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Zeugma: Crossing the Euphrates Between Civilizations

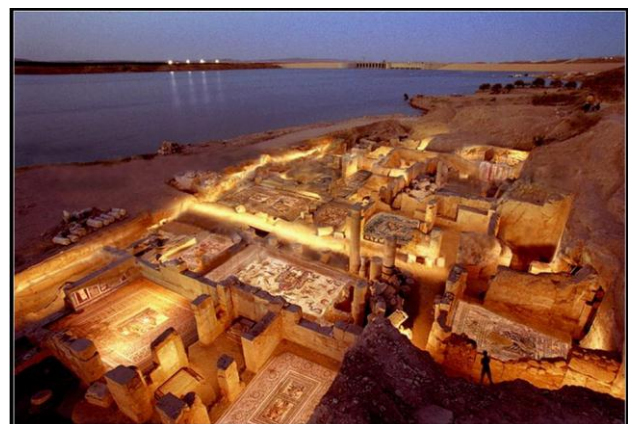
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Zeugma, an important Hellenistic and Roman site, is located at the major ancient crossing point on the river Euphrates. It attracted international attention when a part of the site was to be flooded by the waters of the Euphrates. Preliminary rescue excavations uncovered exquisite mosaics.

Zeugma referred to twin Hellenistic cities on opposite banks of the Euphrates, established around 300 BCE. The twin settlements were crucial to the cultural policies of the Seleucid Empire, which aimed to achieve the integration of Graeco-Macedonian and Semitic cultures. From 72 CE, it was the major eastern frontier city of the Roman Empire. With two Roman legions based there in the first century CE, the strategic importance and cosmopolitan nature of the city increased greatly.



Excavated by Ankara University, the archaeological site of Zeugma is of immense historical significance for understanding ancient integration of the Hellenistic and Semitic cultural spheres and the birth of syncretistic hybrid cultures in the region.

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