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Abstract

"At the beginning of 1990's, several press-releases appeared in renowned newspapers of the world, declaring "Fabled Lost Arabian city found", "Arabian city of Legend found", "The Atlantis of the Sands, Ubar".

More intriguing is the fact that this city was also referred to in the Qur'an. Many people who thought that 'Ad recounted in the Qur'an were a legend or that their location could never be found were astonished at this discovery.

It was understood that this ruined city belonged to 'Ad and of Iram's pillars mentioned in the Qur'an, because among the structures unearthed were the towers, particularly referred to in the Qur'an. A member of the research team leading the excavation, Dr. Zarins, said that, since the towers were alleged to be the distinctive feature of Ubar, and since Iram was mentioned as having towers or pillars, this then

was the strongest proof so far that the site they had unearthed was Iram, the city of 'Ad described in the Qur'an.

The Qur'an mentions Iram as follows:

"Seest thou not how thy Lord dealt with the 'Ad (people), - Of the (city of) Iram, with lofty pillars, The like of which were not produced in (all) the land?" (The Holy Qur'an: Surat al-Fajr, 6-8)



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