

# King Akhenaten's Main Temple to the Sun God at Amarna: How Archaeology is Revealing its Development and Use.

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Written and pictorial sources from Amarna tell us something called the 'House of the Aten' was the most important place where Akhenaten's vision of the Aten, the creator sun-god, was celebrated. Since its first excavation in 1932, there has been no doubt that the archaeological site at Amarna named the Great Aten Temple is the same place. Beginning in 2012, the Amarna Project (British Mission to Tell el-Amarna) has re-examined the remains and started to rebuild the outlines of the building in stone. A more complex history of the site has emerged and also an explanation of why the stone buildings stood surrounded by so much seemingly empty space.



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