

This mosaic depicting a woman is from a public building of the ancient city. She wears a turreted headdress and bears a cornucopia, which suggests that we are to recognize her as a city-goddess. In parts of the Roman empire, this image would sometimes be identified with Roma, goddess of Rome, or Tyche (Fortune), goddess of fortune. Since unnamed city-goddesses appear on coins of Beth-Shean, any one of them could be Nysa represented as a city-goddess. (Nysa was the nurse to the god Dionysus; Beth-Shean was also called Nysa because legend said she was buried here.)