THE NINE CLUES OF AFŞIN

Nesi's Investigation of the Cave of the Seven Sleepers

7 SLEEPERS – THE MOVIE

The ancient Seven Sleepers story is preserved in Christian and Islamic traditions. Filmmaker Nesi visited the Eshab-ı Kehf cave in Afşin, Kahramanmaraş, Turkey, and identified nine experiences and observations that proofed that is the true location associated with the legend.

1. A SPIRITUAL ATMOSPHERE

Nesi describes feeling a profound sense of peace at the cave, reminiscent of his earlier visits to holy places in Jerusalem.

2. AN ANCIENT SACRED SITE

The Afşin cave complex has a longstanding religious tradition as it was formerly a christian than a muslim pilgrimage site. You can still see the remains of an ancient church that was built inside the cave.

3. A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

After praying inside the cave, Nesi reports a significant improvement in his social confidence and, in the following months, the development of new musical and creative interests and abilities.

4. AN UNEXPECTED ANSWER

After praying for guidance, Nesi opened a divine scripture an get the answer for his question.

5. MYSTERIOUS ROCK FORMATIONS

At sunrise, Nesi noticed natural rock formations that appeared to resemble a sleeping person's head and a dog's paws. He connected this discovery to Surah Al-Kahf 18:17, which describes how the sunlight passes by the cave as the sun rises and sets. According to Nesi, no one had previously noticed these remarkable formations or their possible connection to the Quranic description.

6. THE HISTORICAL NAME EFSUN

Nesi noted that Afşin was called formerly Efsun and wondered whether its resemblance to Ephesus (Efes) might merit linguistic and historical investigation.

7. LOCAL SEVEN SLEEPERS NAMES

Nesi learned that names associated with the Seven Sleepers were familiar in the local community, suggesting a living cultural connection to the legend.

8. THE COUPLE WHO PRAYED FOR A CHILD

Nesi heard a local account of a couple who prayed overnight at the cave and reportedly returned about a year later with a newborn. This is an unverified story of personal faith.

9. GERMANICIA AND GERMAN SEVEN SLEEPERS TRADITIONS

Nesi noticed a cultural parallel between the ancient name Germanicia, associated with the Kahramanmaraş area, and German traditions such as Siebenschläfertag (Seven Sleepers Day) and the animal called Siebenschläfer. The name Germanicia derives from the Roman title Germanicus, not from modern Germany.

CONCLUSION

These nine clues combine personal testimony, local tradition, cultural parallels, and questions for historical research. Nesi presents them as the starting point for an investigation and invites researchers and viewers to consider the evidence critically.

Was Afşin the real Cave of the Seven Sleepers? You are free to decide.

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