Darius’ Palace at Susa

Susa - traditional Elamite capital
made on of the administrative capitals
of the Persian Empire
Map - Iran
Plan
Achaemenid Period
Susa
Plan - Palace Compound - Susa - Time of Darius I - ca. 510
Compare the Susa palace to the Southern Palace, Babylon, ca. 600, pictured here.
“Susa Foundation Charter” of Darius Building Dedication - Royal Palace at Susa
Susa
Palace of Darius I
ca. 510 BC
Facade of Elamite Temple
12th century BC
Susa
molded brick
glazed brick decoration from Susa
compare with this, from the Ishtar Gate, Babylon
Mushhushhu - ‘snake-dragon’
symbol of Marduk, god of Babylon
ca. 600 BC
Bull protome Capital
limestone

Susa

Time of Darius I
Susa, time of Darius I
seal and coin motifs
Seals with hunting motifs:

“Scarboid Seal”

Cylinder Seal
“I am Darius, great king”
Gold Daric coin
1.7 cm.
late 5th/early 4th cent. BC