



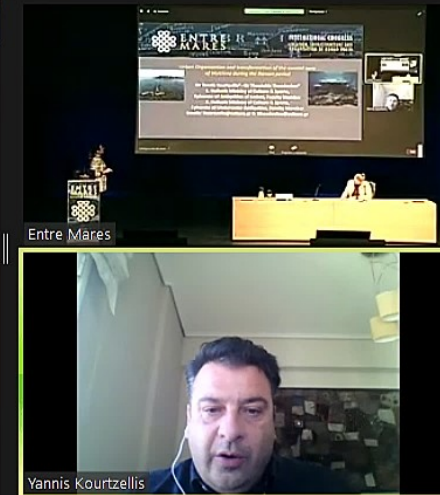
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### *Urban Organization and transformation of the coastal zone of Mytilene during the Roman period*



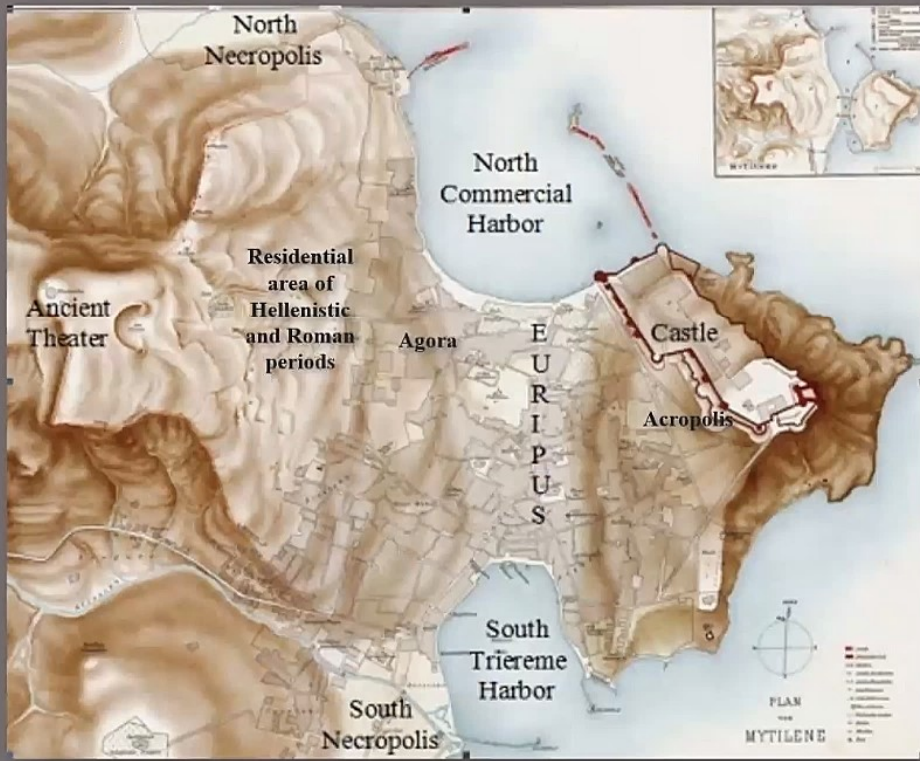
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# The cities harbours of the island of Lesbos







*Roman mosaic floor with a young beardless sea divinity, who was identified as a personification of Euripus of Mytilene or the Pyrrhean Euripus, from the so called "House of Euripus" (2nd c. AD).*



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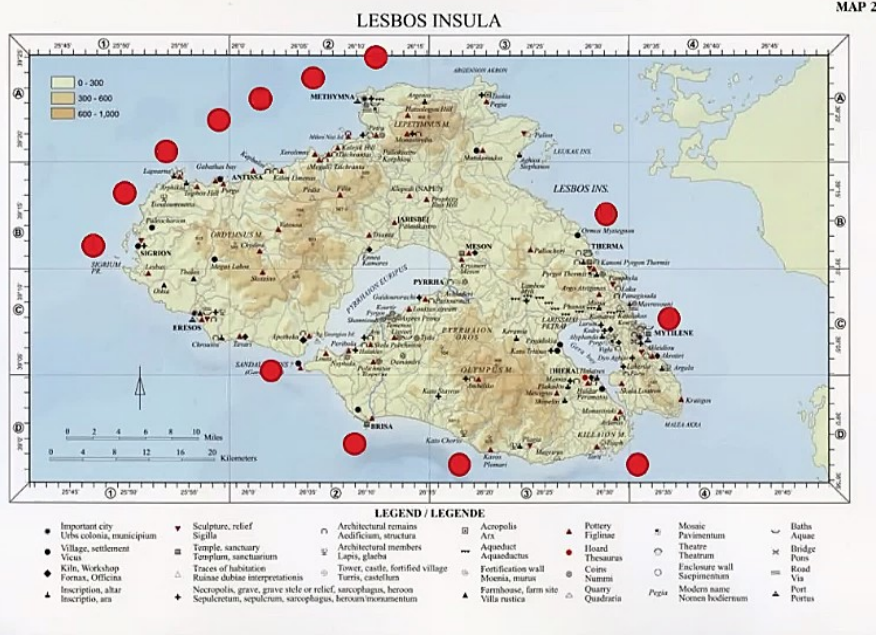


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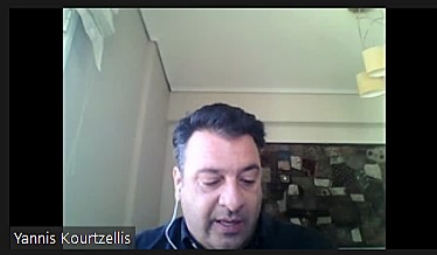


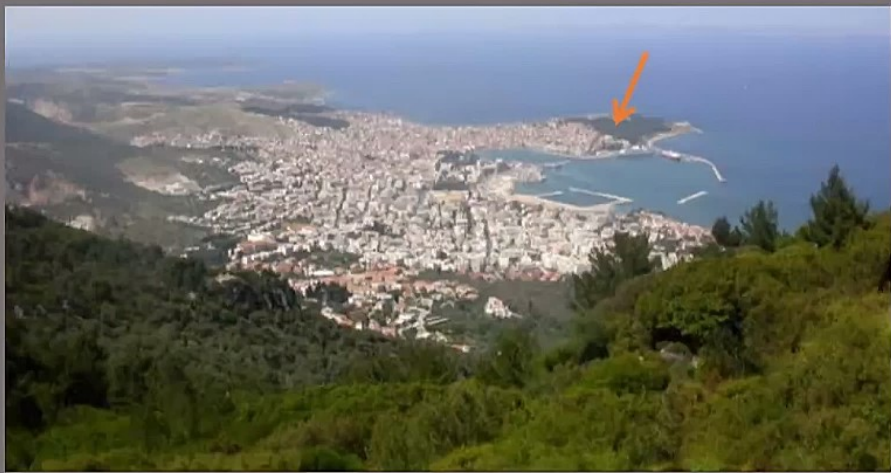
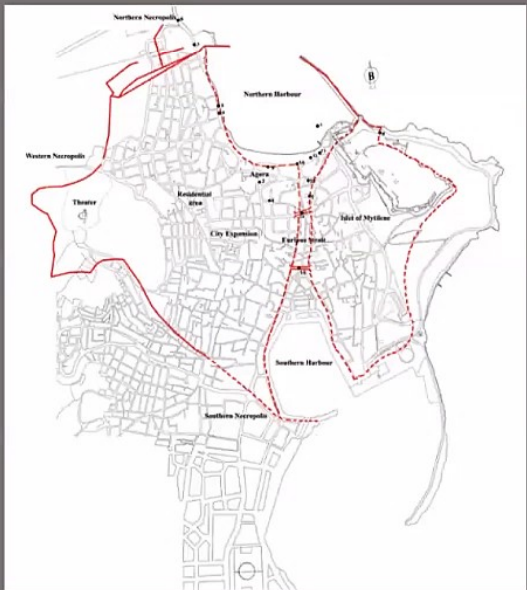


# Shipwrecks around the island of Lesbos

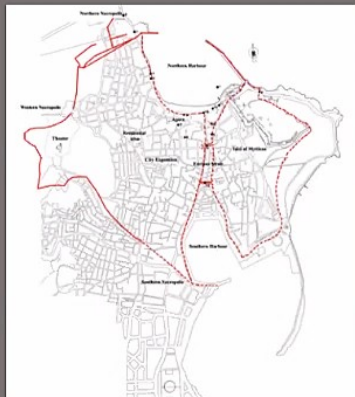


**Gold necklace with precious and semi-precious gemstones (2nd -3rd c. AD). It was found in the sea between Lesbos and Chios islands and was handed over to the Archaeological Museum of Mytilene**





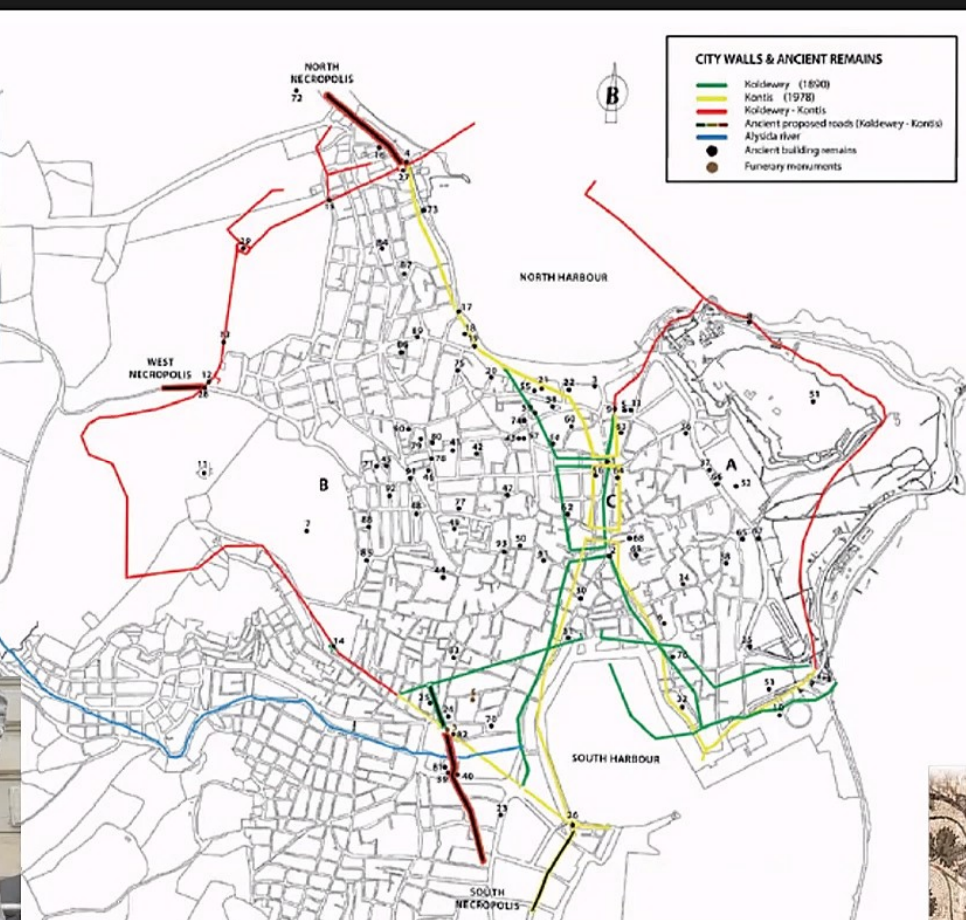
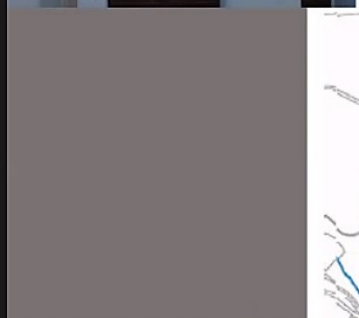
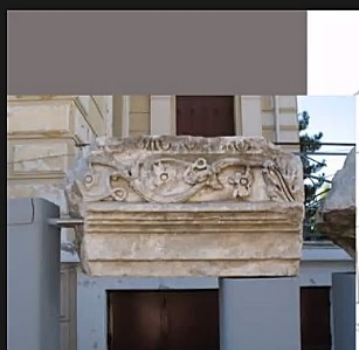




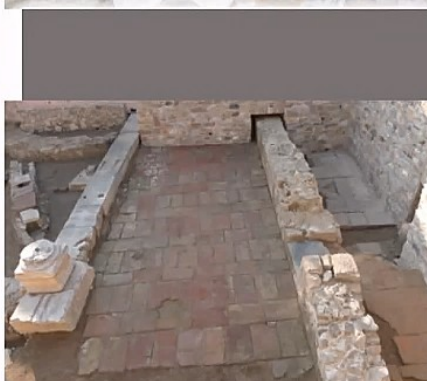
*Diod. 13, 79, 6-7: «...ή μὲν γὰρ ἀρχαία πόλις μικρὰ νῆσός ἐστιν, ἢ δ' ὕστερον προσοικιοθεΐσα τῆς ἀντιπέρας ἐστὶ Λέσβου ἀνὰ μέσον δ' αὐτῶν ἐστὶ εὐρύπος στενὸς καὶ ποιῶν τὴν πόλιν ὄχυράν»*

*(For the ancient city is a small island, and the later city, which was founded near it, is opposite it on the island of Lesbos; and between the two cities is a narrow strait which also adds strength to the city).*





Topographical map of the city of Mytilene (after Kyriakopoulou 2020)



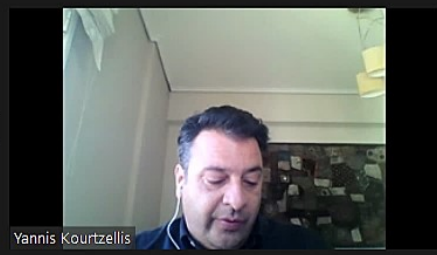
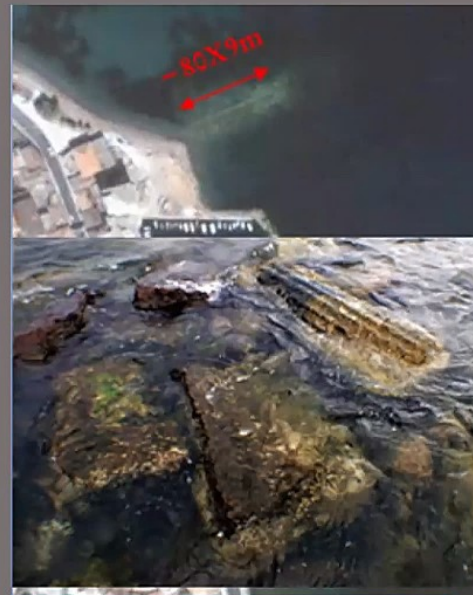
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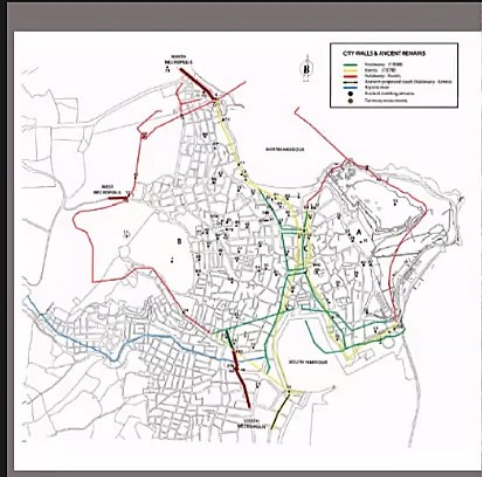


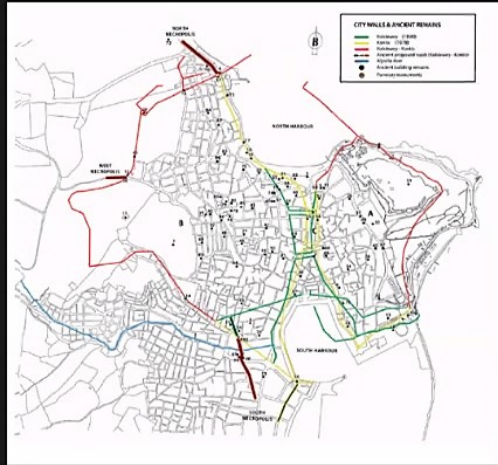
*Mytilene was large and beautiful and it was divided by the waters of the »Euripoi« (Euripus in plural), decorated with bridges of white polished marble evoking the impression of seeing an island, not a city.  
Longus, Daphnis and Chloe (second half of the 2nd century – first half of the 3rd century A.D)*











*»Mytilene has two harbours; of which the southern is a closed harbour and capable of holding 50 triremes. The northern harbour is large, deep and protected by a mole. In front of both lies a small island, which contains a part of the city. Mytilene is well provided with everything«.*

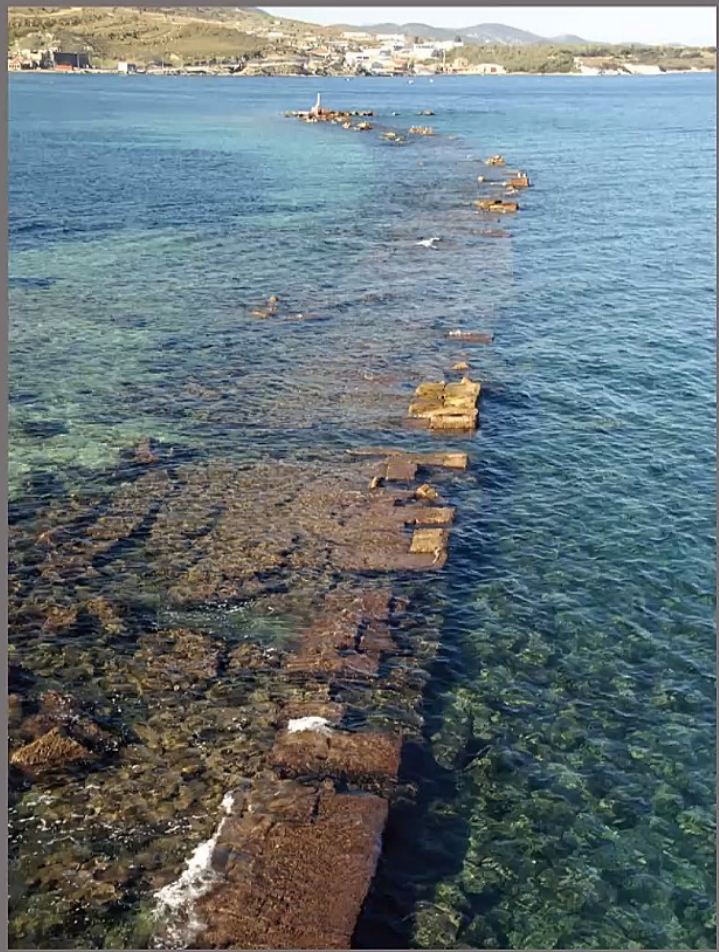
Strabo

*Panoramic view of the South harbour in the early 20th century. At the starting point of the western breakwater a great number of ancient architectural members are also visible*



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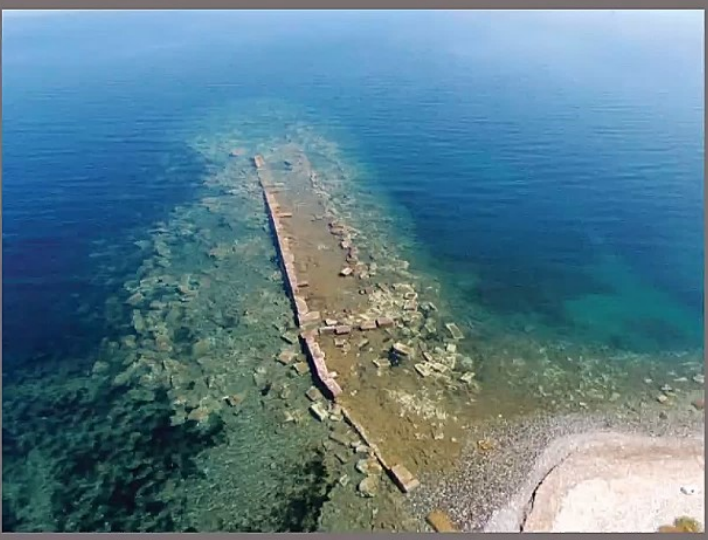




*The southeastern breakwater of the North harbour of Mytilene. The elaborate way of fitting the ashlar blocks together as well as the rubble foundation onto which the construction was erected are clearly visible*







*Aerial views of the northwestern breakwater of the North harbor of Mytilene. One of the transverse openings - 'channels' and the fallen blocks on each of the two sides of the breakwater are seen in the foreground*

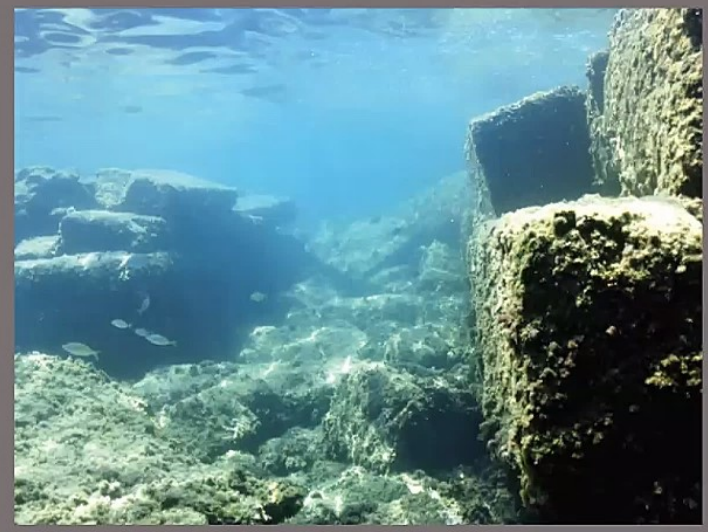


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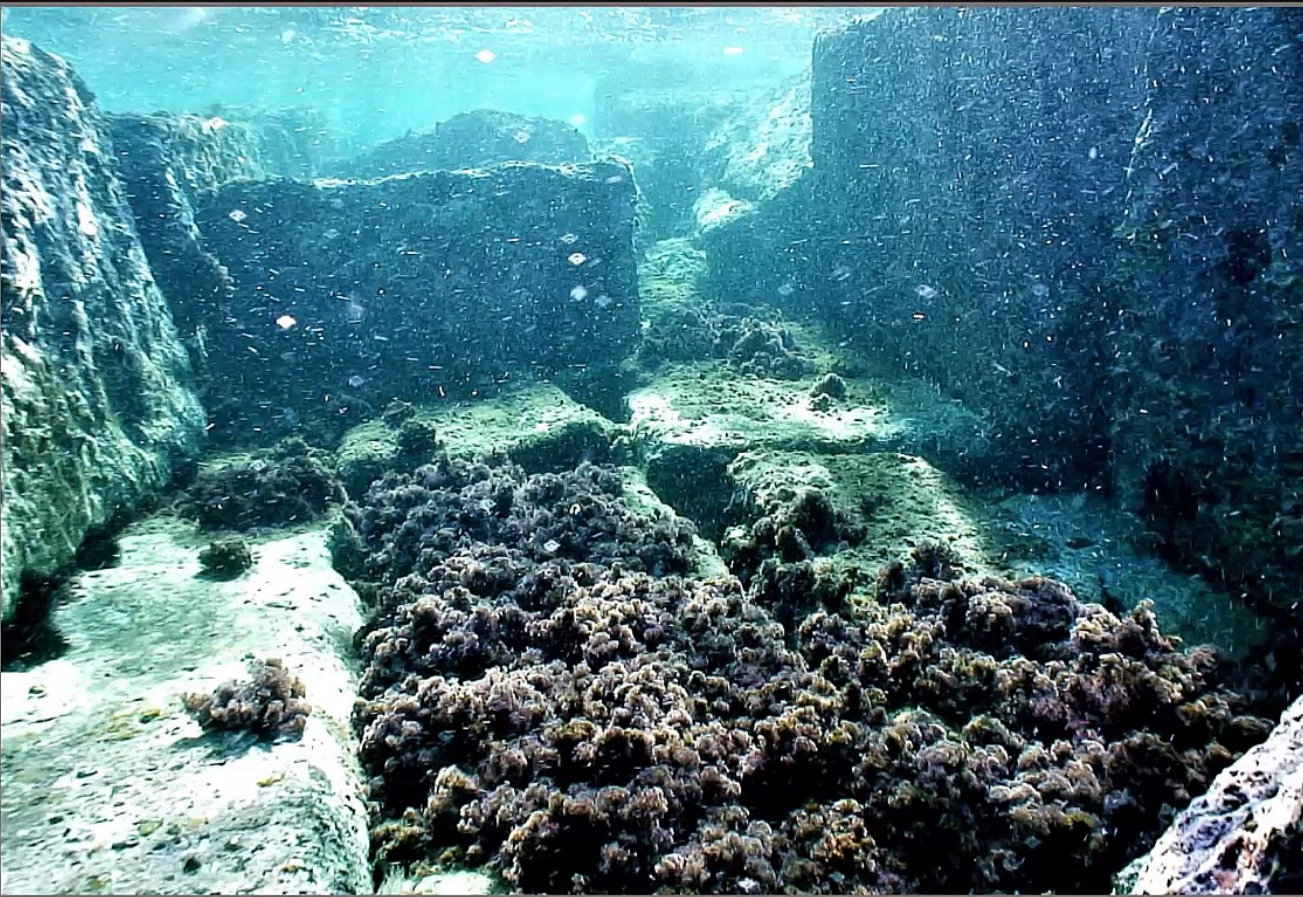




*Underwater view of the rectangular transverse opening - 'channels' at the southeastern breakwater of the North harbor of Mytilene*







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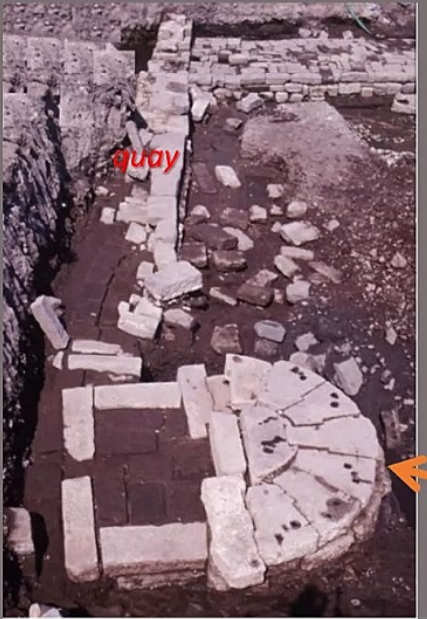
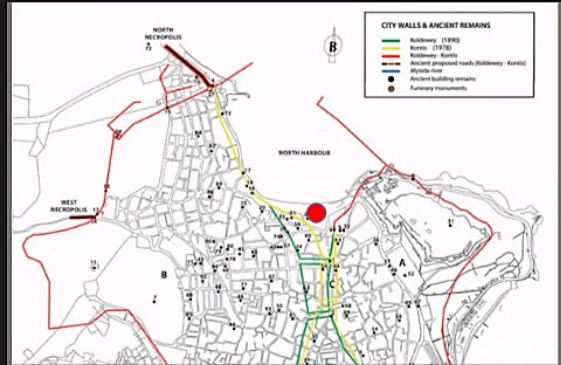




*Later repairs where hydraulic mortar and column drums were used*



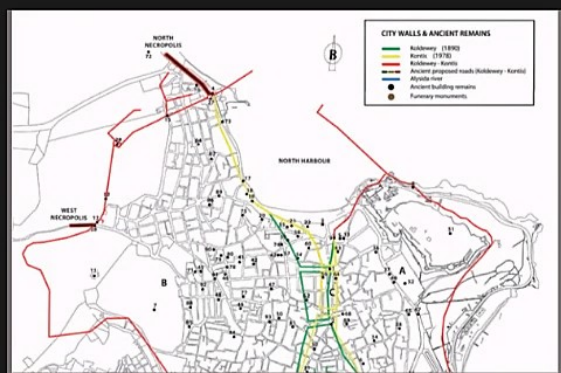


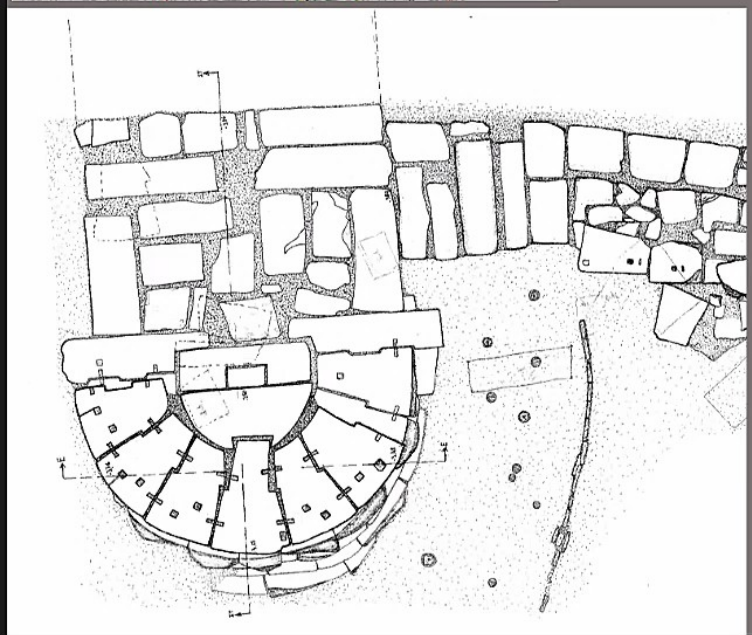
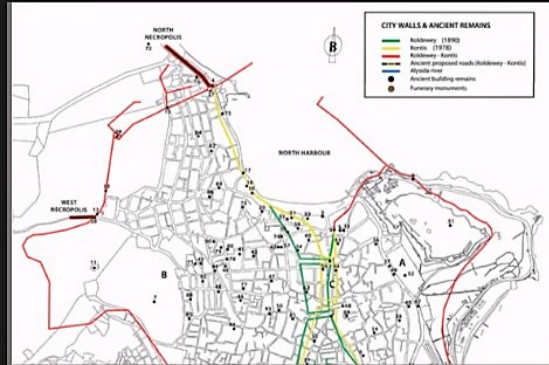


*the monumental west structure of Euripus' entrance*



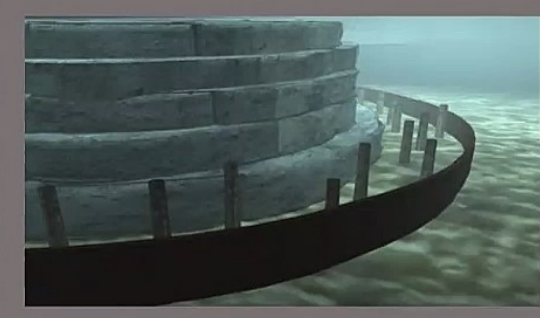
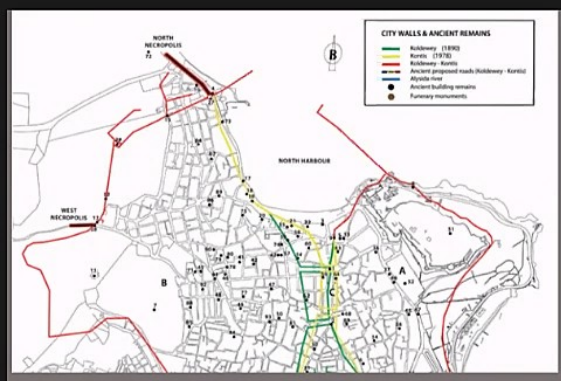






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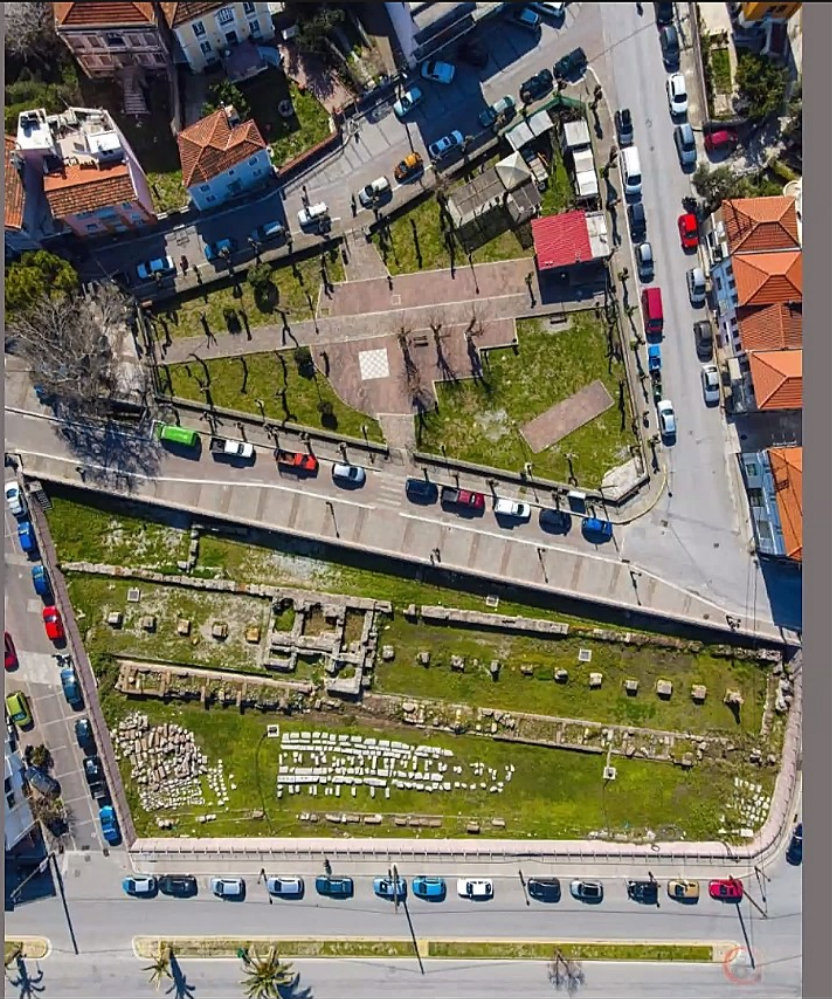
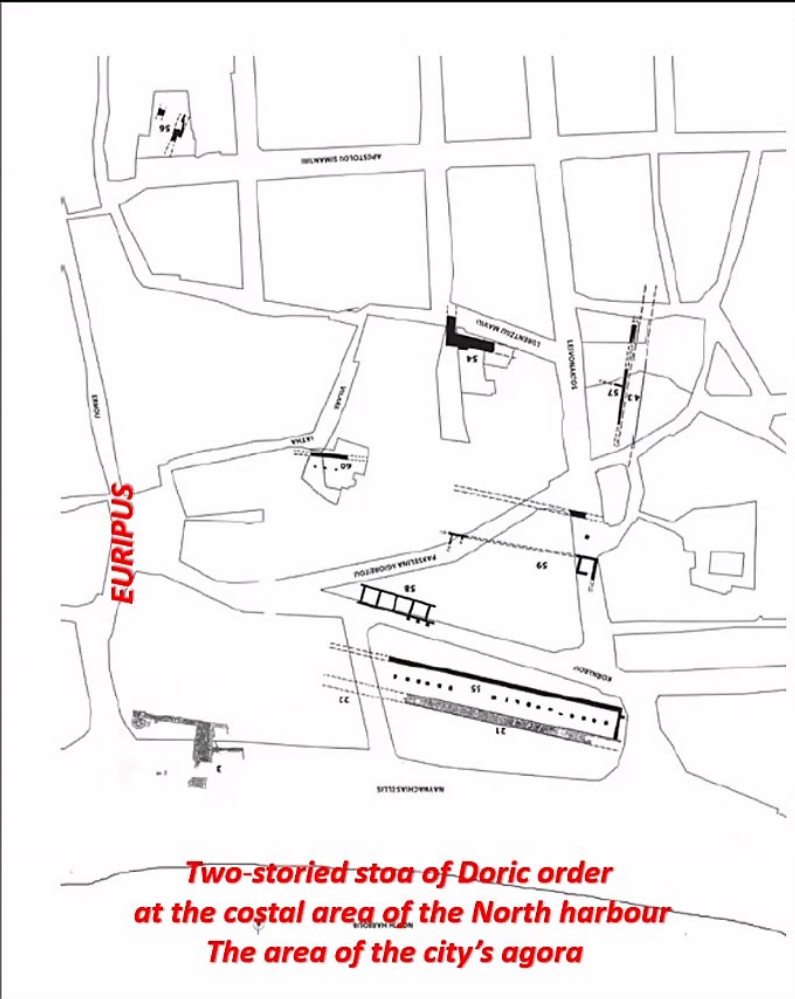


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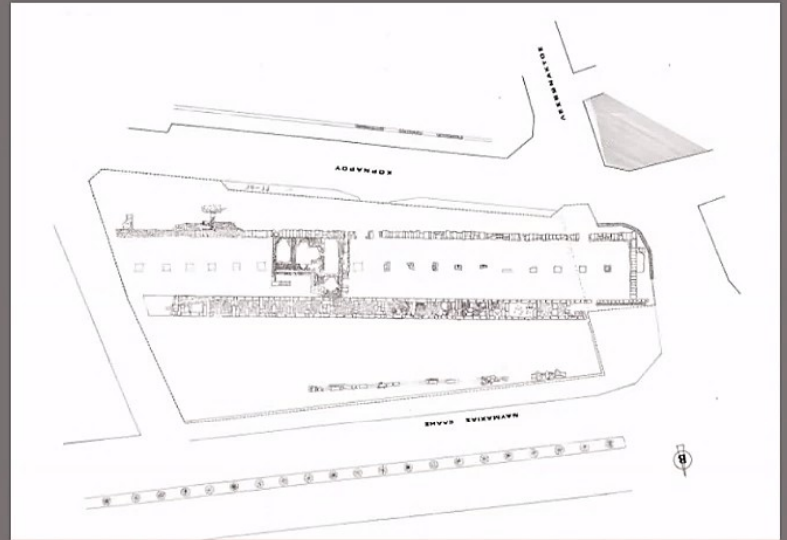
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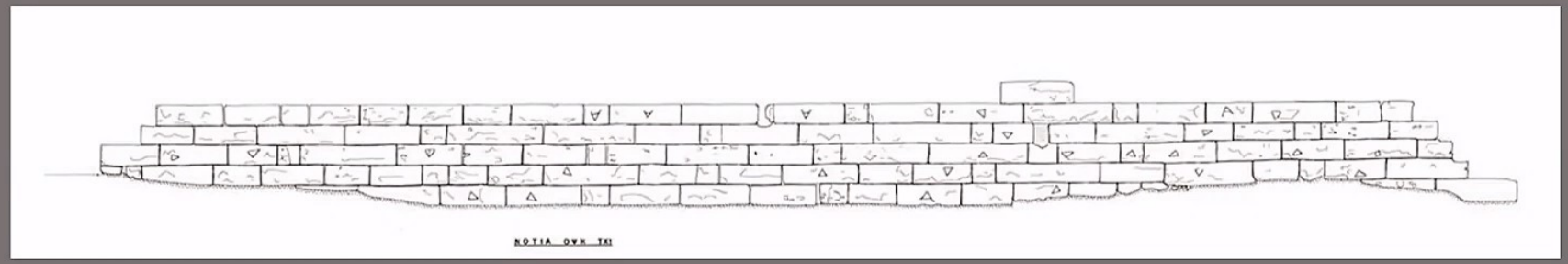






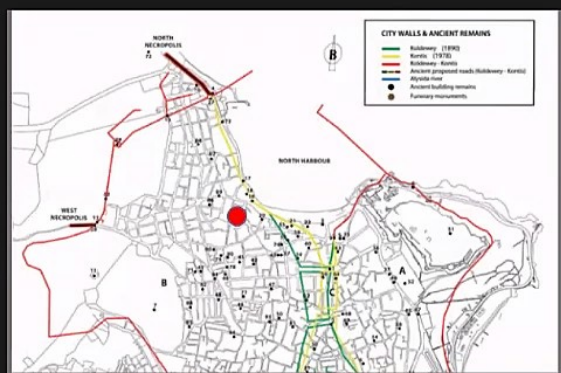


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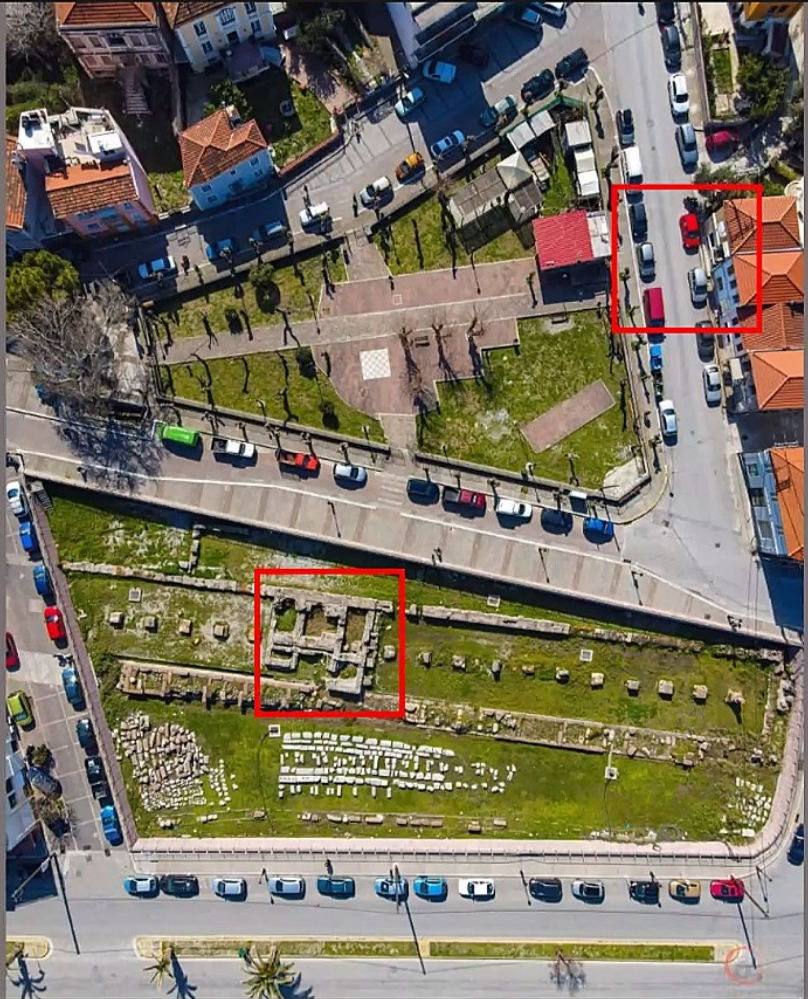




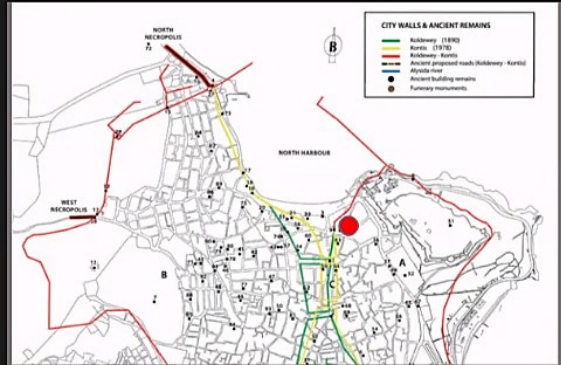




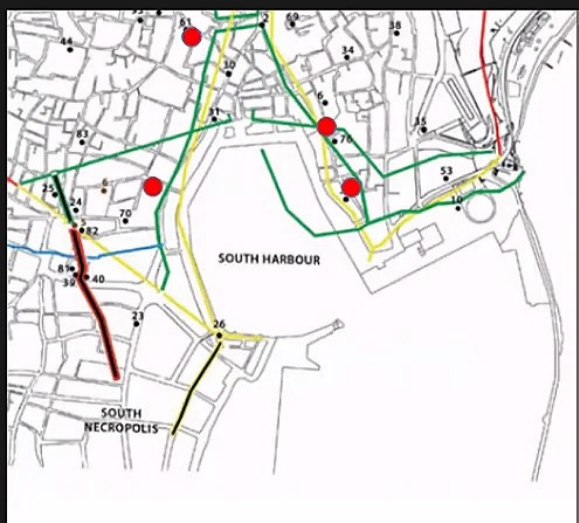
**Roman baths at the coastal zone of the North harbour.**  
**In the Archaic period the area was used as a cemetery**









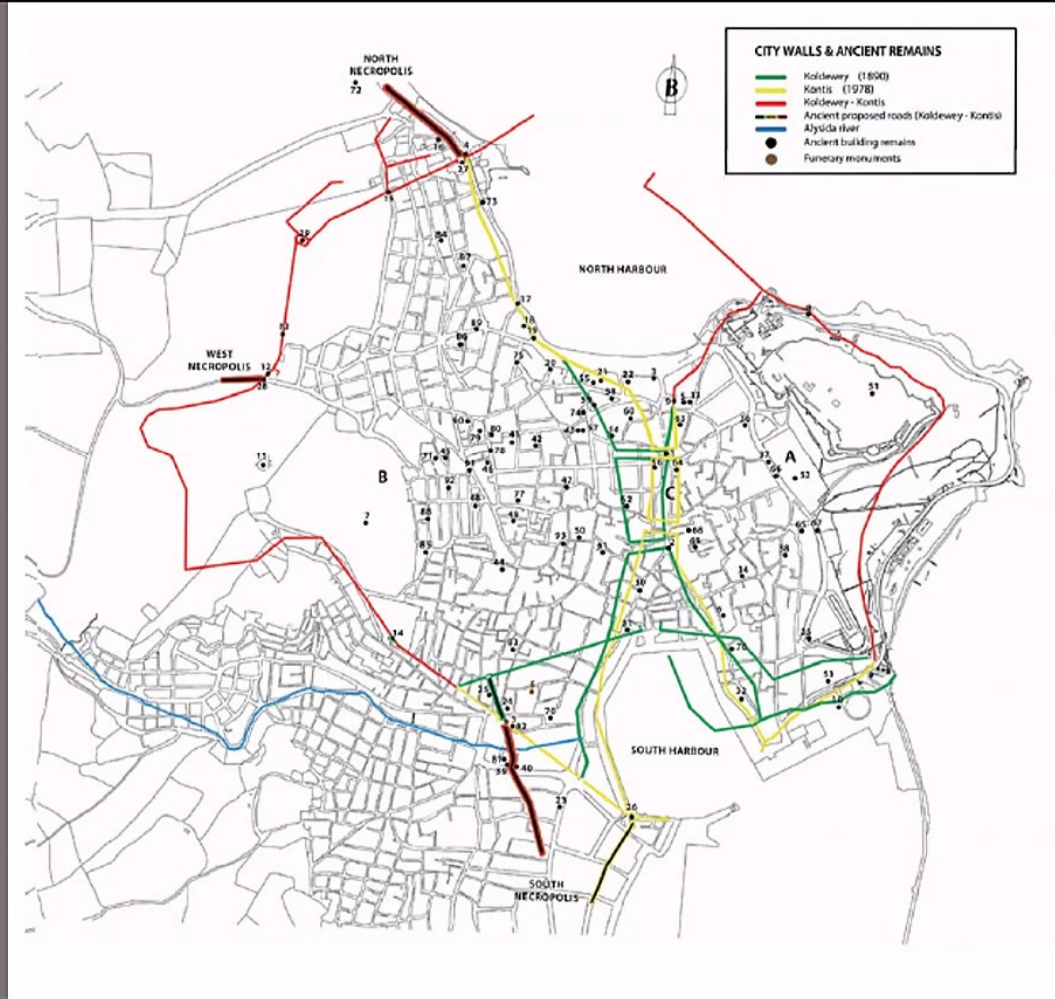


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Entre Mares





**City's destructions in Roman period**  
-troops of Sylla and a little later by Minucius Thermus, the governor of the Province of Asia (79 BC)  
**Earthquakes**

- a) end of the first century BC
- b) around the middle of the 2nd century AD

*'And some time later there occurred the many severe earthquakes when Albus was governing Asia. Mytilene was almost entirely flattened, and moreover many (buildings) in many of the other cities were shaken, villages were utterly destroyed, the Ephesians and the Smyrnaeans ran to one another in alarm, and there was an astonishing succession of earthquakes and terrors.'*

*Aelius Aristides (Orationes 49.38)*

