EXCAVATIONS AT
TELL EL-BALAMUN
2003-2008

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This volume contains a collection of papers concerned with various aspects of the British Museum’s excavations at Tell el-Balamun over six seasons since 2003. One of the main discoveries during this period was a Roman street across the site, running above the line of the earlier processional route to the temple of Amun. Remains of this street have been excavated at different points along its length and two levels of construction have been identified. A Roman house beside the street was also studied. Other areas of work included the front part of the foundation of the subsidiary temple of Nekhtnebef, an eastern gate in the enclosure wall of the twenty-sixth dynasty and the remains of a small brick-built temple of the Third Intermediate Period. Since 2005 magnetic mapping has been used in the temple complex to reveal a vast range of buildings, ranging from official monuments to industrial complexes and ordinary houses. Among these buildings was a substantial monument situated in front of the small temple of Nekhtnebef, but unconnected with it, which proved to be a stone-built chapel, probably a barque-station dependent on the Amun-temple of the Saite Period.

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