



BURIALS EXCAVATED AT SIDON, 2001-2003

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2001 Season

Burial	Type	Components	Sex	Age
1	jar	Partially articulated - most body regions represented		3-4 years
2.1	jar	Partially articulated - most body regions represented		7 years
2.2		vertebral bodies, fragments of os coxae, femur, nasal bone		7 years
2.3		first ribs, petrous temporal, right humerus		Neonate
3	simple sand	cranium, arms, pelvis & upper legs		mid 20s
4.1	rectangular-stone	12 teeth, but no bone		15 months
4.2		2 teeth, isolated fractured elements of gracile left arm, hand, leg & foot: non-human bone		Adult
5	rectangular-brick	fragmented but nearly complete: many elements of non-human bone	M	late 30s
6.1	simple sand	fragmented but nearly complete: many elements of non-human bone	M	early 30s
6.2		humeri, lower legs & feet		Adult
6.3		left humerus		Adult
6.4		left humerus		Adult
7.1	constructed grave	most bones present, but fragmented: skull thick & sutures closed	M	40 years
7.2		maxilla only		7-8 years
7.3		many bones present but fragmented: skull thin and sutures patent		Young Adult
8.1	in plaster floor	articulated jaws & endocast		5 years
8.2	jar beneath floor	most body regions represented		12-18 months
9	stone-lined	most body regions represented: many elements of non-human bone		3-4 years
10	beneath dish	most body regions represented - no skull other than 2 deciduous teeth		3-4 years
11.1	jar	cranium & jaws: non-human cranial fragment		18 months
11.2		large fragment of adult mandible		Adult
12.1	rectangular-stone	most body regions represented: scarabs, axe, spearhead, many non-human bones	M	early 20s
12.2		parts of pelvis & femur		child
12.3		2 carious roots, upper left second molar		Adult
13	rectangular-brick	bracelet, spearhead, teeth, partially articulated vertebrae, ribs, lower legs		5 yrs
14	jar	Fairly complete skeleton, very weathered : arrowhead		13 years
15	jar	most body regions represented		Neonate
16	rectangular-stone	Originally N° 19, renumbered on site as burial 16. Most body regions represented.		8-9 years
16.1		single thoracic vertebra		Young Adult
17	jar	most body regions represented		3-4 years
18	jar	partially articulated; most body regions represented		4 years

(Major skeletal components in heavy type).

2002 Season

Burial	Type	Components	Sex	Age
20	jar	Most body regions represented, but badly fragmented and only 50% complete		Neonate
21	jar	Fragmented but all body regions represented: 70% complete		Neonate
22	jar	Fragmented but all body regions represented: 80% complete		3 years
23	grave	90% complete: jaws present, but cranium beneath wall. Portions of sheep skeleton in front of lower legs.	M	25 years
24	jar	Fragmented but all body regions represented: 80% complete		5 years
25	grave	70% complete. 25 cm diameter pottery plate placed over L arm. Spine and pelvis embedded in matrix. Tall (171 ± 4cm). Powerful build: strong antero-posterior curvature of both femurs with unusually prominent linea aspera and large attachments for gluteus maximus.	M	40-50 years

A large quantity of stray human bone found in other locations on the site suggest the presence of at least three other individuals: an adult (context 420): a 4-5 year-old (context 843): a mid-teenager (context 890)

2003 Season

Burial	Type	Components	Sex	Age
27	grave	Silver headband, studs, duckbilled axe, necklace and anklets Very fragmentary but all body regions represented: 50% complete	M	40 years
28	grave	No feet: Severe caries in lower deciduous molars		7-8 years
29.1	Jar	At base of jar: all body regions represented: 80% complete		1.5 years
29.2	Jar	Main body of jar: all body regions represented: 80% complete		1 year
30	Jar	Very well preserved: 95% complete		Neonate
31	jar	All body regions represented: 70% complete		Neonate
32	grave	All body regions represented: 90% complete: "porter's neck"	F	25-35 years
33	jar	Lower legs left in baulk: otherwise 90% complete		5-6 years
34	jar	All body regions represented: 80% complete		Neonate
35	jar	Embedded in matrix: could not be dissected out		Neonate
36	burial	All body regions represented: 90% complete	F	30-35 years

