

is widely understood as dedicated primarily or exclusively to YHWH—meaning the stele found in the last phase of the *debir* would have indexed YHWH—

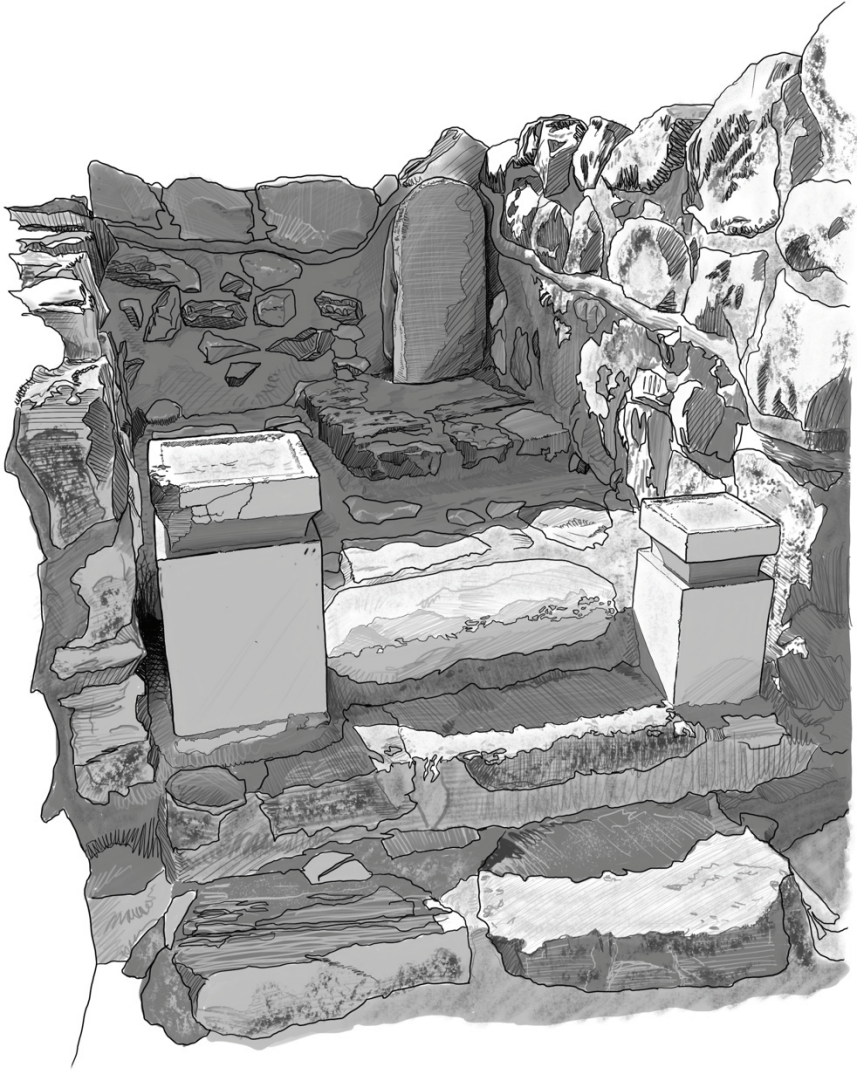


Figure 2.1. A reconstruction of the eighth-century BCE *debir* (cultic niche) of the temple at Arad (the original artifacts are on display in the Israel Museum in Jerusalem). Drawing by the author.