

RUINS

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Everyone should leave something memorable before passing away.

Some leave good relationships with others, good memories or even charities to help people.

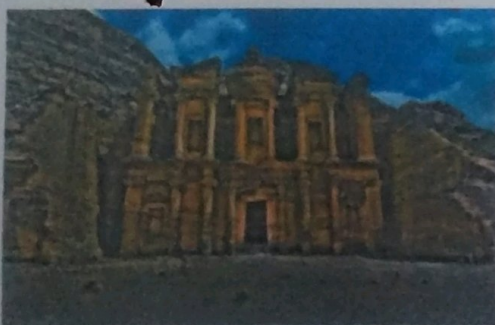
But some civilizations kept much greater than that, something we call "RUINS".

What are "RUINS"?

Ruins are the remains of human-made architecture, structures that were once complete, as time went by, have fallen into a state of partial or complete disrepair, due to lack of maintenance or deliberate acts of destruction.

Natural disaster, war and depopulation are the most common root causes, with many structures becoming progressively derelict over time due to long-term weathering and scavenging.

In the world there is so many ruins in different parts of the world. For example in china there is "the great wall of china", the Colosseum in Italy and Petra in Jordan.



But, what are the benefits of ruins nowadays?

Some would say that ruins are just some old wastes which don't help the country in any way, but the fact is they are very

important in many ways for the country and the people, if they were used correctly. Let's take Turkey for example, its economical budget is focused largely on tourism sector. About 30 million tourists visit Turkey every year, and more than 12 million tourists a year come to visit Istanbul for its ruins and exciting history, they come to visit Aya Sofia, the Blue Mosque and the Topkapi palace (which was the center of government for the Ottoman Empire that ruled the world for centuries).

This leads us to conclude the benefits of ruins:

- 1) Tourism sector: ruins attract people from around the world, so local people would invest in tourism, they would build hotels, shops and restaurants. People will have various jobs in hotels, shops, restaurants, street sellers or even as tourist guides. This will also help end unemployment.
- 2) Economical sector: Tourism is one of the largest industries and of its fastest growing sector. It helps simulate new economic activities. Tourism may also have a positive economic impact on the balance of payments, employment, gross income and on production. That will give the country a strong economical budget and will affect straightly and positively on the people. Strong economical budget means a higher average income for the people so this is the most important advantage for the local people. In brief ruins are very useful for this country and people.



Palestinian ruins

When the word Palestinian ruins is mentioned in front of you, you will start thinking about this what does this word mean. So what does the **"PALESTINIAN RUINS"** mean?

- Palestinian ruins are what our ancestors left for us to remember them for hundreds of years, and learn about their culture, like Al-Aqsa mosque.
- Palestinian ruins are mentioned in the holy Quran. That means that the Palestinian ruins have a spiritual and religious value. And it has Al-Aqsa mosque, which is the second mosque on earth and the first qibla for the Muslims.
- They are important not only because that they have a spiritual and religious value, but also because they go back to 5000 ago at least. the Palestinian ruins go back to the kananaits era, who were the first people to discover Palestine and build most of its cities. And the cities themselves are a living proof of the Palestinian ruins, specially the abandoned old towns you see while discovering Palestine, if you want to discover Palestine you're going to see the ancient ruins through the kananaits, Persian, Umayyads, Abbasids, reaching to the ottomans era.
- These ruins show us how precise our ancestors were in building there palaces and mansions, and how beautiful, mesmerizing and amazing they are.

The corruption of Palestinian ruins

- Corruption is the process of making something or somebody corrupt, sabotaged. And this is what happened to our ruins when we abandoned them for the destruction of our own hands and hands of the Israelis.
- Us leaving our ruins means destroying the culture of our ancestors. Leaving our ruins for the Israelis to launch missiles on our ruins and destroy them will mean the sabotage of our culture.
- But when we abandoned our ruins and left them and made them dumpsters we humiliated our ancestors and showed every other culture in the world that we don't care about our country or culture.



In order to solve this problem, we need to set rules to protect these ruins from public use and stealing, and then we have to think how to rebuild these places by professional and modern

ways, in order to have ruins that match the other fixed ruins around the world.

This is not peoples' responsibility only, it is also the governments.

Ministry of Antiquities should be fund to play this big role.

Rebuilding these ruins will affect Palestine well, tourism will flourish, so will the economic situation of Palestine.

It is not only about economy; Palestinian generations will gain great knowledge about civilizations that passed through Palestine many centuries ago, so that will raise the cultural knowledge level between our people.

Palestine is considered one of the most important areas in the world for different reasons. It has religious importance for the three main religions. It is also important for its historical places and its good climate most of the year, so when you visit or when you go to Palestine, it is necessary to visit the city Jerusalem. It is a mixture of old and new. It has a beautiful mosque Dome of the rock and a beautiful tradional clothes, and it has a traditional and modern markets where you can buy beautiful carvings and other souvenirs. You can enjoy some traditional Palestinian food there.

Jericho: It was built about 10.000 years ago. one can enjoy seeing the remains of Hisham palace (which is the ancient palace that was built in the Umayyads era, for the khalefa as a residence in winter) and some other historic places like Deir Qruntul .The city is famous for planting palm trees.

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Palestine is very a wonderful place and has several exciting ruins to see and explore. When you want to visit any place you should go to Palestine.

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