



## Lost Civilizations: Lebanon : Baalbek and Byblos



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The Phoenician city of Baalbek was once the Roman settlement Heliopolis.

Located between two of most civilized regions of the era, and between the Nile and Euphrates rivers, the town was a key strategic point.

The site is largely composed of Greco-Roman ruins, with a few traces of earlier Semitic settlements, and it includes the only Temple of Jupiter in the world.

Byblos, a cultural crossroads, has served a number of different functions: fishing village, commercial city and religious centre.

On the ancient site of Byblos we find traces of all the many populations who inhabited the region throughout it's history.

Striking examples are: the Roman colonnade, and the nymph at the north-eastern end of the site, the Phoenician city walls, the Persian fortifications, a water source used by various civilizations, the Crusader citadel, and even a house dating from the early XXth century.