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The article concerns the destination and main chronology of Old Nisa, according to the data gathered especially by the Soviet and Russian expeditions in the central complex (but there are also some notes about the recent Italian-Turkmen works). In Pilipko's opinion, the centre was probably founded as a royal fortified residence around the middle of the 2nd century B.C.; after a while, probably after the death of its founder Mithridates I, Old Nisa changed its function and became a dynastic cult centre for the Arsacids. A third phase of utilization is documented by the restoration of some of the main buildings in the central part of the citadel, while the late phases of the site still remain uncertain. Following the results of his last works in Nisa, still in progress (2008), the author seems not to exclude the presence of an inner chamber inside the massif of the Tower-building and therefore a new and more punctual interpretation of the building itself.

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