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The Summary of the thesis

The Houses of Ba are one of the models which they have a great funeral and religious importance. They were kept in the private tombs and cemeteries from the end of the Old Kingdom to the Thirteenth Dynasty, serving the soul of deceased "Ba". The performance of some rituals on them could grant the eternal life for the deceased in the afterlife.

The Houses of Ba were made of pottery. They were discovered in a wide range of sites in Lower, Middle, Upper Egypt, Nubia and at the Oases.

They took many shapes like oval, semi oval, rectangular, circular. They could take the shape of circular plate, pear and house.

They were placed in different locations inside the tombs like above the tomb's surface, in place of one of the stones making up the tomb from outside and also inside the tombs facing west.

These models of the houses of Ba were used in some rituals, this inference could be deduced from the offerings which were represented on them e.g. the foreleg of the ox and the vessels. These vessels were used in the purification and the ritual of spilling. The models have channels which are engraved on them which mean that they played an important role in the houses of Ba.

The chair considers an important element in the houses of Ba e.g. the cube chair and the one which has two rests. They could take an oval or circular shape. These were carved in the back of the models. There are

many other architecture elements which were attached to the houses of Ba e.g. the shrines, the temples chapels, and the house consists of one or two levels with windows or without.

This thesis included the houses of Ba models from all over the world like: (The British Museum, the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology, the Ashmolean Museum, the Fitzwilliam Museum, Museum of Egyptian Antiquities in Swansea, Manchester Museum, Liverpool Museum, Glasgow Museum, Bristol Museum, Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts, the Fine Arts Museum in Boston, Tübingen University, Louvre Museum, The National Museum in Ireland, Warwize Museum).

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