

MIDTERM EXAM REVIEW

Image Identifications

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- ▶ **High Classical Period**
- ▶ **Greece**

Youthful muscular figure

Warrior or athlete

Generic features, detached expression



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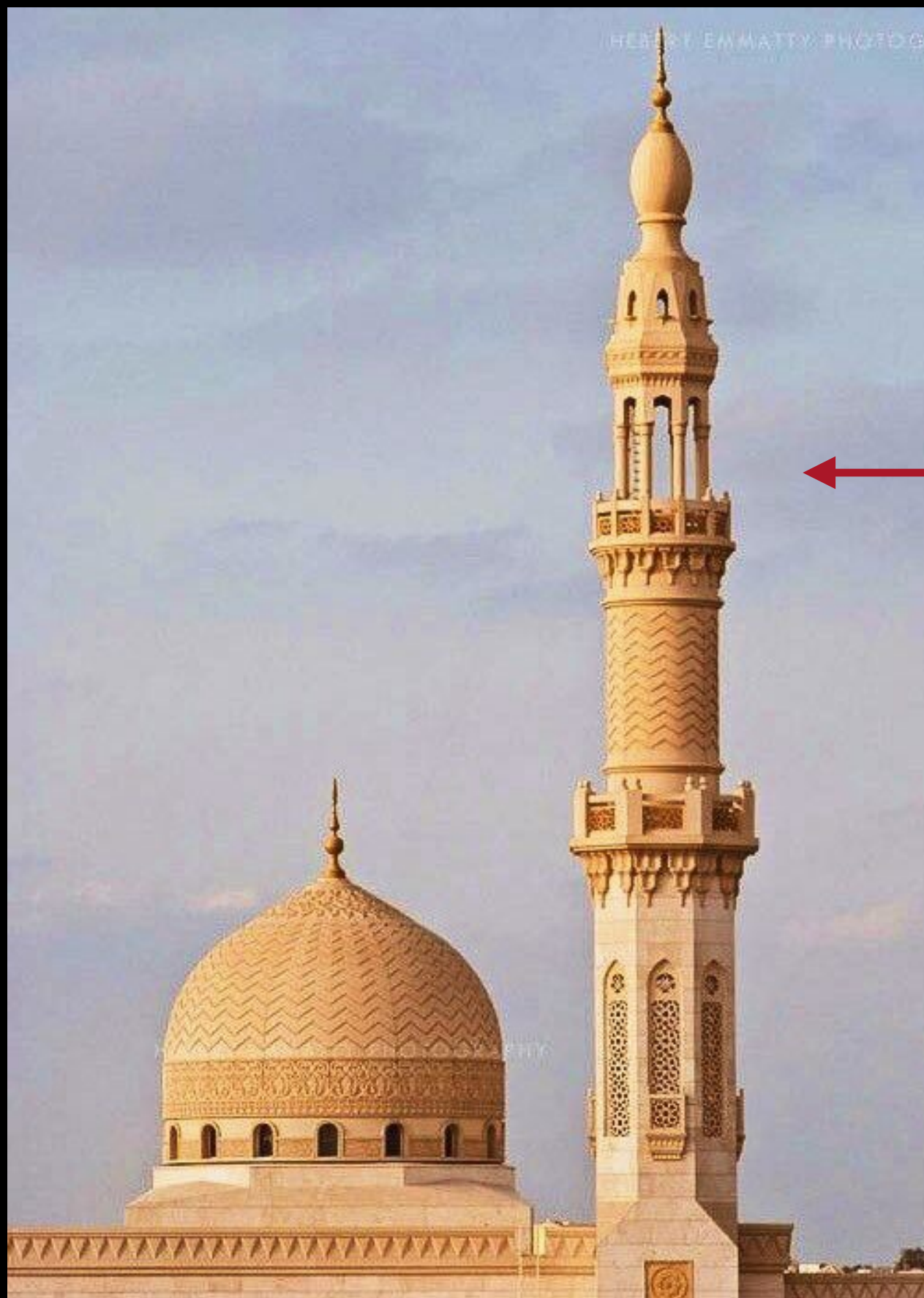
Precursor to triangular pyramids

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Mastaba

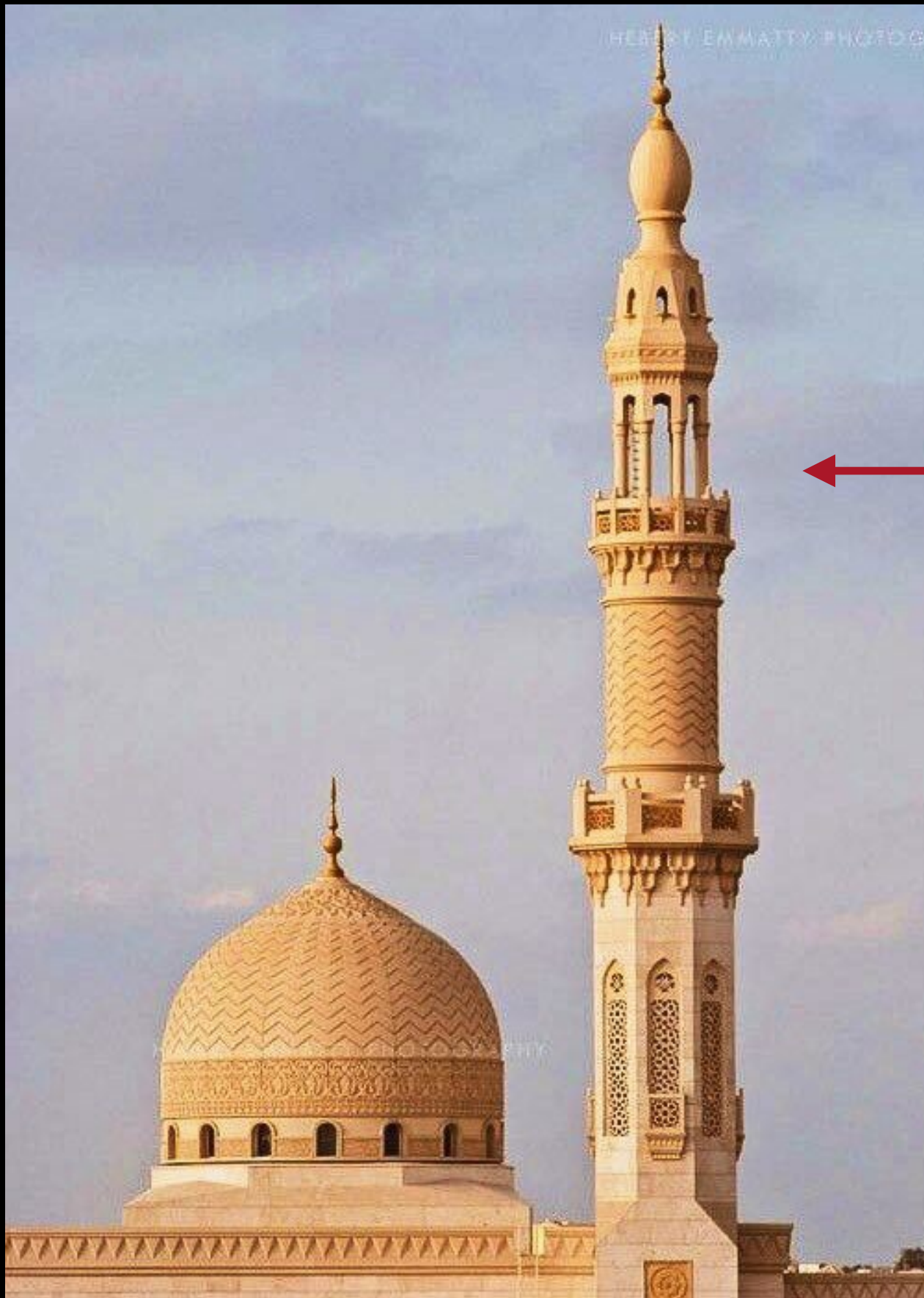
- ▶ standard tomb type in early Egypt.
- ▶ **rectangular** stone or brick structure
- ▶ **sloping sides** and a **flat top** over an **underground burial chamber**

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- ▶ **Minaret**
- ▶ Tower attached to the mosque
- ▶ Designed so the call to prayer can be heard throughout the city

Certain architectural elements of mosques serve specific purposes that you should be familiar with



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- ▶ **Kufic script**
- ▶ Long, geometric letters and sharp lines

Easy to read hence typically used for the Quran. Different scripts serve different purposes.

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- ▶ Ivory salt cellar
- ▶ Sierra Leone

Ivory was an important trading material for Portuguese merchants in Africa

Objects like these combined European designs with African craftsmanship and labor

Term definitions

- ▶ Iconoclasm
- ▶ *Melammu*
- ▶ Relief sculpture
- ▶ Encyclopaedic museum
- ▶ Verism

- ▶ Iconoclasm: a period of the destruction of religious imagery for fear of idolatry.

Literally "image breaking"- destruction of icons

- ▶ *Melammu*: **radiance or aura** that the god embodied. It could be fearsome or awe-inspiring.

Ancient Near Eastern belief that images embodied the spirit of God

- ▶ Relief: a sculpture that projects from a flat background

Used in Hindu temples for example, carvings that project out from the wall

- ▶ Encyclopaedic museum: A museum with collections of art and other cultural items from around the world, not just from the nation where they are located.

"Encyclopaedia": a book that covers several different topics

- ▶ Verism: Hyperrealistic style emphasising flaws to create portraits that capture personality and essence

"Ver" meaning truth, used during the Roman Republic to show the age and wisdom of the patrons

Comparative Image Analysis

Identify the architectural styles of the structures below. Conduct a visual analysis comparing and contrasting the visual elements.



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- ▶ **Syncretism: The amalgamation of different religions in one**
- ▶ Case studies could include Hagia Sophia, Mosque of Cordoba or Dome of the Rock
- ▶ Outline historical context
- ▶ Identify particular syncretic elements