

## MAPUNGUBWE-

o **ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT LATE IRON AGE STATES. EARLIEST STATE IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN ABOUT 11<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY AD. 200 YEARS EARLIER THAN GREAT ZIMBABWE BUT PART OF THE "ZIMBABWE" IRON AGE CULTURE. PROBABLY INHABITED BY SHONA PEOPLE SAME AS ZIMBABWE STATE. MAPUNGUBWE WAS THE STRONGHOLD OF A RULING GROUP UNDER A KING. A SMALL COMMUNITY BUT WITH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY POWER. DEVELOPED A METAL TECHNOLOGY. THEY WERE ABLE TO EXTEND THEIR POLITICAL CONTROL OVER THE LIMPOPO VALLEY AREA. SEVERAL SMALLER SITES WERE RULED FROM MAPUNGUBWE. ECONOMY WAS DIVERSIFIED AND SPECIALISED. INTERNAL TRADE LIKE ZIM BASED ON INTENSIVE AGRICULTURE SHOWN BY EVIDENCE OF LARGE NUMBER OF IMPLEMENTS EG. HOES. ALSO A WELL DEVELOPED MANUFACTURING SECTOR EG. IRON, COPPER AND GOLD TECHNOLOGY . ALSO WEAVING. CRAFTSMANSHIP IN JEWELRY WITH SPECIALISED LABOUR. ALL SIMILAR TO GREAT ZIMBABWE**