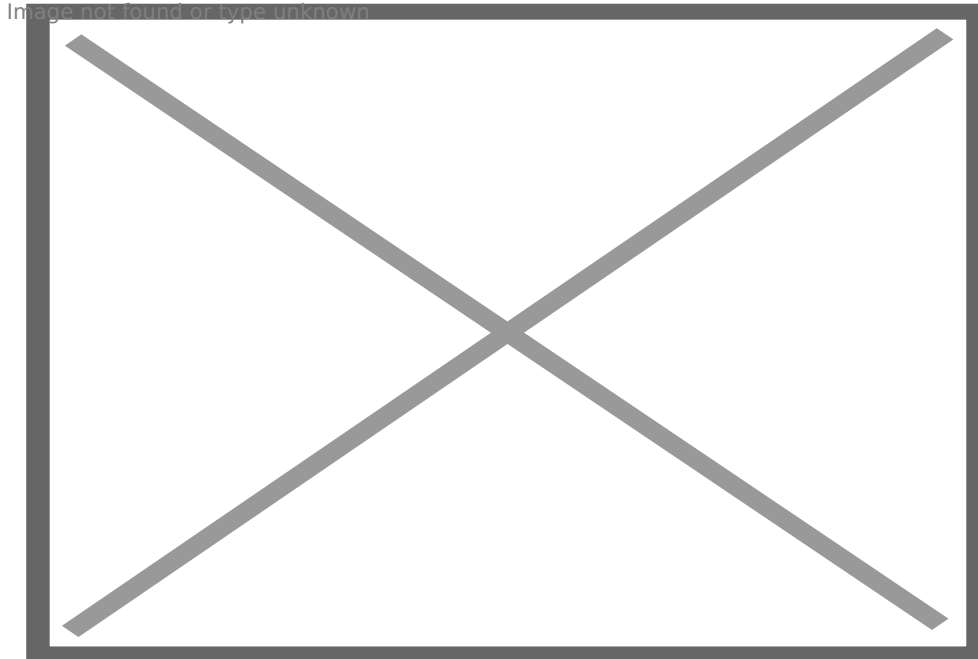


Episode Eighty-Eight - The Waters of the Nile And The Sulfur Pits That Are Fatal To Birds

Post by “Don” of September 12, 2021 at 4:36 PM

We talked about mining in today's episode and I wanted to share this paper I found:



[Ancient Roman Mining and Quarrying Techniques](#)

From Dr. Stephen T. Muench (by student Jacob Deb) / 11.28.2015 Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering University of Washington Introduction...
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This section looks at what I brought up about enslaved miners:

Quote

If a miner was a slave, how he was treated depended on his social status; if he was privately owned, it was in the owner's best interest to keep him healthy to maximize profits. State owned slaves (and sometimes their families) on the other hand were often treated terribly because they were mostly condemned criminals or prisoners of war sentenced to be worked to death in the mines. Diodorus of Sicily notes the poor working conditions in Egypt where workers were always chained together and worked night and day “under the hard supervision and blows of an overseer” (Sherwood, 1998). Guards that were assigned to watch slaves could not speak their language to ensure that no communication could happen that might make the guard have pity for

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the slave. Slaves were used in large numbers for their physical strength and not for their trade skills.