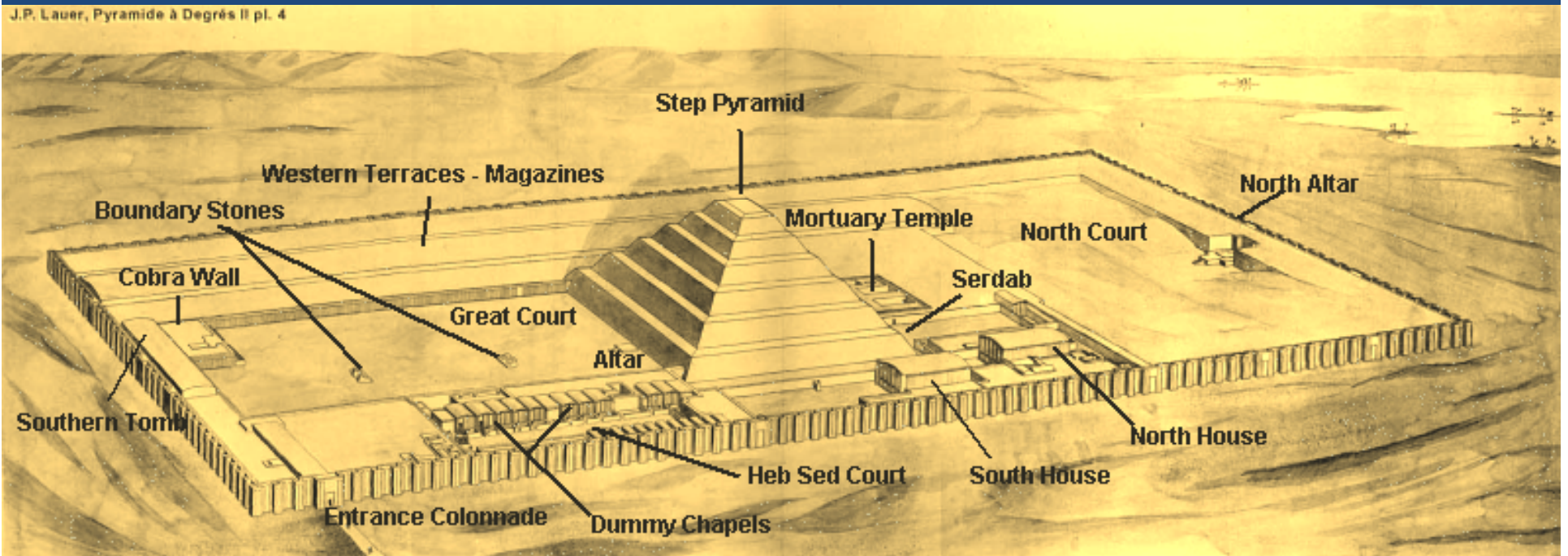




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Cobra Wall and Race Course

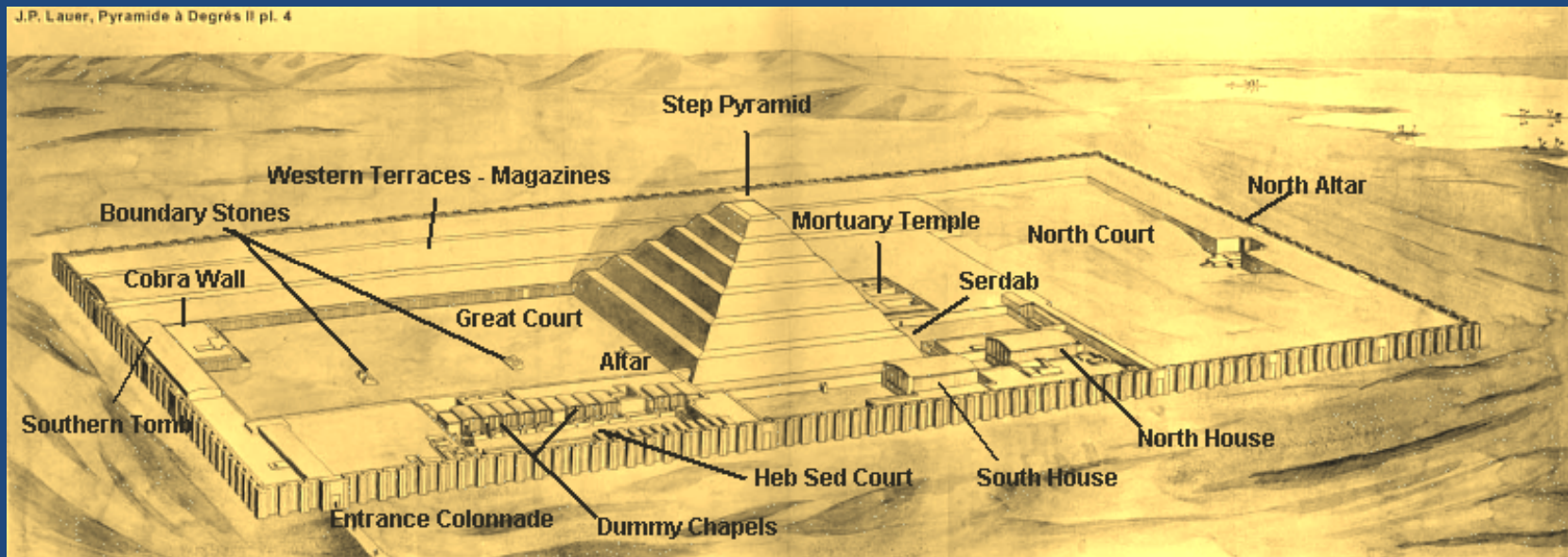
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Cobra Wall



Entrance to Heb Sed Court and Court



“Dressing Room for Heb Sed”



Pyramid and Heb sed court



Heb sed court



Court, double stair platform



People for Scale

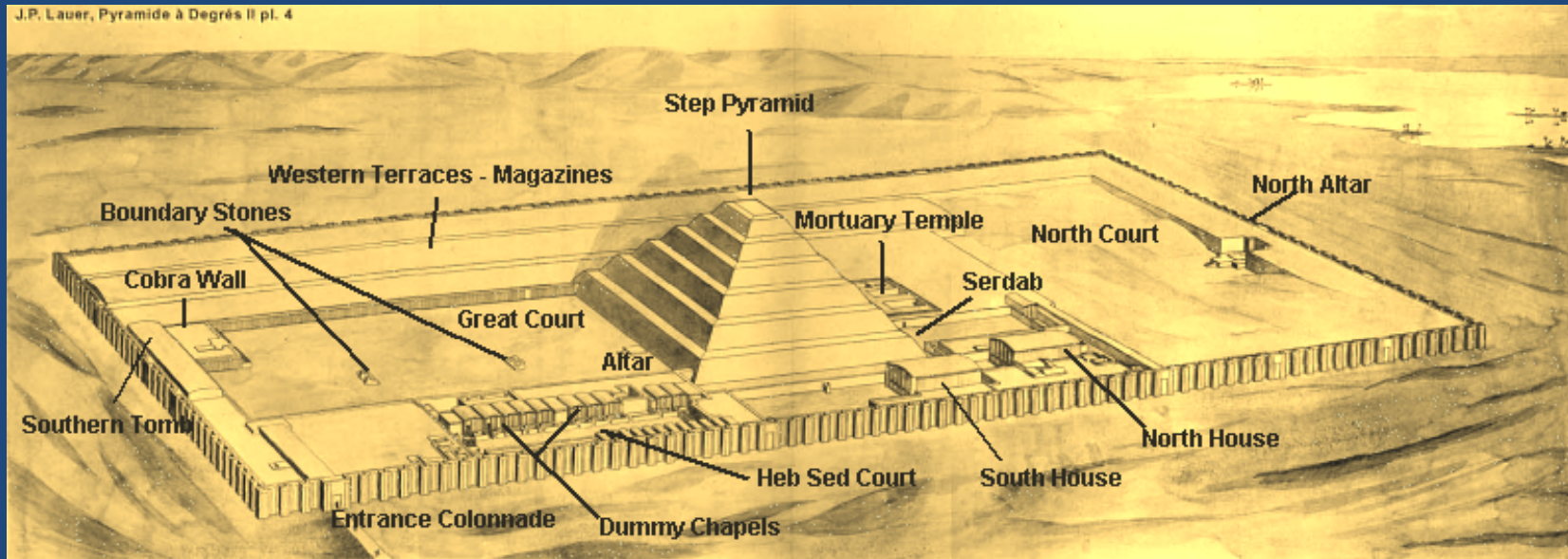


Outside wall of Heb sed court

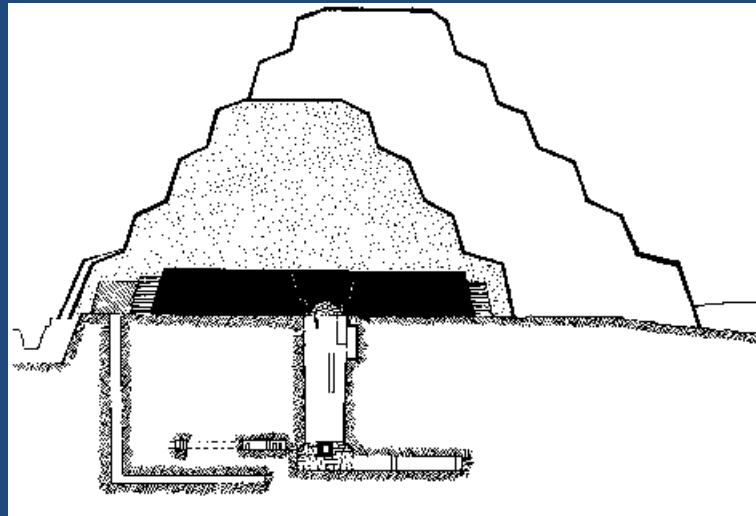


Step Pyramid

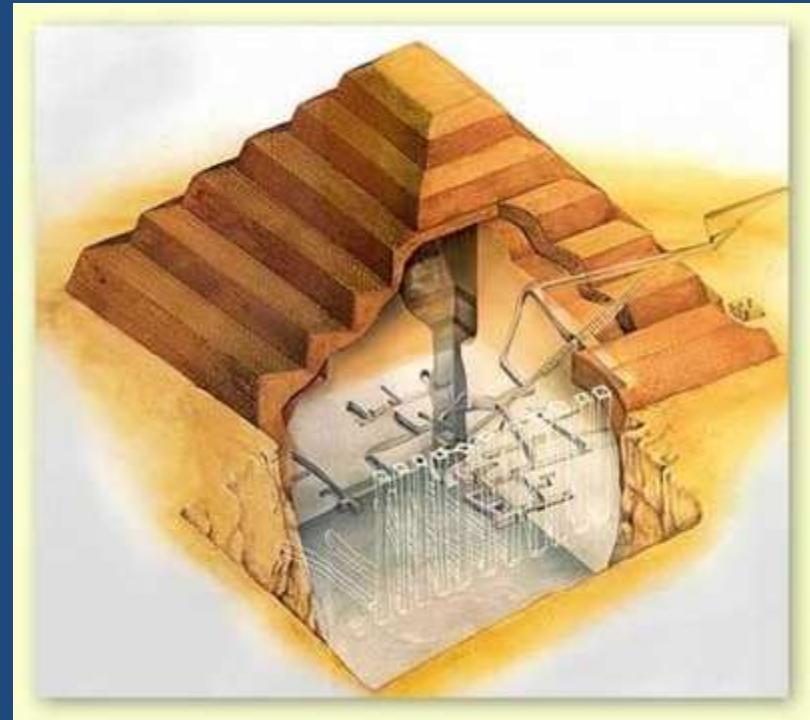
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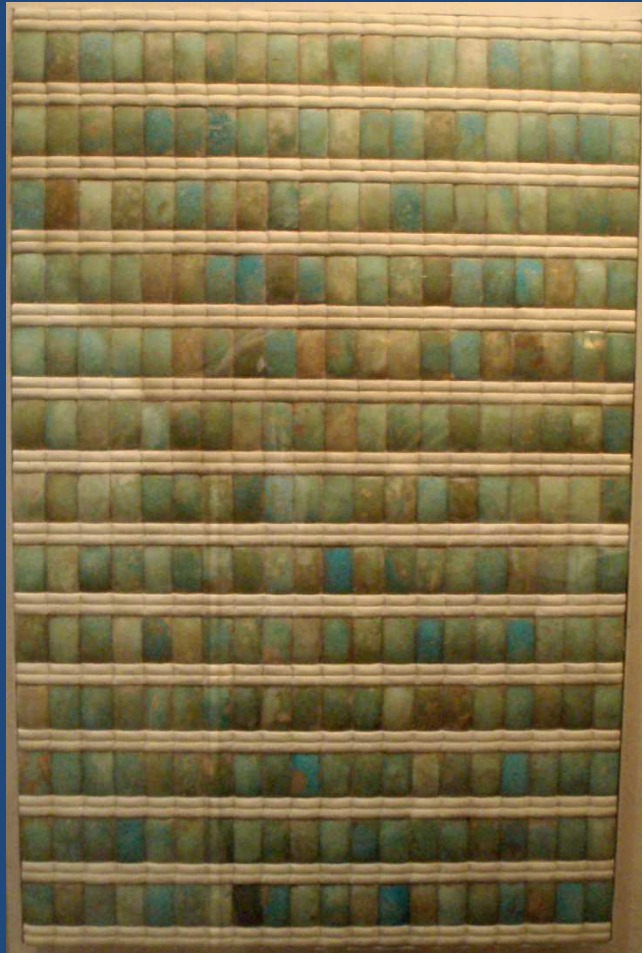
Construction of Pyramid



Interior of Pyramid



Interior Wall



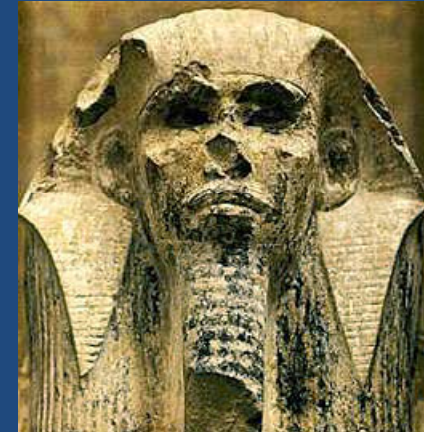
Relief beneath Step Pyramid



Serdab Wall, North Side of Pyramid



Seated Serdab Statue of Djoser



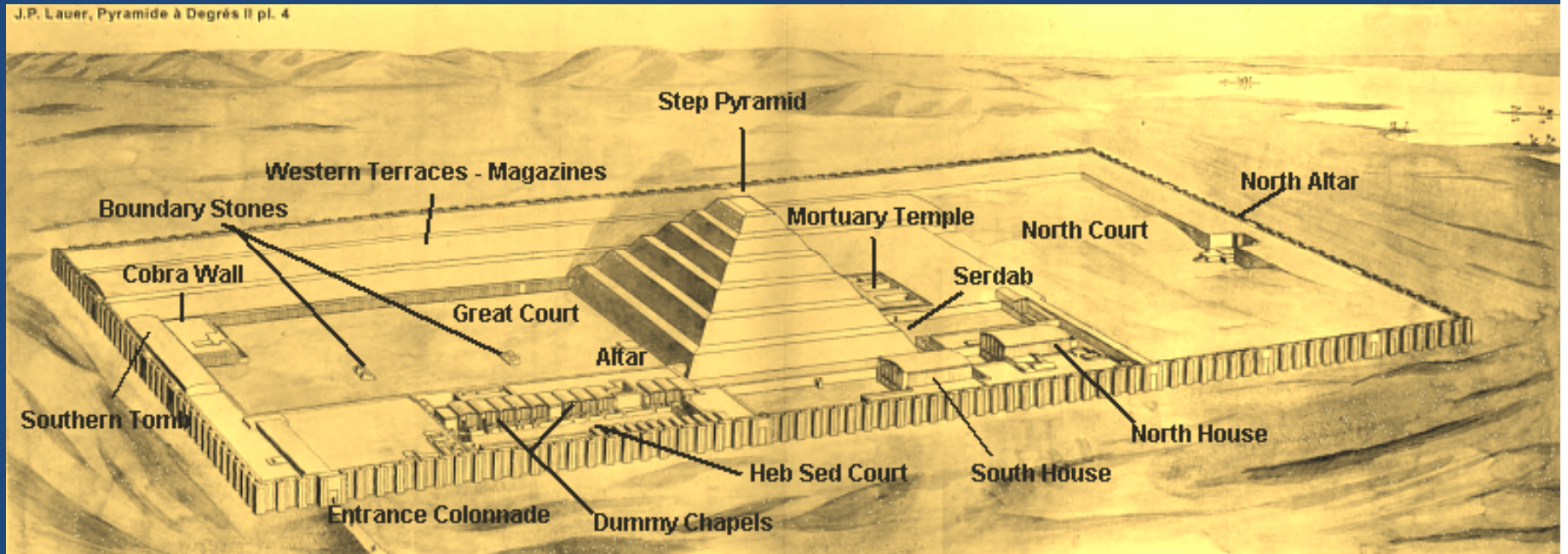
Statue of Djoser

From Serdab of Step Pyramid complex

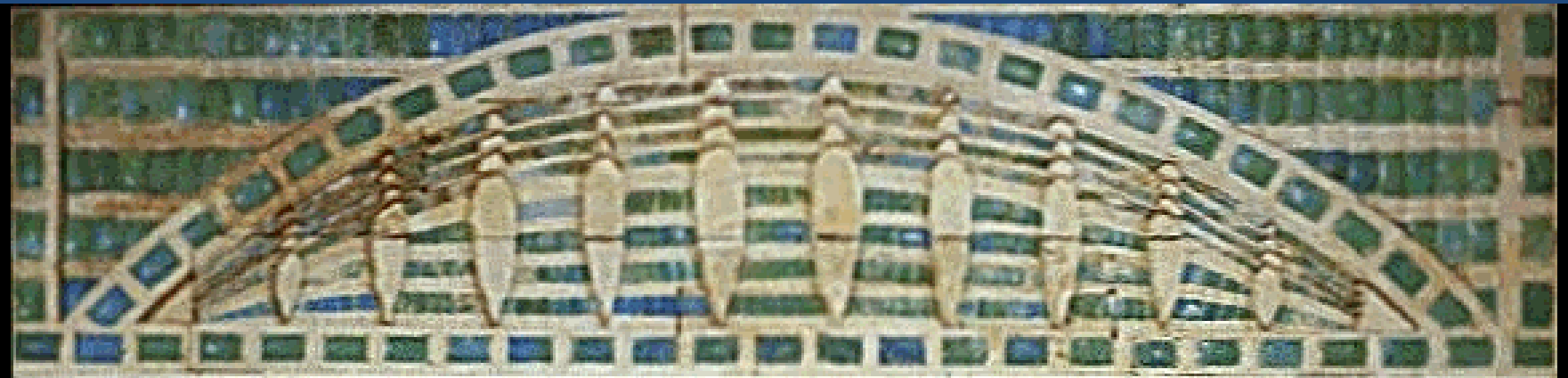


North & South House

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South Tomb Interior



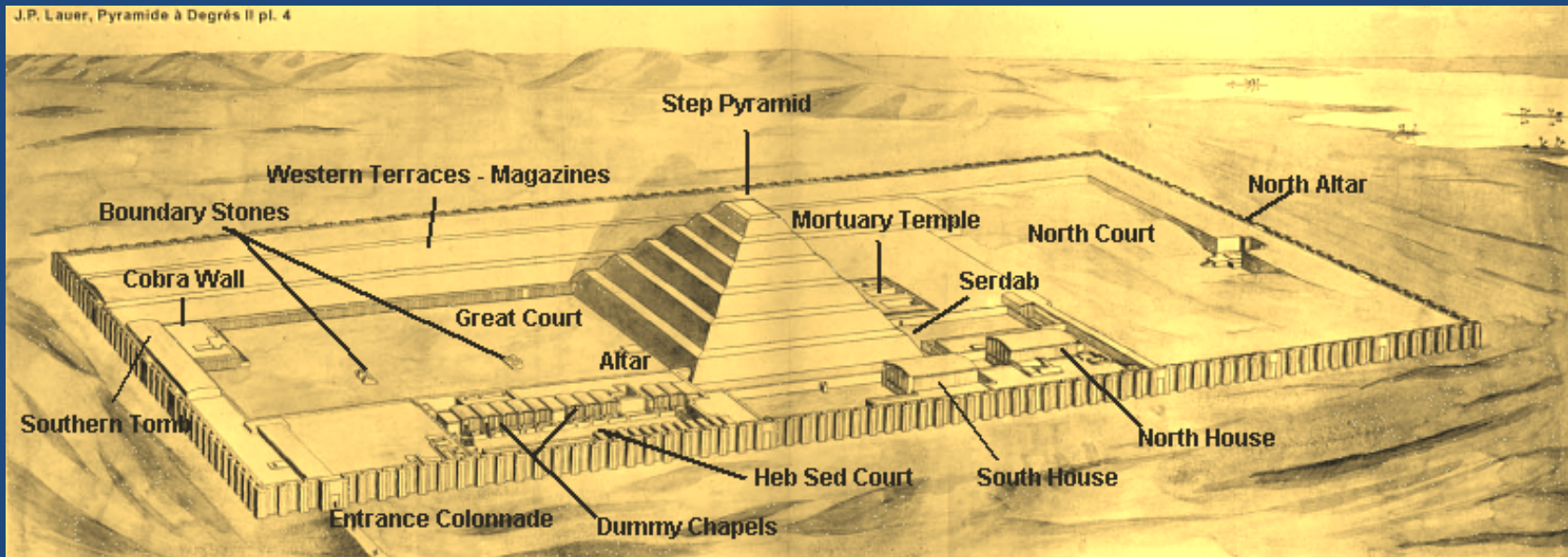
Blue glazed Djed pillars support the arch of a doorway in Djoser's south tomb

Wall of the North Palace



Summary

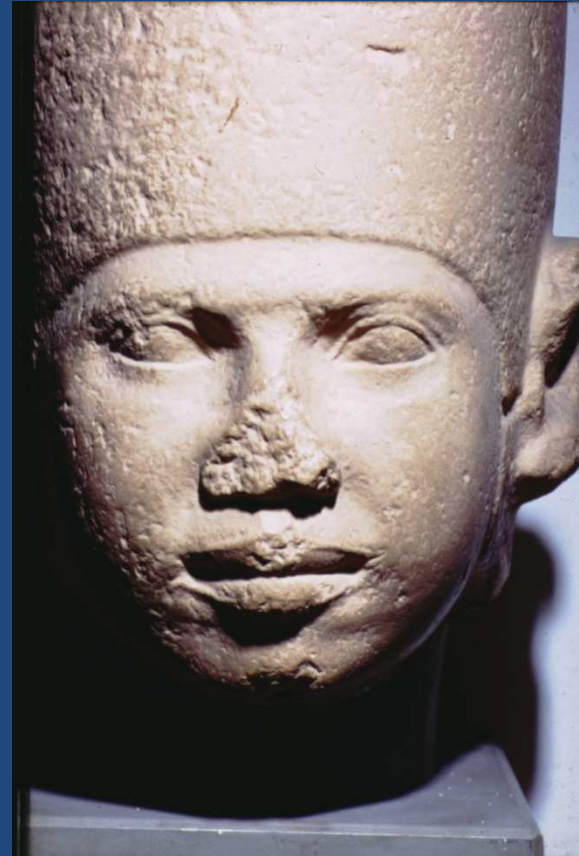
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Sekhemhet



Huni



Reign of Huni

- Established a fortress in Elephantine securing the southern border of Egypt at the First Cataract.
- Moved the royal necropolis from Saqqara south to Meidum in Fayum
- He was the father of Snofru (mother= Meresankh)
- Construction includes
 - 1) Fortress on the island of securing the southern border of Egypt
 - 2) Several small step pyramids scattered in remote areas, these have unknown ceremonial purposes since they contain no internal chambers, so they are not tombs

The most famous of such pyramids is located in Elephantine, it is a small granite step pyramid bearing an inscription with his name

Standing Statue of Snofru

ruled 2600-2571 B.C.E.



Reign of Snofru, founder of Dynasty 4

- Married Hetepheres, also a child of Huni
- Sons include Kanefer and Rahotep
- Growth of government departments
- Development of nomes (provinces) with local officials
- Trade with Byblos included 40 ships
- Wars with Libya and Nubia
- Built three pyramids
- Celebrated Heb sed

Hetepheres I (middle) in tomb of her mother Meresankh



Prince Rahotep and wife Nofret



Nome Lists



Trade with Byblos



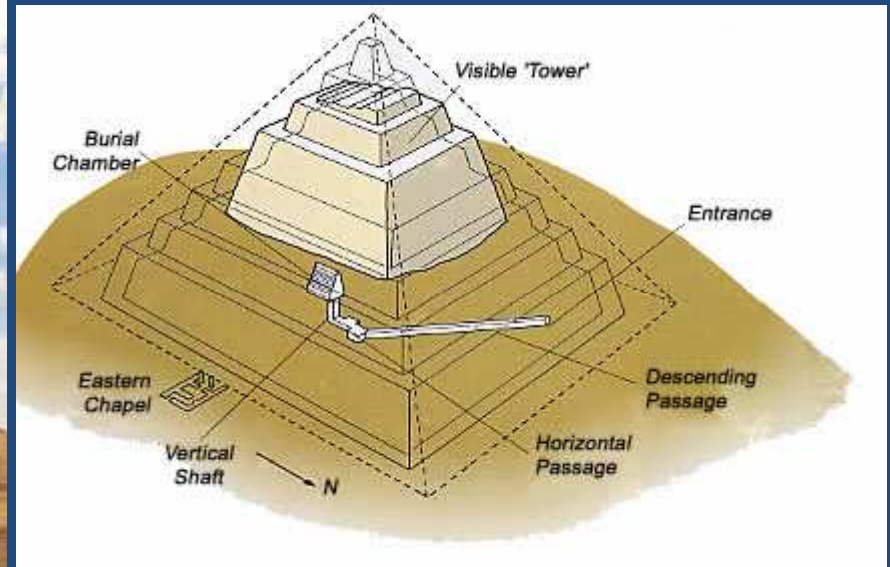
Wars in Libya and Nubia



Meidum, Bent, and Red Pyramids



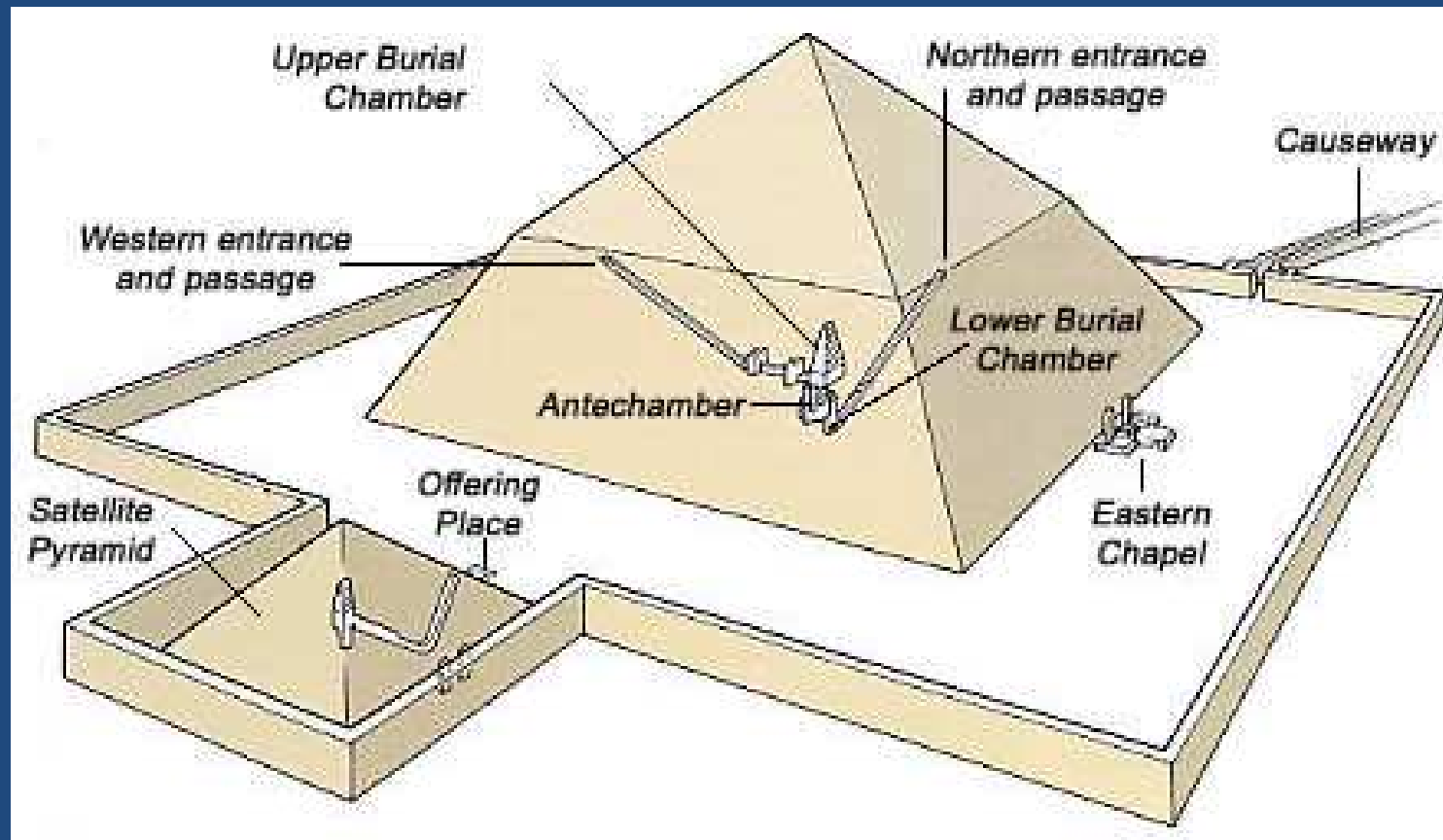
Maidum Pyramid of Snofru



Bent Pyramid of Snofru (Dahshur)



Reconstruction, Bent Pyramid



Bent Pyramid of Snofru (Burial)



Red Pyramid of Snofru (first “true” pyramid)



Snofru in Heb Sed Cloak



Next time, Pyramids at Giza

