

Kirkuk Citadel in Iraq

What was its past

Where is its future?

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Resim 14 Kanuni Sultan Süleyman'ın 1534 yılındaki İrakeyn Seferi üzerine Matrakçı Nasuh'un hazırladığı eserde yer alan minyatür

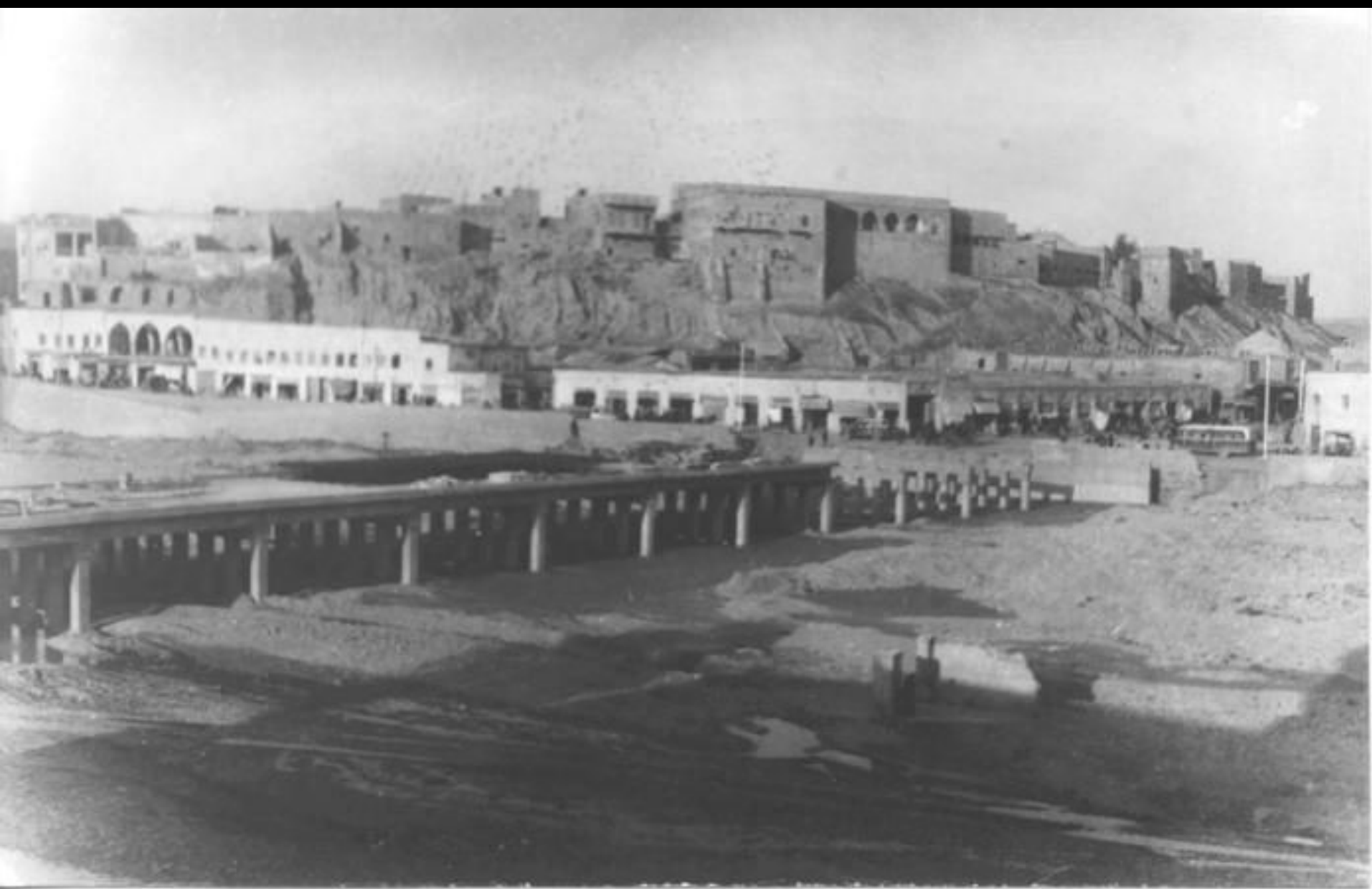
From a Distance



Photo of Citadel from bridge west of the mound 1942

Image from dept of antiquities in Bagdad, deputy minister Maysoon AIDamluji 2004









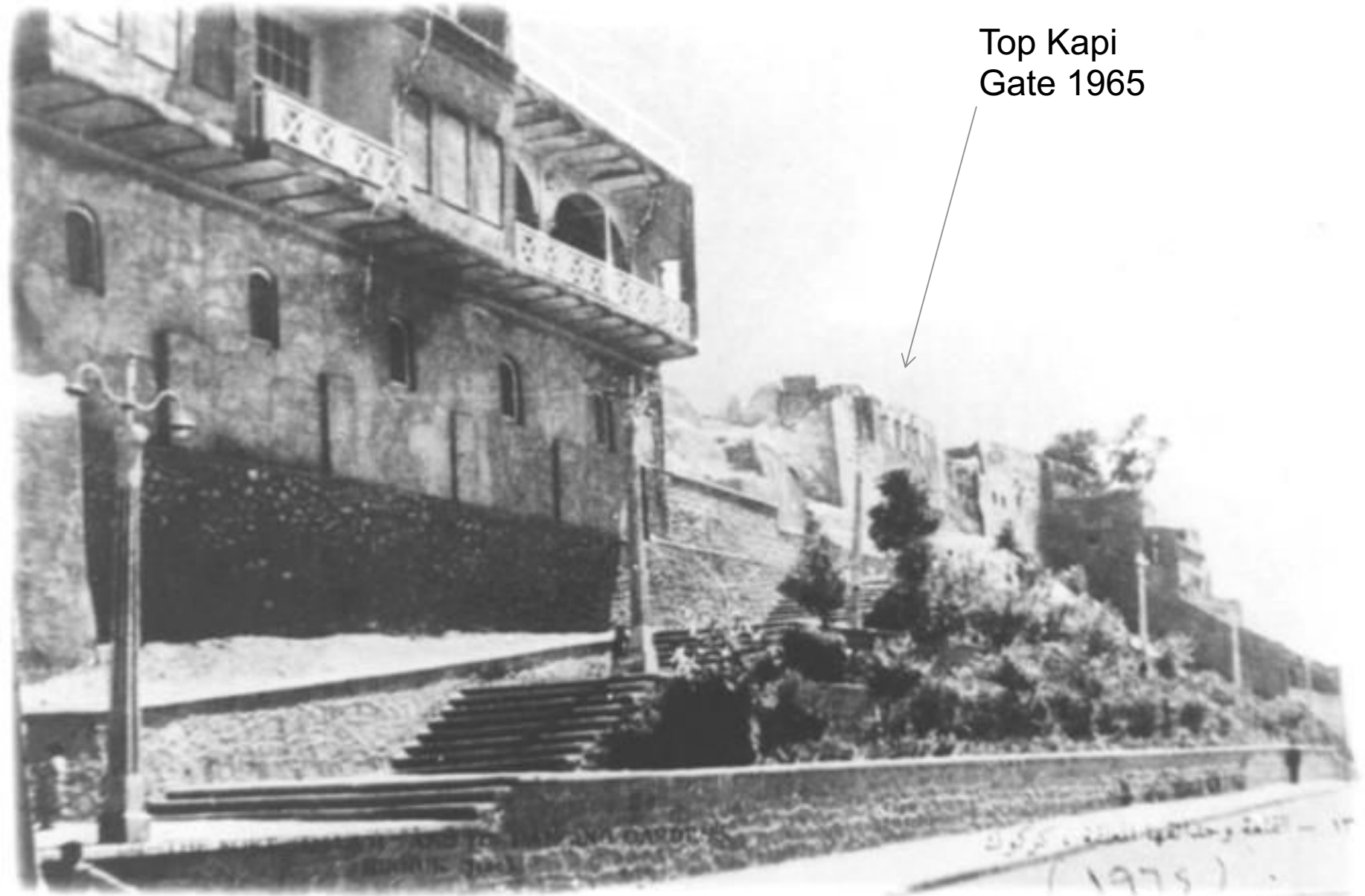


West elevation of Citadel circa ~1970seventies
Internet acquired





Top Kapi
Gate 1965





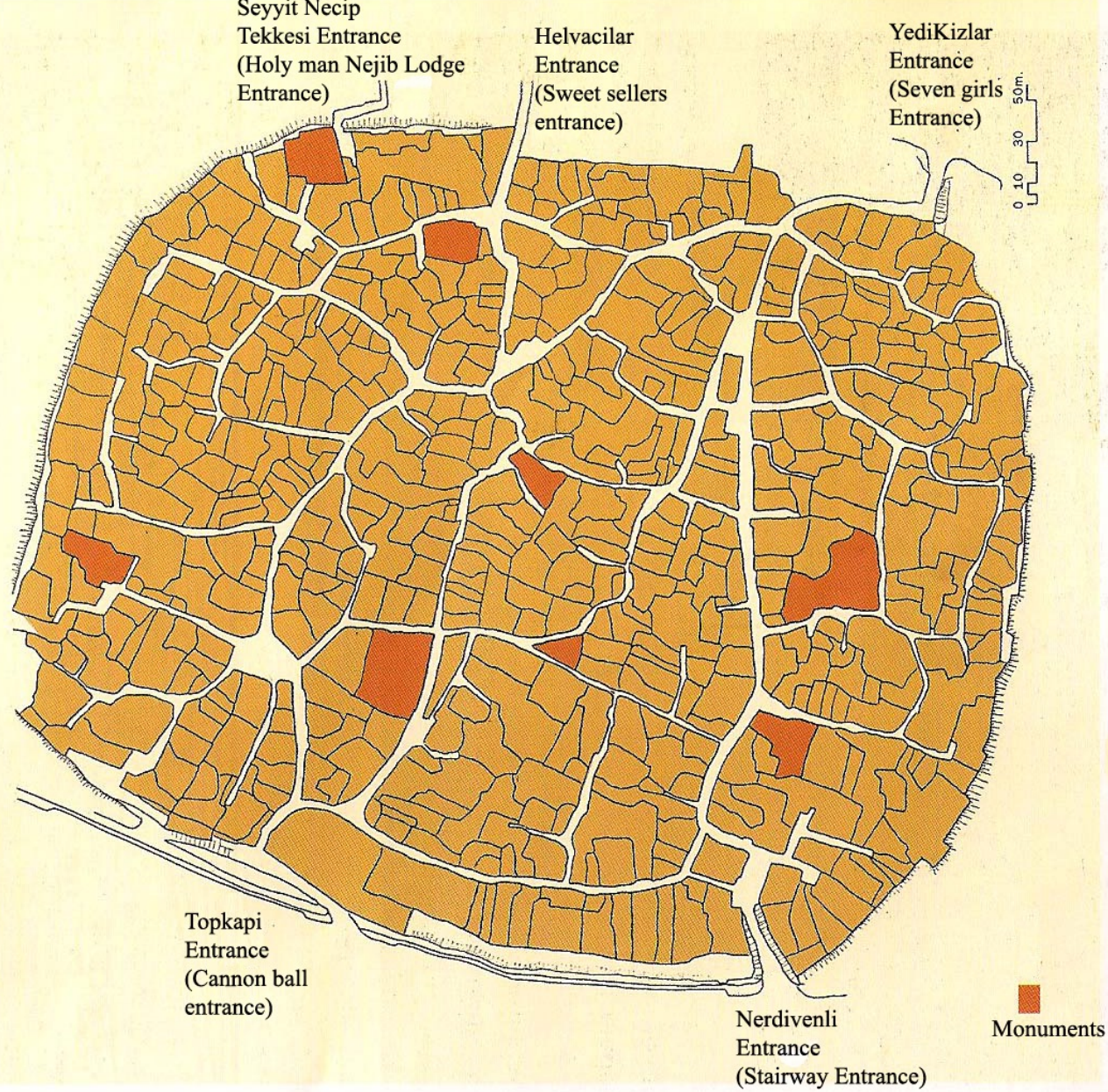
Original house
north of TopKapi
Entrance

Top Kapi

Top Kapi structure



TopKapi(Western Entrance) from moving car crossing bridge 200



The entrance gates of Kerkuk Castle, its monuments and streets

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What it used to look like











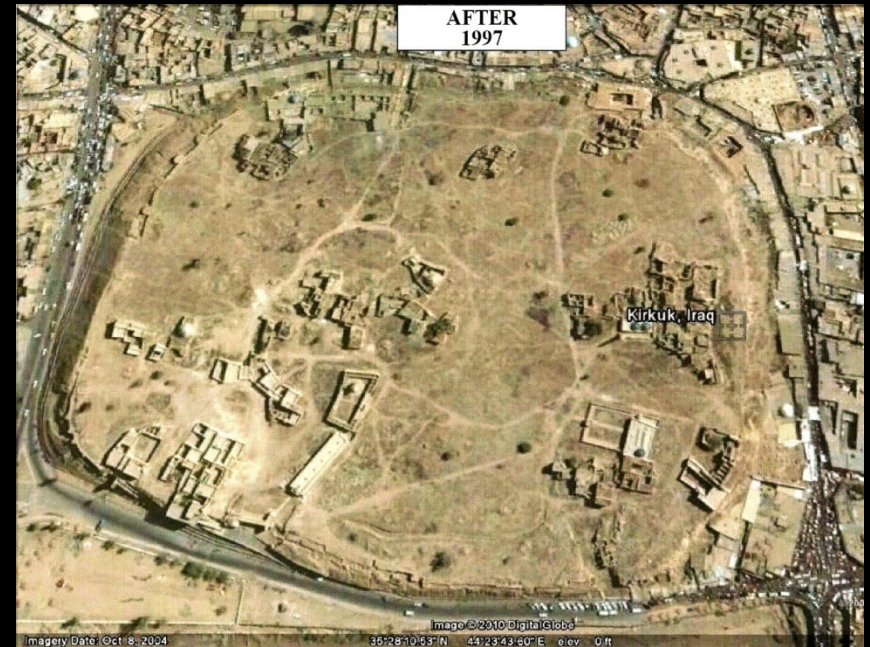




Destruction

Kirkuk Citadel

before and after the destruction of 1997



Market Below

Market below and east of Citadel





Looking Up



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چرا پانذنی سیستمی فیدرانی له ده
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تورج‌الدین طایبانی در دهکده
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موزه و موزه‌های کوردستان عراق
و سایر استان‌های کوردستان

کوردستان

Top Kapi
Gate 2010





Gates, Doors, Entrances

Top Kapi Gate





Seyyid Necip Tekkya door



Stone Gate



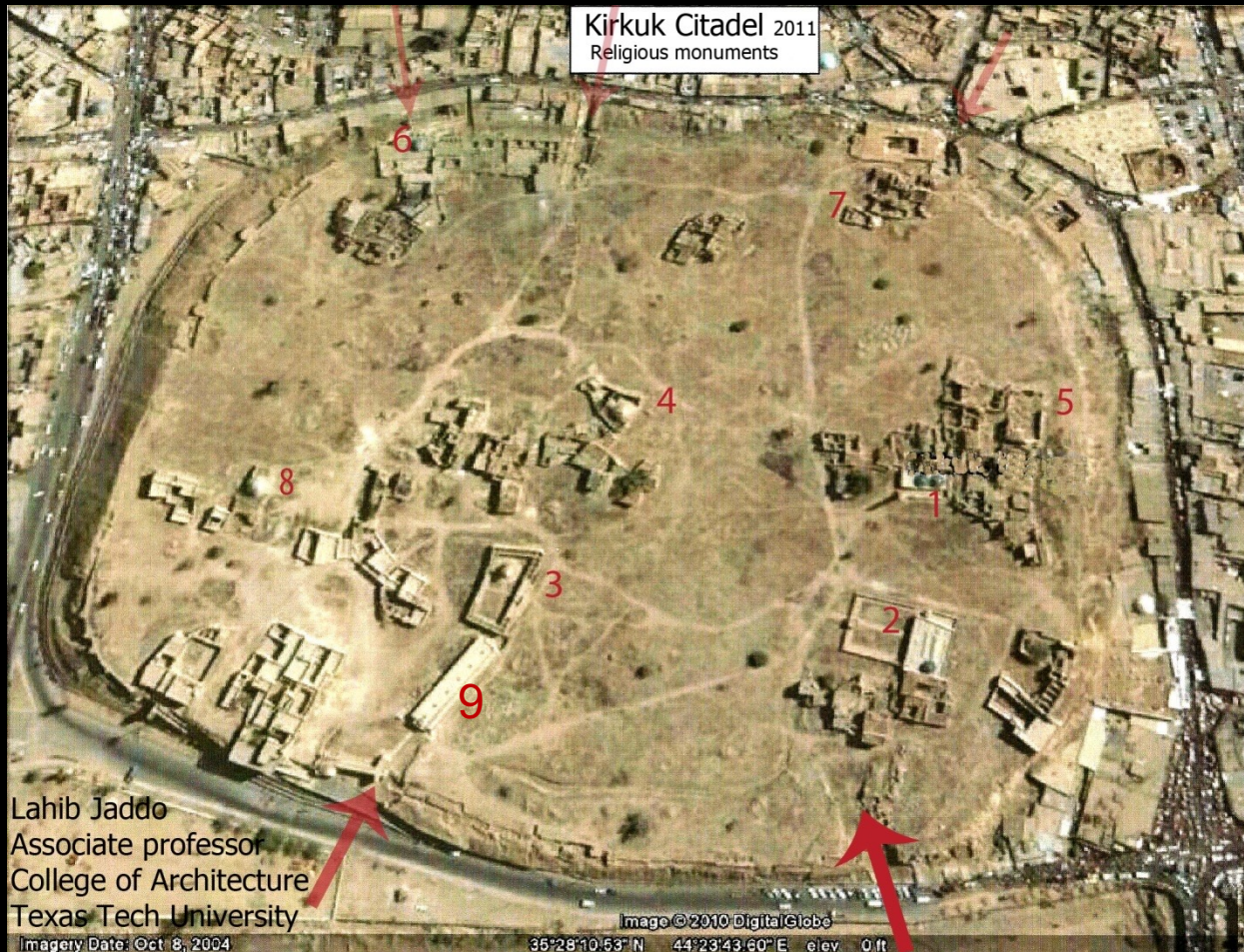
Mosques and Monuments

Satellite Photo of Kirkuk Citadel before 1990/97 destruction



1. Prophet Daniel shrine
2. Ulu Mosque
3. Gok Kumbat
4. Uryan mosque
5. Um Al Ahzan Church
6. Sayyid Necip Tekya
7. Fuzuli Mosque
8. Hasan Pakiz mosque

Google earth Image of Kirkuk Citadel 2004



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9. Abbasid Market

Abbasid market







Monument 3, Gok Kumbet

using area B to left and

Housing area H in background



Gok Kumbet



Gok Kumbet



Gok Kumbet Courtyard



Ulu Mosque

Ulu Mosque(blue mosque) from Nabi Daniel roof (circa 2010)



Ulu Mosque Minaret



Relationship of buildings to each other, Panorama photo of 180 degrees looking East, south, and West



Prophet Daniel Shrine



Sacred Nubuk Tree

Nabi Daniel
Minaret

Nabi Daniel
Domes

Sayid Nejjib
Tekya
(Lodge)

sque

Entrance to Nabi Daniel
photo by author 2005



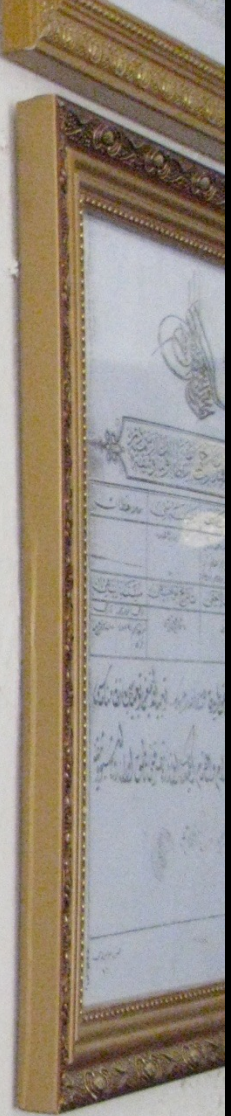
Nabi Daniel path and gardens in 2010 and parking lot



Photo of religious figures from 1924



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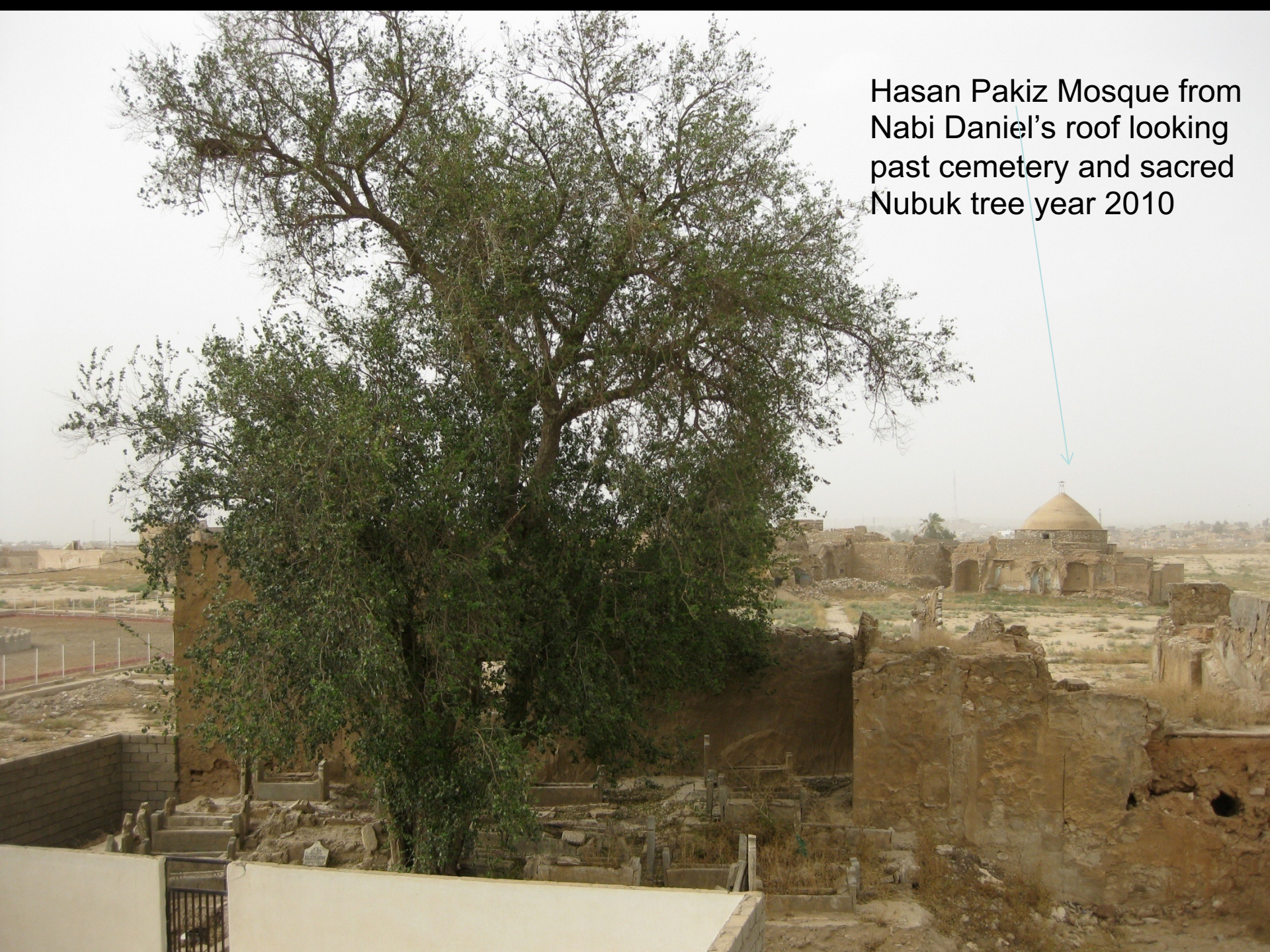
Inside Nabi Daniel
Circa 2010



Pano Photo from roof of Nabi Daniel looking west showing blue dome of large mosque and new gardens 2010



Hasan Pakiz Mosque from
Nabi Daniel's roof looking
past cemetery and sacred
Nubuk tree year 2010



Nabi Daniel

Ulu (blue) Mosque

Church behind
Nabi daniel



Housing Area H

Hasan Pakiz Mosque



Prophet Daniel window of wishes



Uryan Mosque

Uryan Mosque, East facade





Hasan Pakiz Mosque

Hasan Pakiz Mosque Monument 8



Hasan Pakiz mosque and Madrasah 1701 (picture from 2006)





Chaldean Church



Church

Nabi Daniel

Fuzuli Mosque

Easter Elevation of Citadel 2006

Chaldean Church





Seyyid Necib Tekya

Sayid Necib Tekya(lodge),photo circa 2010



Fuzuli Mosque



Houses (restored or in ruins) on the Citadel of Kirkuk

Housing groups



A-Abdul Ghani House and others(all restored).

B-Restored houses

C-Houses in ruins but can be restored.

D-Houses in ruins(non restorable)

E-Ruins at Yedi Kizlar(can be restored)

F- Daiwachilar complex in ruins, some can be restored.

G- Toma's house restored, attached structure in ruins

H-Complex in ruins but restorable

I-Complex around Uryan Mosque in ruins but restorable.

Housing area A, south elevation



Housing area A, south elevation



Housing area C , south facade



Area A housing





B



Housing Area B











C



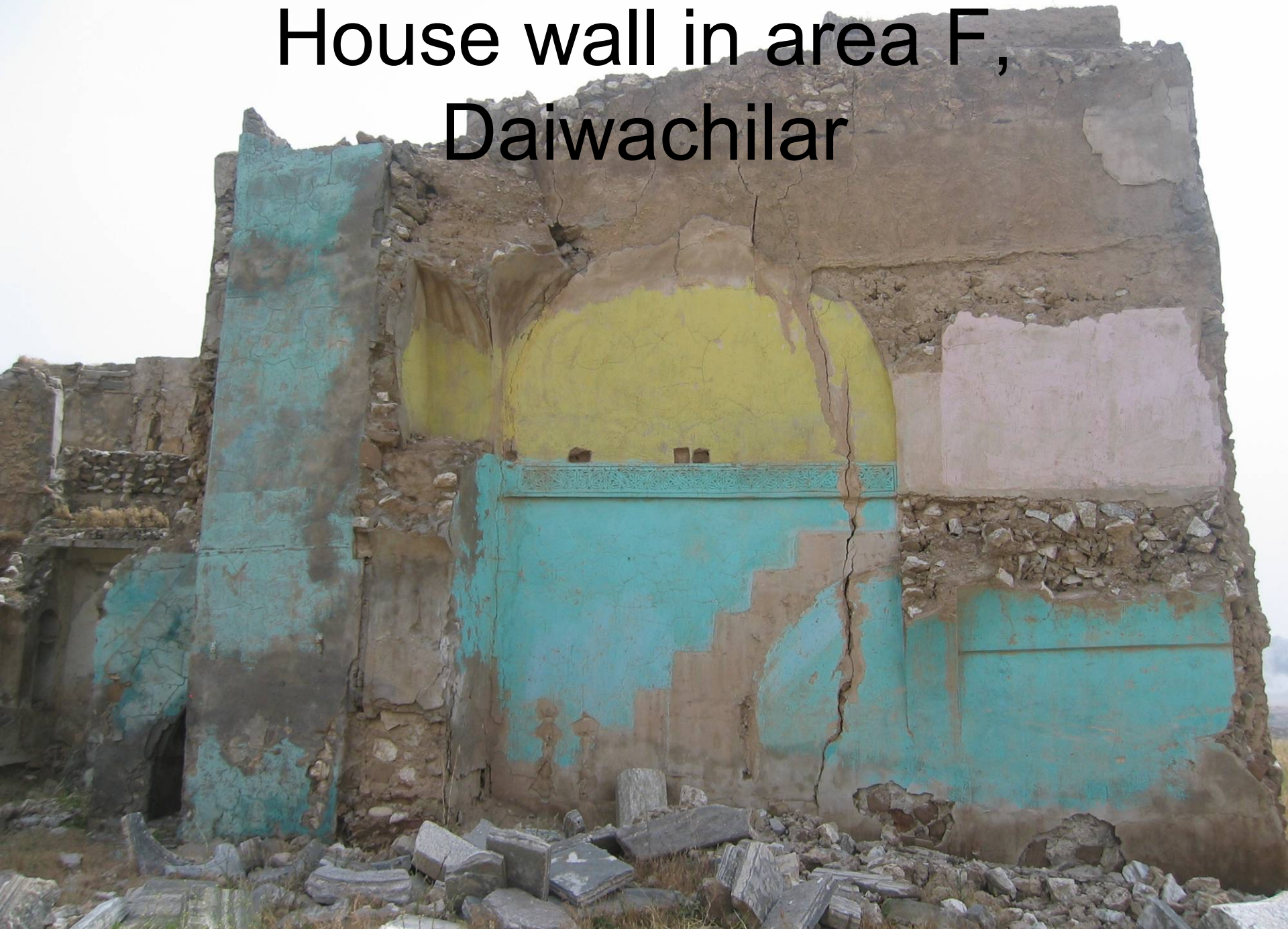
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Housing Area F north facade





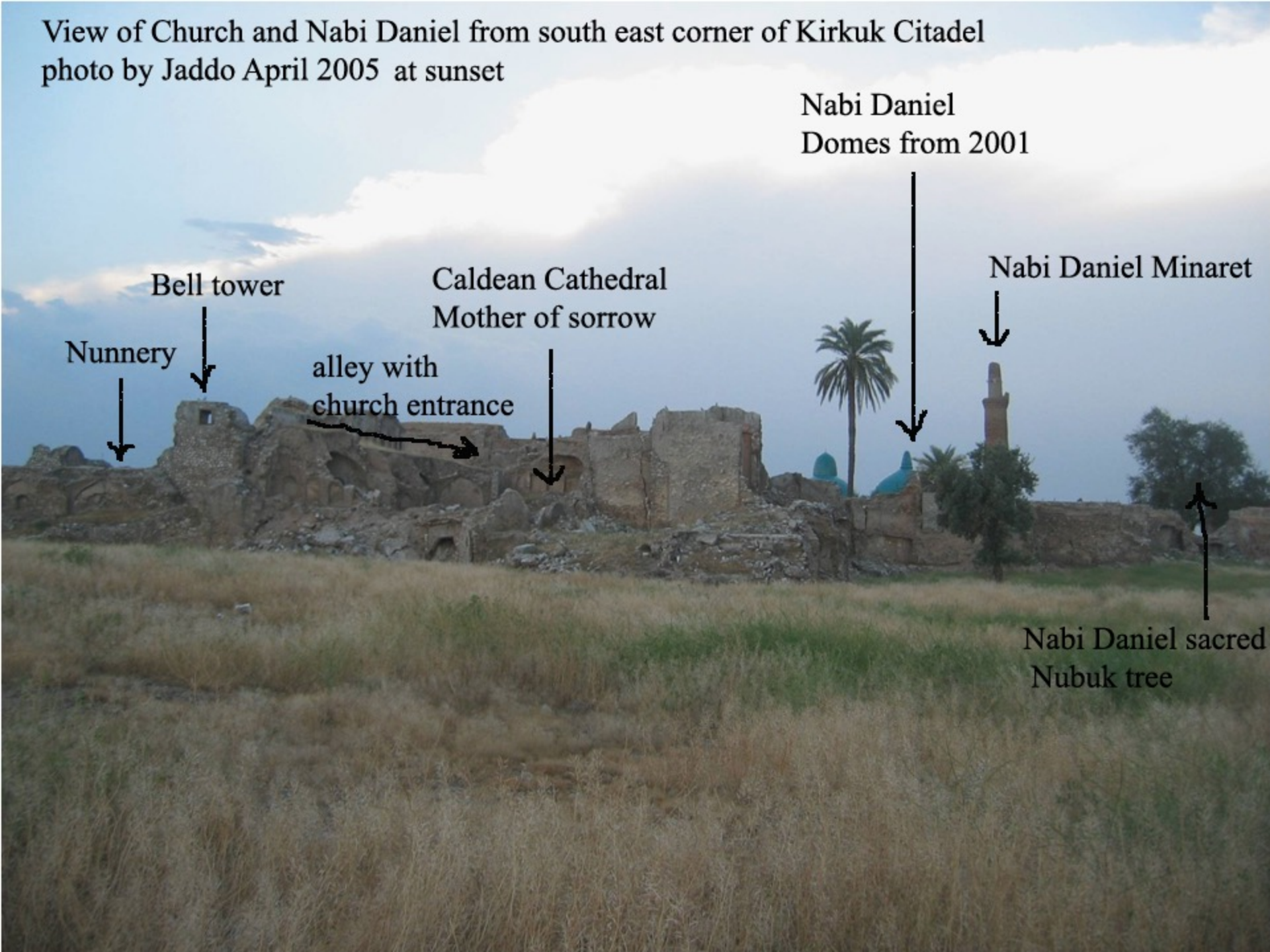
House wall in area F, Daiwachilar



Housing Area F , Southeast Elevation



View of Church and Nabi Daniel from south east corner of Kirkuk Citadel
photo by Jaddo April 2005 at sunset



Nunnery

Bell tower

Caldean Cathedral
Mother of sorrow

alley with
church entrance

Nabi Daniel
Domes from 2001

Nabi Daniel Minaret

Nabi Daniel sacred
Nubuk tree

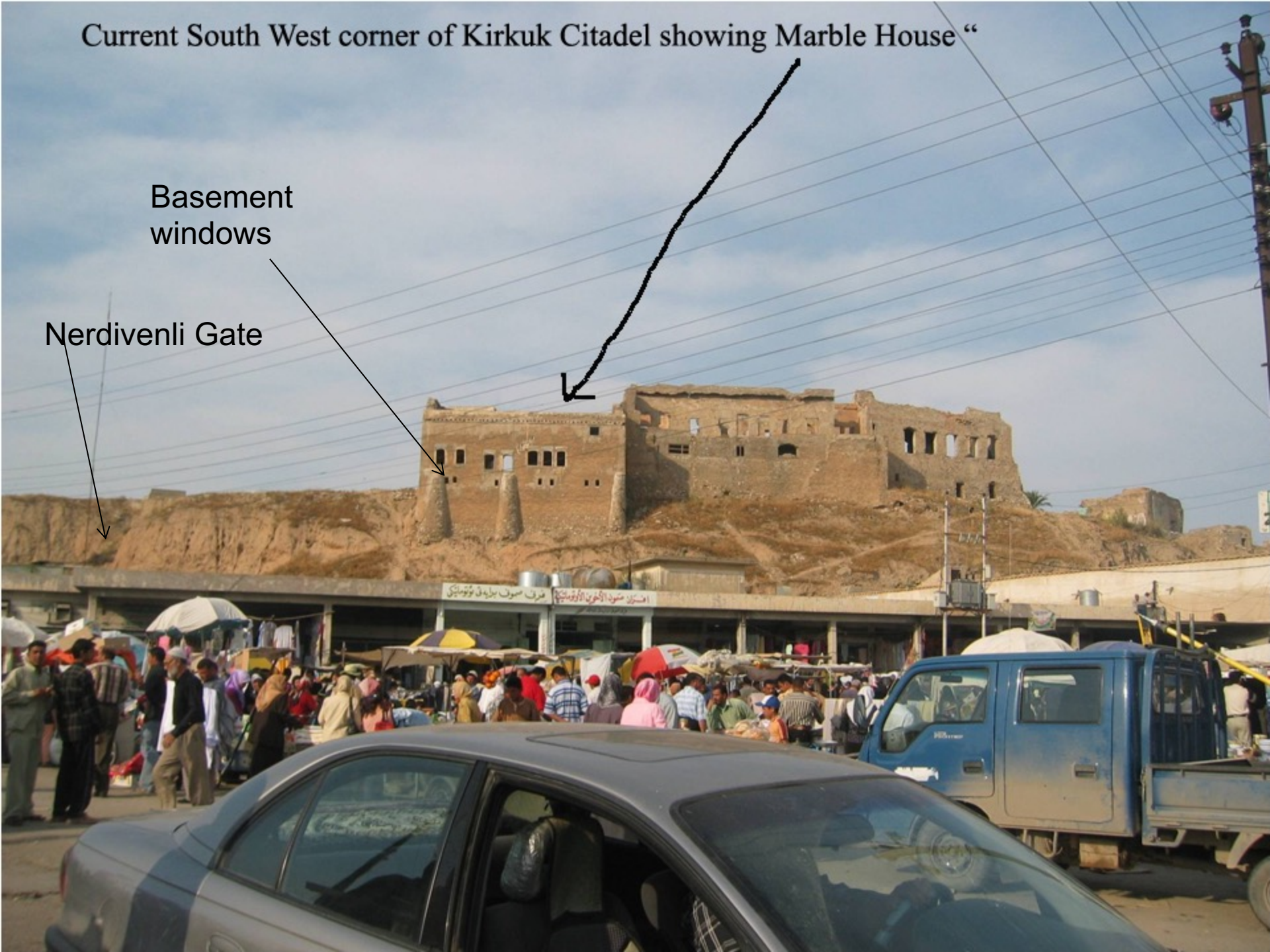


G

Current South West corner of Kirkuk Citadel showing Marble House “

Basement windows

Nerdivenli Gate





كر كوك
قازانچىلار چارشىسى
بازار شىمارى ۱۰۱ كوك

Area G



Housing Area G, Toma's restored house









Housing area A, south elevation



Housing area F east elevation



Housing area B



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Housing Area I , north elevation



Area I





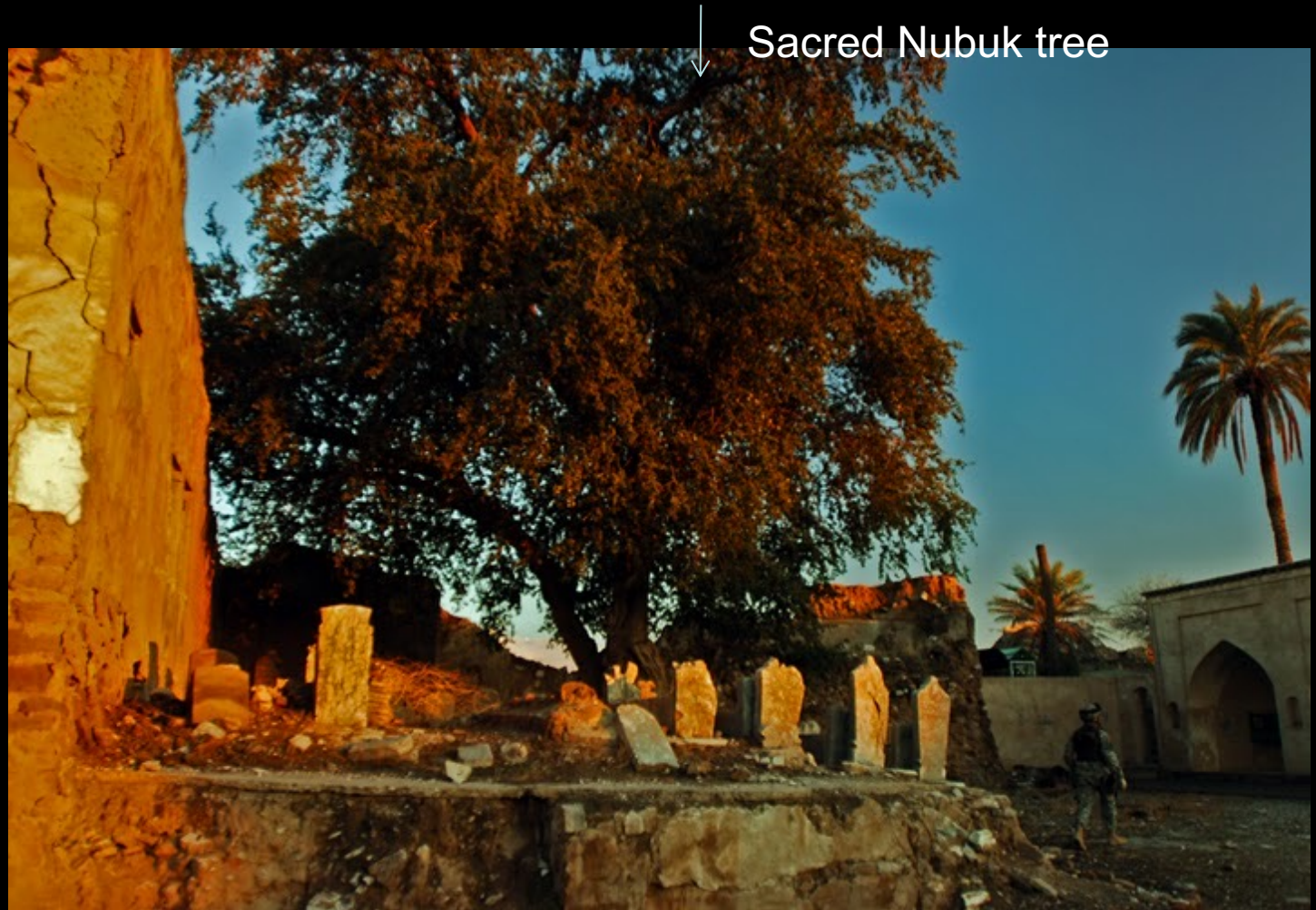
Nawruz



Celebration time on Citadel



Cemetery at Prophet Daniel



Sacred Nubuk tree

Edge of
Bulldozed
cemetery

Archeology

Archeology
potential

Seyyid Necip Tekya



Citadel to be included in world heritage sites in Iraq

- Heritage team visit to Citadel March 28 2010
- UNESCO's Culture Program Specialist Tamara Teneishvili laid out an initial plan of action and encouraged the local authorities and experts to prepare for a process that could take several years. "No matter the outcome, the Citadel will benefit," said Ms Teneishvili, "because the process requires the implementation of plans and procedures that should raise local efforts to protect the Citadel to an international standard." as quoted on unesco.org

Activism through Architecture

- Kirkuk Citadel **was** a rare place where many religions and ethnicities lived and worshipped side by side peacefully. With the destruction of the Citadel that place has become “no man’s land”. Can this be fixed by Architecture?
- Can Architecture create a harmonious sense of place to heal people separated by politics bringing ethnicities together, and, help forget the past?
- How can Architecture, culture , and tradition heal a place ravaged because of its oil wealth.
- Can new structures get added on to a world heritage site?
- Can the program/function of buildings enhance bringing peace.
- How do you define activism in Architecture within this context?

Commonness

- Finding the common grounds among the moderate more educated from these groups. Obvious , common values are there and once brought to light and articulated then architecture can, as always express these in clear physical and spiritual ways .
- The fundamentalists extremists have stolen the grace and beauty that exists in each of the three through fear, hate, ignorance, etc. Find the beauty in each and find their commonness.
- Dudley Thompson

Value in relationship to cultural heritage

- the idea that 'architecture can heal.' The personification of objects, places or buildings is a sensitive and tricky idea. Inanimate objects cannot 'heal' but may be able to foster an atmosphere of healing, a place of safety and trust, a place for bonding and sharing. These perceptions, understandings and emotions can foster psychological healing.
- to define the concept of 'value' in relationship to cultural heritage , perhaps what is of value, with regard to the people of Kirkuk, is worth identifying.
- ElizabethLouden

- a wonderful vision of peaceful coexistence in a city haunted by its riches, and by three decades of divisive politics.
- "Citadel for All" would be such a wonderful confrontation to whoever dwells on more destruction and conflict, and will begin to build the forgotten dream of those who coexisted without caring about ethnic or religious ID. Yanar Mohammed