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Osanna called it "a shocking find, but also very important for history."

The bones—believed to be those of two women and three children—were discovered inside a house holding a charcoal inscription that historians say dates the deadly eruption to October, two months later than previously thought.

Archaeologists think the people sought safety in a small room but were either crushed when the roof caved in or burned.



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