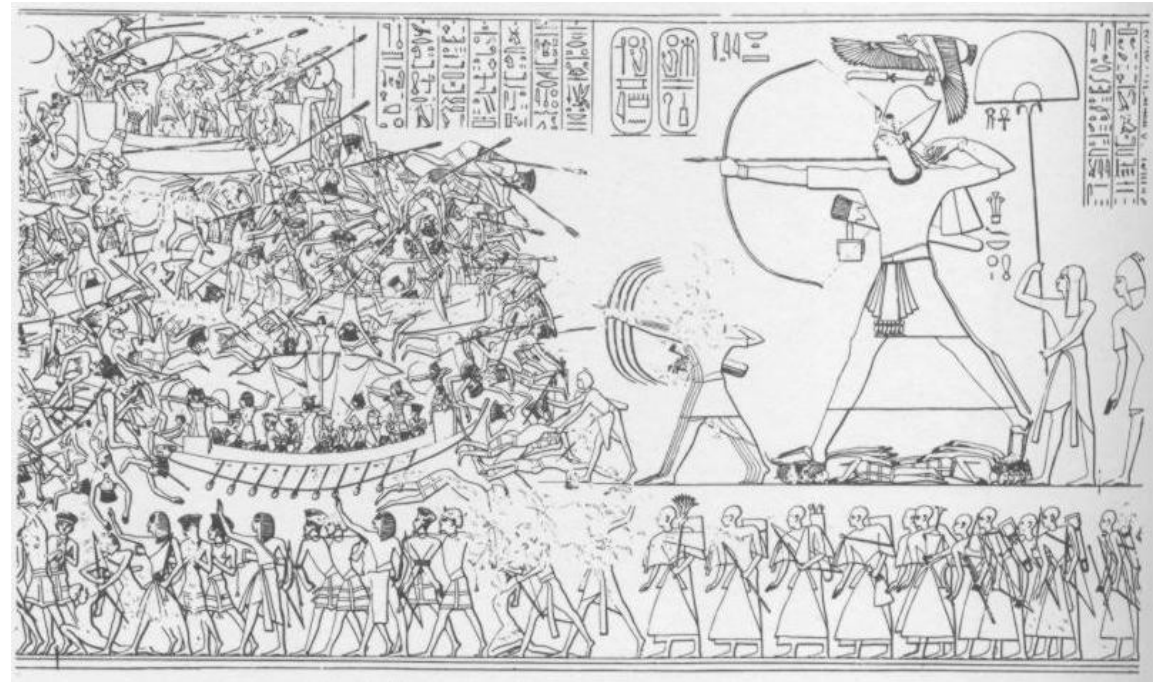


New hypothesis

King Italos = King Atlas?

A contribution to the Sea Peoples hypothesis



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Key issues

Presentation of a new hypothesis:

- **The Atlanteans: The Sea Peoples, 1200 BC.**
- **The Pillars: The Straits of Messina.**
- **The Island: Sicily.**
- **The King: King Italos of the Sicels.**
- **The City of Atlantis: An Siculean sanctuary.**

The Sea Peoples

Why identifying: Sea Peoples \Leftrightarrow Atlanteans?

Throughout the whole of Egyptian history:

The attack of the Sea Peoples

is most similar to Plato's Atlantis account:

- They came from islands.
- They attacked whole Eastern Mediterranean.
- They devastated all countries except Egypt.
- Their attack was stopped in Egypt.

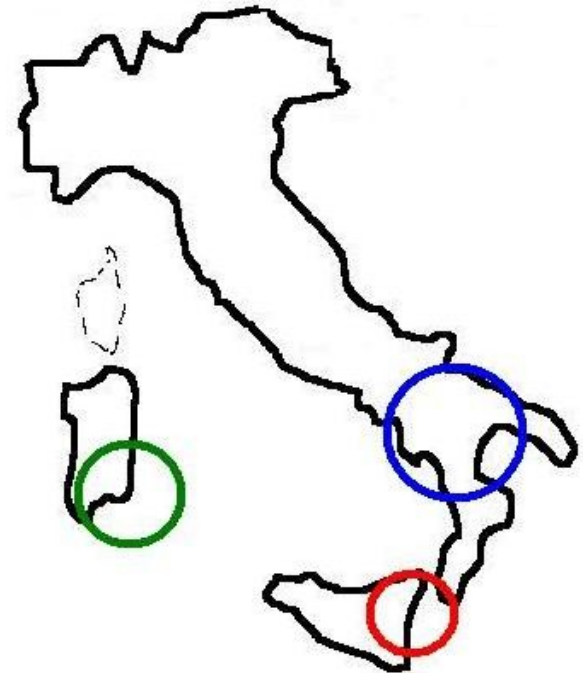
The Sea Peoples

Where did they come from?

- Open discussion.
- Woudhuizen (2006) suggests convincingly:
From southern Italy.

3 peoples as driving forces:

- š3rdn: **Sardinians.**
- š3klš3: **Sicels.**
- w3š3š3: **Oscans.**



The Pillars of Hercules

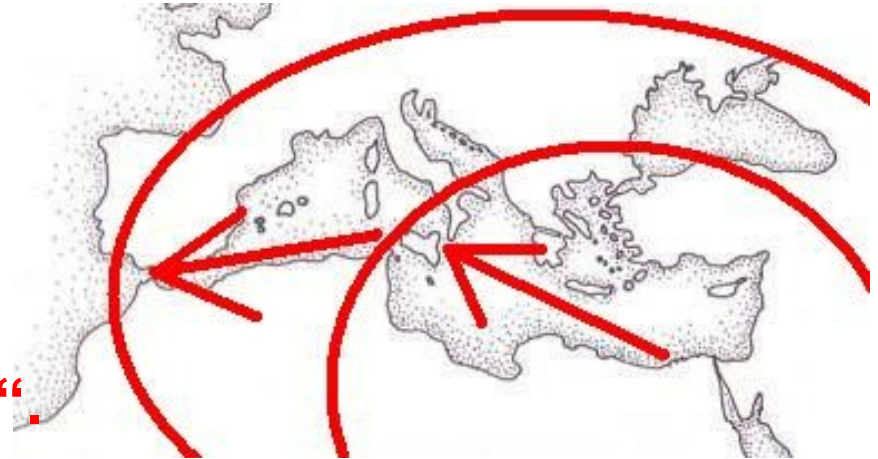
„The Pillars“: Not an Egyptian phrase:

Egyptian priest:

„... straits are by you
called the Pillars of Hercules“

Original Egyptian text:

Descriptive: „Straits in the west“.



Explanation of Plato's mistake:

„Straits in the west“ at Solon's time?

The Straits of Gibraltar.

„Straits in the west“ at Sea Peoples' time?

The Straits of Messina. Gibraltar was unknown.

The Island

Sicily as the island of Atlantis:

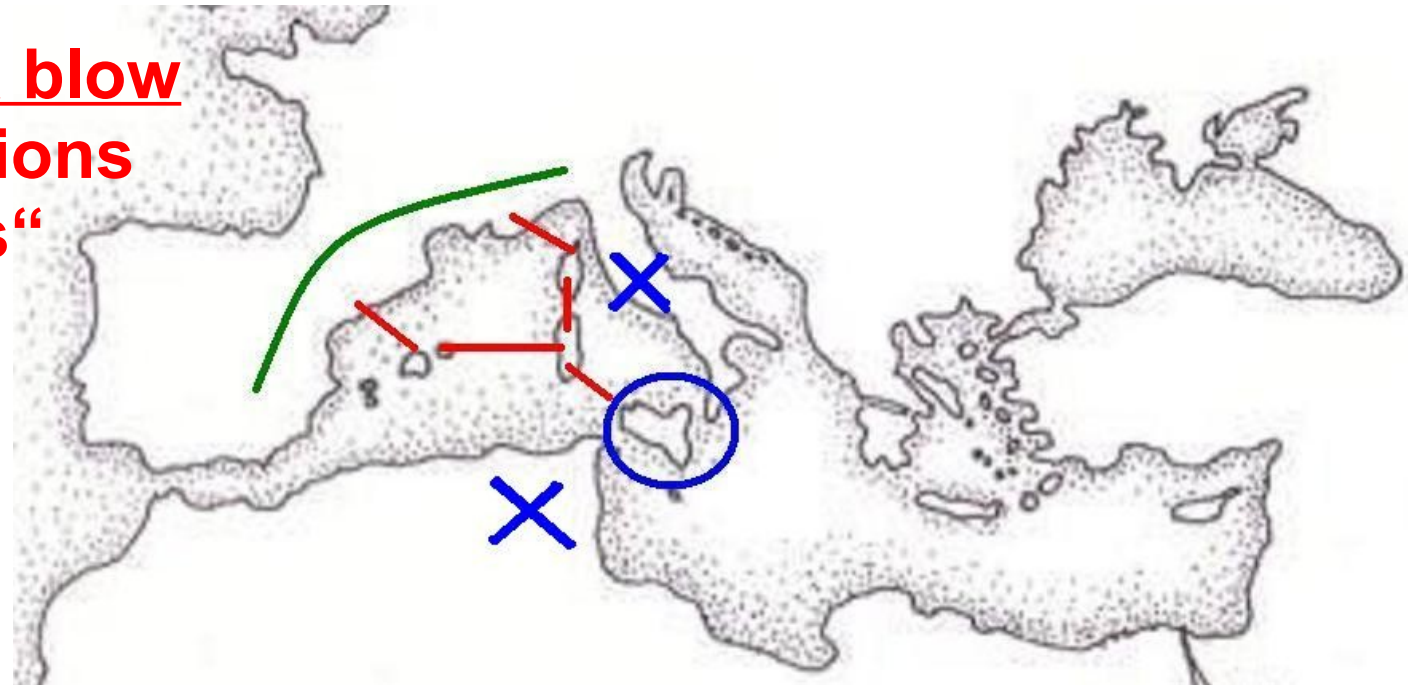
- **At straits in the west.**
- **Other islands behind.**
- **Continent on opposite side.**
- **Solves self-contradiction:**

The Atlanteans:

a) „subdued at a blow
whole of the regions
within the straits“

b) ruled already
over:

- **Tyrrhenia (x).**
- **Libya (x).**



The Island

Sicily as the island of Atlantis:

- **Landscape:**
 - Steep coast.
 - High mountain: Etna.
 - Lovely hills.
- **Rectangular plain:**
 - South to the straits.
 - South to mount Etna.
 - Sheltered from northern winds by Etna.
- **Geology:**
 - Black/Red/White: Basalt/Sandstone/Limestone.
 - Oreichalkos: Gold-like sulphur compound?



The Island

But Sicily is not a sunken island?

Self-contradiction in the Atlantis account:

Island sank totally vs. very high mountains.

No valid solution: That only the city has sunken.

Valid solution from Egyptian theology:

Pharao had to defeat enemies fully to keep world order.

This was always and anyway claimed in theological texts:

„The pharao slew the Denyen in their isles.“

**„It is Amon-Re who has overthrown for him the lands
and has crushed for him every land under his feet“**

**„The Sherden and the Weshesh of the sea,
they were made as those that exist not.“**

Here we find all elements of the Atlantis account:

Amon-Re / crushed / overthrew / isles / made as exist not.

Plato: Text about the defeat of the Shekelesh, lost today?

The King: Italos = Atlas?

We know a name of a Sea Peoples' king:
Italos, king of the Sicels <=> Atlas?!

Translation or Transformation?

Plato: All names are translated names.

Original name?

Gadeirus: Explicitly an original name.

Gadeirus: Namegiver of Gadeirean region.

Atlas: Namegiver of Atlantean sea.

Atlas: Implicitly an original name!

=> We have to find a transformation for Atlas from language to language, not a translation!

The King: Italos = Atlas?

Transformation of Italos into Atlas:

Italian original (Siculean/Umbrian):

(v)itl.u Meaning: Son of a bull / „vitello“

Transformation to ancient Egyptian:

itl.w .u => .w (masculinum)

Transformation to ancient Greek:

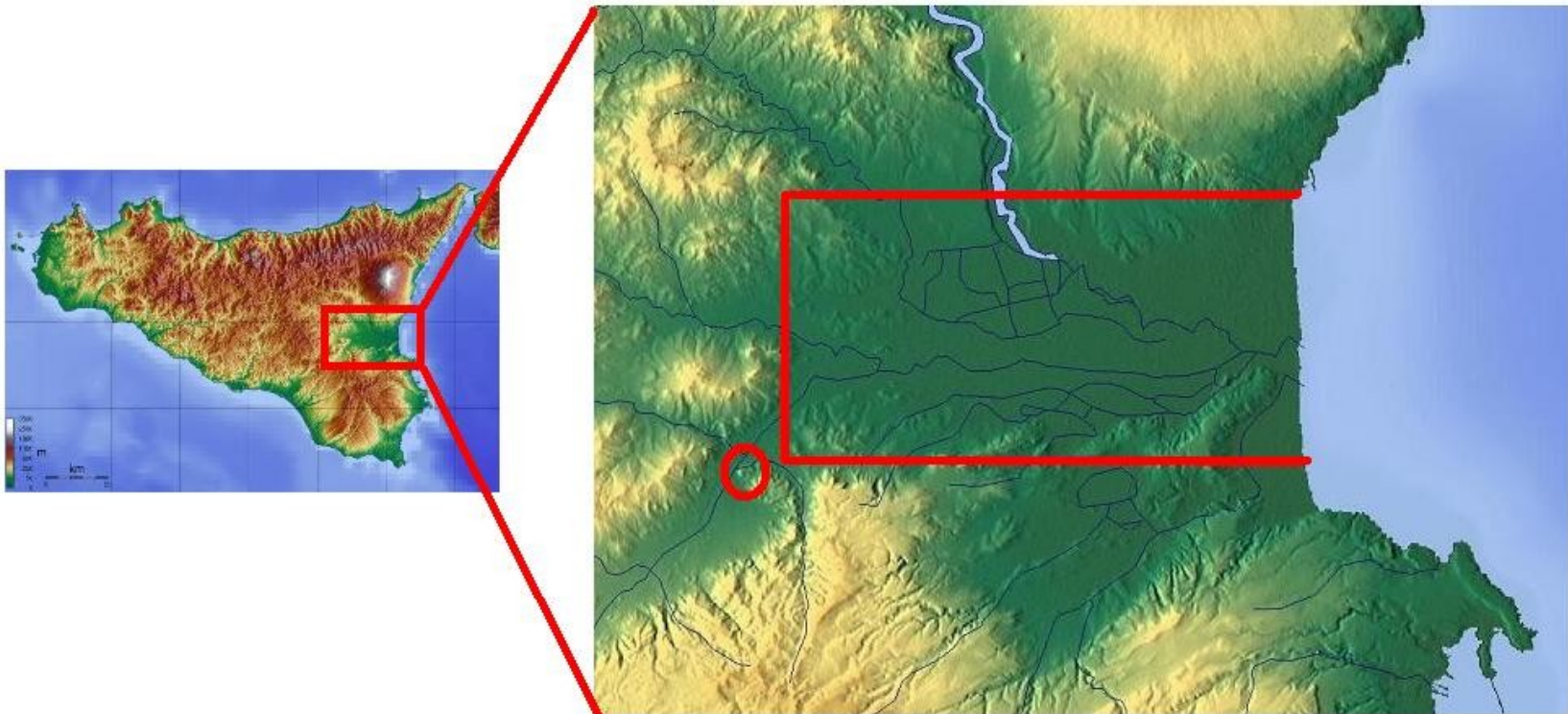
<u>atl.s</u>	i... => a...	Imn => Amon
	.w => .s	Inpw => Anubis

Finally completed:

Atlas Not to confuse with Titan Atlas.

The City of Atlantis

- „50 stadia from the plain“.
- „Low mountain“.
- „Towards the center“ of the island.
(self-contradiction: ... not at the sea?)



The City of Atlantis

Central Sicels' sanctuary at Rocchicella hill:



The City of Atlantis

Central Sicels' sanctuary at Rocchicella hill:

- **Poseidon: God Adranus**, father of the Palikoi.
- **Twin brothers: The Palikoi.**
- **Two fountains: The Palikoi fountains.**
- **Evidence for bull cult: Yes.**
- **Oath taking ceremony: Yes.**
- **Capital of confederacy: Yes.**
- **Dining ceremony: Dining facility,**
Pseudo-Aristotle: „10 dining coaches“- 10 kings?

Problems:

- **Rings of water not found, yet.**
- **Most information from later times.**
- **Only small area excavated.**

Summary

A new hypothesis is established now.

Indications are strong,
further evidence has to follow.

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