

In antiquity, the entrance to the *abi* was a small hidden aperture, blocked by large boulders (we give an approximation of their appearance with two metal boxes). Just like the inside, the outside would have looked like a mountain cave.

We assume that the structure was roofed by means of a corbelled vault, which was in turn covered by soil. What appears like a cupola in our protective system, would have been at most a hump in the ground.

To show you what a corbelled vault would look like, we have placed two large flat stones (found in the area and presumably coming from the original structure) with three metal boxes that approximate the same size. The weight of the soil piled on top would have kept the slabs in place.

