

Table S3: Temples in the Roman Middle East with possible spaces for dining.

Temple	Location	Room for dining	Dimensions (m)	Bench(es)	Dimensions (m)	Stone vessel ("crater")	Other finds	Other comments	References
Nabu	Palmyra	?Y						Usually said not to, but this may now be brought into question.	Will 1997: 879.
Allat	Palmyra			?Y				Gawlikowski thinks there are benches in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> century AD, but does not link to dining.	Gawlikowski 1997; Will 1997: 879; Nielsen 2015: 50.
"Banquets"	Palmyra	Y	14 x 12	Y				Might not be religious	Tarrier 1995: 166; Will 1997: 880; Kaizer 2002: 228.
Room along Grand Colonnade	Palmyra	Y	11 x 6.8					Might not be religious	Tarrier 1995: 166; Kaizer 2002: 228.
Find spot unknown (private)	Palmyra					Y		Inscription: Sept AD 163	Chatonnet 1995.

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Unknown (found reused in road from theatre to <i>agora</i> on W side)	Palmyra					Y		Dedicated to Aglibol and Malakbel in AD 29	Bounni and Teixidor 1975: XII, 36–37, pl. IX, no. 39; Chatonnet 1995: 153; Dirven 2005: 68, fn. 37; <i>PAT</i> 1553.
El Mkeulé	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Chaar)						Two frags of basalt rubbing stone (§12–13)		Schlumberger 1951: 65–66 §8–9, §12–13.
Ras ech Chaar A	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Chaar)	?Y	6.8 x 5.5	?Y	w. 2.7		Frag. of basalt rubbing stone; 16 frags of ceramic storage or cooking pot (h. 18 cm x	Poorly preserved	Schlumberger 1951: 23–24; 67 §5–6; 102.

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Khirbet Farouâne A	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Chaar)	Y (room A)	5.75 x 4.8	?Y – made of large stones	w. 06		Lamp	Too narrow to be bench?	Schlumberger 1951: 25; 68 §8.
Khirbet Farouâne B	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Chaar)						Small ceramic juglet (h. 9 cm x diam. at base 3.3 cm)		Schlumberger 1951: 68 §10.
Hassan Madhour B	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Chaar)						Frag. of basalt rubbing stone		Schlumberger 1951: 69 §4.
Khirbet Chteib	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Souané/Madaba)	?Y	w. 1.7	?Y	w. 0.3	Y		Too narrow to be bench?	Schlumberger 1951: 31, 70 §5.
Khirbet Ouadi Soâne A	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Souané/Madaba)	?Y	2.5 x 2.2	?Y	w. 0.3		Frag. of ostrich egg	Too narrow to be bench?	Schlumberger 1951: 31, 72–73 §10–15.

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Khirbet Ouadi Soâné D	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Souané/Madaba)						Frag. of basalt rubbing stone.		Schlumberger 1951: 73 §20–21.
Khirbet Ouadi Soâné G	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Souané/Madaba)						Complete stone basin with pouring spout and three handles: h. 13 cm x d. 11 cm x int. diam. 36.5; basalt mortar: h. 43 cm x diam. 40 cm; frag. of basalt bowl: diam. c.		Schlumberger 1951: 74 §25–27.

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							17 cm		
Khirbet Ouadi Soâné H	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Souané/Madaba)						Complete small ceramic jar: h. 9.5 cm x w. at base 3 cm.		Schlumberger 1951: 74 §28.
Khirbet Madaba A	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Souané/Madaba)	?Y – room B	5.7 x 3.75	?Y – against W and N walls of room B; made of earth	w. 0.6-0.8	Y	Complete basalt rubbing stone – found with stone vessel.	Too narrow to be benches?	Schlumberger 1951: 34, 75 §4 §6–7, 101.
Khirbet Ramadane A	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Chéfé/Abou Douhour)	?Y	4.8 x 5.3	?Y	Preserved h. 0.4–0.8			Badly damaged by looters	Schlumberger 1951: 35, 101.
Khirbet es-Sané	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Chéfé/Abou Douhour)	?Y in <i>cella</i> A/room 1 with niche at end		?Y – on S wall of <i>cella</i> A/room 1	?			Bench may not have been recognized as such in initial excavation.	Schlumberger 1951: 36–37, 78 §4, 102.

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Khirbet Abou Douhour A	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Chéfé/Abou Douhour)	?Y	5.6 x 7.1	?Y – baked bricks along back wall	h. 0.4–0.45 x w. 0.35			Too narrow to be a bench?	Schlumberger 1951: 37–38.
Khirbet Abou Douhour E	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Chéfé/Abou Douhour)						Glass frags, incl. foot of cup/vase	Room D could have space for portable dining furniture	Schlumberger 1951: 83 §11, 105.
Ouéchel (fort)	NW of Palmyra (Djebel Chaar/Abiad)	Y – room G		Y – room G; later addition; masonry	h. 0.85 x w. 0.65–75	Y – room G	Egg-shaped polished stone	Benches not very wide, but stone vessel is suggestive	Schlumberger 1951: 48, 85–86 §4, §9–10, 101.
Temple de Ramm	Djebel er-Ramm	?Y – several rooms (A, B, D and F) surrounding the <i>cella</i> courtyard that could be used for dining		N – none described in report or shown no plan					Savignac and Horsfield 1935: pl. 8; Starcky 1949: 63, fn. 3.
Sanctuary of Eshmoun - 'Bâtiment aux frises	Sidon	?Y – cult exhedra/'chappelle'	3 x 5					No rooms definitely identified as	Stucky 1997; Nielsen 2015: 50–51, Fig. 5.3.

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d'enfants'								banqueting rooms, but decoration may relate to feasting.	
Sahr	Leja; Hauran	?Y – iwans with niches; c. 80 egs (arched opening type: 50–60; portico type: 20–25)		N				Could have had portable furniture?	Kalos 1997; Nielsen 2015: 54–55, Fig. 5.10.
Sanctuaries at Deir el-Qala'a – Temple of Baal-Marcod?	Deir el-Qal'a, Lebanon					Y – frags of two stone vessels with Latin inscriptions around rim		No image in publication.	Jalabert 1906: 185–186, nos 54–55; Schlumberger 1951: 112, fn. 3.

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