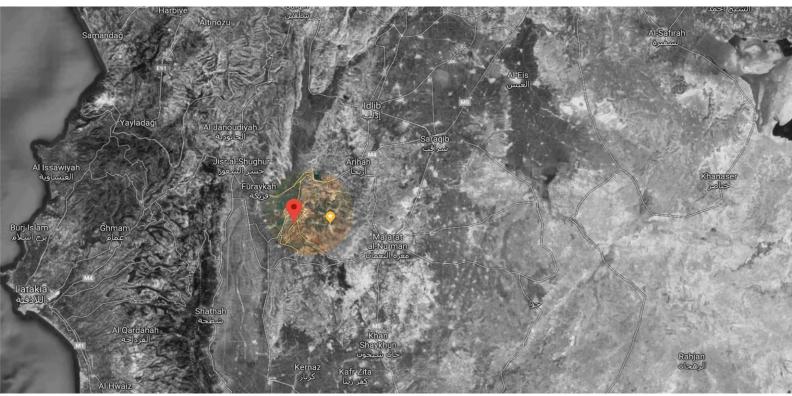


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Damage on Roman Water Spring



The Roman Water Spring is located in the west side of Ain Larose village in Jabal Al-Zawiyah on the foothill of the mountain overlooking Al-Ghab plain. The village was named after this spring.











The spring dates back to the Roman era and is comprised of a network of underground channels that all connect/meet into one at the point of delivery.





A structure was built over the spring using large stones/masonry supported by arches of medium sized stones





This ceiling was subject to damage and debris collected in large portions of the spring due to flooding. No restoration work has been done for a long time.



The spring runs year-round becoming most swollen in spring time.





Most of the structure's unique features have been damaged or defaced. There used to be a cross carved into one of the stones but the floods buried it indicating that restoration was performed during the Byzantine era.



It is currently in desperate need of restoration as exposure to the elements threatens to destroy an important historical structure that has long been the only source of water to the village.

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