



**Jordan and Egypt
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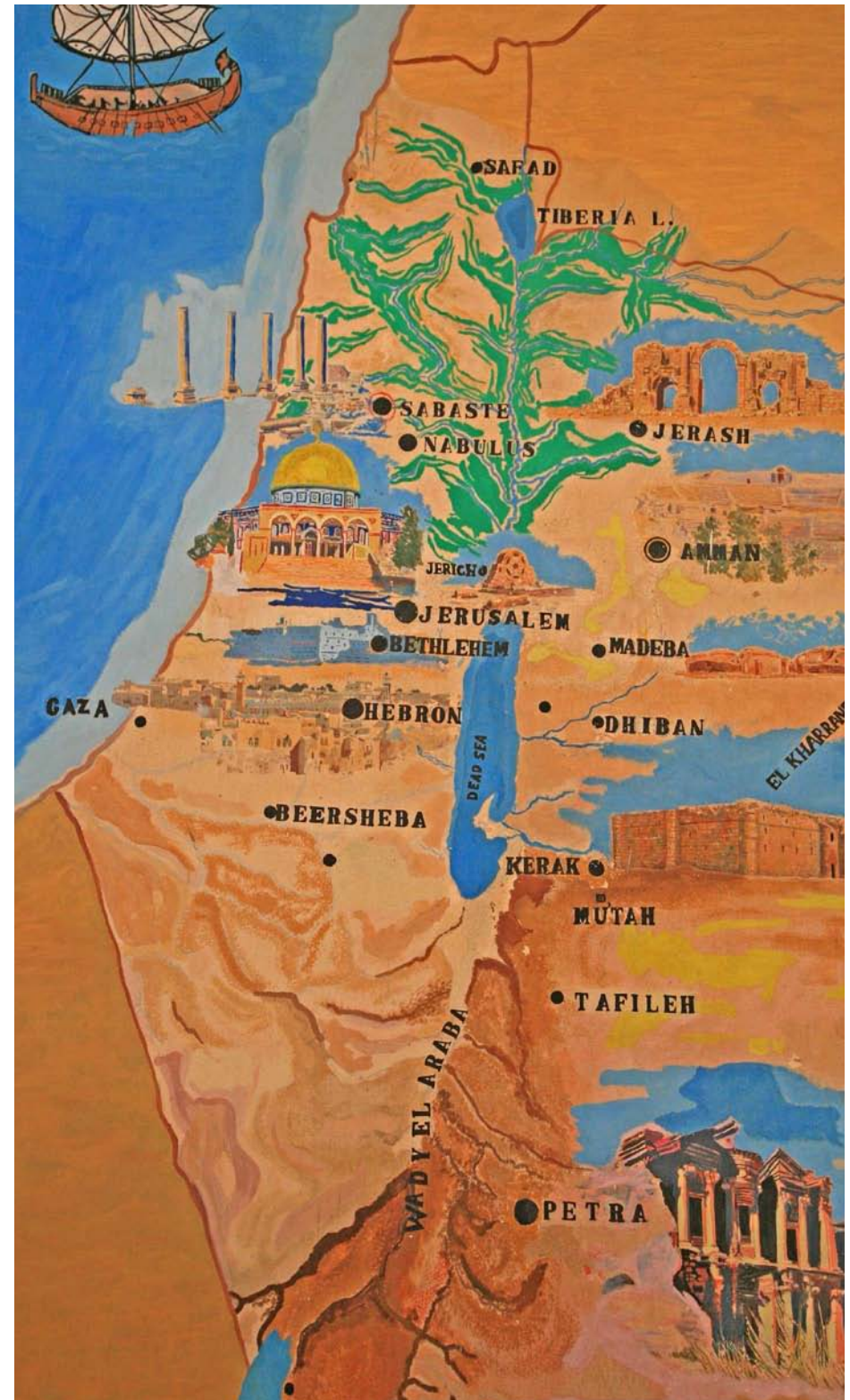


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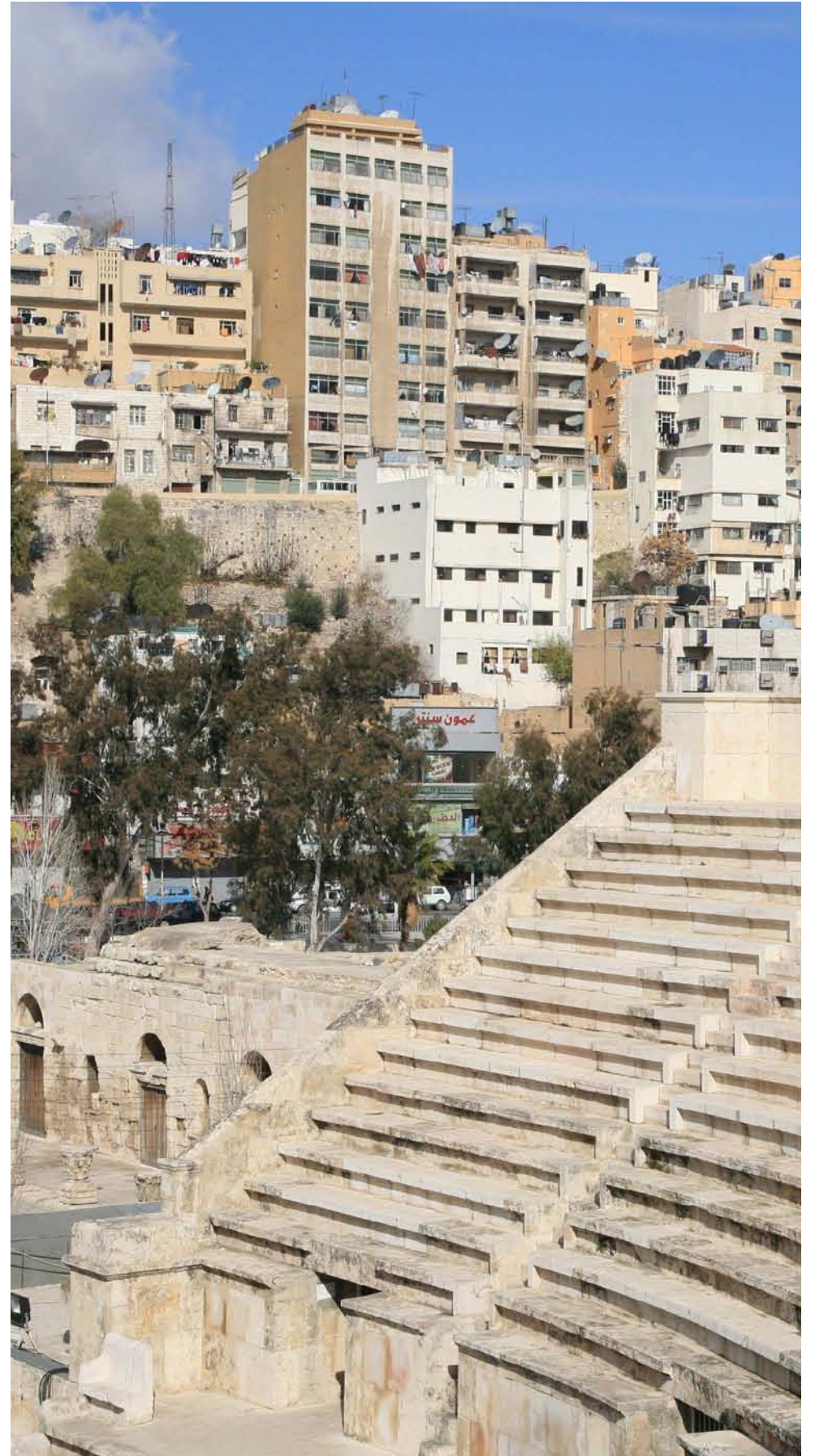


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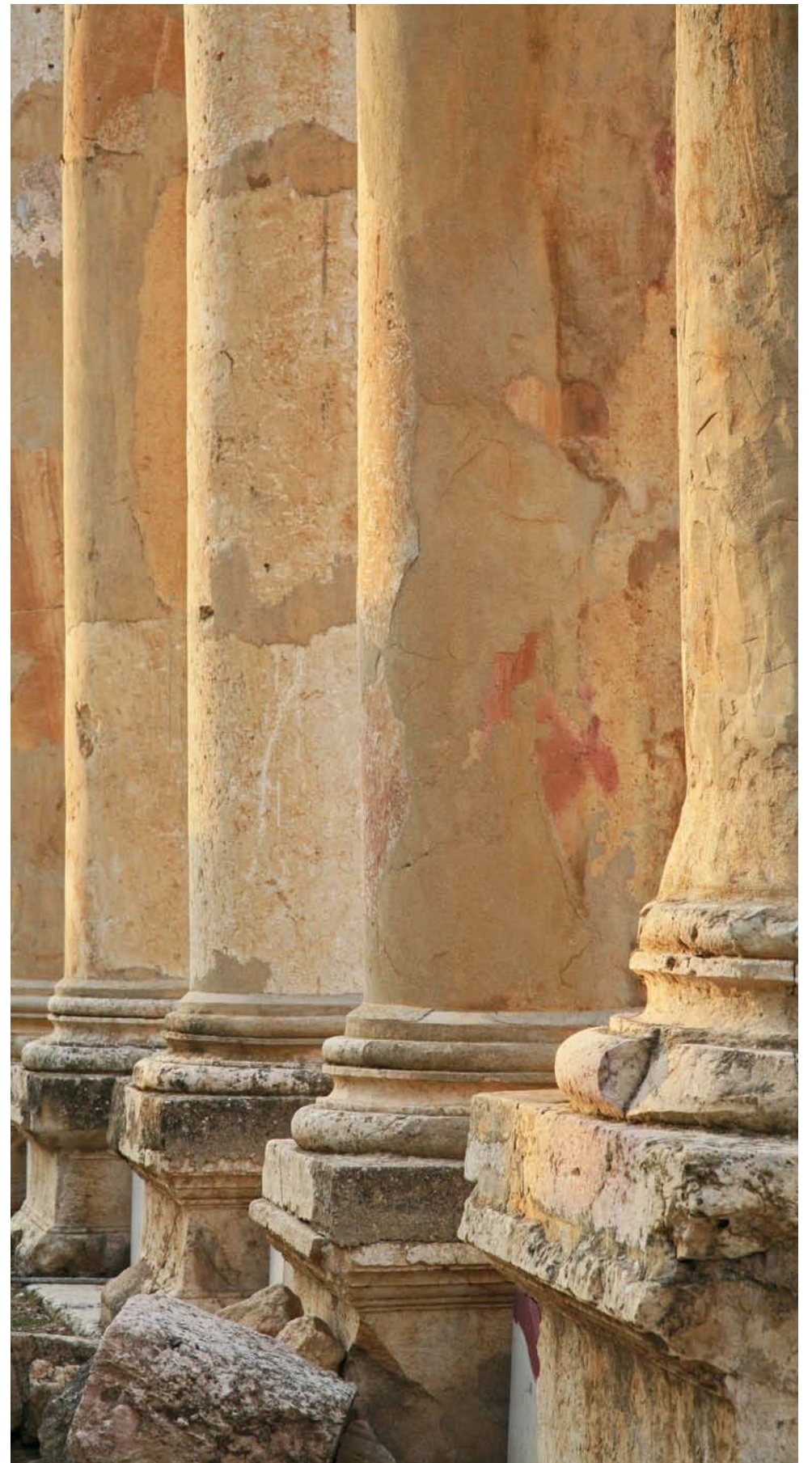
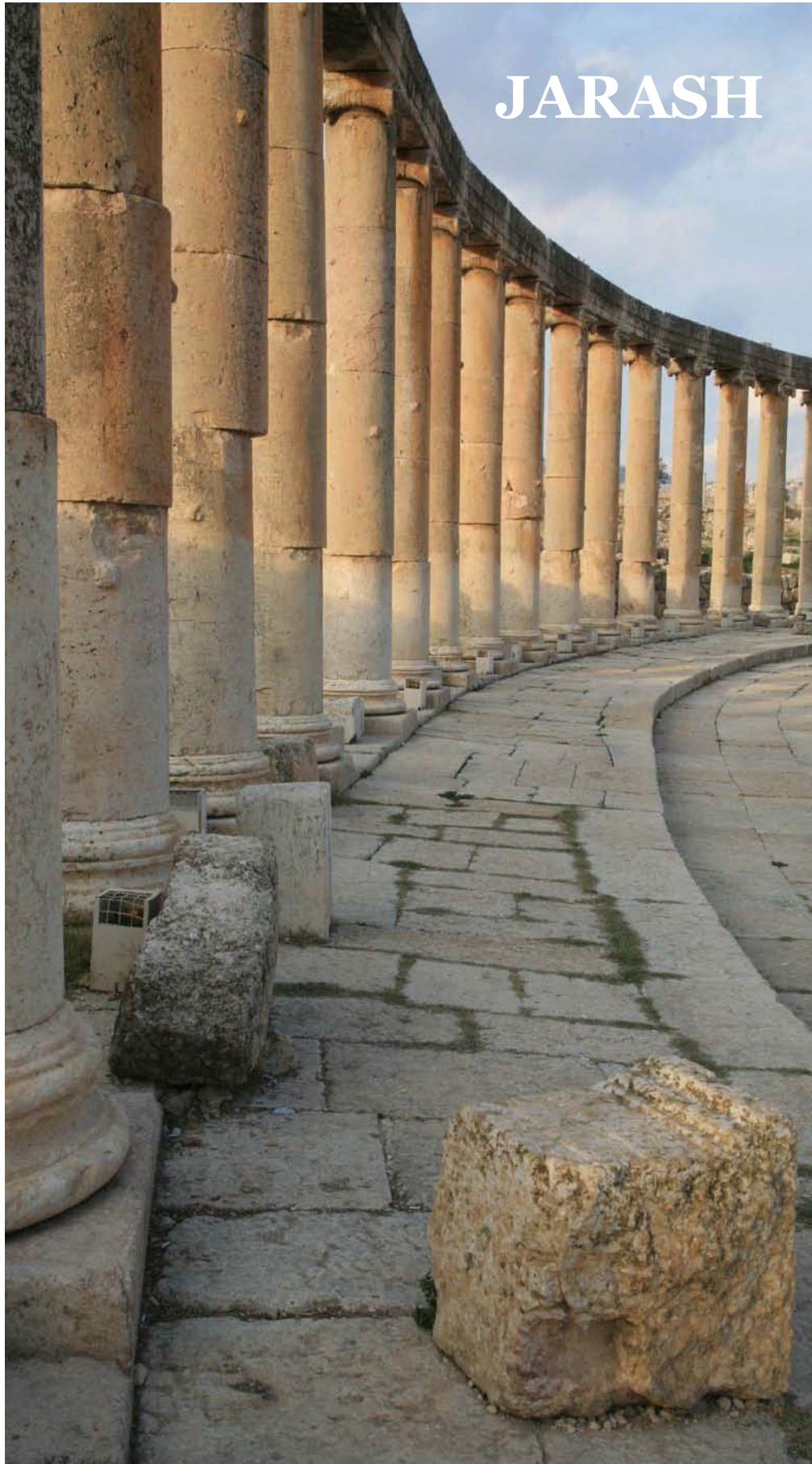
This trip, with Penny and Ken has been Gail's dream for many years. The lands of the "Birth of Civilization", the Kingdoms of the Pharaohs and the Temples of Egypt have been for her, a life long interest. She has been studying guide books and history literature for over a year and I know she will be the "Tour Guide". The entire journey was really a combination of trips, going to Jordan first because we had the time and could not miss seeing Petra. Jordan was a pleasant surprise, offering much more than we had anticipated. The middle three weeks were spent in Egypt, two weeks with a tour that took us from the top to the bottom of the country where we travelled by what we later counted as 22 different modes of transportation. We then caught a train from Cairo to Alexandria and spent the best part of a week on our own in that wonderful city. Our final week was spent in the Western (White) Desert on a private tour that was arranged for us when a larger tour was cancelled. This bleak but beautiful part of Egypt was another pleasant surprise. The countries offer many contrasts, wonderful people and fascinating cultures. We had informed and interesting guides and good travel companions. This book is but a small reflection of our experiences and how we saw these fascinating countries.



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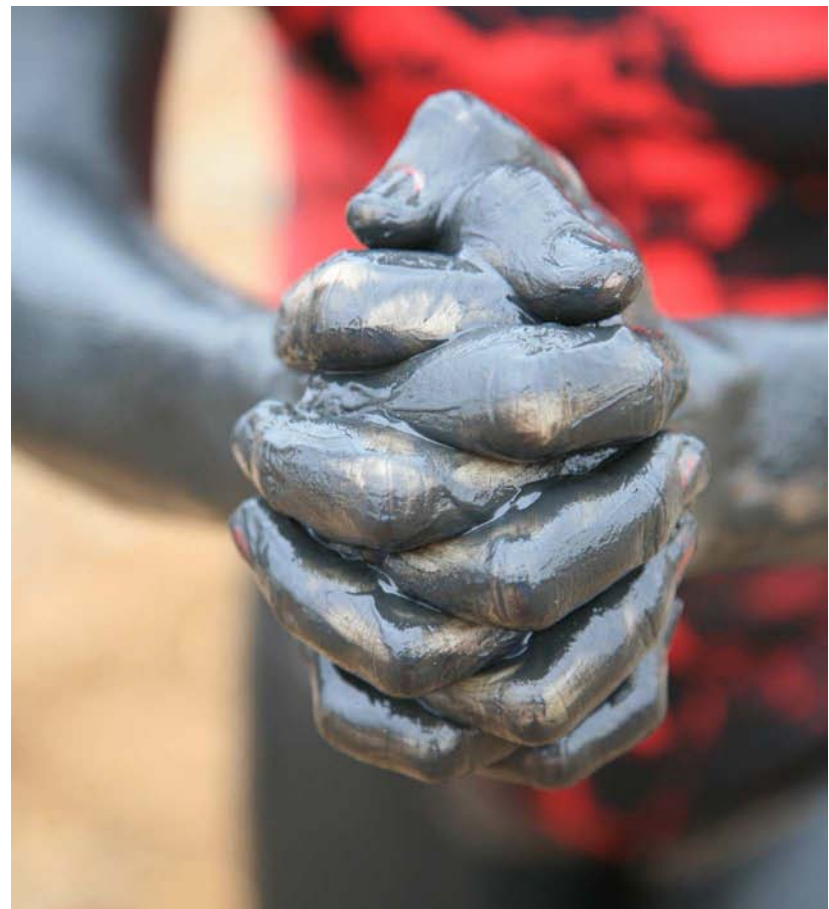












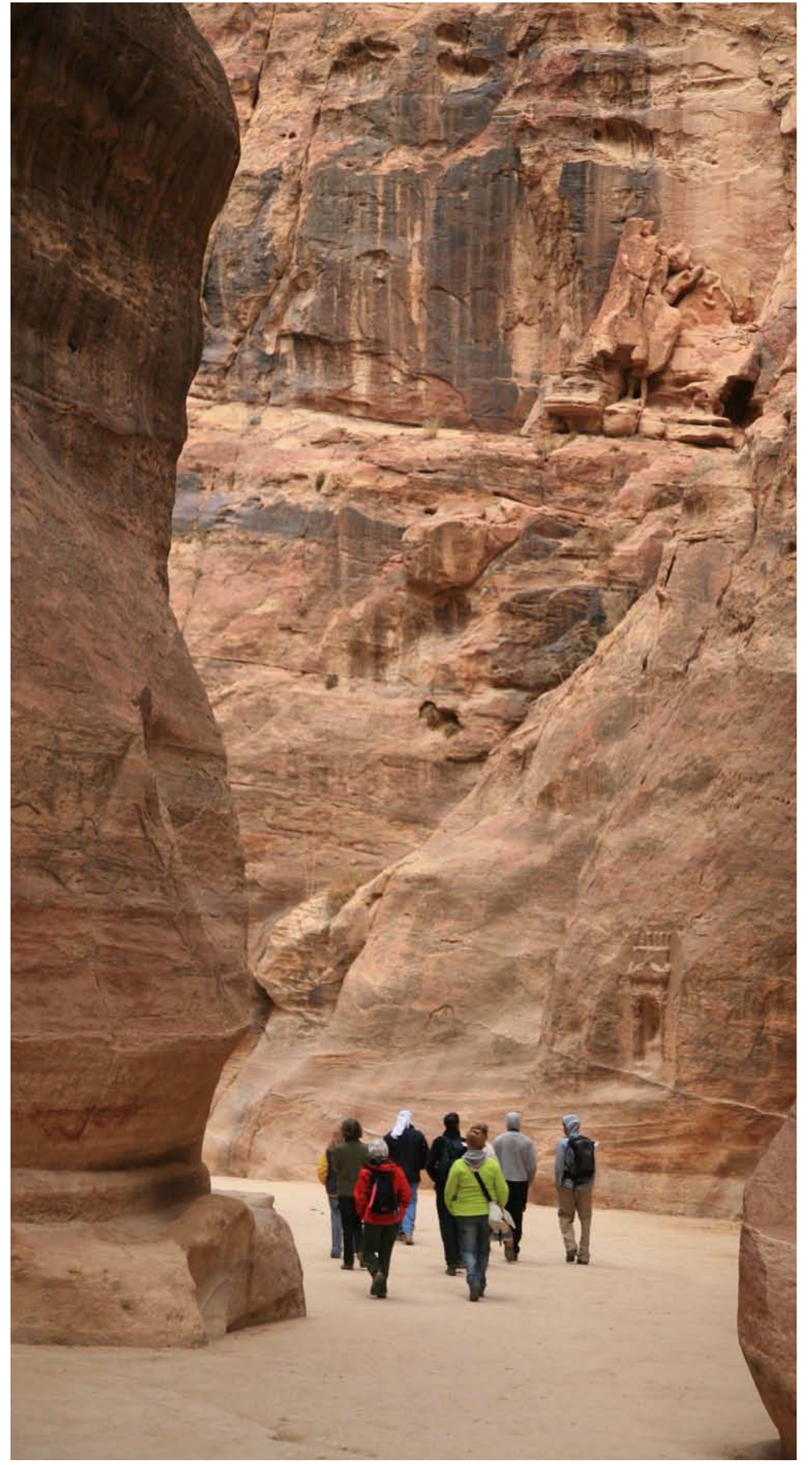
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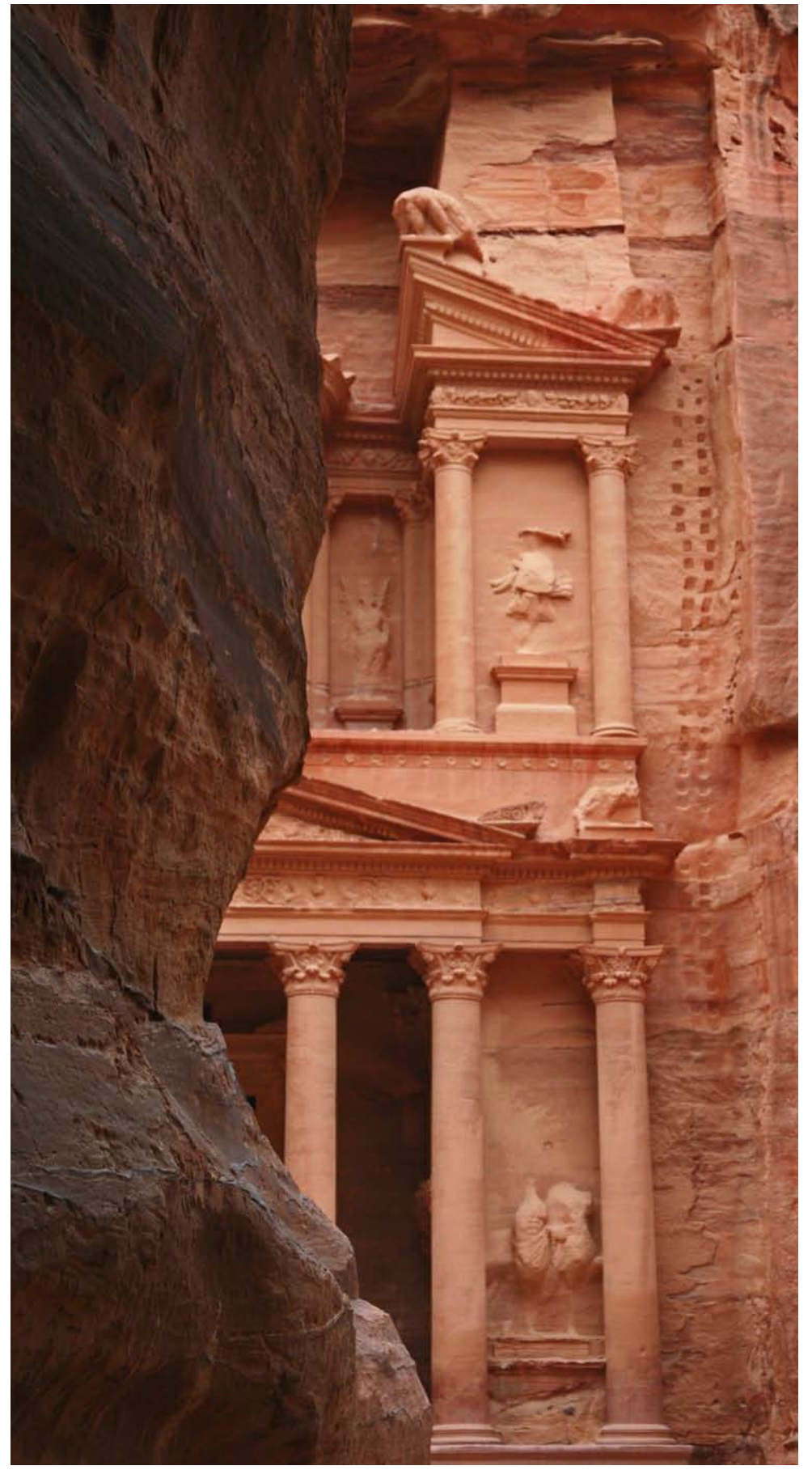
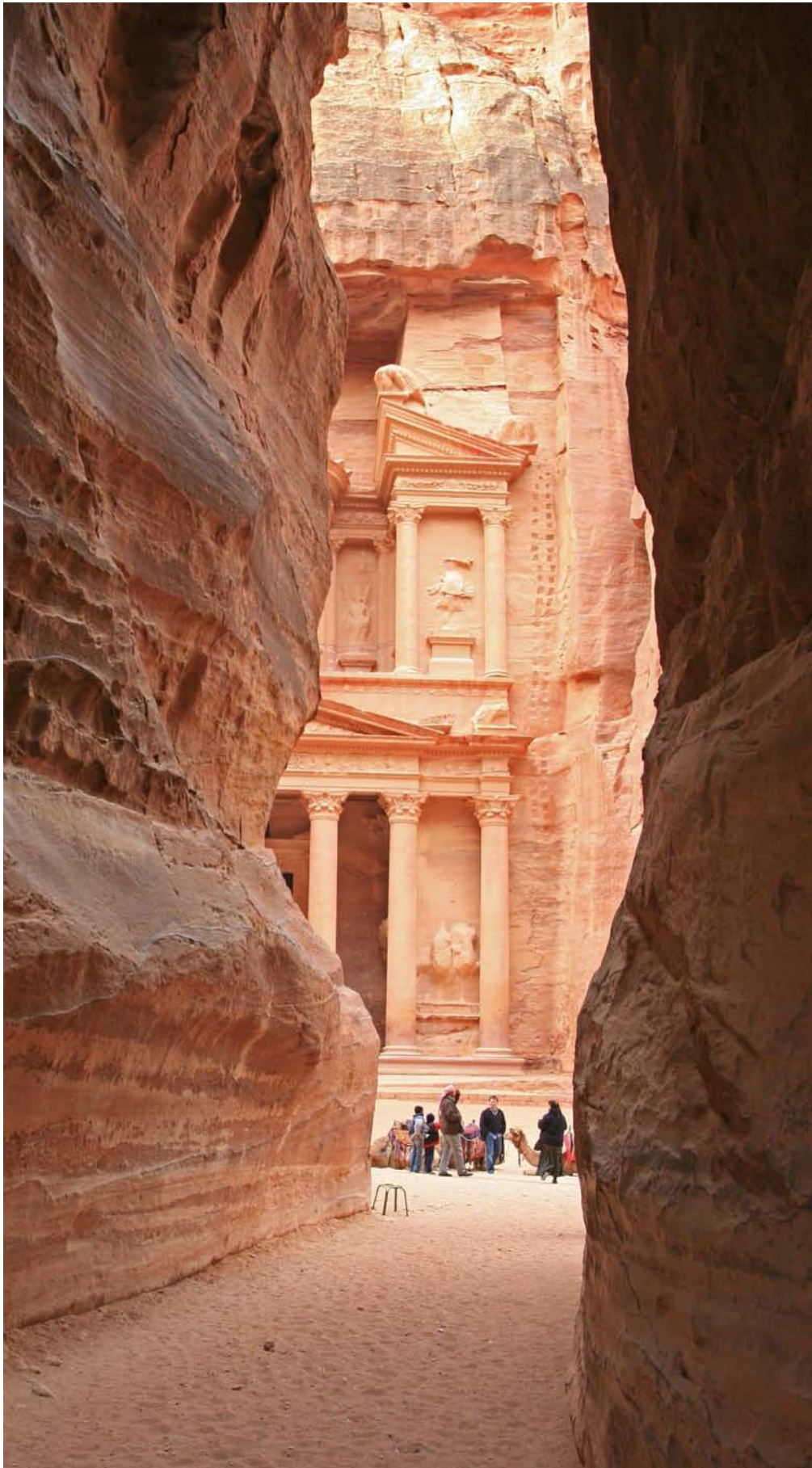
PETRA, the Unesco World Heritage site that is considered "one of the 40 places in the world we are to see before we die." Established in the 6th century B. C., this historic and archeological city is located in the Jordanian governate of Ma'an on the slope of Mount Hor. Famous for its rock cut architecture and water conduit system, the city remained unknown to the western world until 1812. Referred to as the "red rose city half as old as time", the city strategically controlled the main commercial routes passing to Gaza to the west.

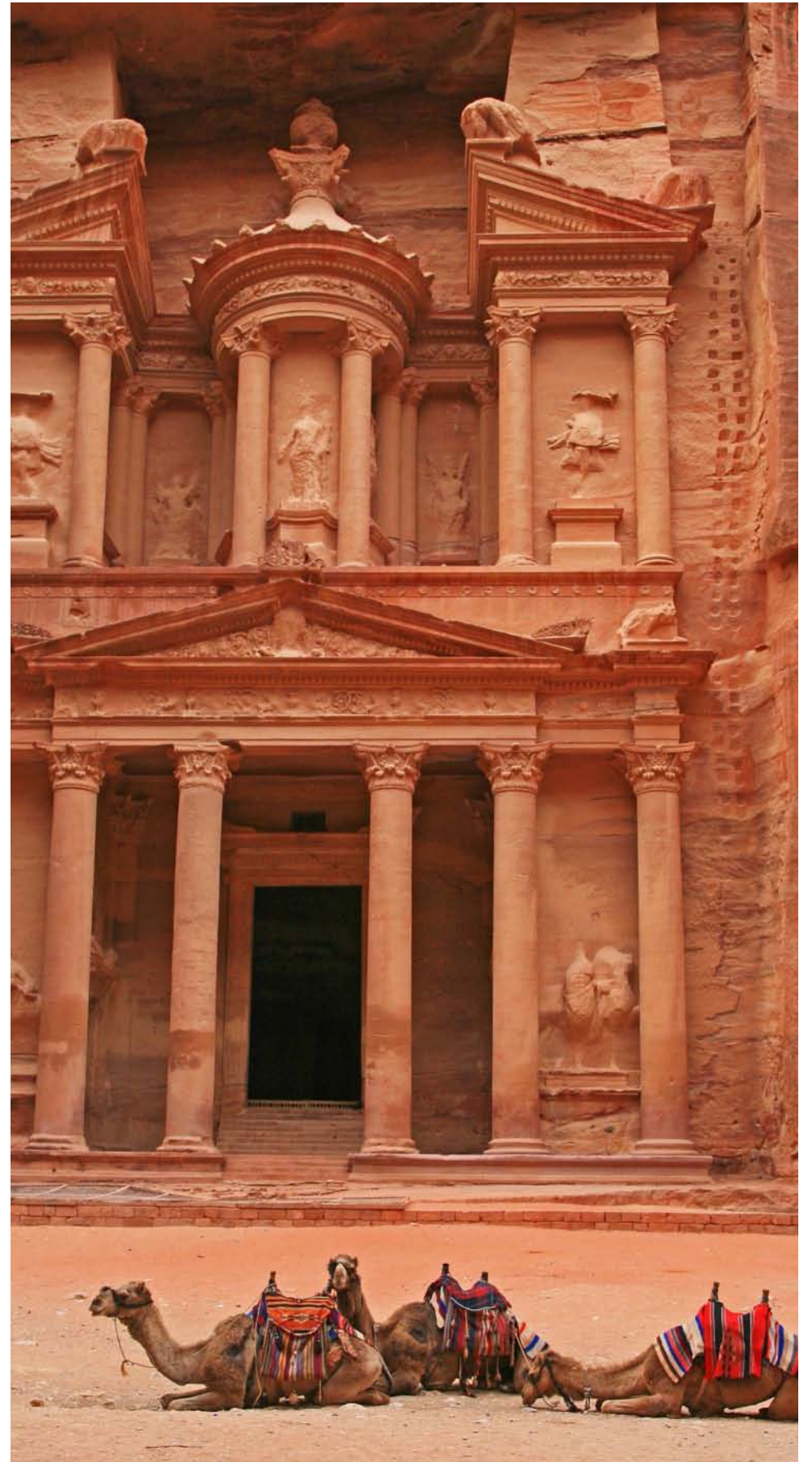
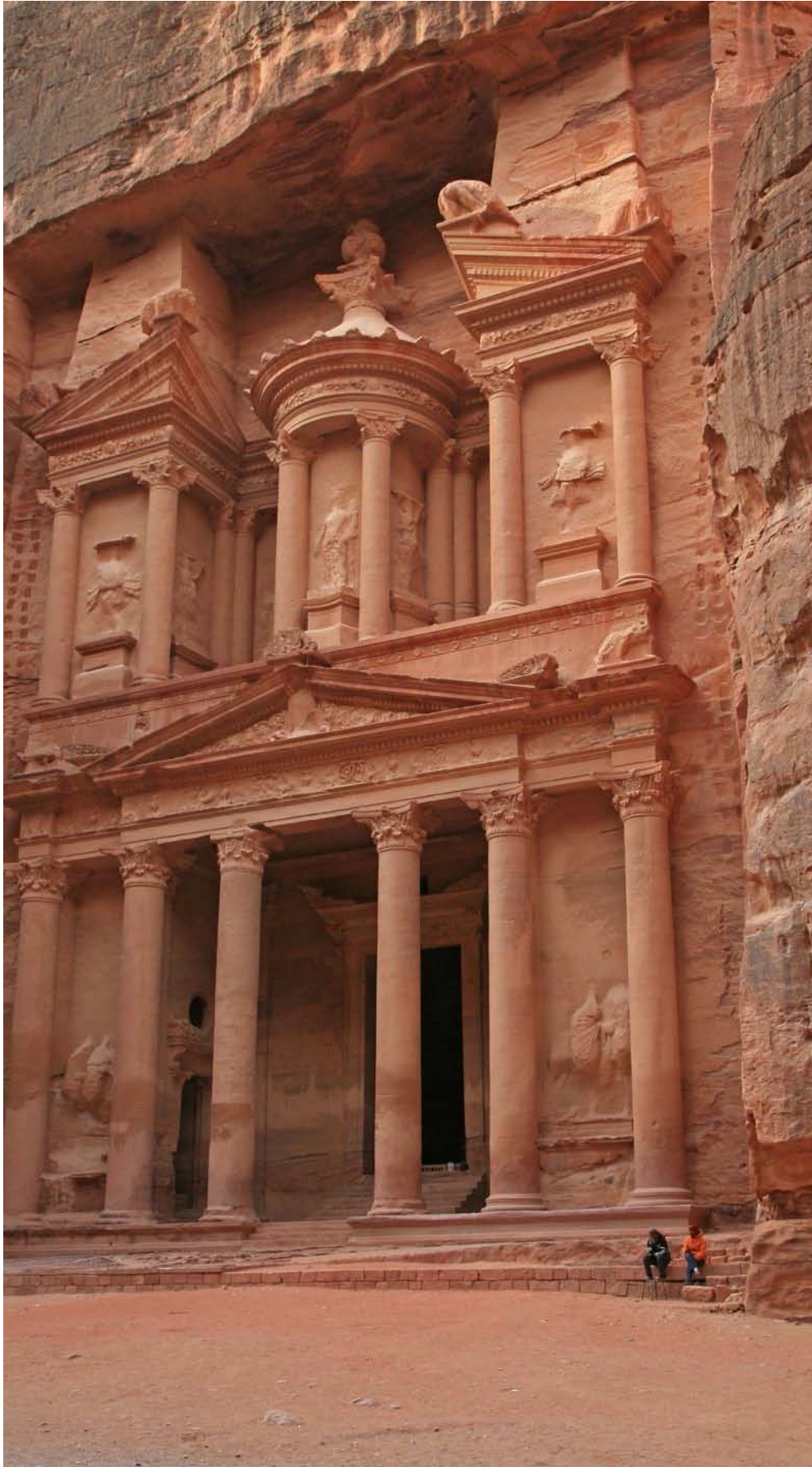
We entered the City as centuries of travellers have, through the SIQ (canyon) and walked the quarter mile between the towering walls to the Treasury, the most famous of the rock cut structures. Our day was spent exploring the various areas of the city, its Coliseum, the Court House and the caves cut into the sandstone. It takes 45 minutes to climb 870 steps to the Monastery, a difficult climb but spectacular from the top. It is difficult to even imagine how the Monastery was cut into the rock at that height. Donkey and horse rides down the mountain finished what can only be described as "a day of a lifetime".

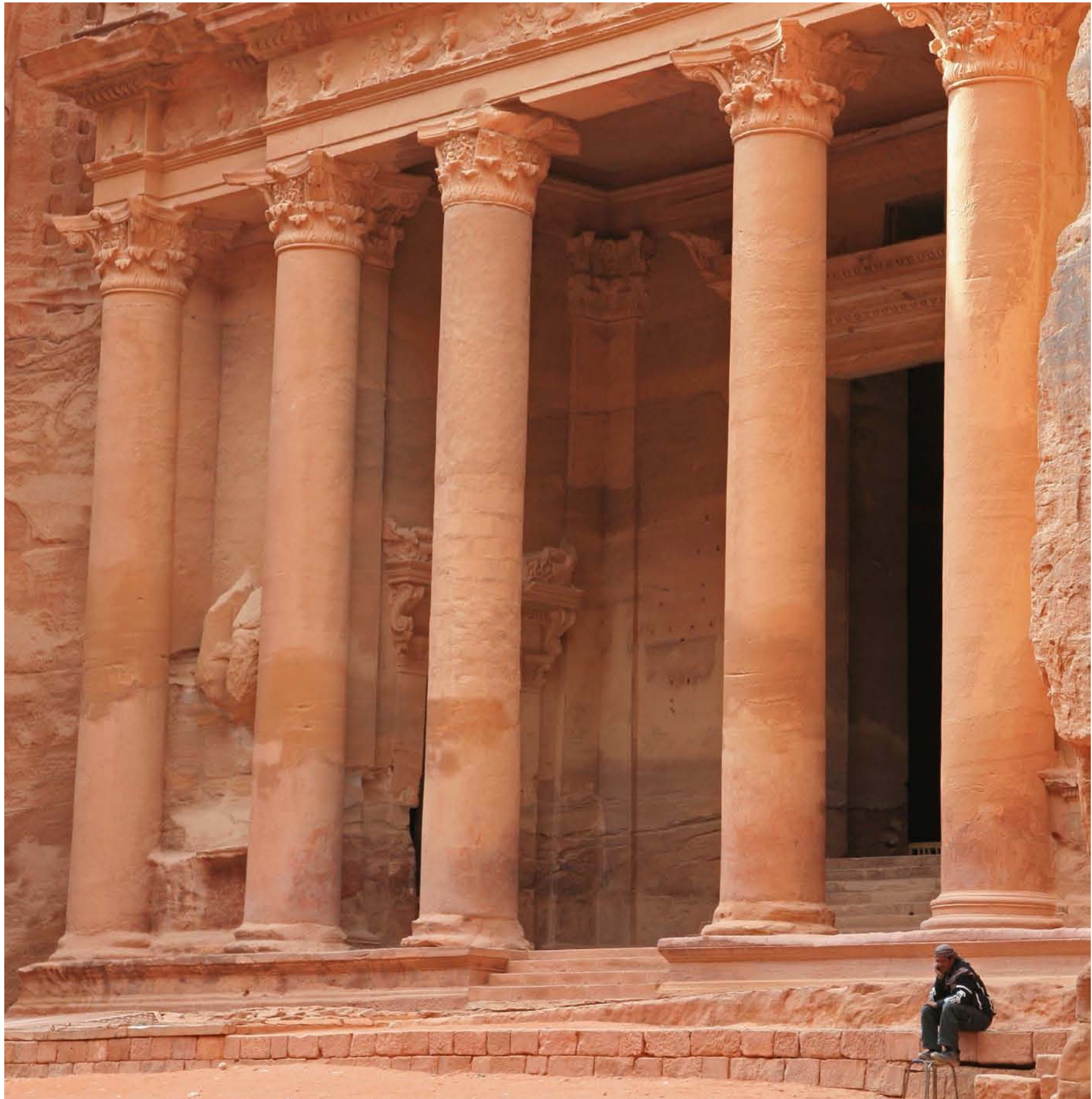


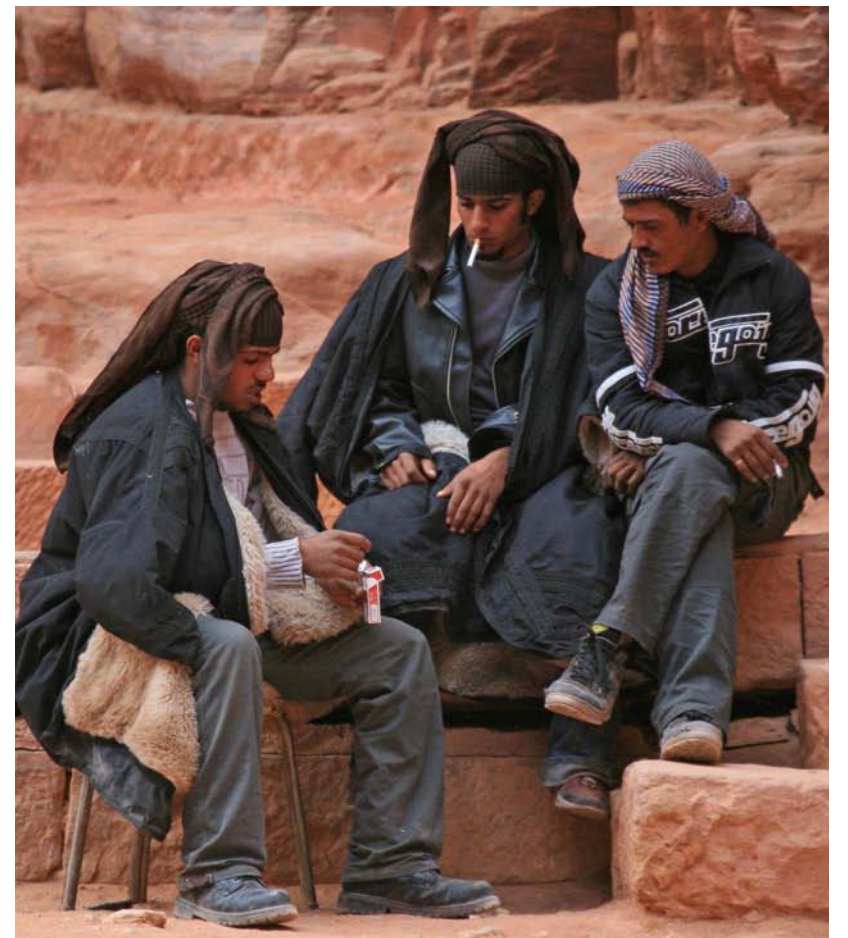
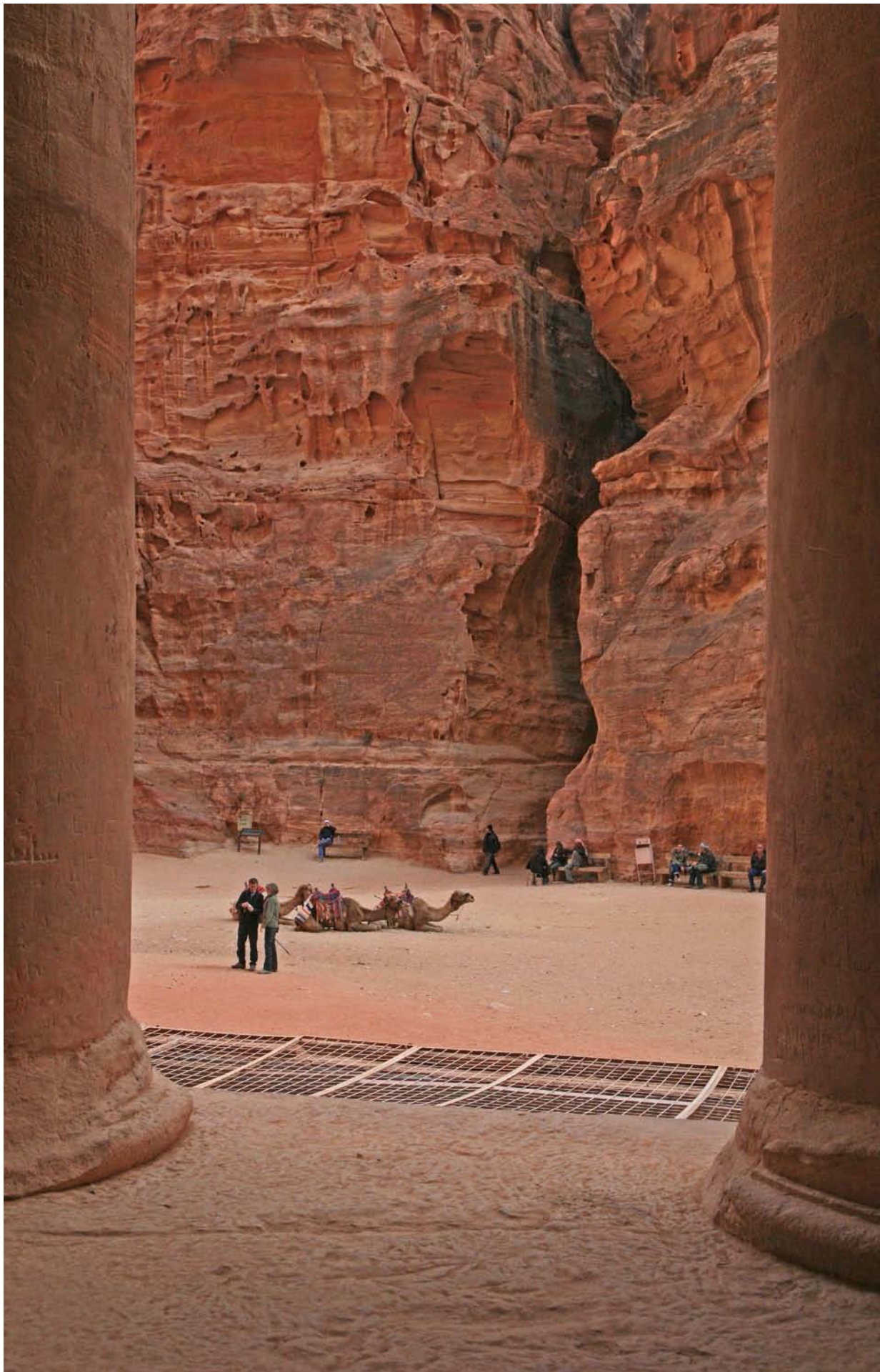


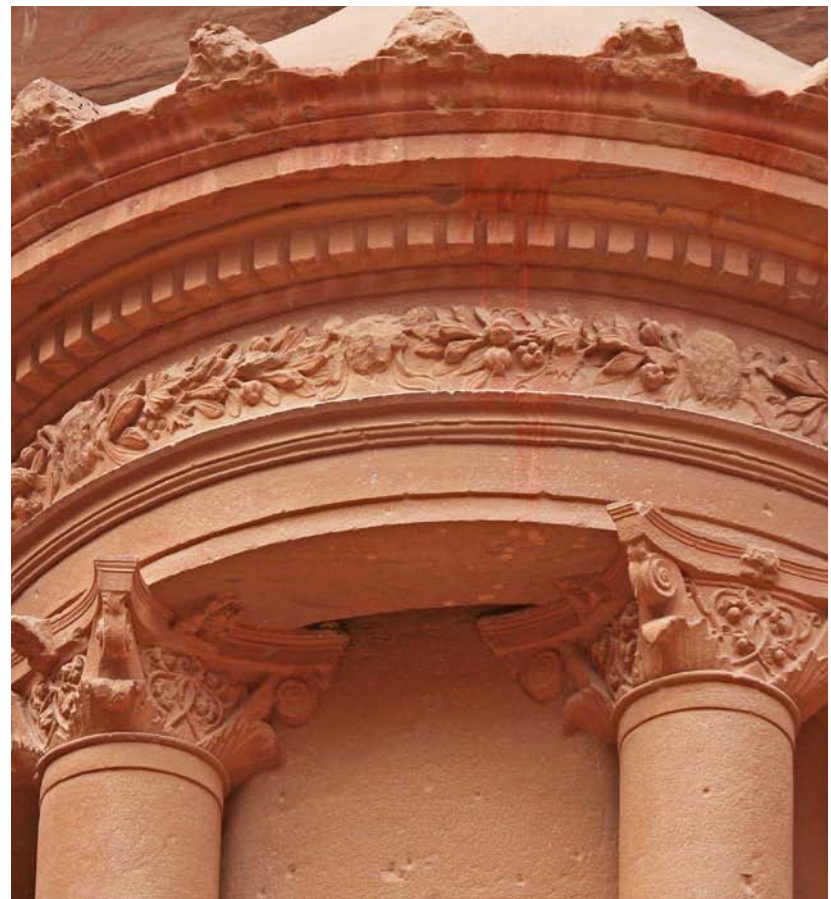
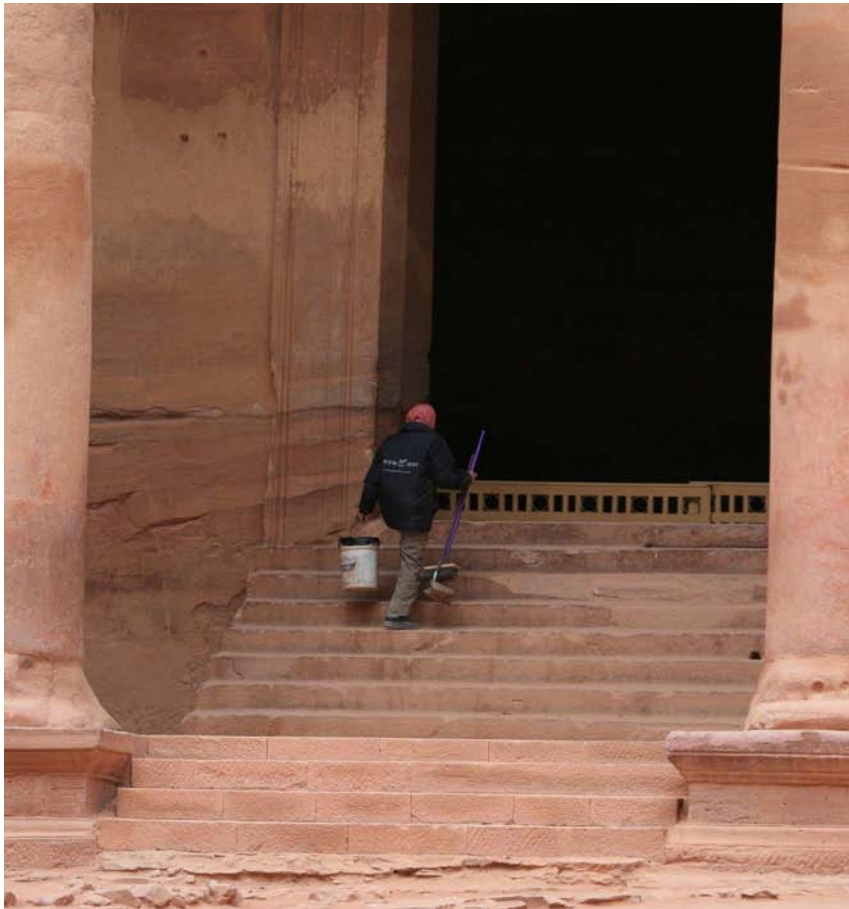


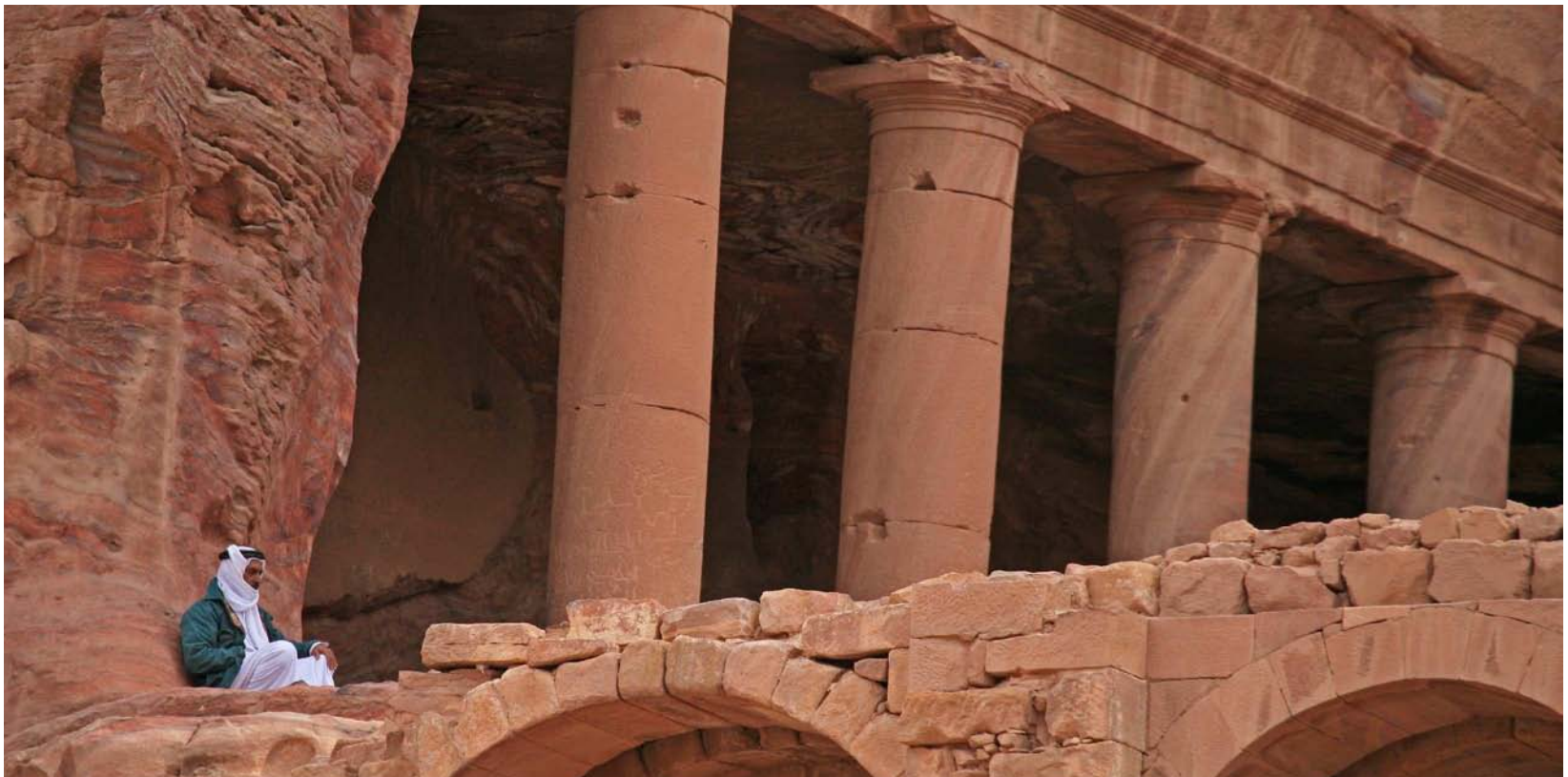


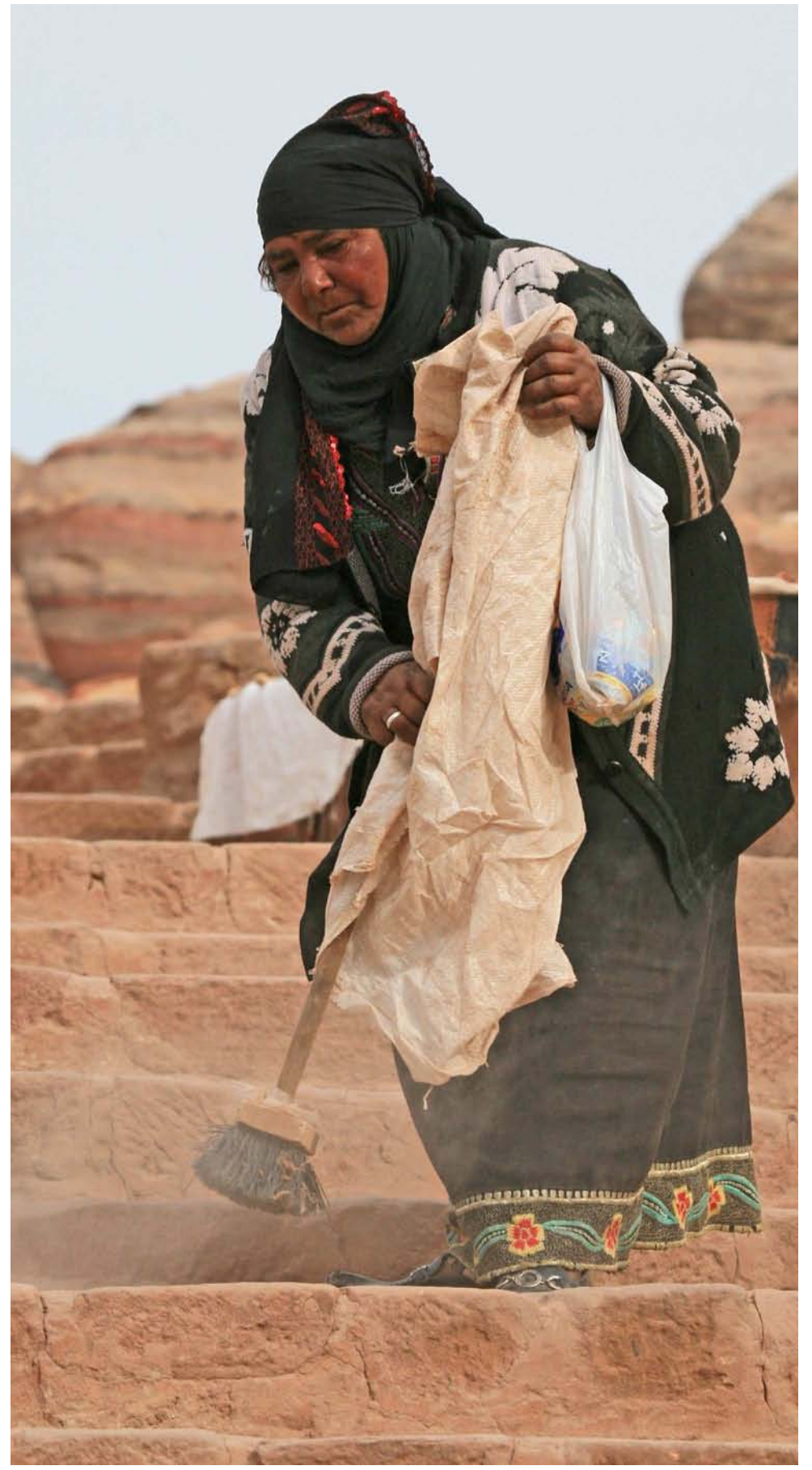


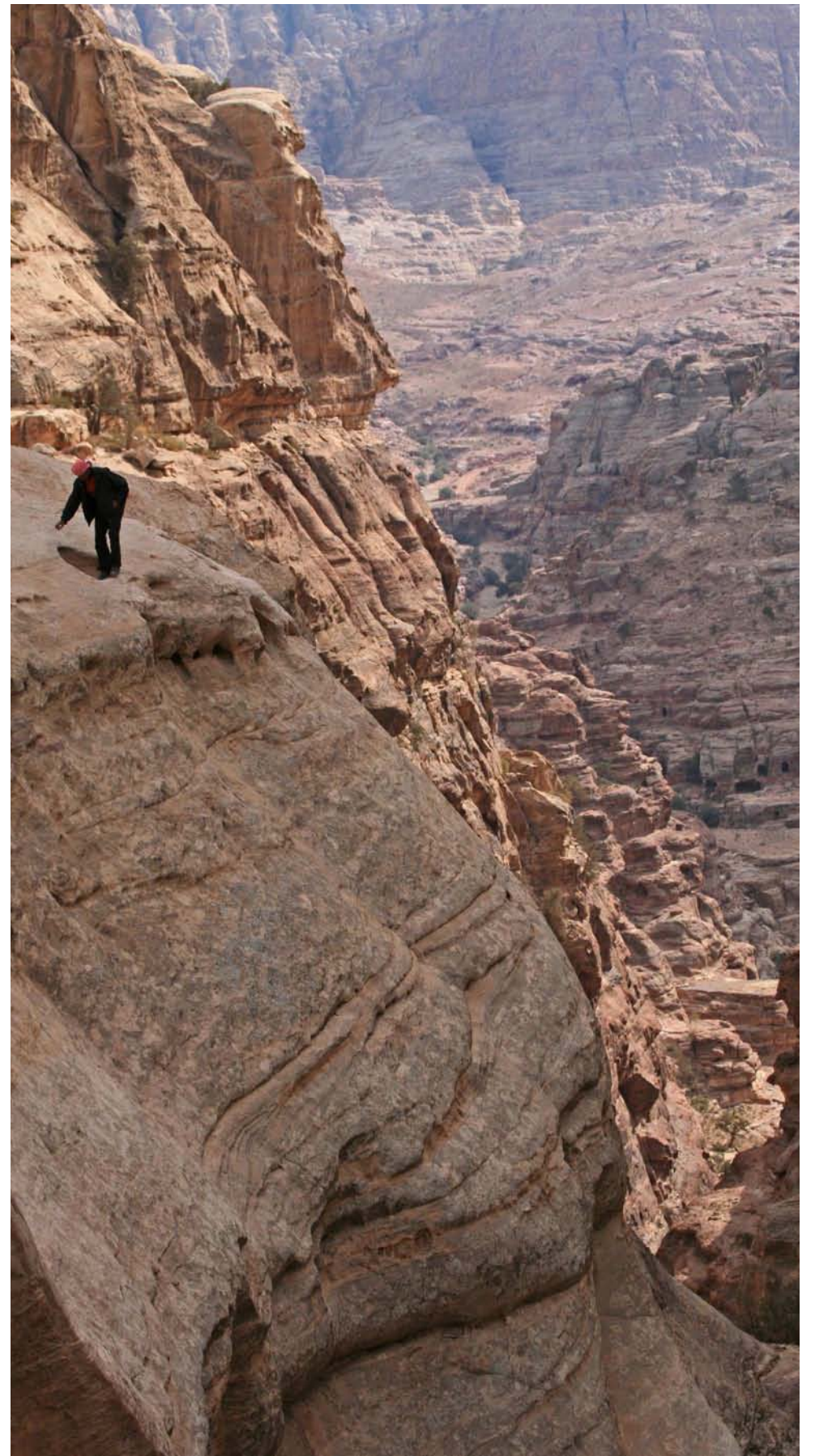


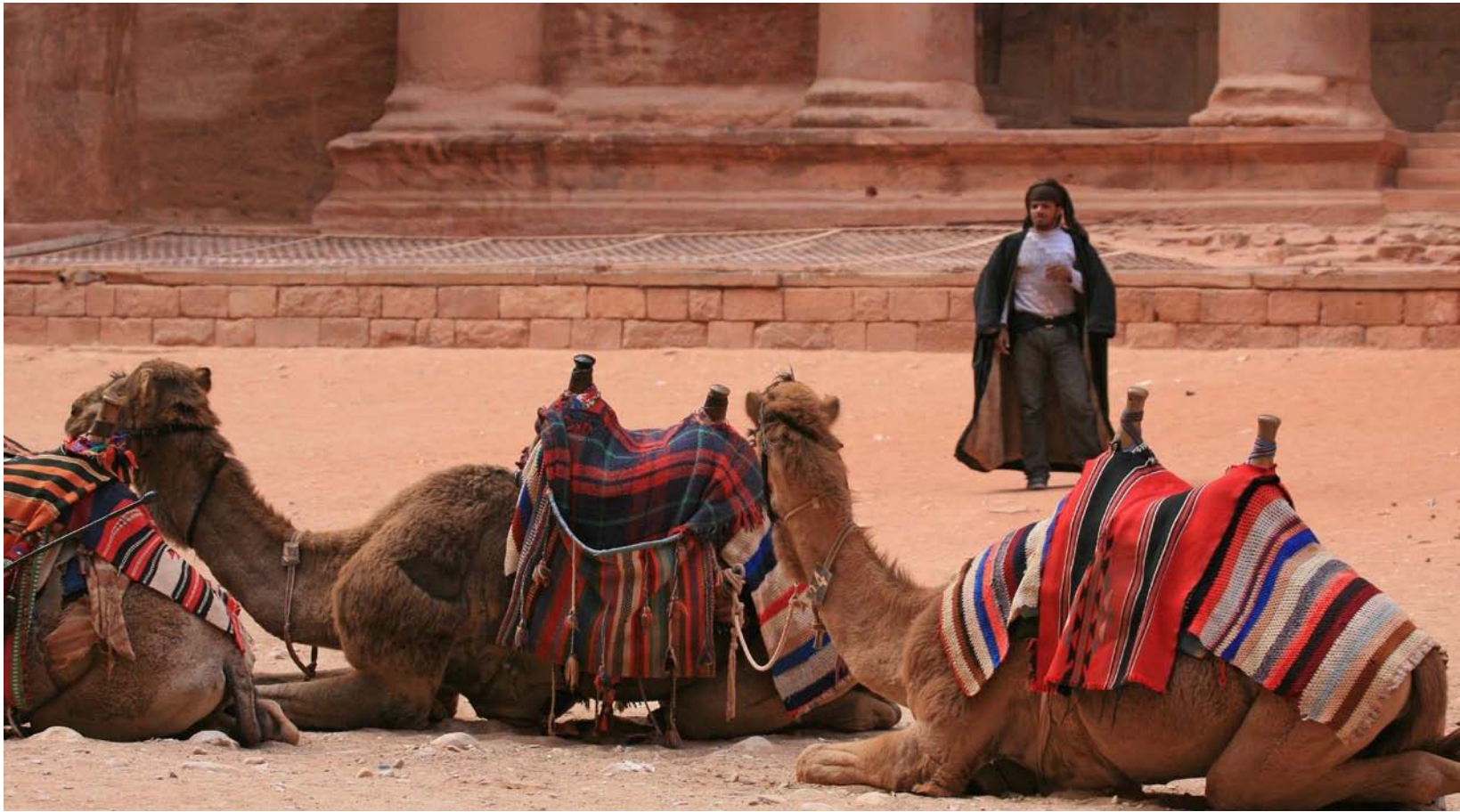










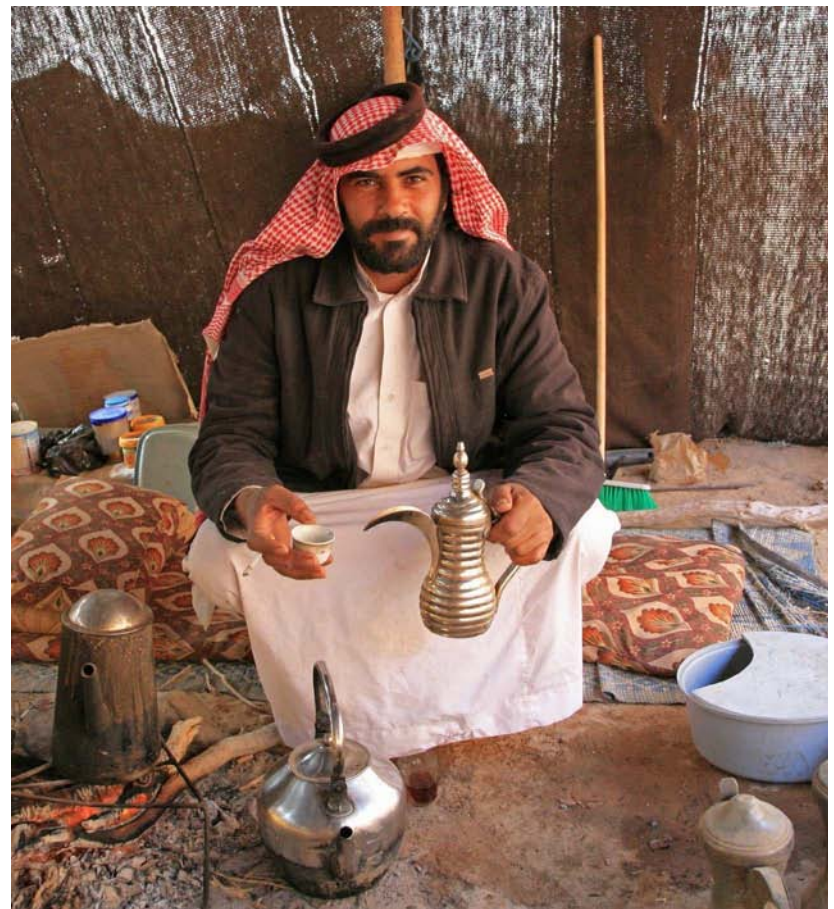












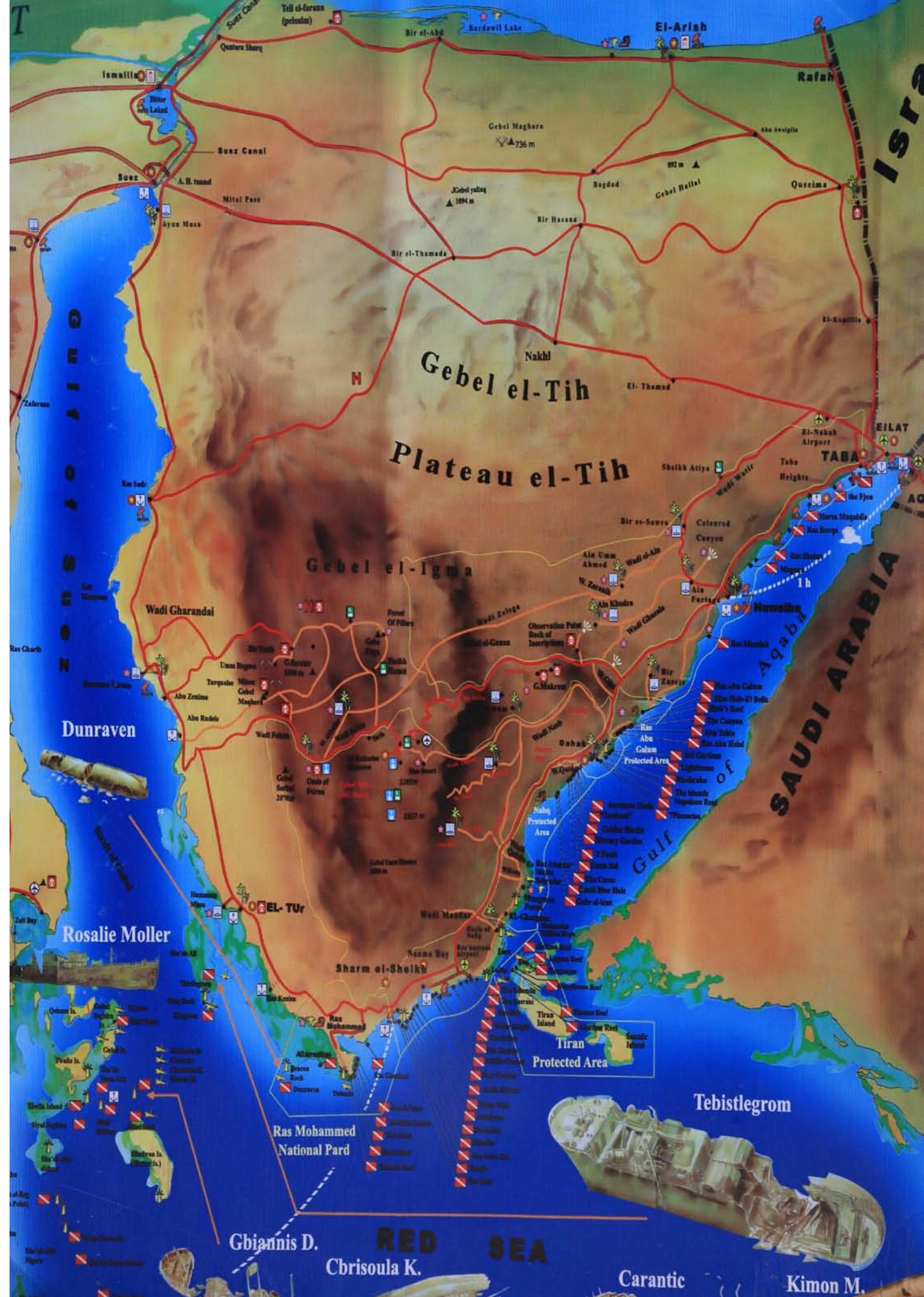






AQABA and the RED SEA

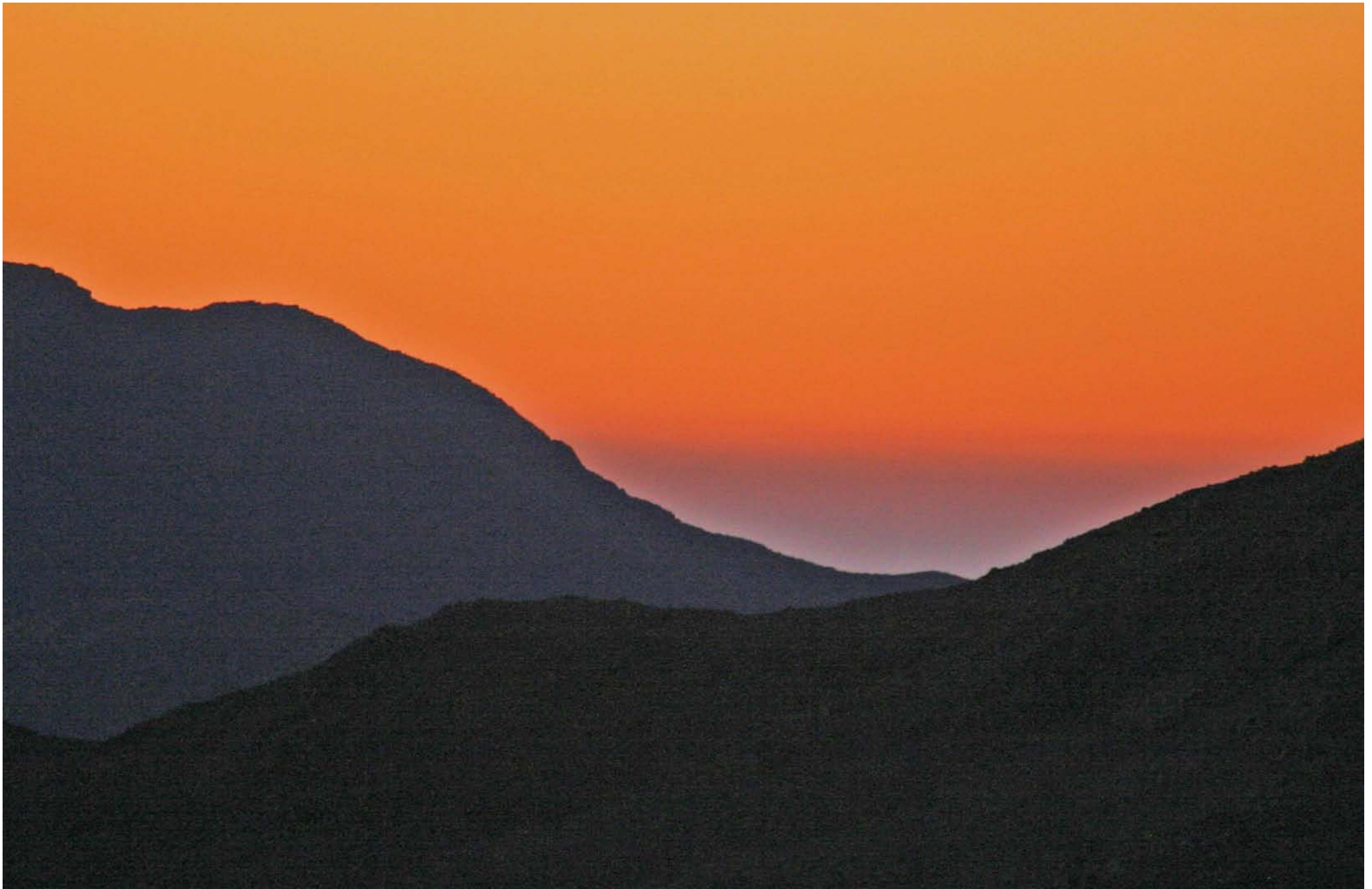
From our night in the Bedouin camp we drove to the sea port of AQABA on the Red Sea. The port is famous as the site of Lawrence of Arabia's famous stand during the war. There is not a lot remaining of the Fort except the historical presence. We crossed the Red Sea to Niuwieba by ferry and then took a bus to Dahab on the Egyptian coast. Dahab is the lesser known and more remote center of scuba diving and snorkelling. A group of us went to the "Blue Hole" and despite the cold of an otherwise clear day, enjoyed a morning of swimming at the Hole. We had now reached Egypt and were heading to Mount Sinai.





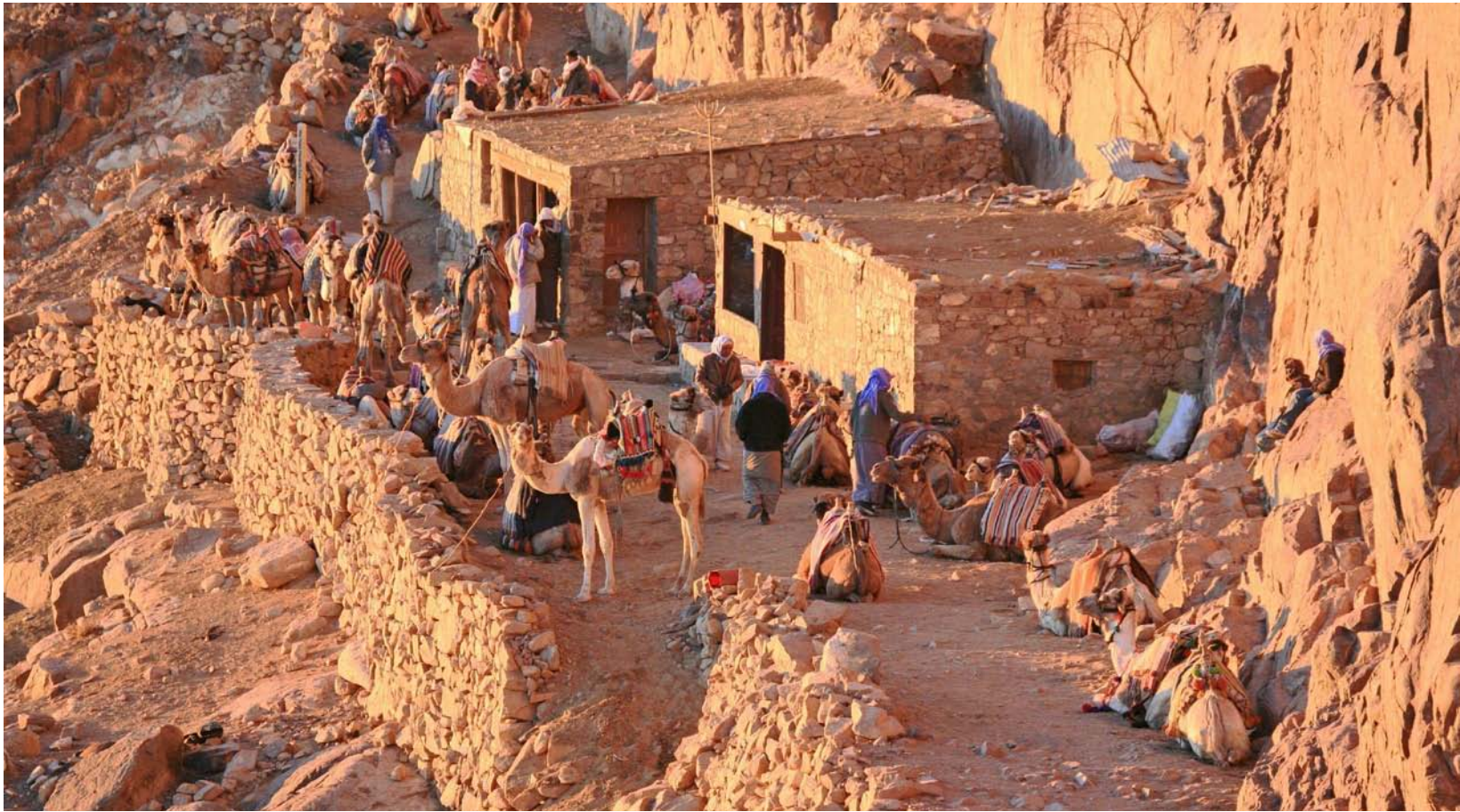


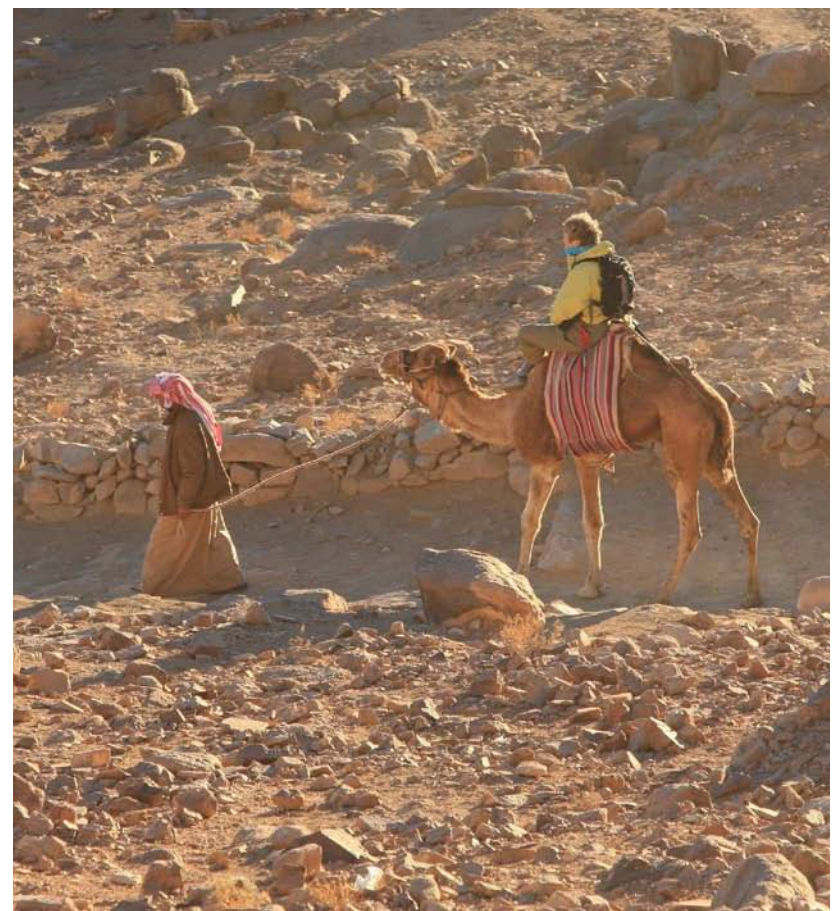
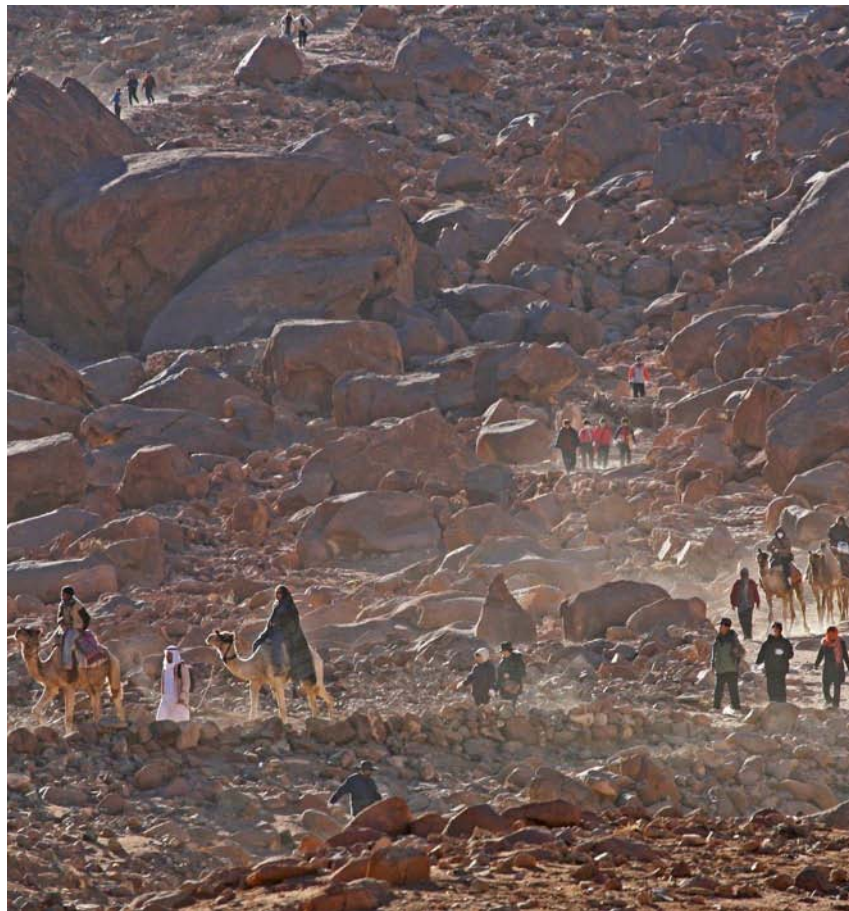




MOUNT SINAI and the SAINT KATHERINE'S MONASTERY

Waking at 3:00 a.m. and being "scanned" through at the gates of the Protectorate, we are climbing Mount Sinai to await the sunrise at 6:30 a.m. With our pezo lights illuminating the narrow, rock bordered path, we begin the climb that will take us up 1000 meters and from start to finish will be 10 kilometers of hiking. There are "tea houses" every mile or so where we rest and get warm. It is very cold despite the hiking and with watching for the camels that suddenly appear in the dark, the climb is an experience. Although we did not climb to the very top where Moses placed the tablets, our vantage for the sunrise was spectacular . Gail and Ken took camels down. An unforgettable experience for all of us!

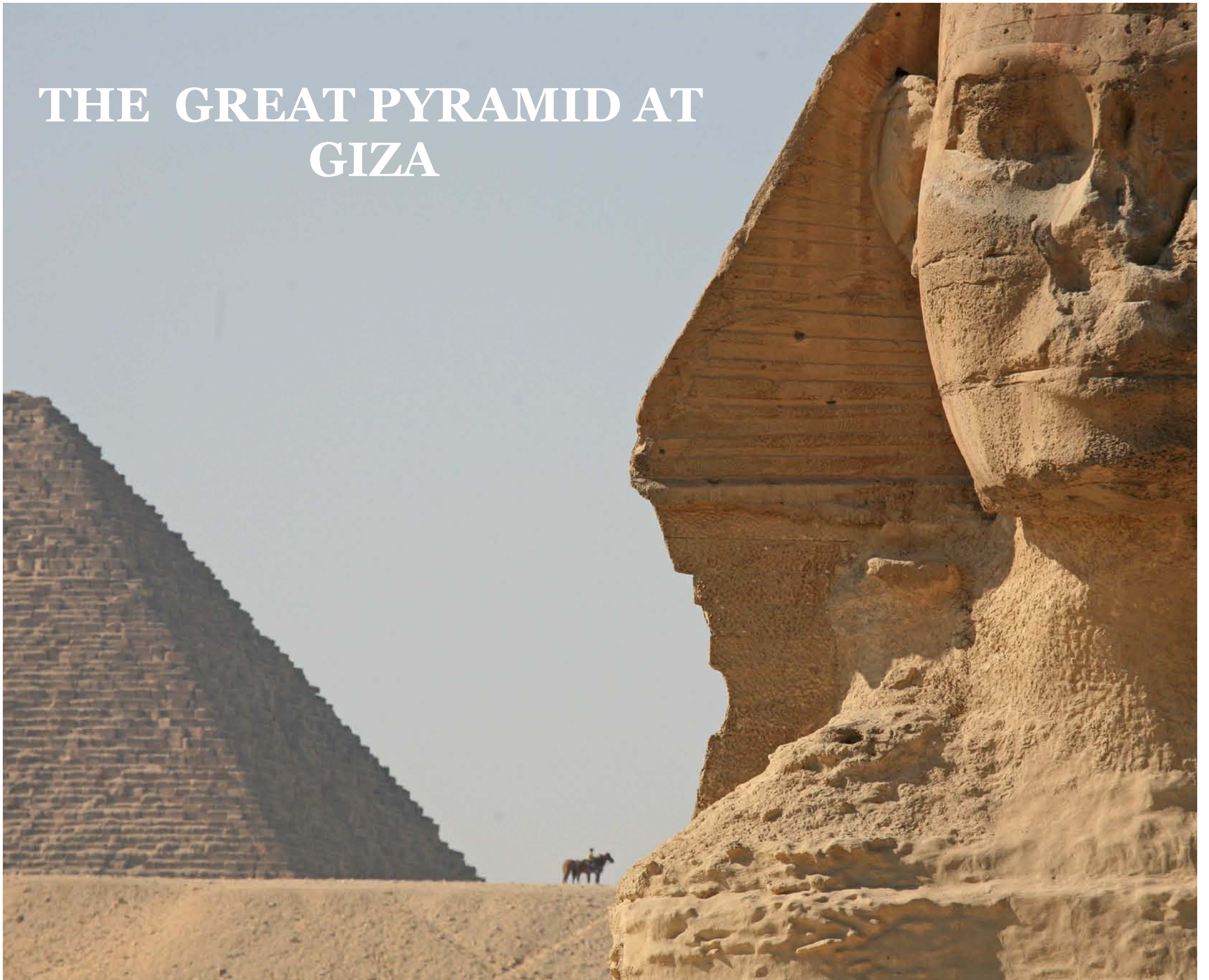






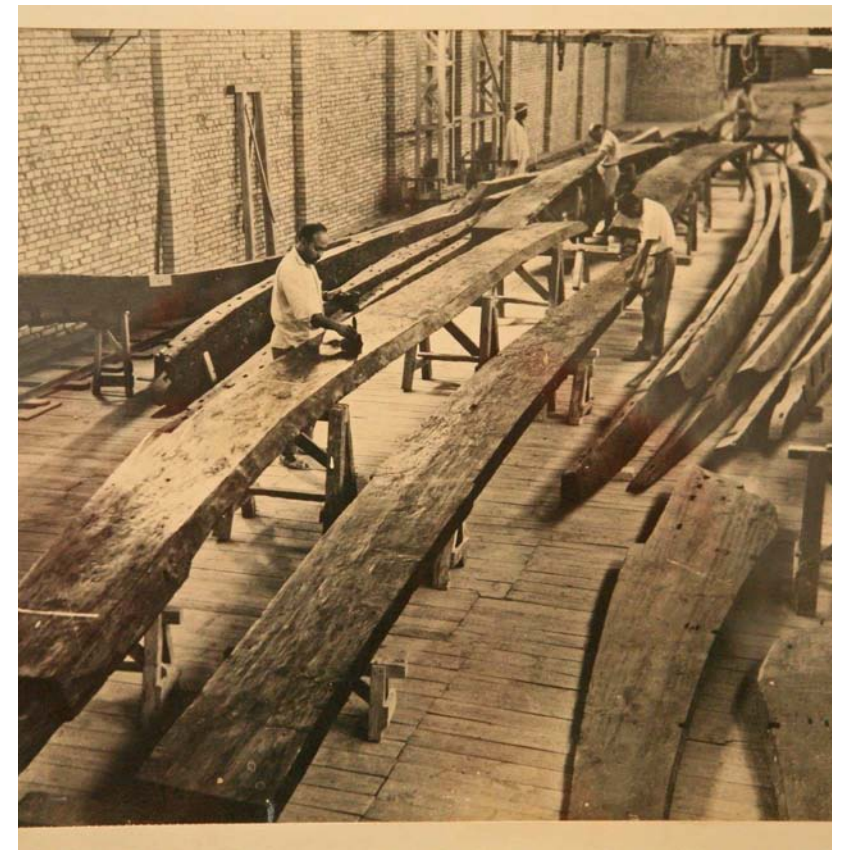
OUR IMAGINATIVE TRAVEL GROUP

THE GREAT PYRAMID AT GIZA



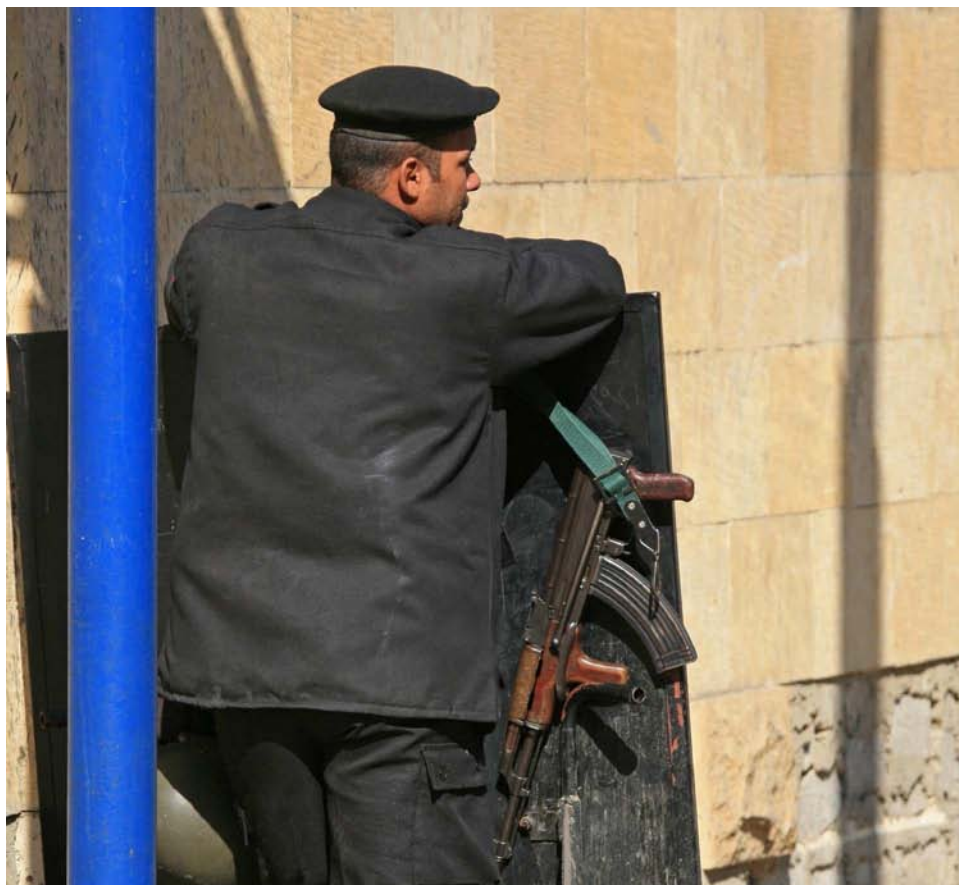


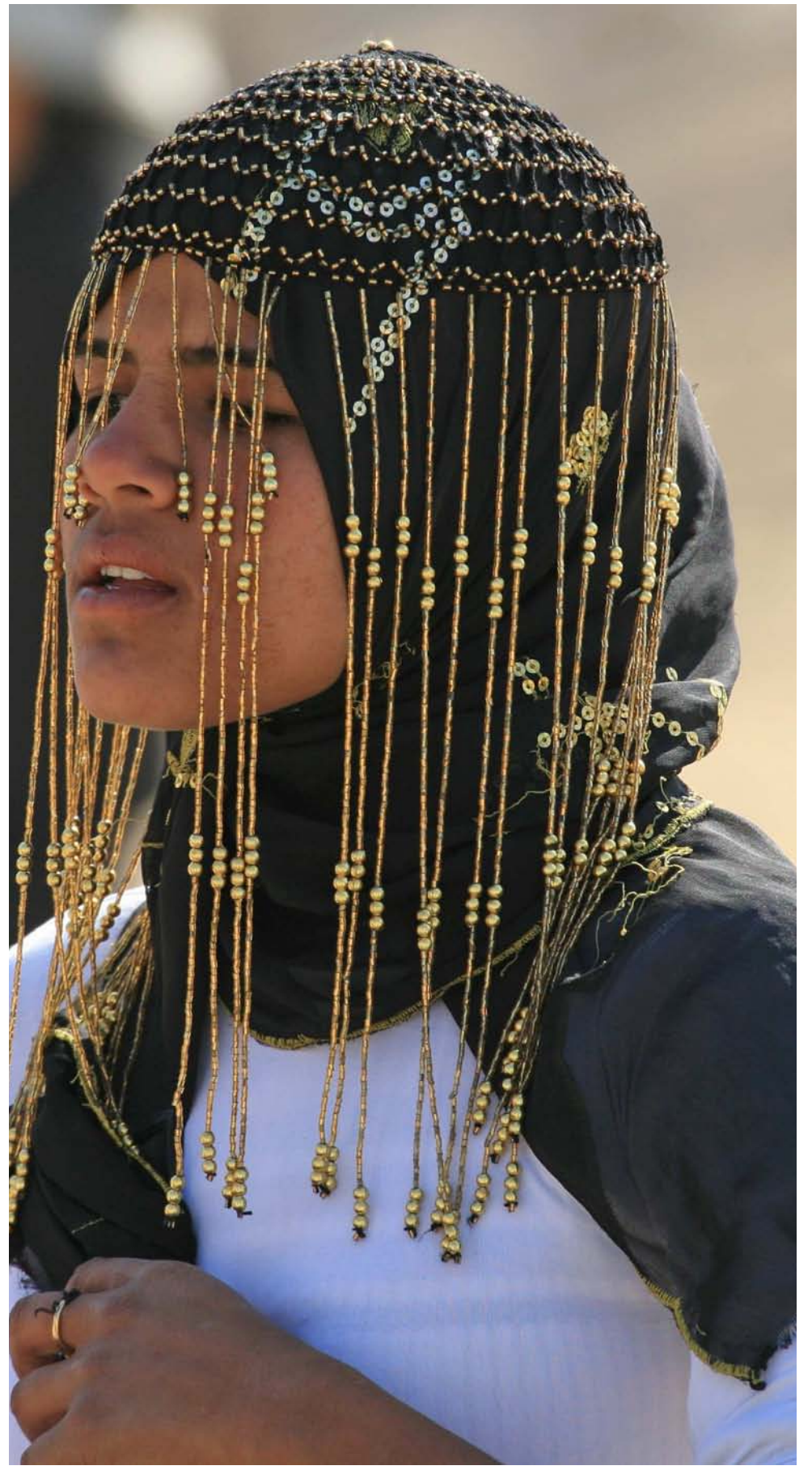




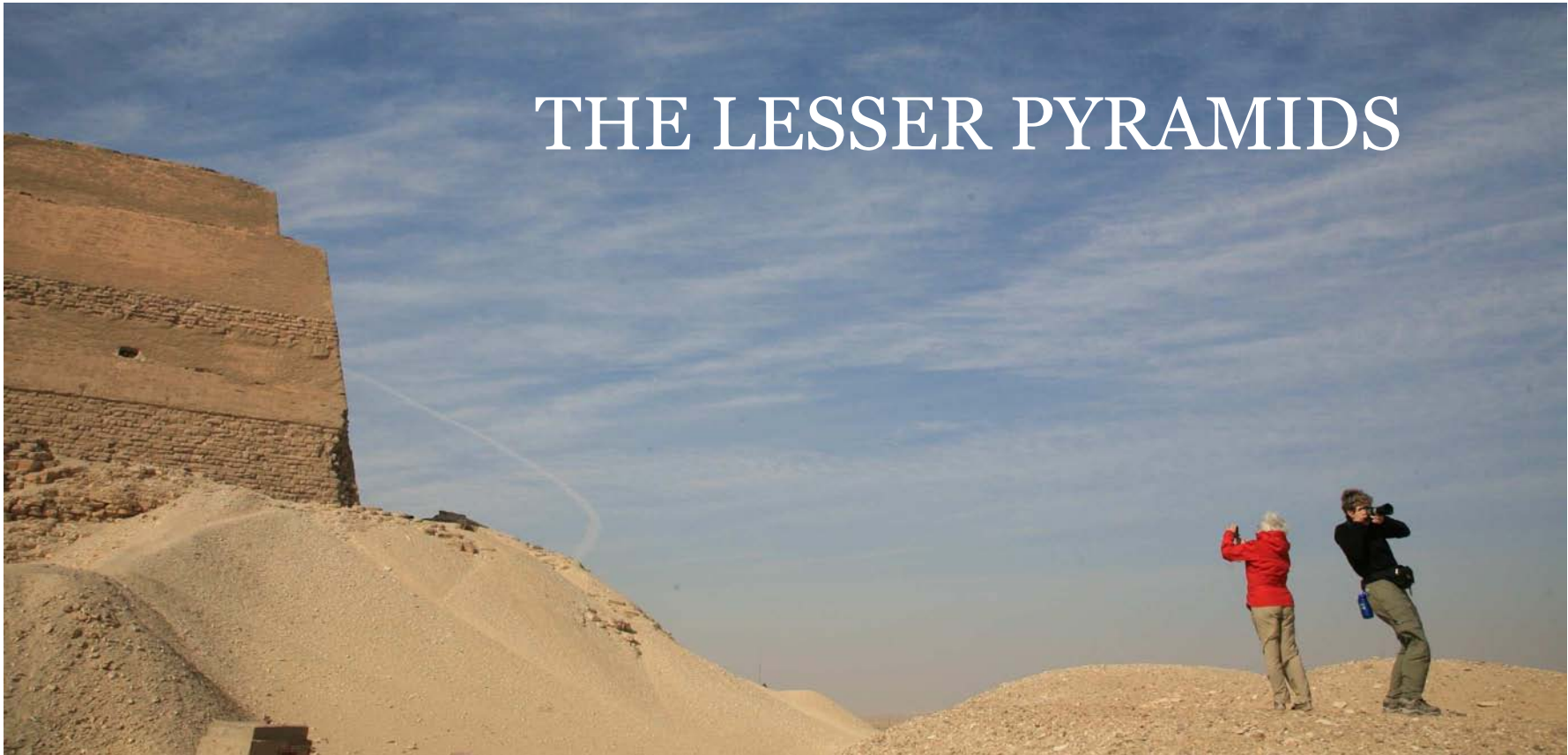
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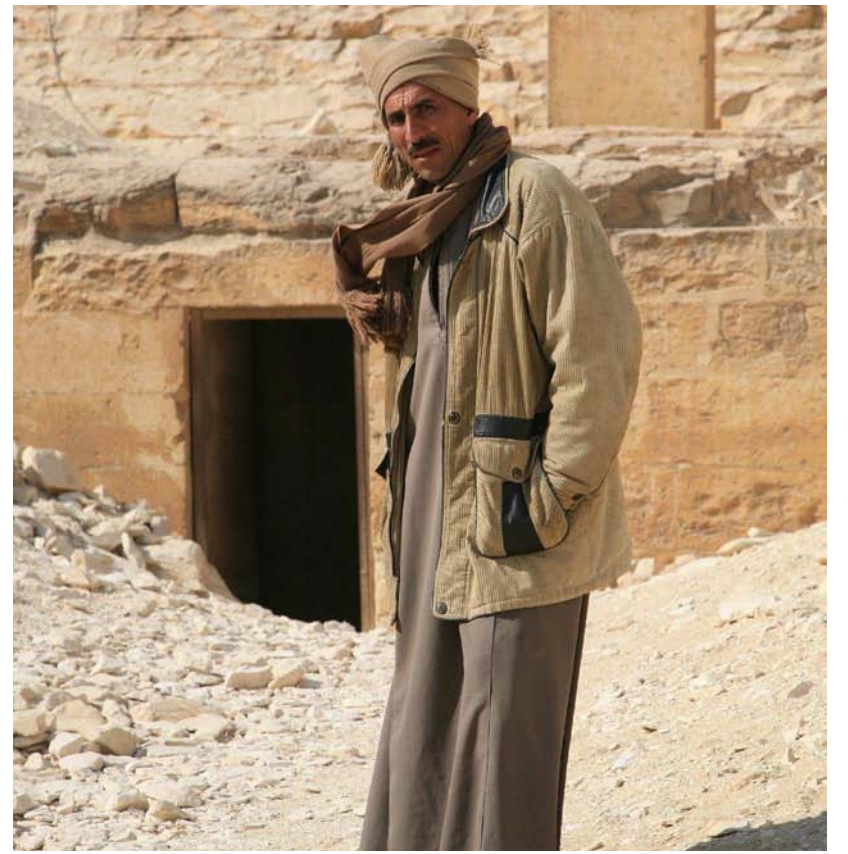


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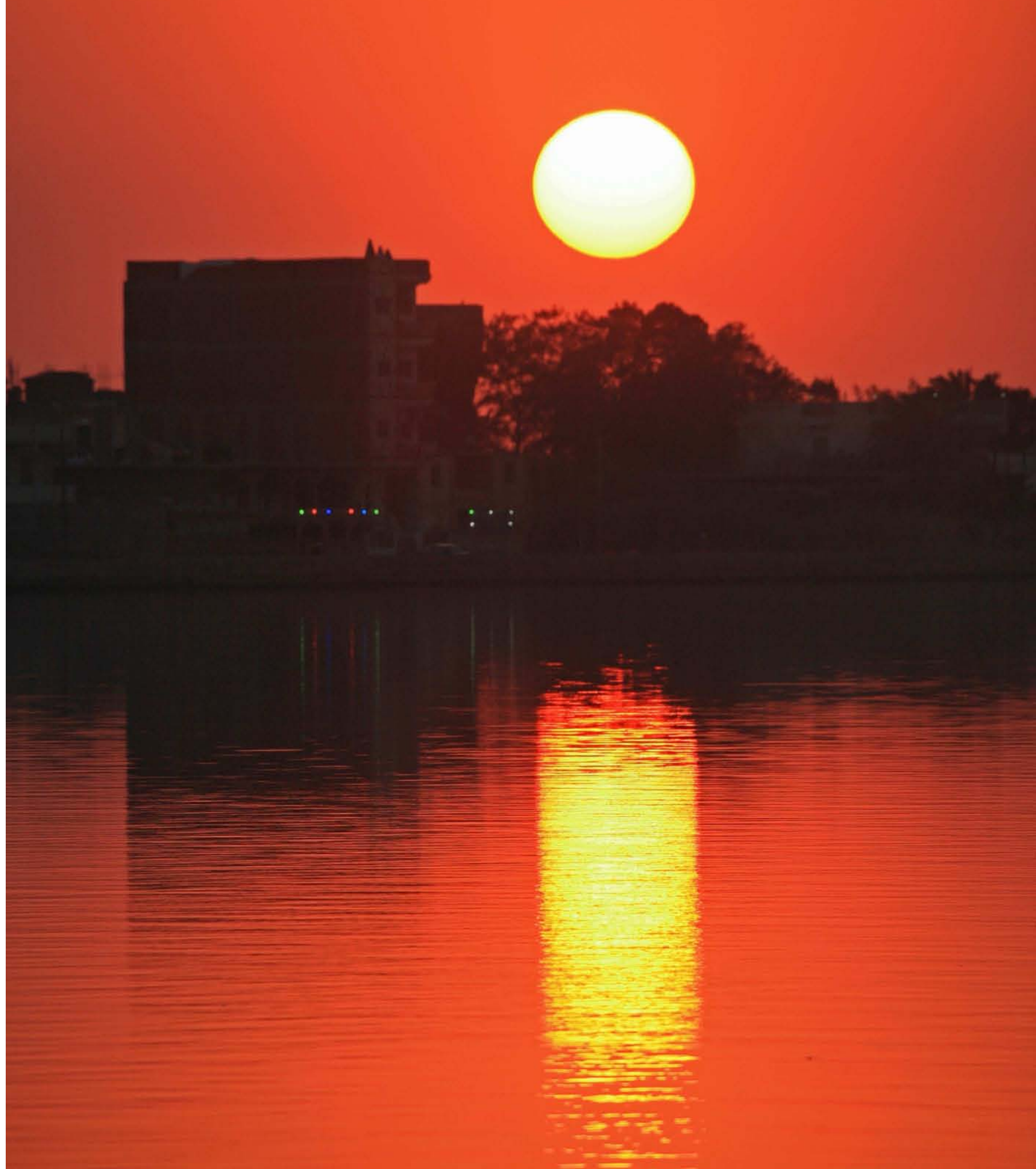


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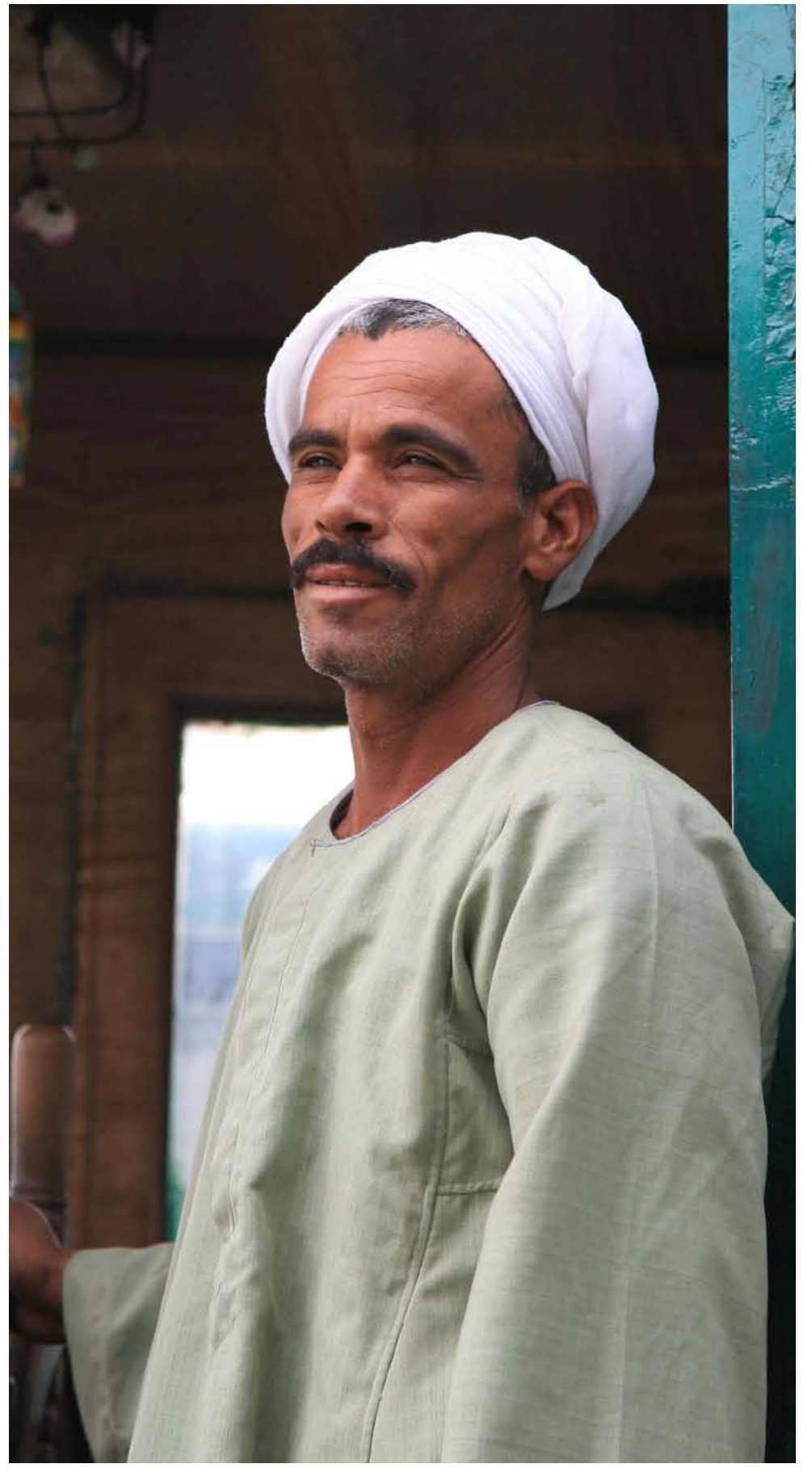
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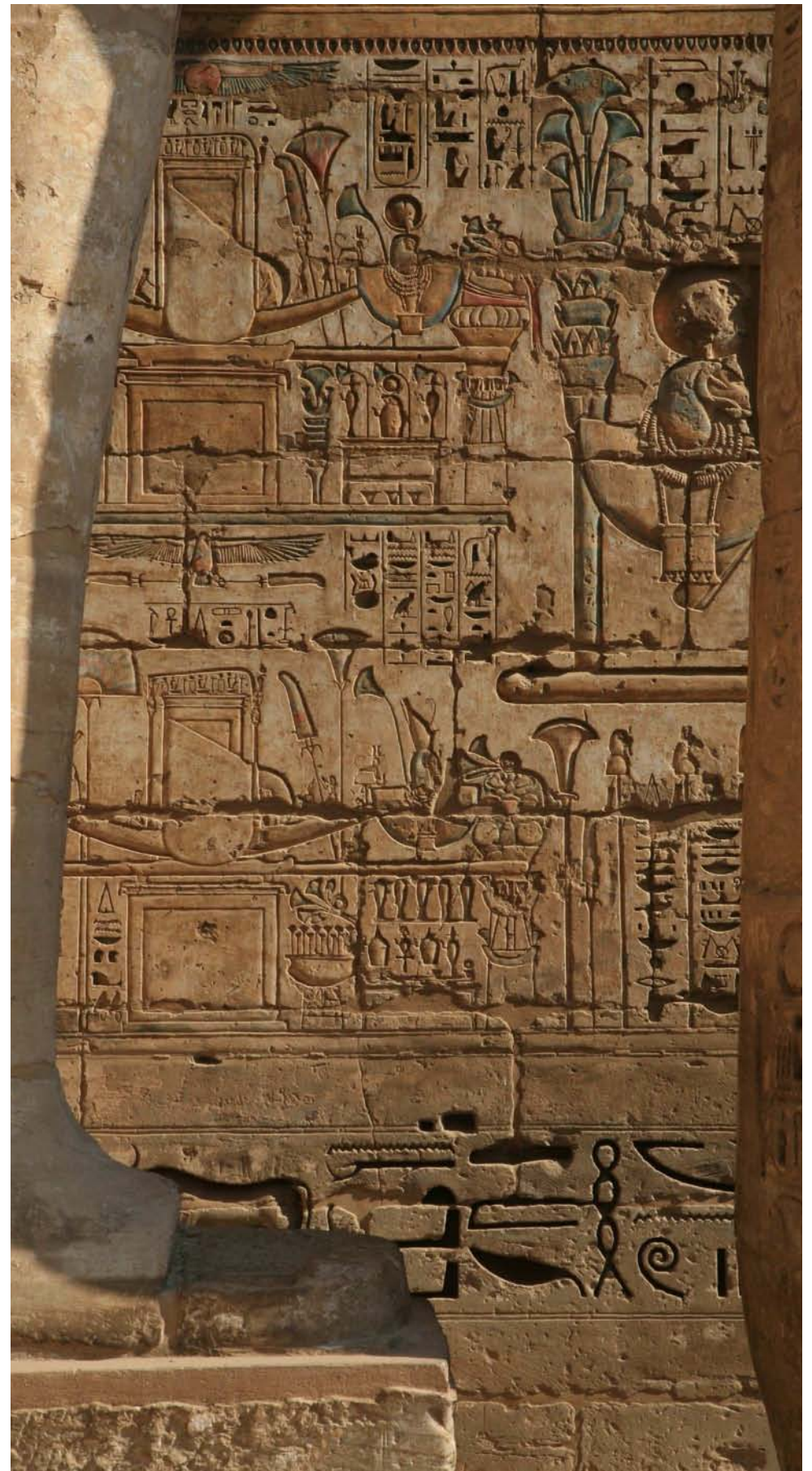
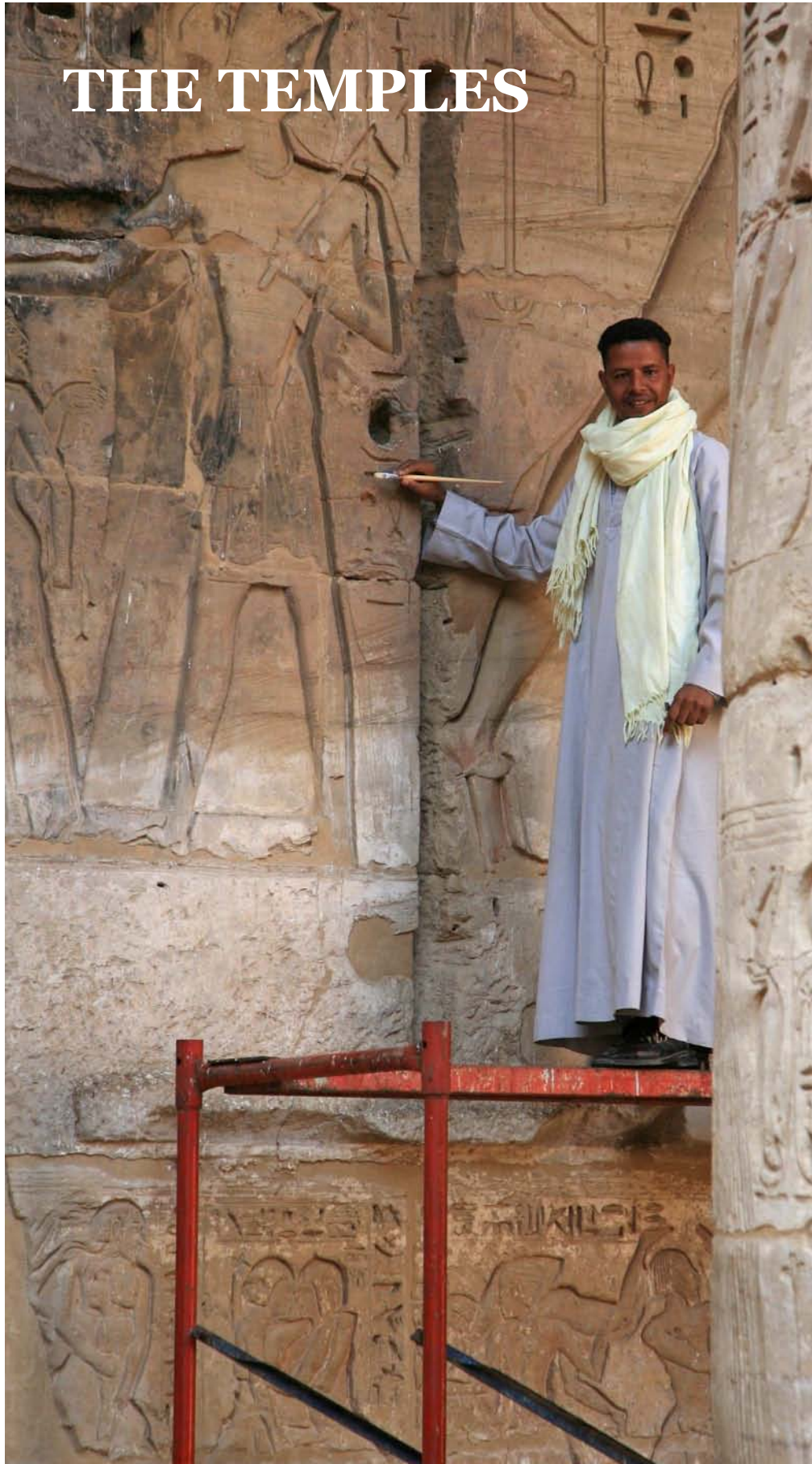


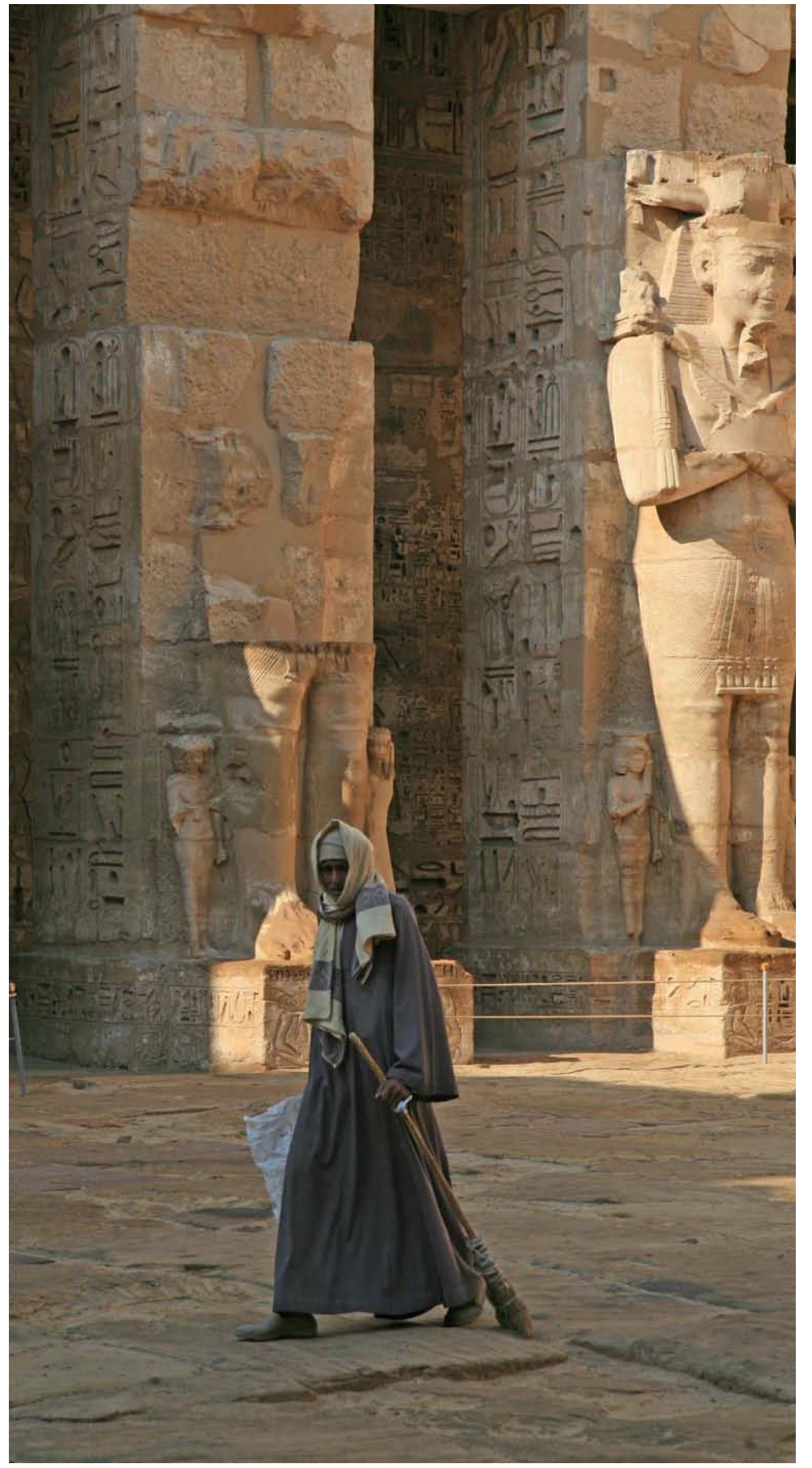
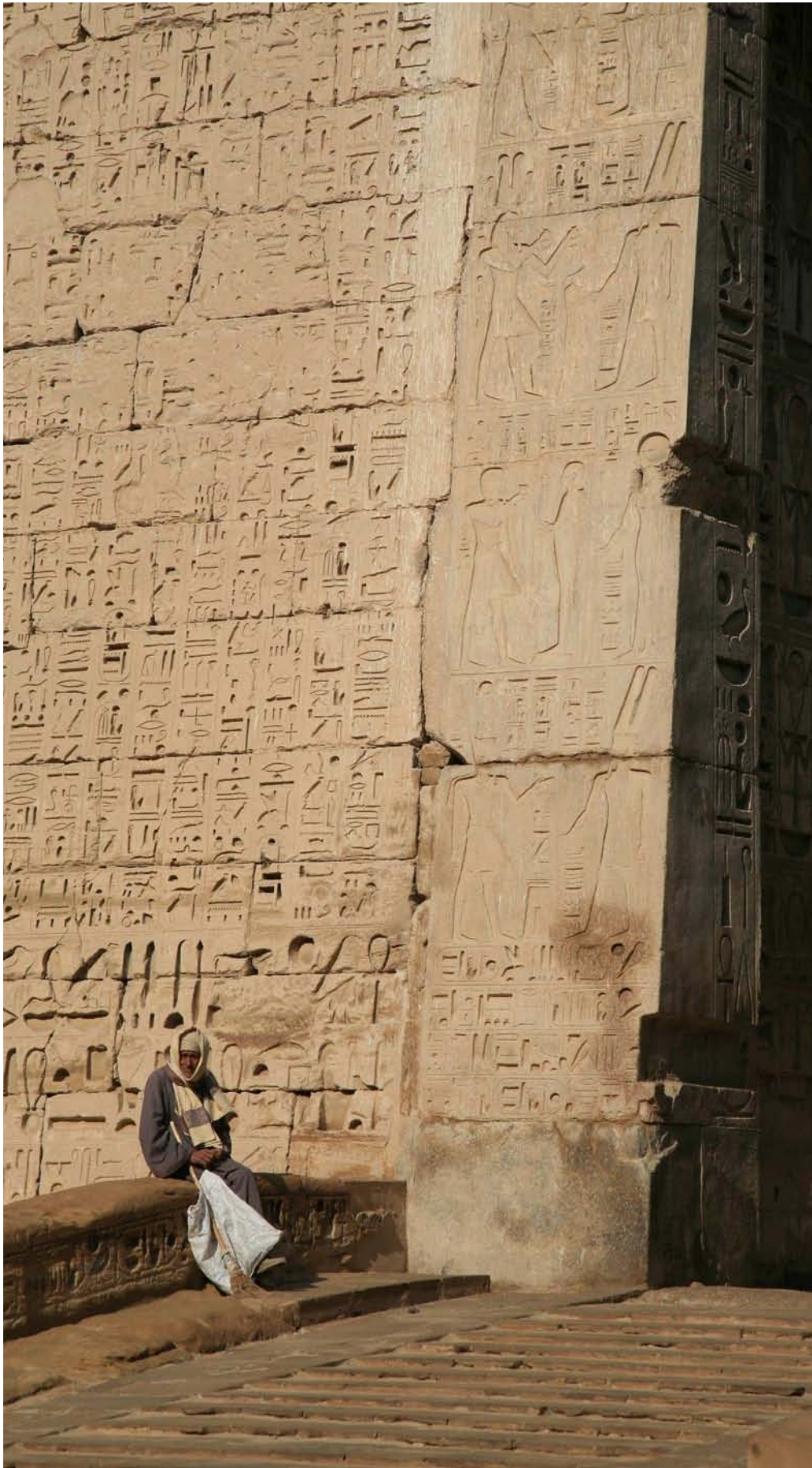




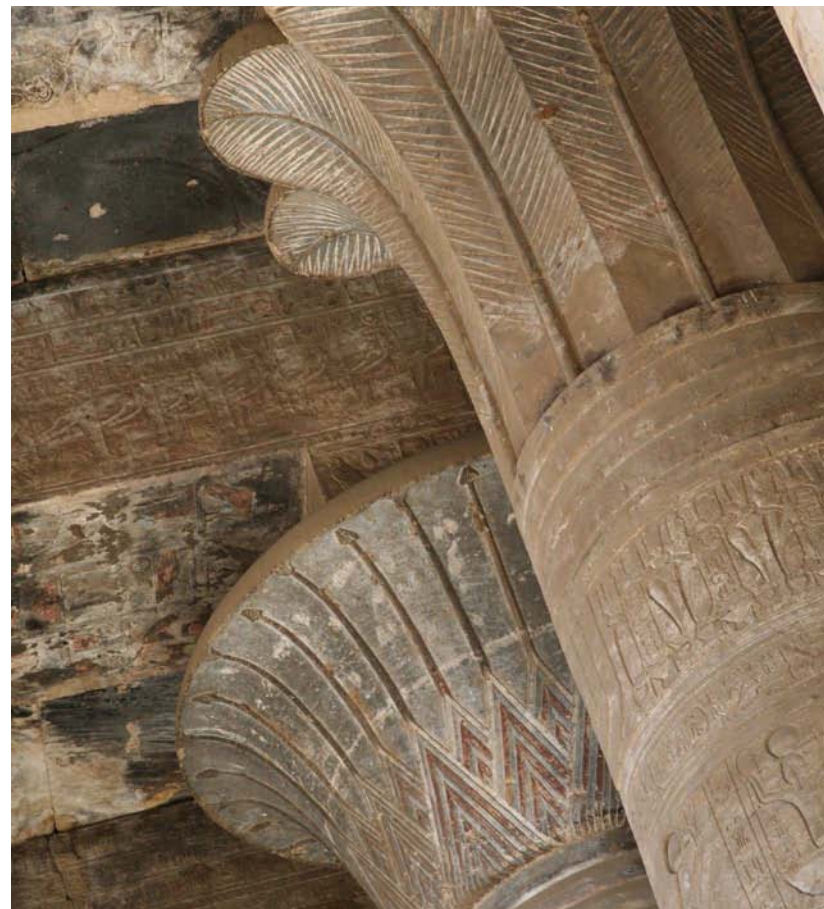


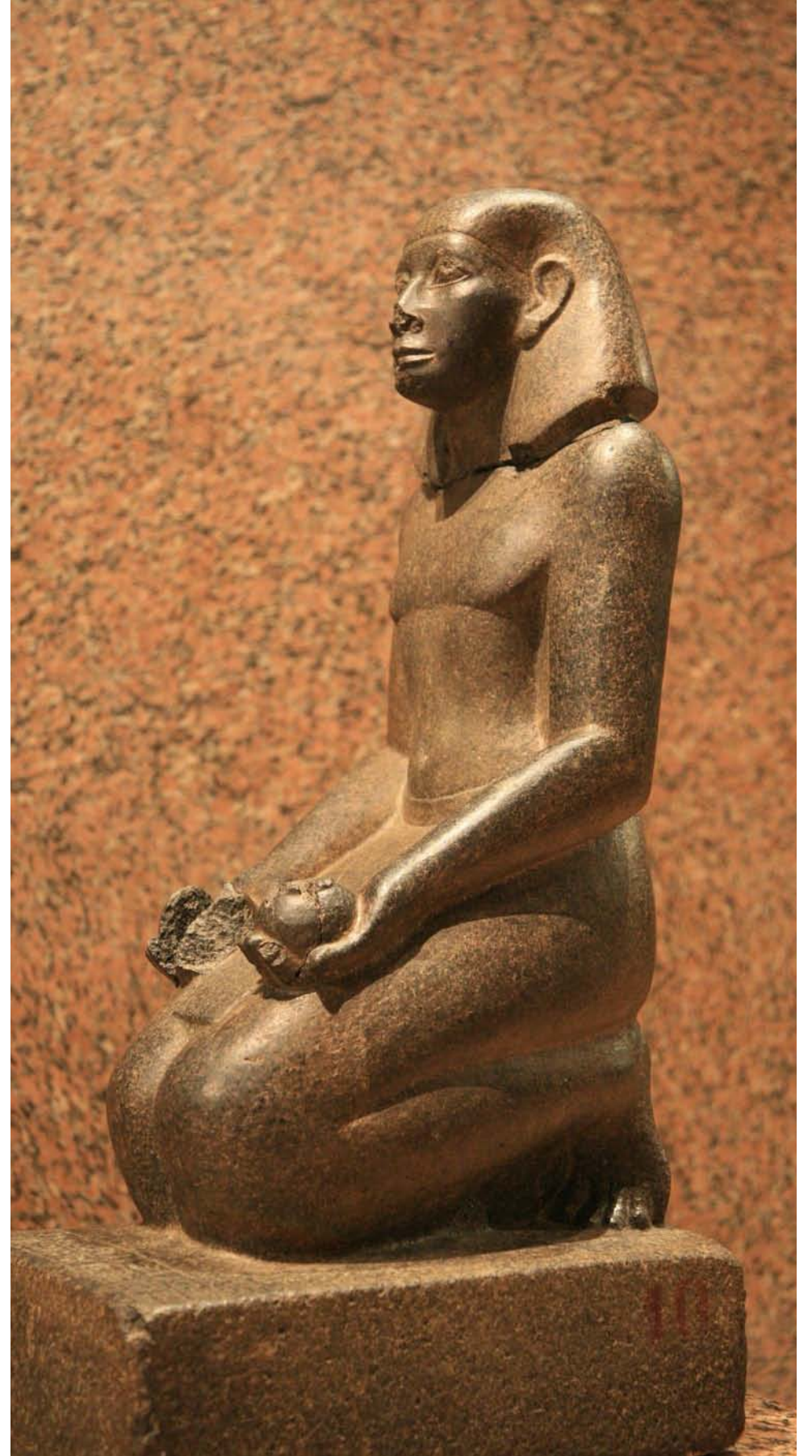
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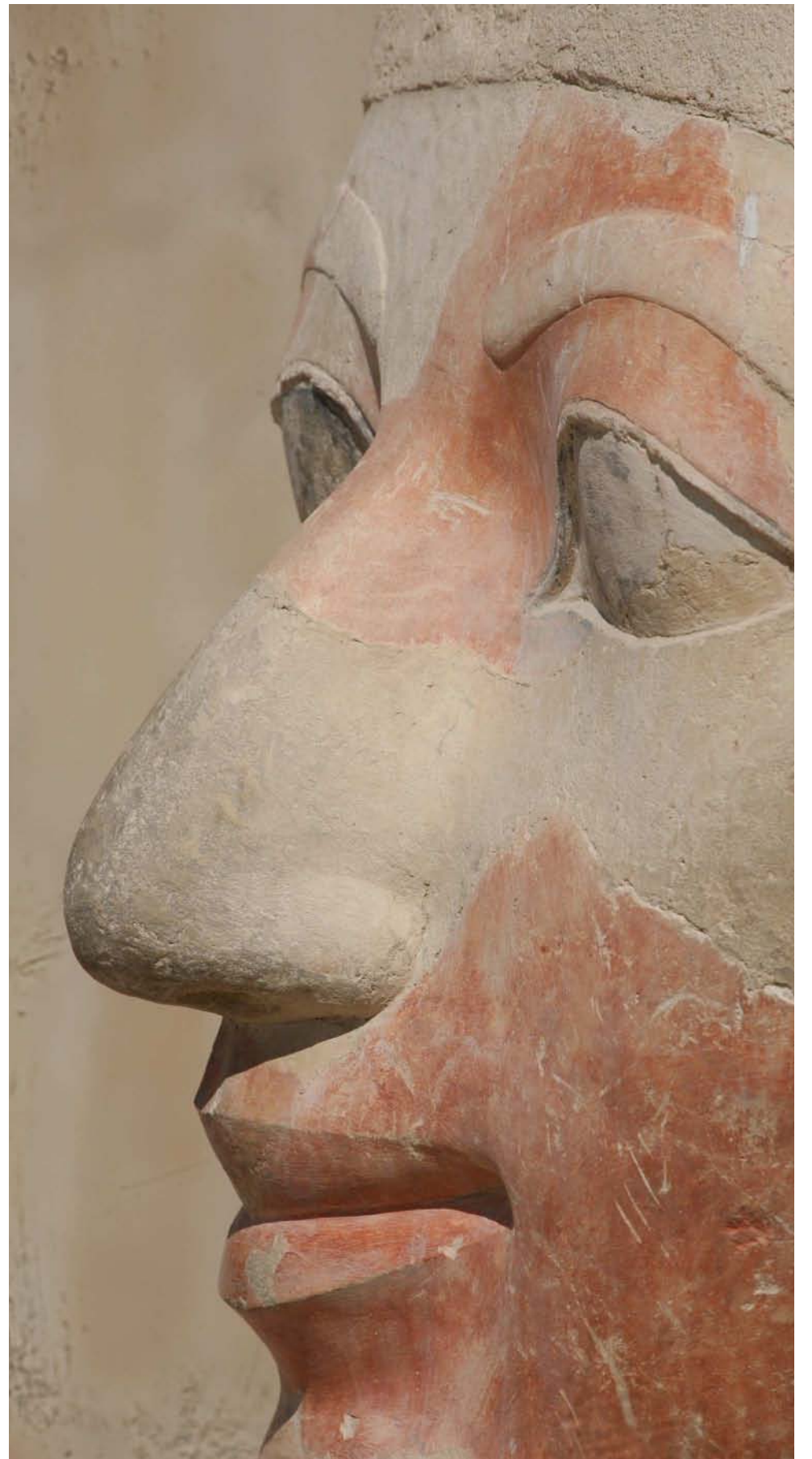
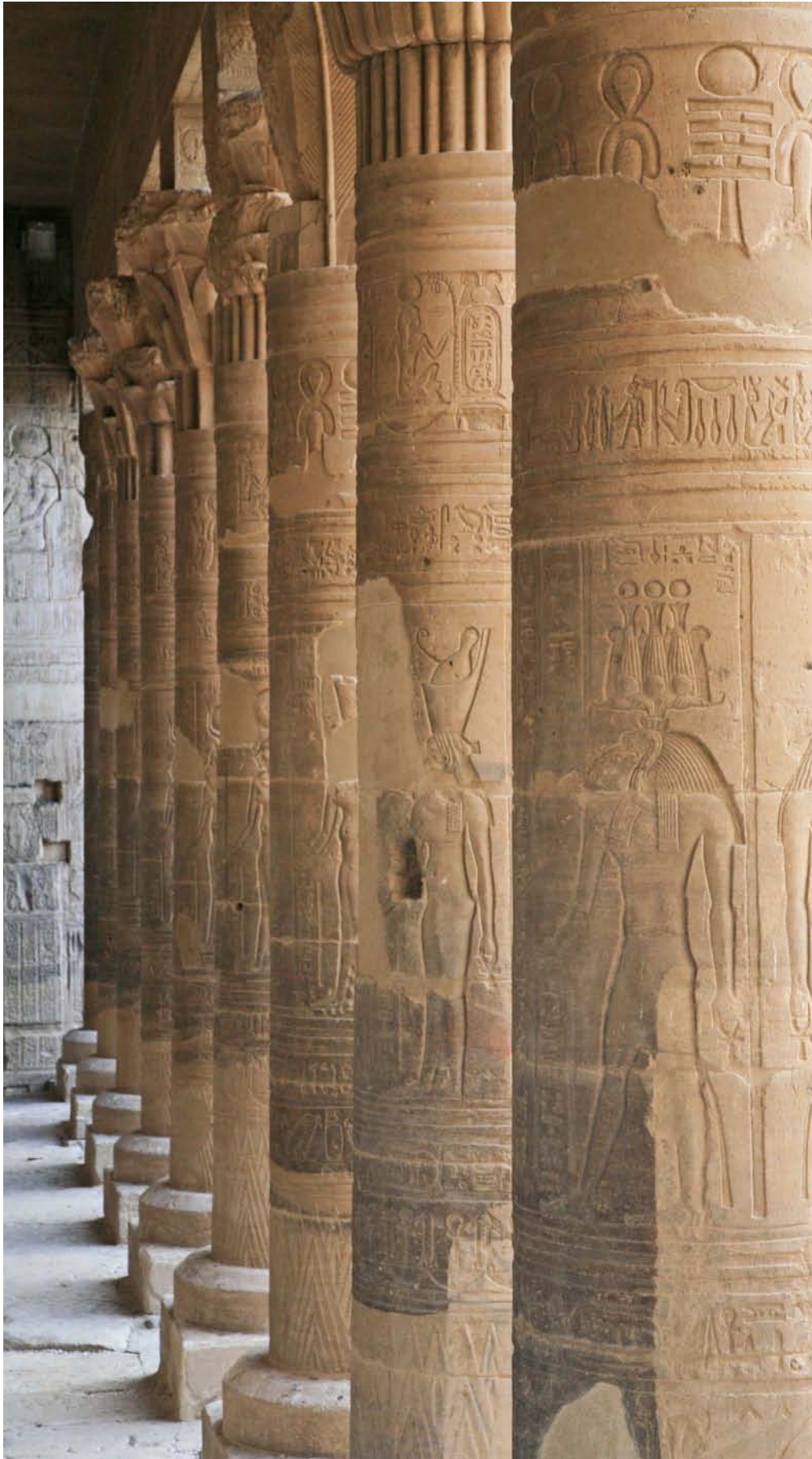


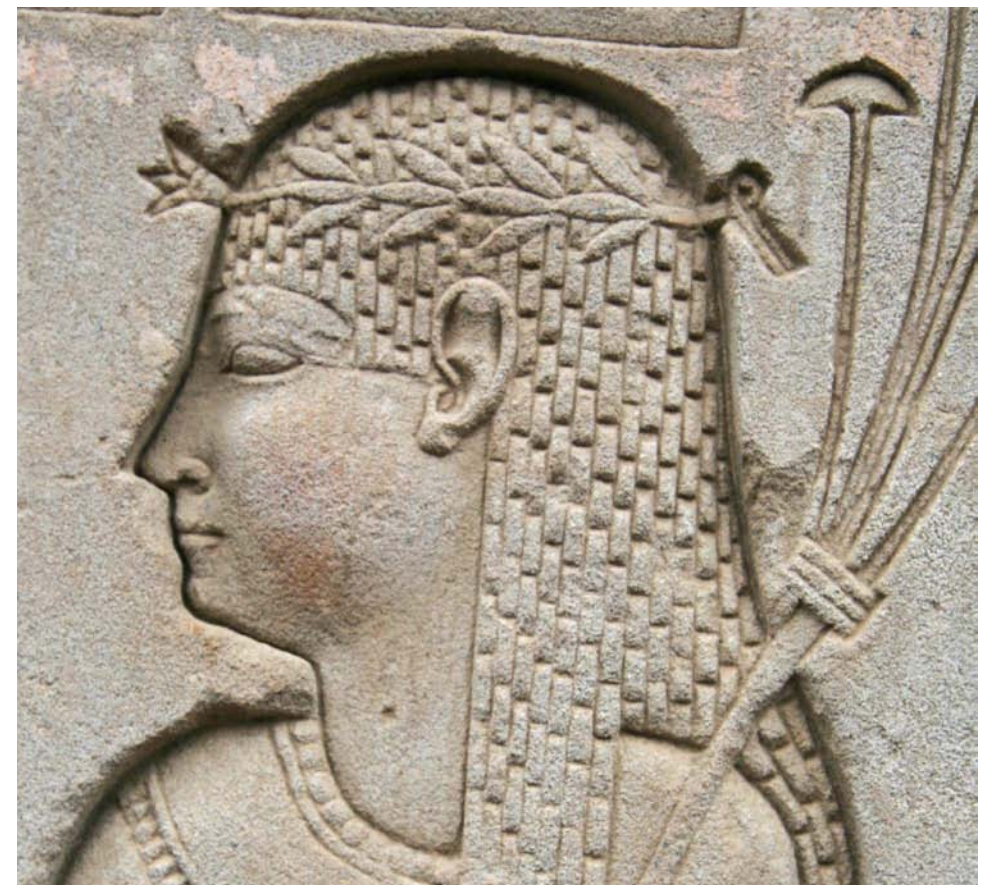


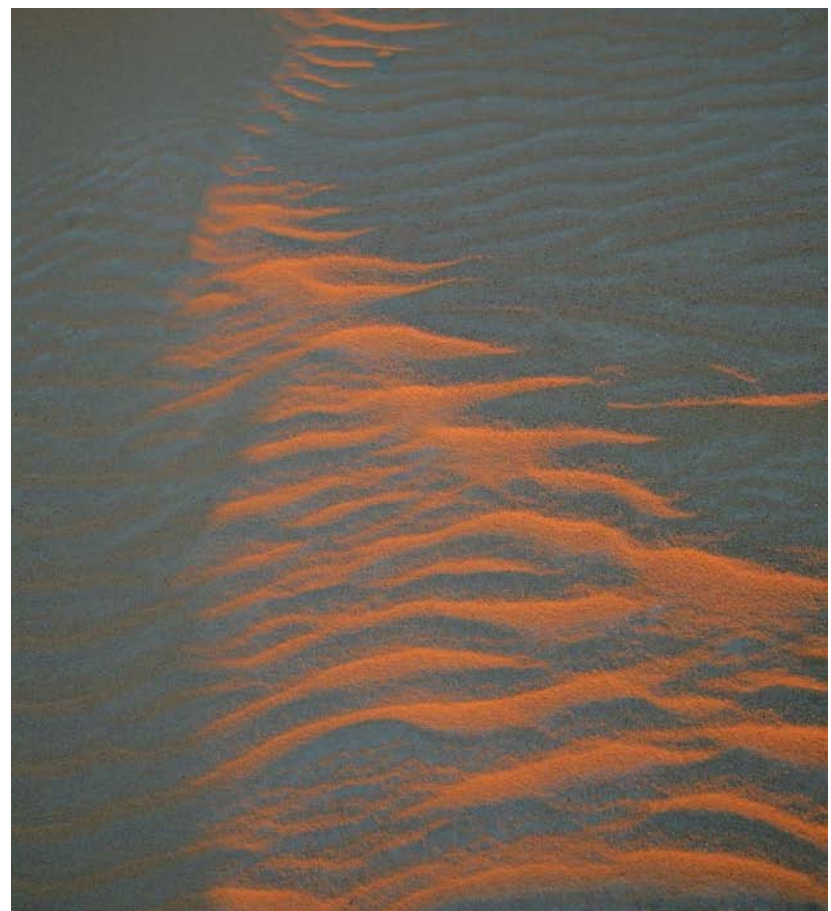




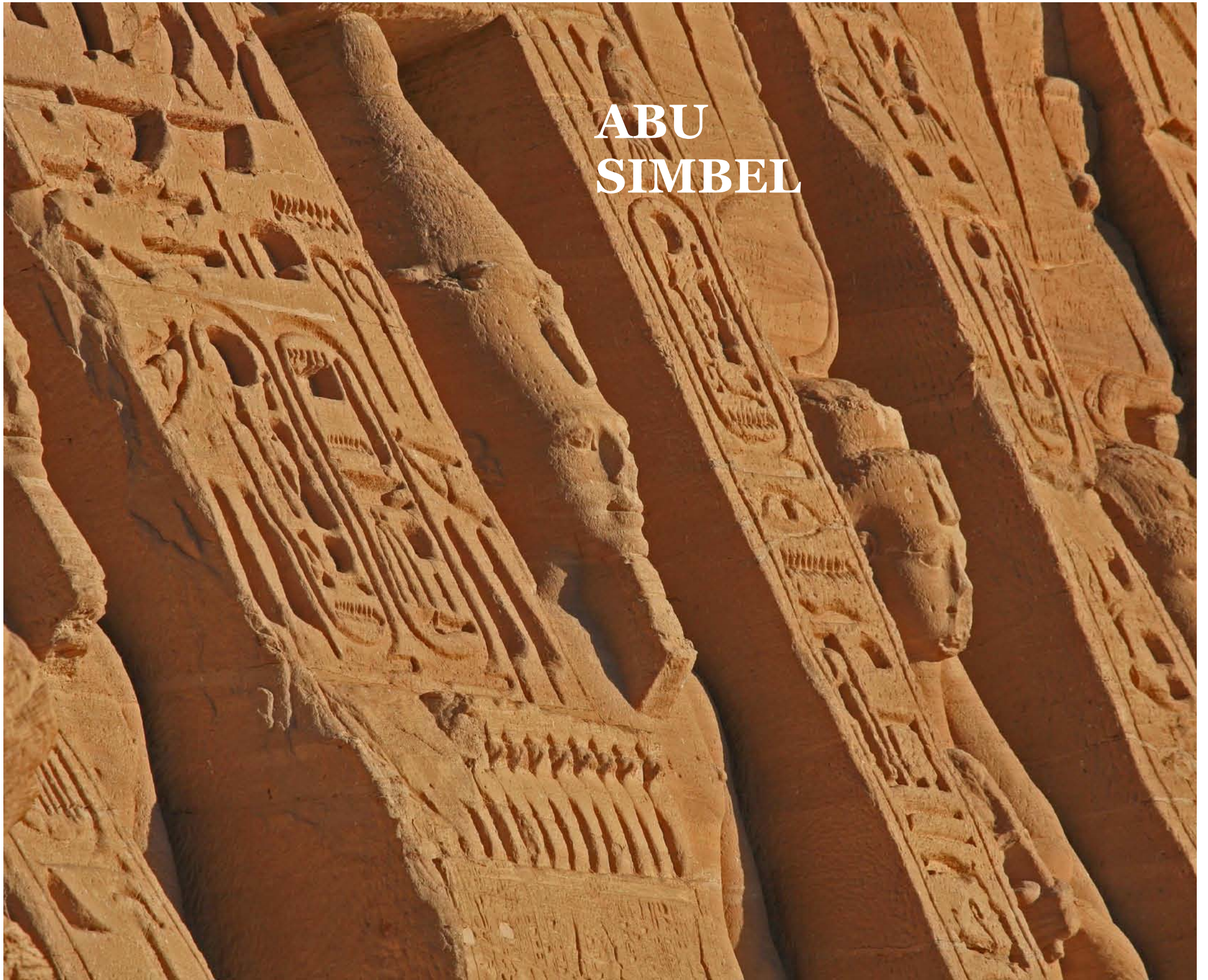




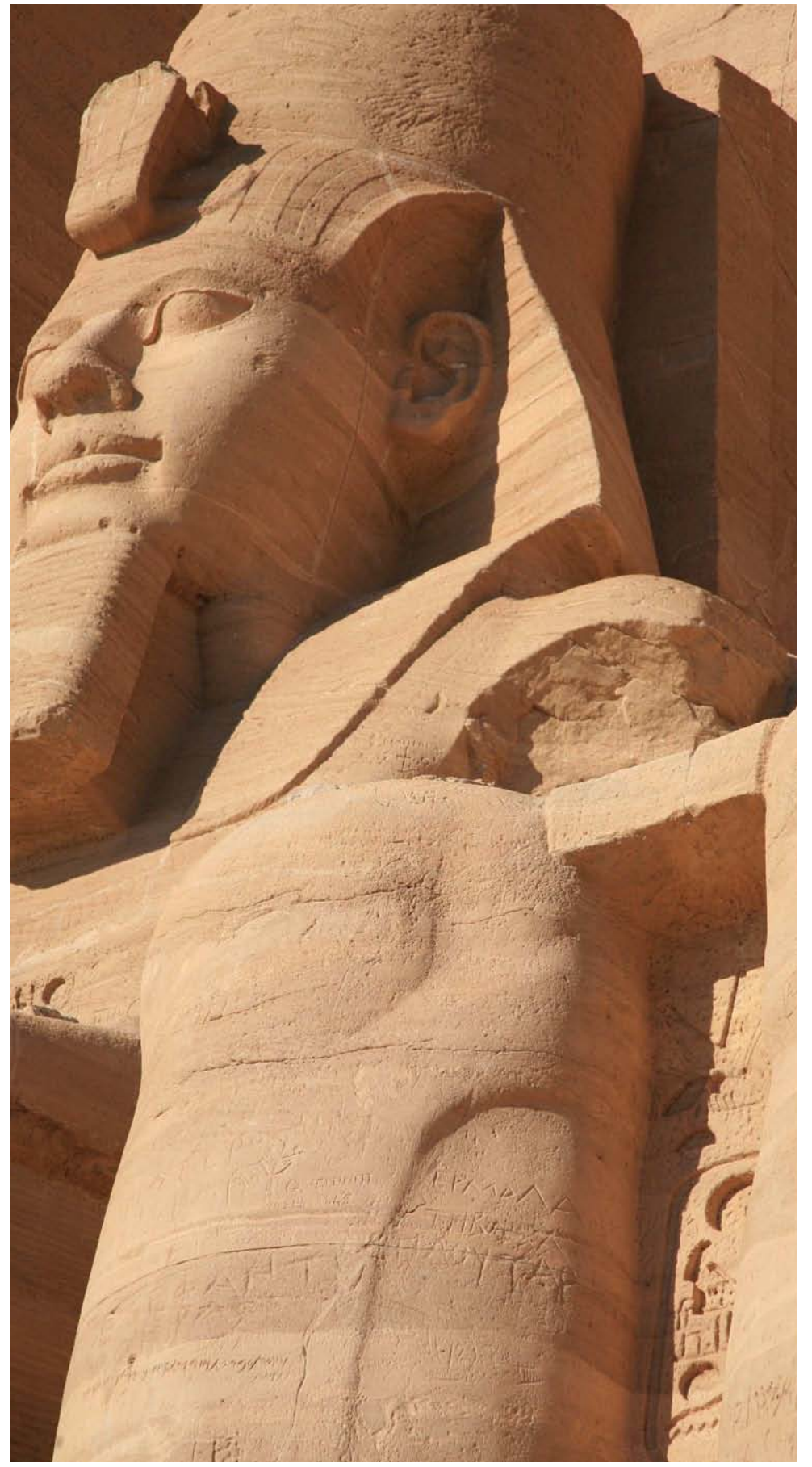




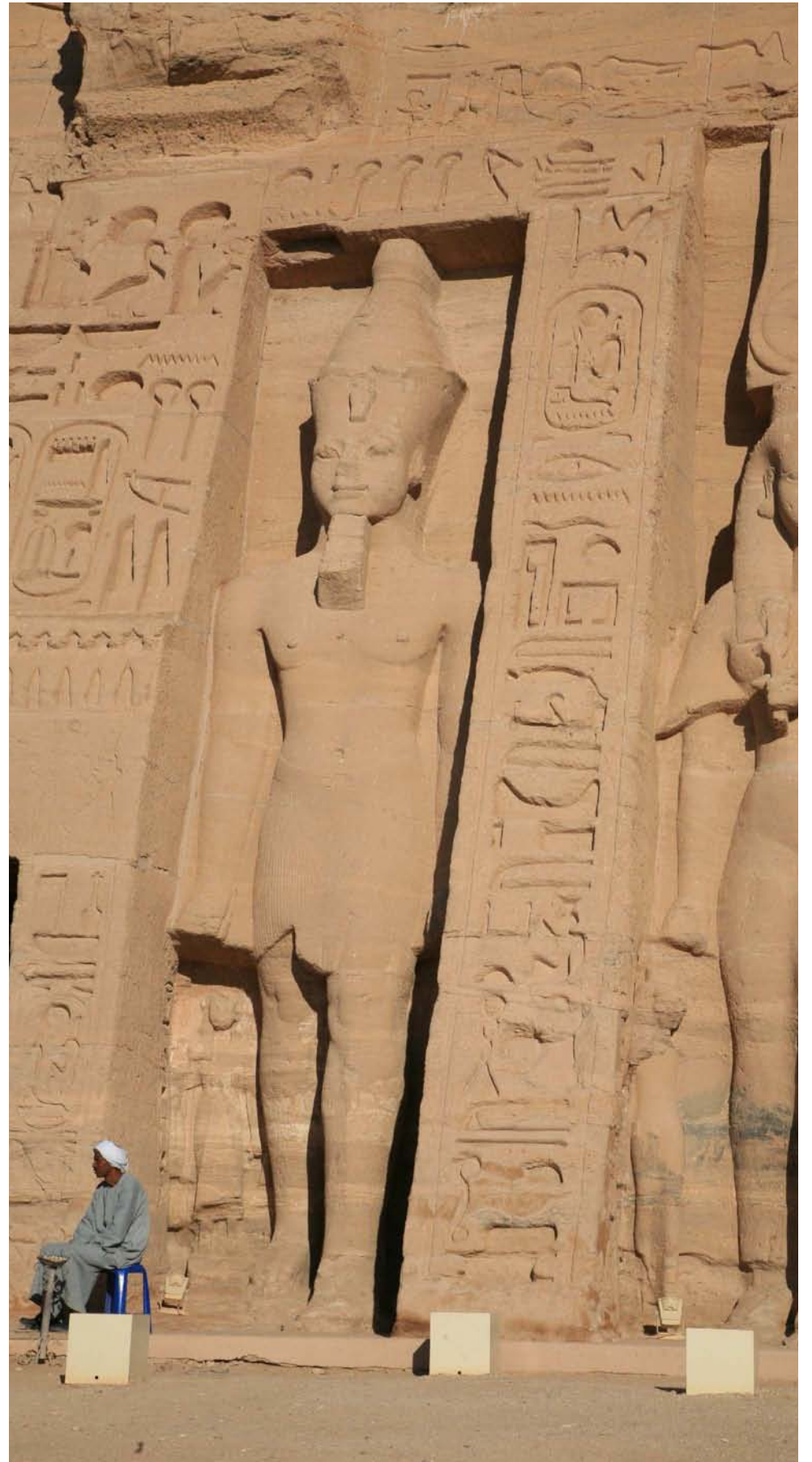
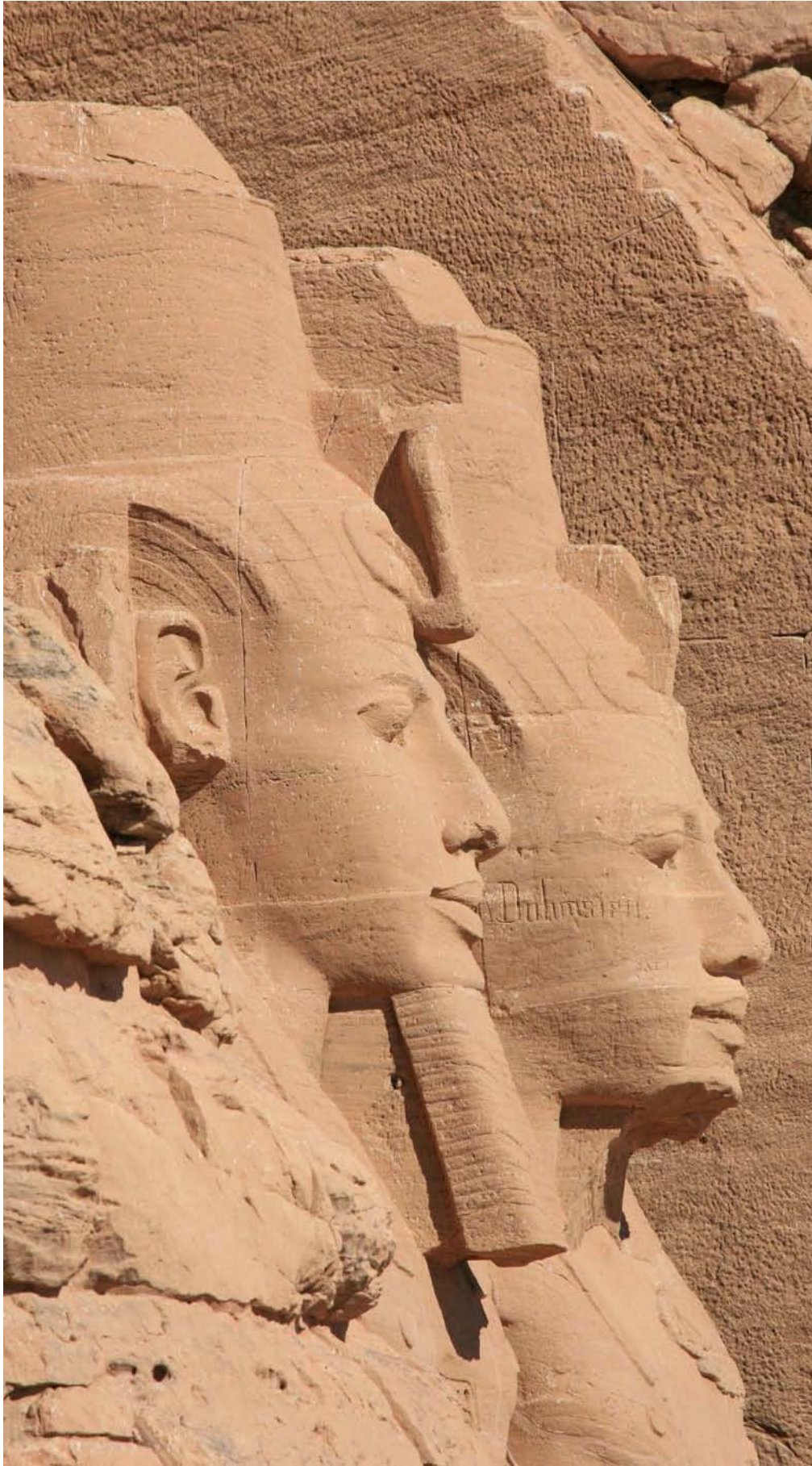




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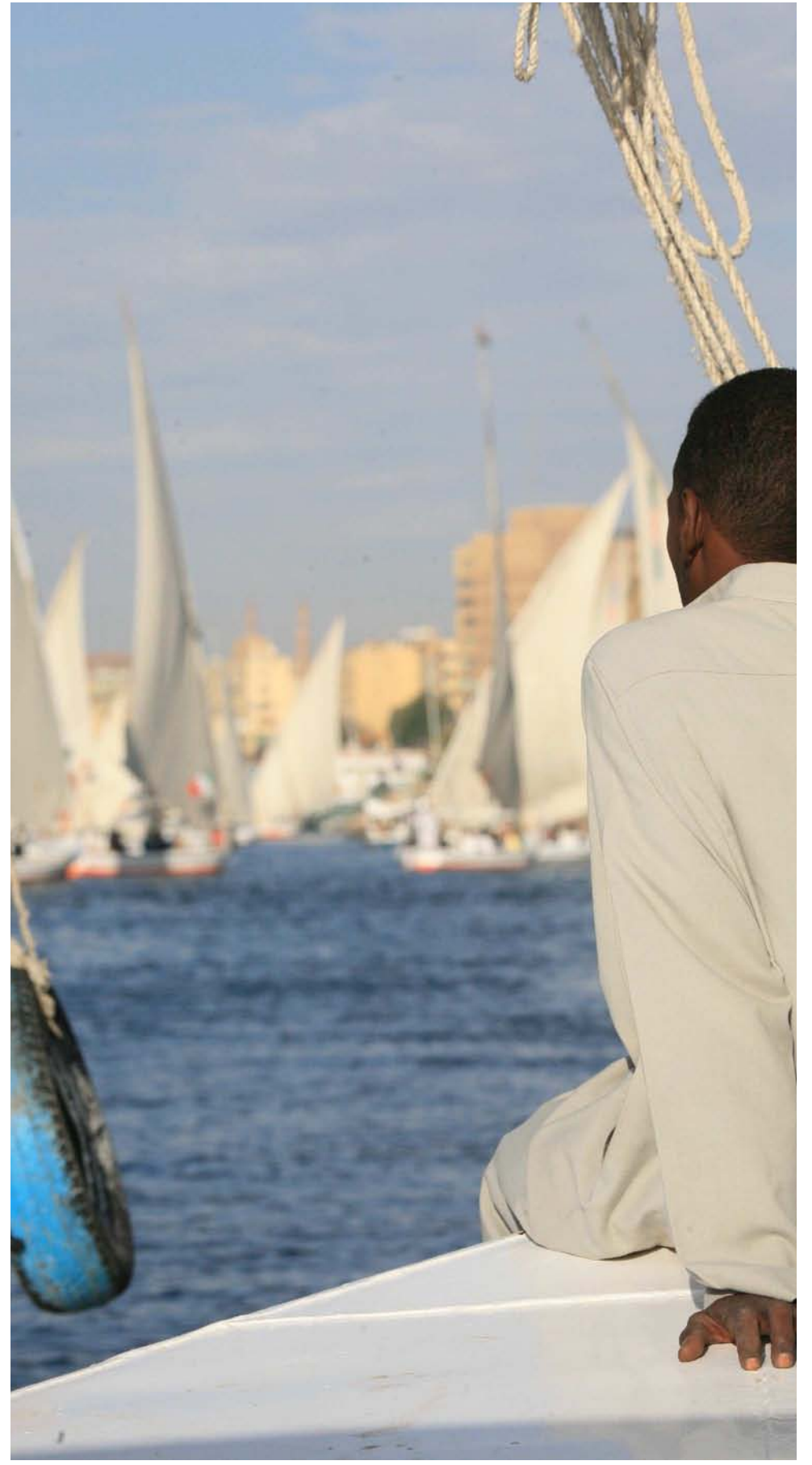


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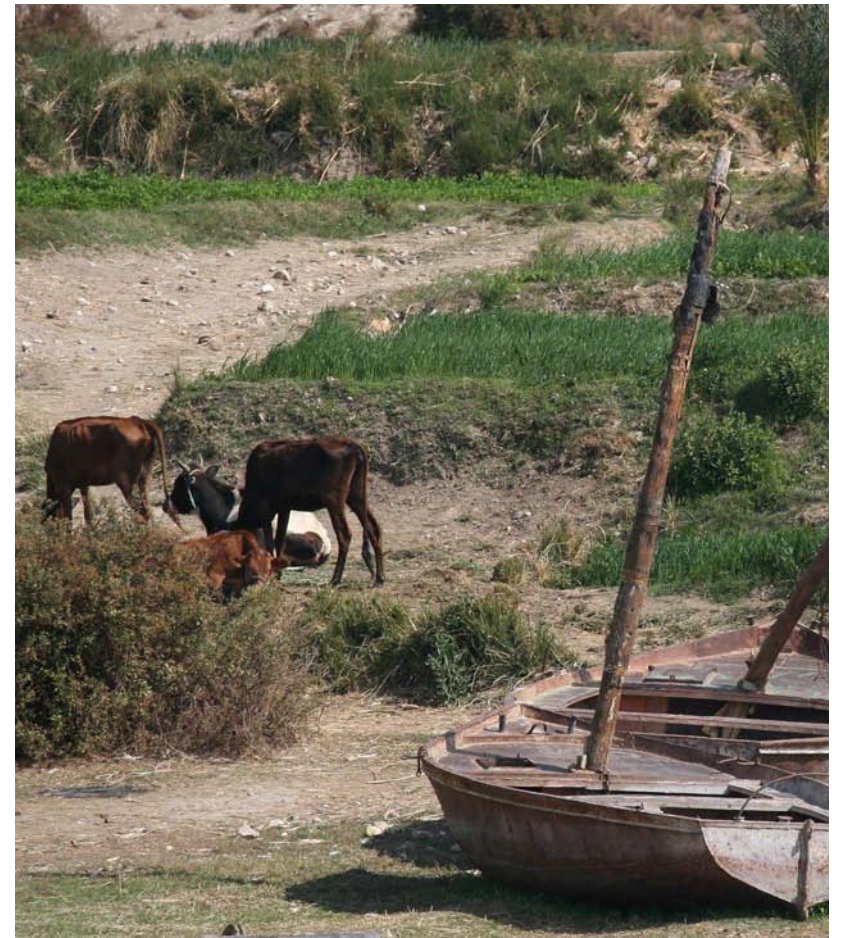
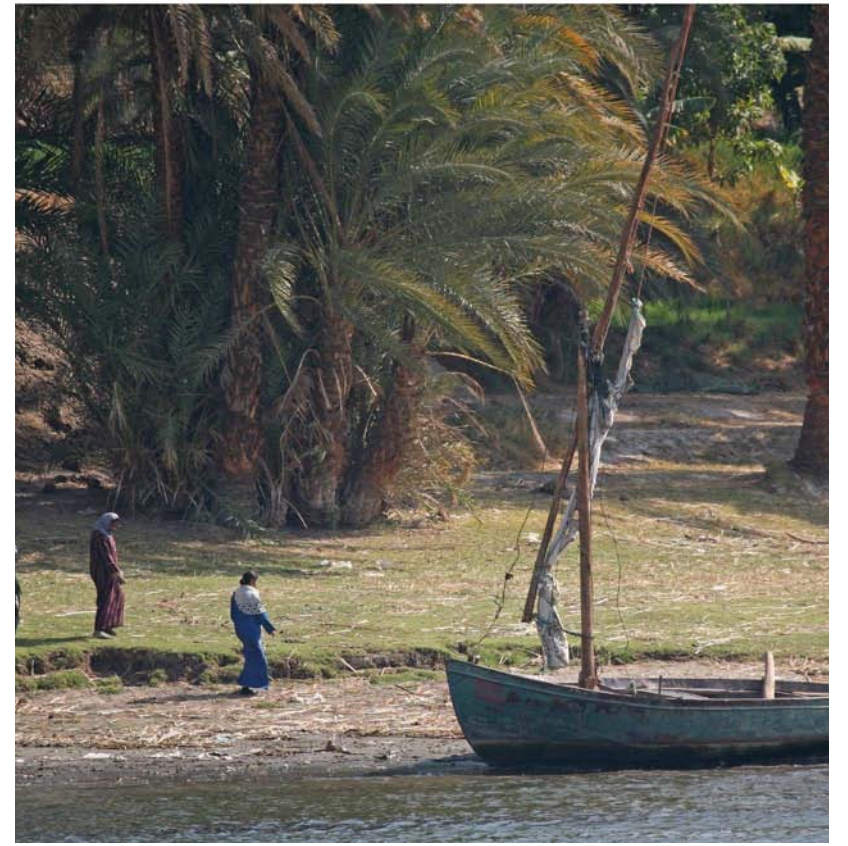


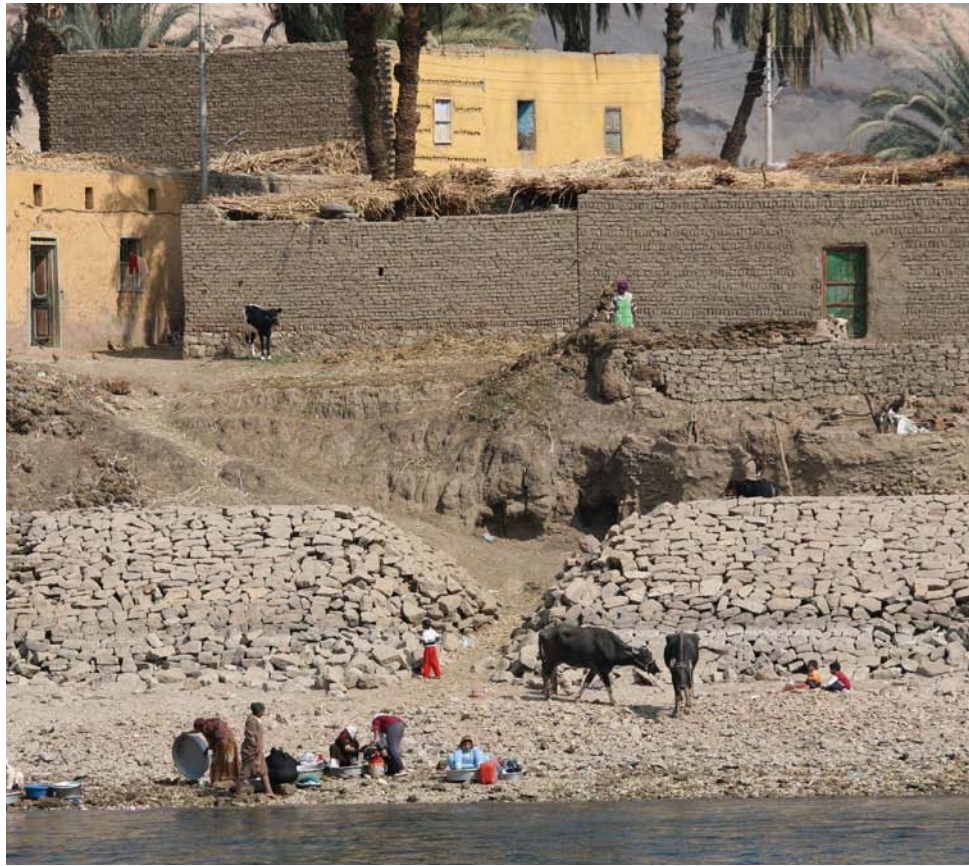


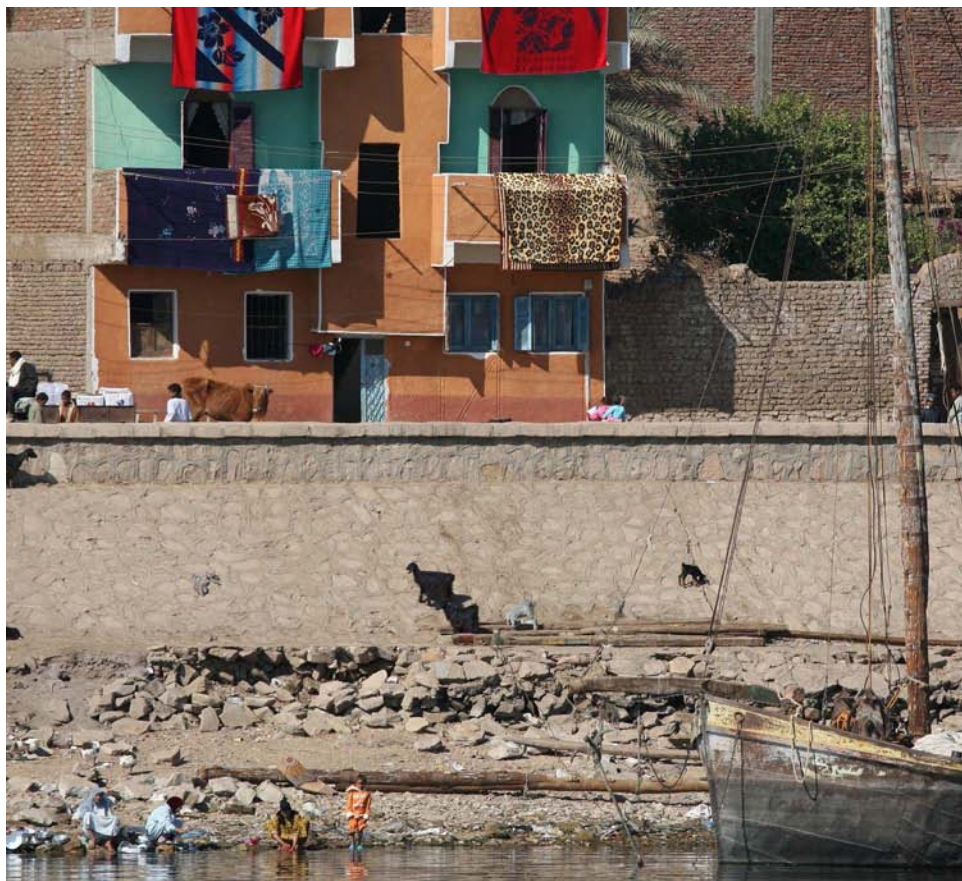
















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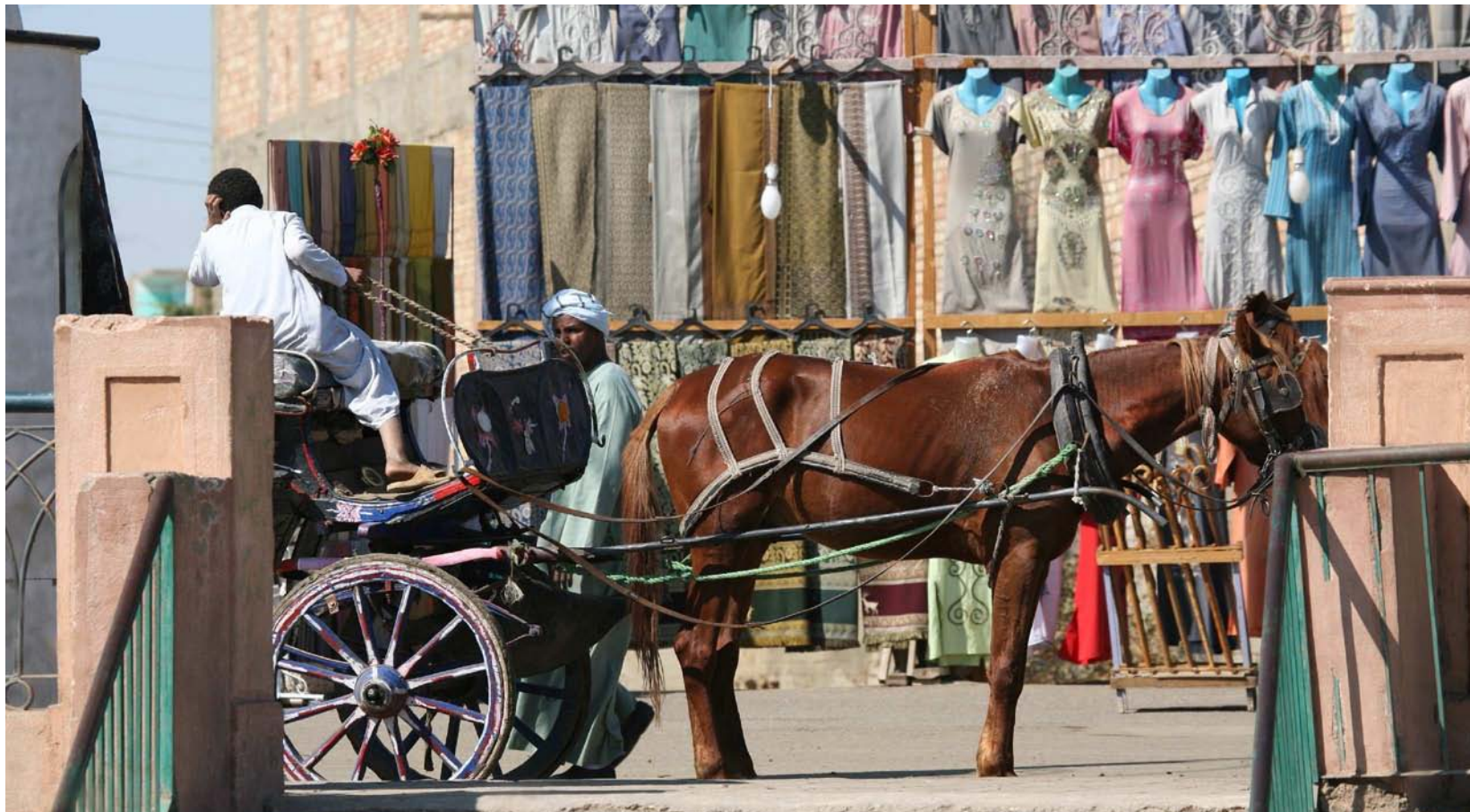
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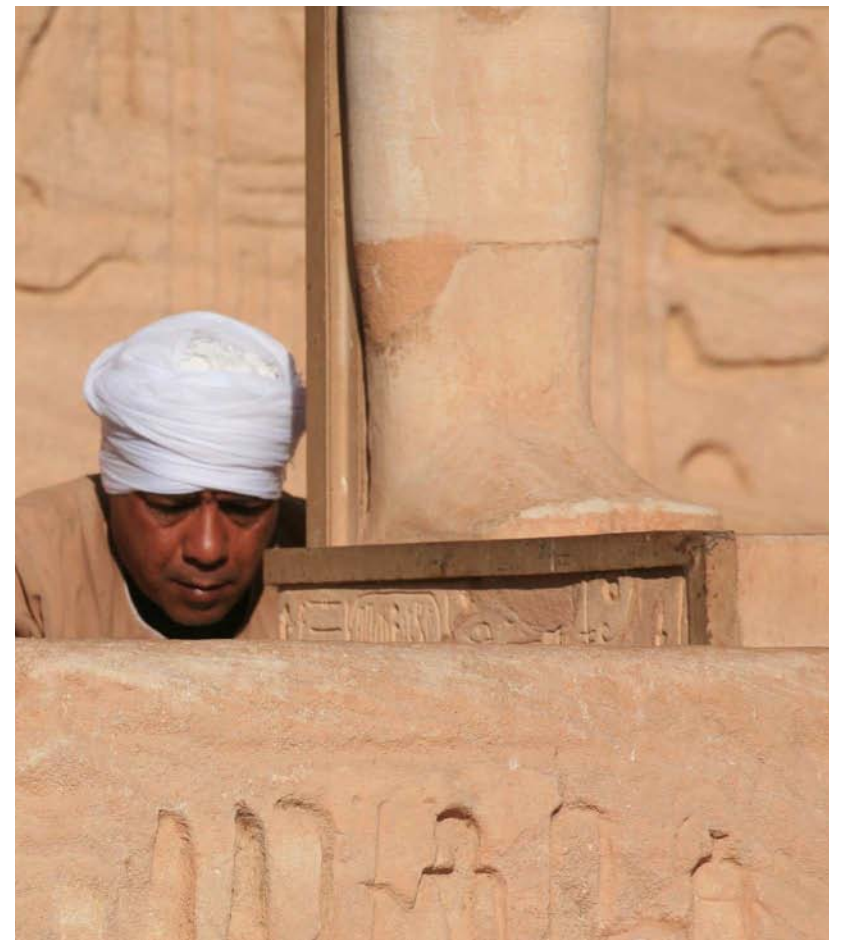
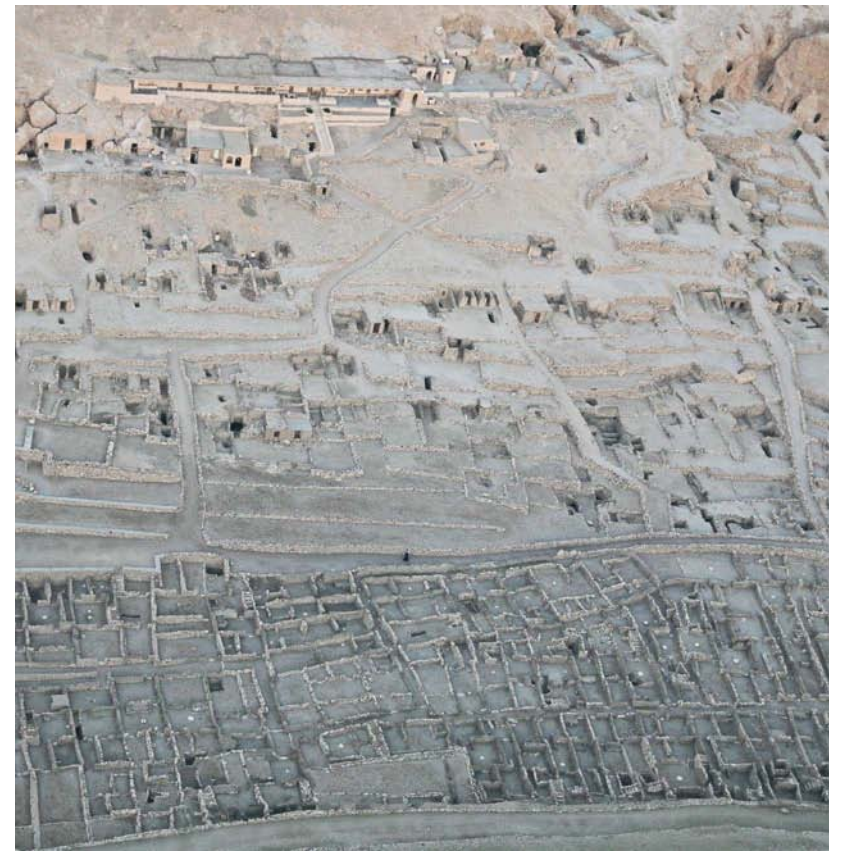




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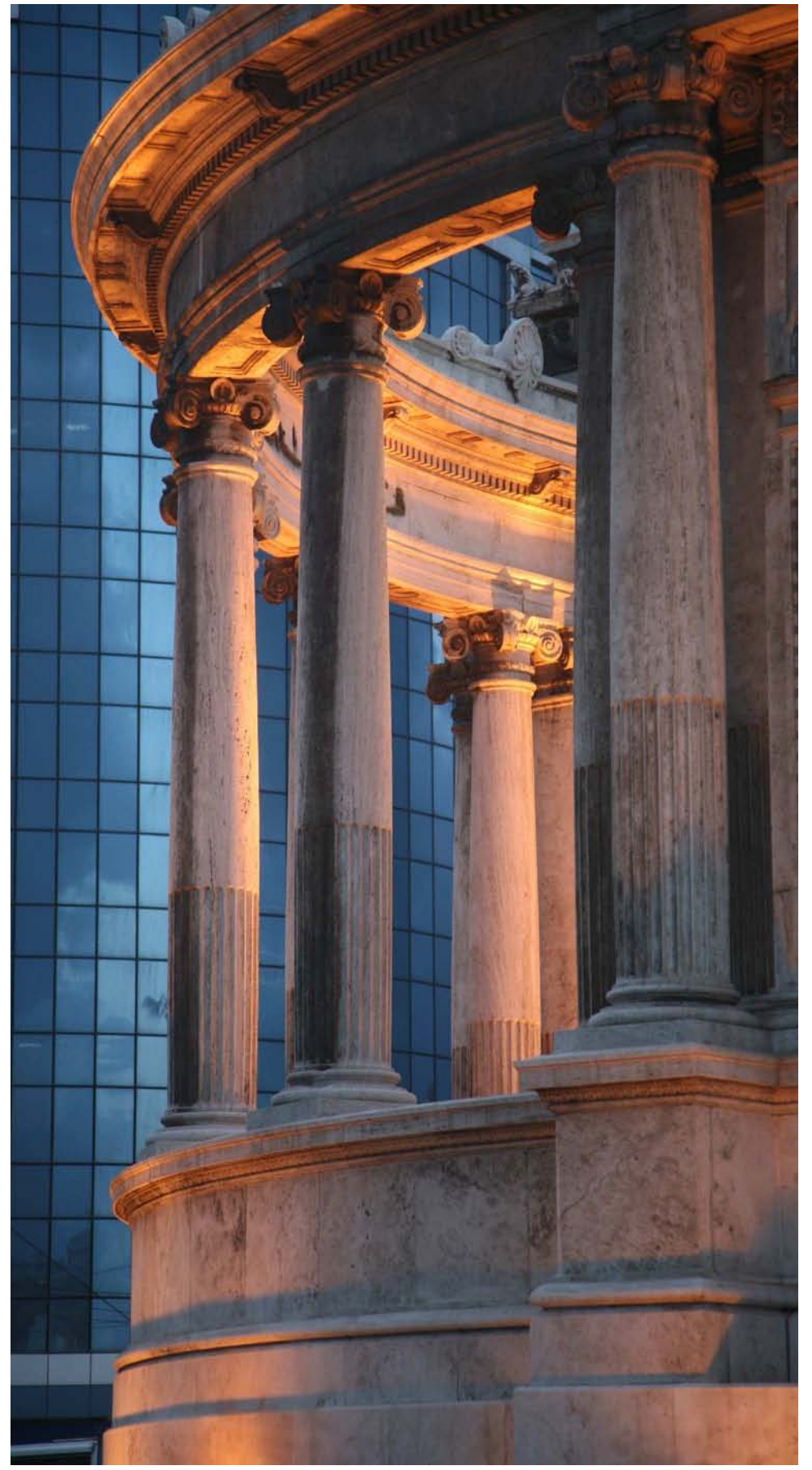


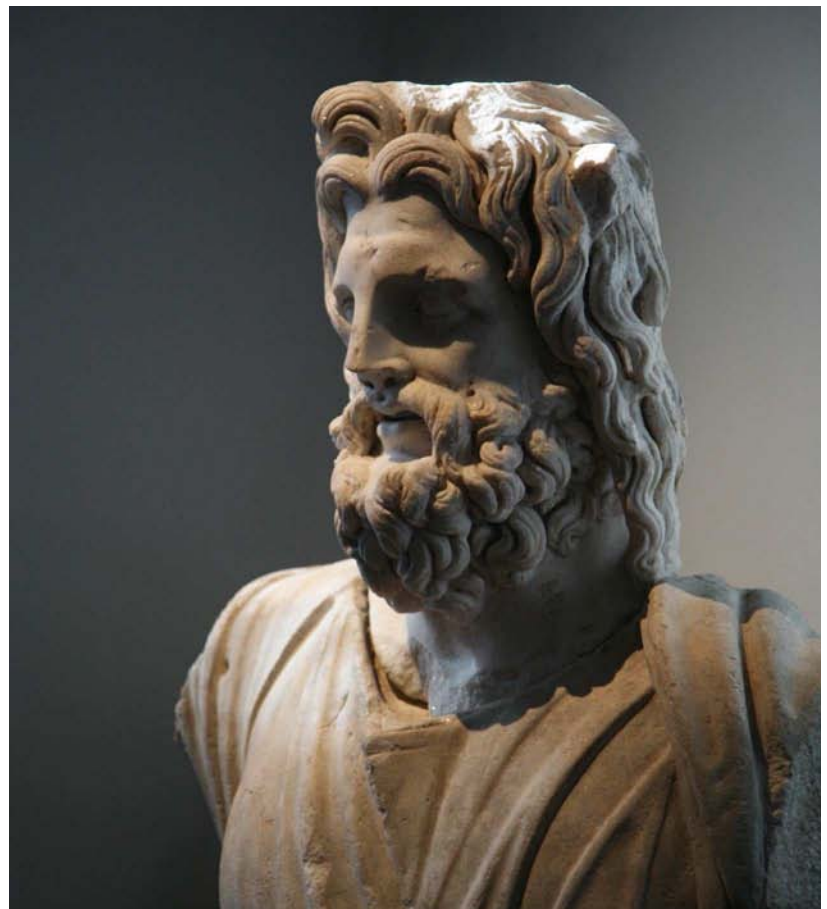


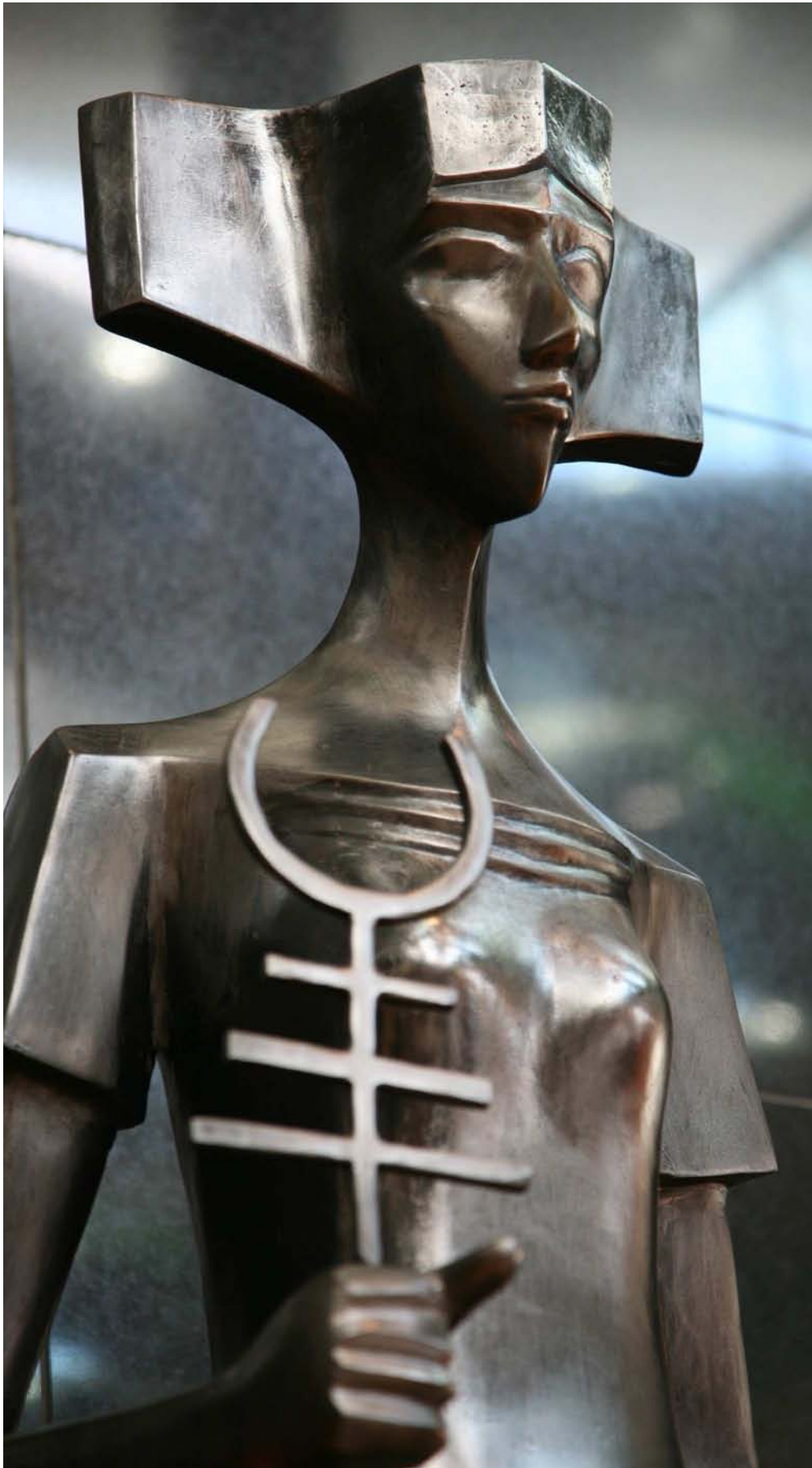


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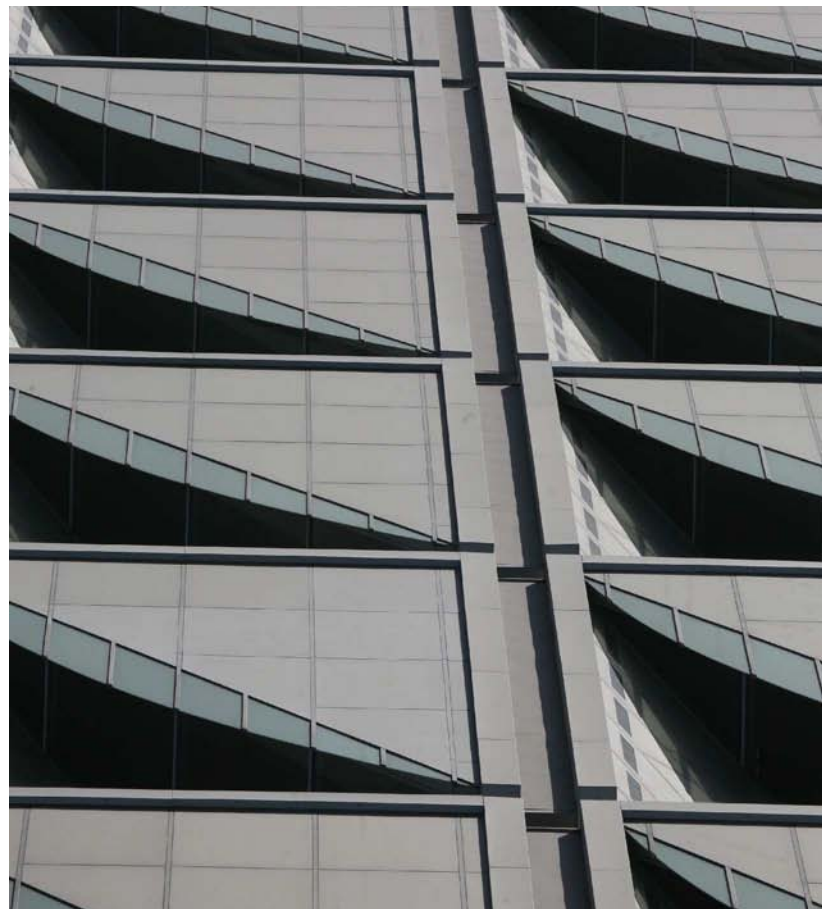




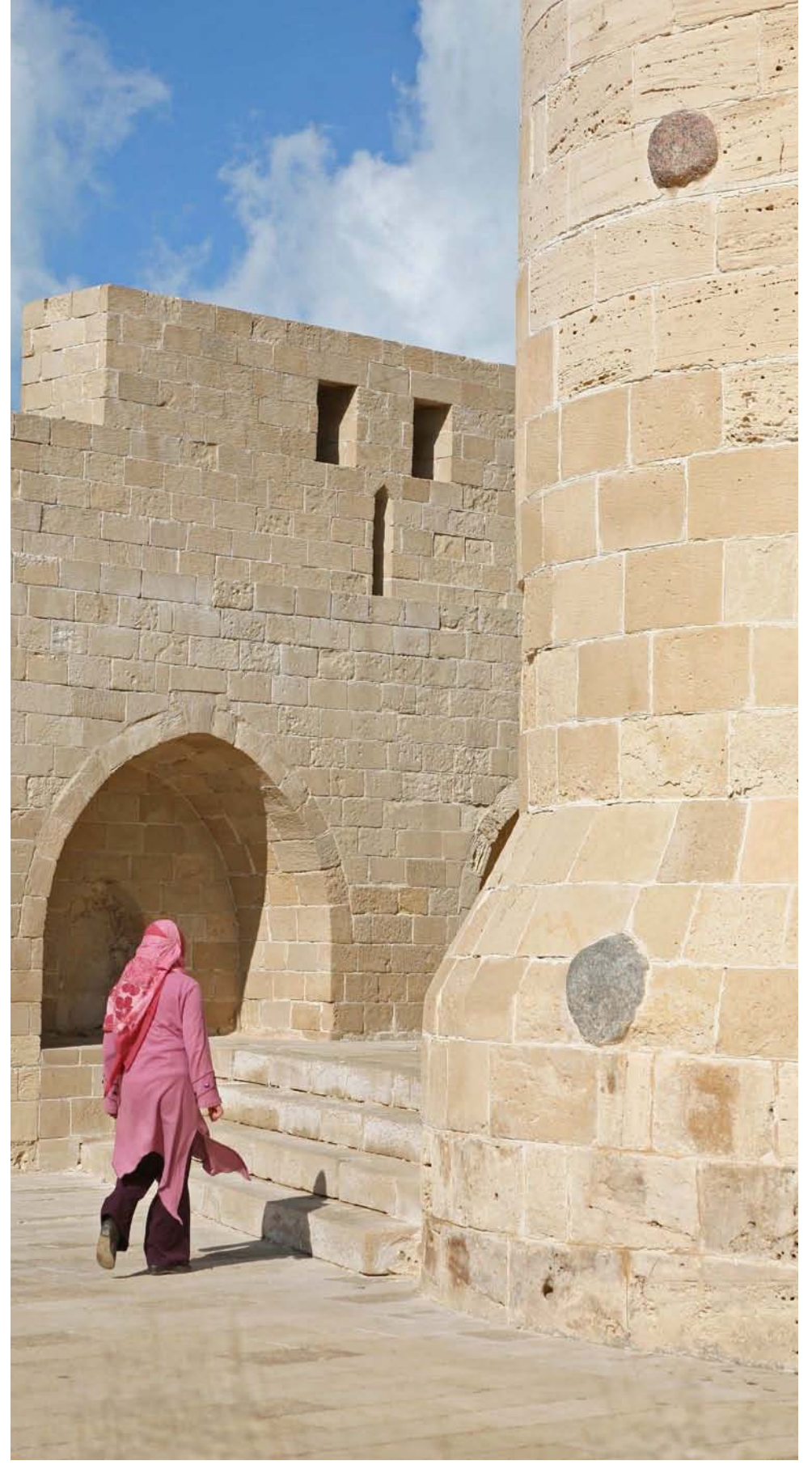




























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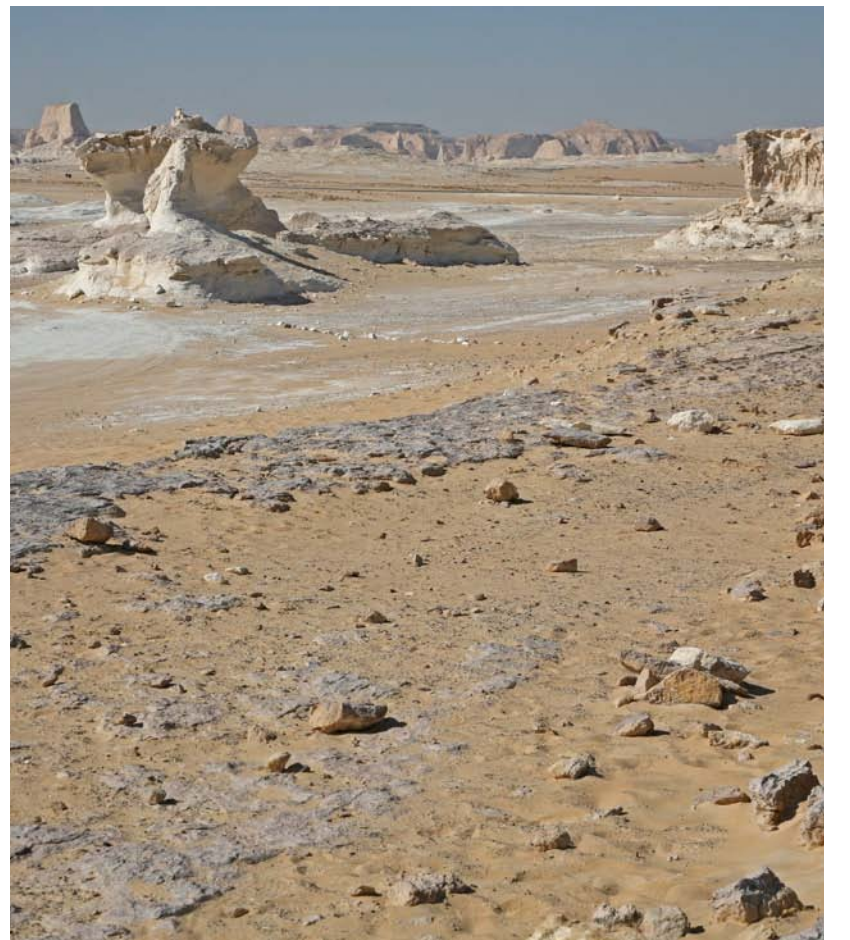




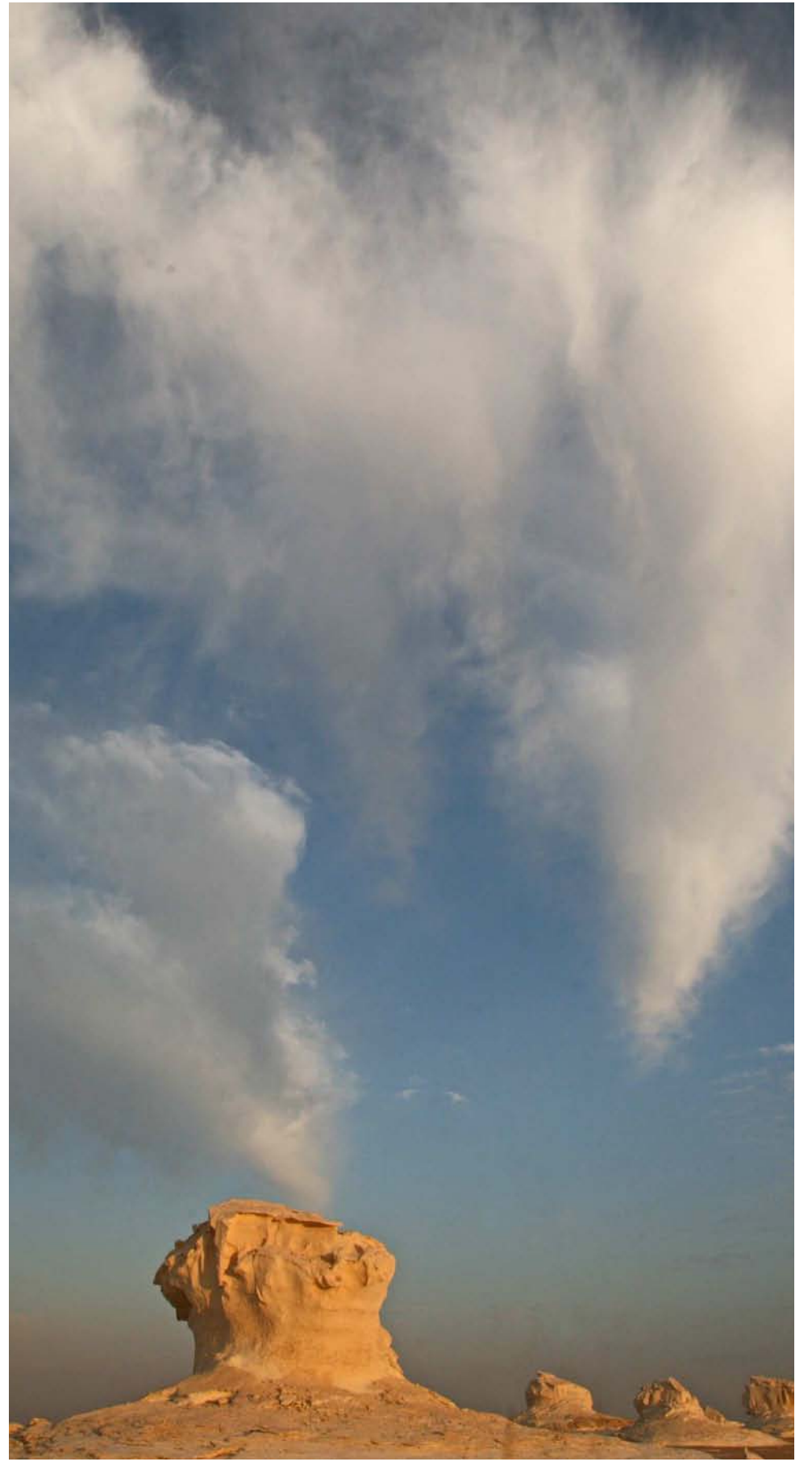






























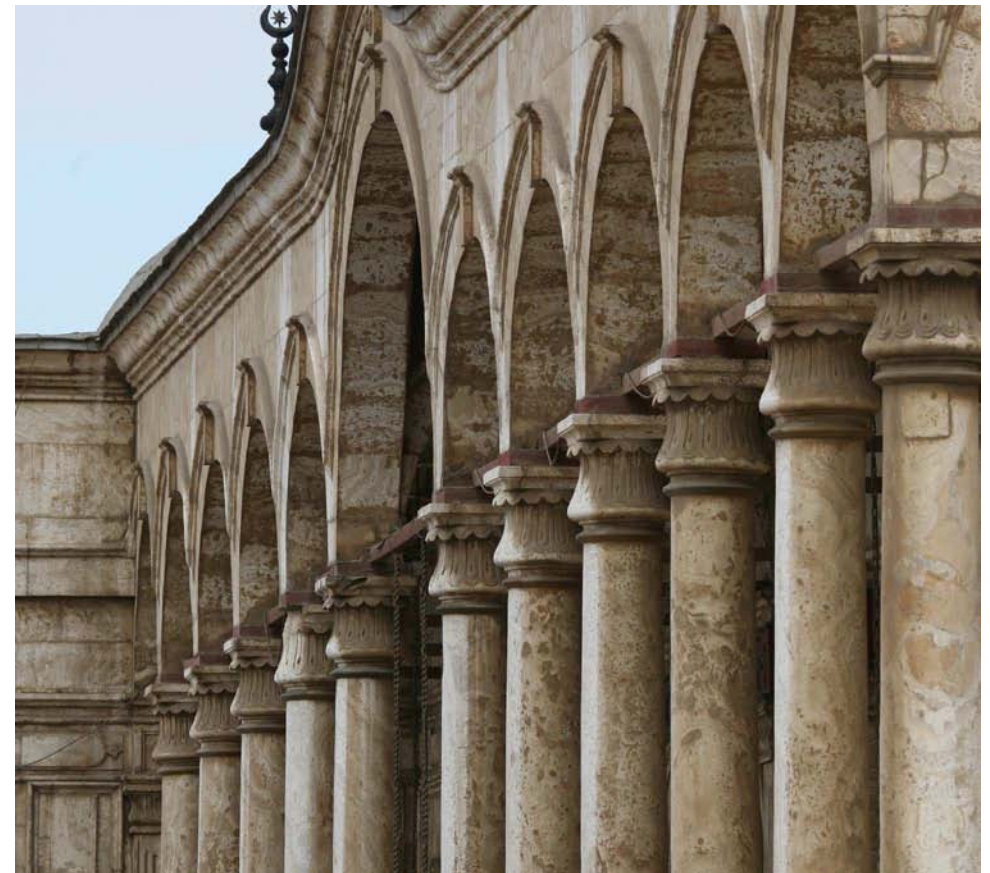






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