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ABSTRACT

Burial chambers of classical period which is brought to light in Alabanda

antique city is pretty interesting with its location and style of architecture. The structure of

the tomb is handled by comparing it with other similar tombs according to the structures of

several tombs in Karia area, architecture and workmanship. The burial chambers which has

significant clues about the location and the history has a great importance on identifying the

history and geography of Alabanda antique city. With its architectural style peculiar to Karia

area it helps us to understand burial traditions of Alabanda antique city in socioeconomic

terms.

Political history is mentioned according to the thought about this kind of tomb

structures' being widespread in the area with the political development. To understand the

location of the burial chamber and the construction material, the geography of Karia area, its

political history and the historical geography of Alabanda antique city are searched

thoroughly. To understand the tomb structure, after various styles of tomb structures in the

area are anayzed under particular titles Alabanda burial chamber is explained in detail and is

commented on by comparing similar designs.

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