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New discoveries in Larsa, Iraq.

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Abstract

Since 2019, the multidisciplinary Larsa mission has been conducting around ten research programmes on this major site in Lower Mesopotamia (200 ha), which it dominated at the beginning of the second millennium. Several of these programmes involve excavations. A programme on the urban and peri-urban hydraulic network is uncovering one of the bridges (B69) spanning the Grand Canal that runs through Larsa. The site's great religious architecture is being studied through the exploration of a very large temple near the Ebabbar, probably the city's Gipar (B50, 7250 m2). A third site dedicated to housing is excavating the residence of Etellum, prime minister of the kings Gungunum and Abi-saré, which is gradually releasing its archives (B49, 1480 m2). A fourth site opened in 2023 on the F11 peripheral Tell, excavated in the 1980s, has uncovered remains of the Sumerian city from the early 3rd millennium (Early Dynastic I), with a monumental circular building and associated edifices, covered by a pottery workshop from the 2nd millennium.

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