

Re: Mycenaean baked clay bricks

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I have a photo of a mural; a Minoan cityscape, part of the 20 ft fresco at the "West House" at Akrotiri. Its posted at <http://www.dc-pc.org/artifax/artifax.html> ; anyway, the walls of the buildings are rendered in different colors. the scale of the blocks in the gray walls, which I gather are stone, are .5x1 meter judging by the size of adjacent figures. The rusty, shall I say, 'brick'colored walls show blocks about the size of a man's head. Then too, there are some, which are rendered with long horizontal lines, and gray, as we'd expect weathered wood logs to be.

Castleden shows walls that were timber frame, but then the spaces between the timbers was filled with rocky adobe, not mud bricks. Course, the Minoans had earthquake problems, and would have needed to re-inforce their buildings. Mud brick alone would not have been smart.

Mid 17th century BCE; but the Myceneans werent so smart, so they proolly tried mud brick. They were warriors, not engineers.

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