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Funerary Monument in Qraye (Sidon, Lebanon)

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Abstract

Since the beginning of the 19th century, several funerary hypogea or grottoes were discovered in the village of Qraye, located at about 5 km south east of Sidon in southern Lebanon. The archaeological excavations and exhumed artifacts allowed to date the use of these tombs from the Late Bronze age until the Byzantine period.

A grotto accidentally discovered in 2024, displays preserved reliefs sculptures carved in a segmental pediment above the door of the entrance to the sepulture. It depicts deities, humans and bird of prey disposed in a symmetrical row. This “popular” style sculptures are a testimony of local funerary customs and beliefs dating back to the Roman period.

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