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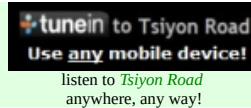
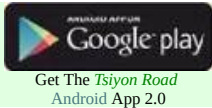
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New ancient Egypt temples discovered in Sinai

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CAIRO — Archaeologists exploring an old military road in the Sinai have unearthed four new temples amidst the 3,000-year-old remains of an ancient fortified city that could have been used to impress foreign delegations visiting Egypt, antiquities authorities announced Tuesday.

Among the discoveries was the largest mud brick temple found in the Sinai with an area of 70 by 80 meters (77 by 87 yards) and fortified with mud walls 3 meters (10 feet) thick, said Zahi Hawass, chief of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities.

The find was made in Qantara, 2 1/2 miles (4 kilometers) east of the Suez Canal. These temples mark the latest discovery by archaeologists digging up the remains of the city on the military road known as "Way of Horus." Horus is a



A handout picture released by Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities on April 21, 2009 shows carvings on a wall at an ancient temple in the Sinai peninsula. Egyptian archaeologists have unearthed carvings at four ancient temples in the Sinai peninsula which they hope will shed fresh light on one of the most obscure periods of Pharaonic history.

the ancient Egyptian army during the New Kingdom era to store wheat and weapons.

Abdel-Maqroud said the fortified city corresponded to the inscriptions of the Way of Horus found on the walls of the Karnak Temple in Luxor which illustrated the features of 11 military fortresses that protected Egypt's eastern borders. Only five of them have been discovered to date.

falcon-headed god, who represented the greatest cosmic powers for ancient Egyptians.

The path once connected Egypt to Palestine and is close to present-day Rafah, which borders the Palestinian territory of Gaza.

Archaeologist Mohammed Abdel-Maqroud, chief of the excavation team, said the large brick temple could potentially rewrite the historical and military significance of the Sinai for the ancient Egyptians.

The temple contains four hallways, three stone purification bowls and colorful inscriptions commemorating Ramses I and II. The grandeur and sheer size of the temple could have been used to impress armies and visiting foreign delegations as they arrived in Egypt, authorities said.

The dig has been part of a joint project with the Culture Ministry that started in 1986 to find fortresses along the military road. Hawass said early studies suggested the fortified city had been Egypt's military headquarters from the New Kingdom (1569-1081 B.C.) until the Ptolemaic era, a period lasting about 1500 years.

In a previous find, archaeologists there reported finding the first ever New Kingdom temple to be found in northern Sinai. Studies indicated the temple was built on top of an 18th Dynasty fort (1569-1315 B.C.).

Last year, a collection of reliefs belonging to King Ramses II and King Seti I (1314-1304 B.C.) were also unearthed along with rows of warehouses used by

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From Eliyahu

The news article above reveals firm Egyptian control of the Sinai Peninsula in biblical times. This fact is further supported by discoveries of Egyptian mines in the ancient Egyptian Wilderness of what we today call Sinai. These discoveries call into question all proposed sites for the Biblical Mount Sinai anywhere in the Sinai Peninsula, since Israel would have still been within Egyptian territory at any of those Sinai Peninsula mountains - and we know from Scripture that was not the case. Indeed, the so-called "Sinai" Peninsula was misnamed due to error and not due to fact. This is problematic for "Reed Sea" Exodus crossing proponents who require a relatively close Sinai Peninsula destination for the exiting Israelites. As the "Reed Sea" theory crumbles in the wake of increasing evidence, we wonder: Where did the Israelites cross the sea? Join us this Sabbath for a faith-building discussion tracing the route of Israel as they exited Egypt.

Blessings and Shalom!

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