

SMAR JBEIL

THE PHOENICIANS' ROUTE

سما ر جبيل

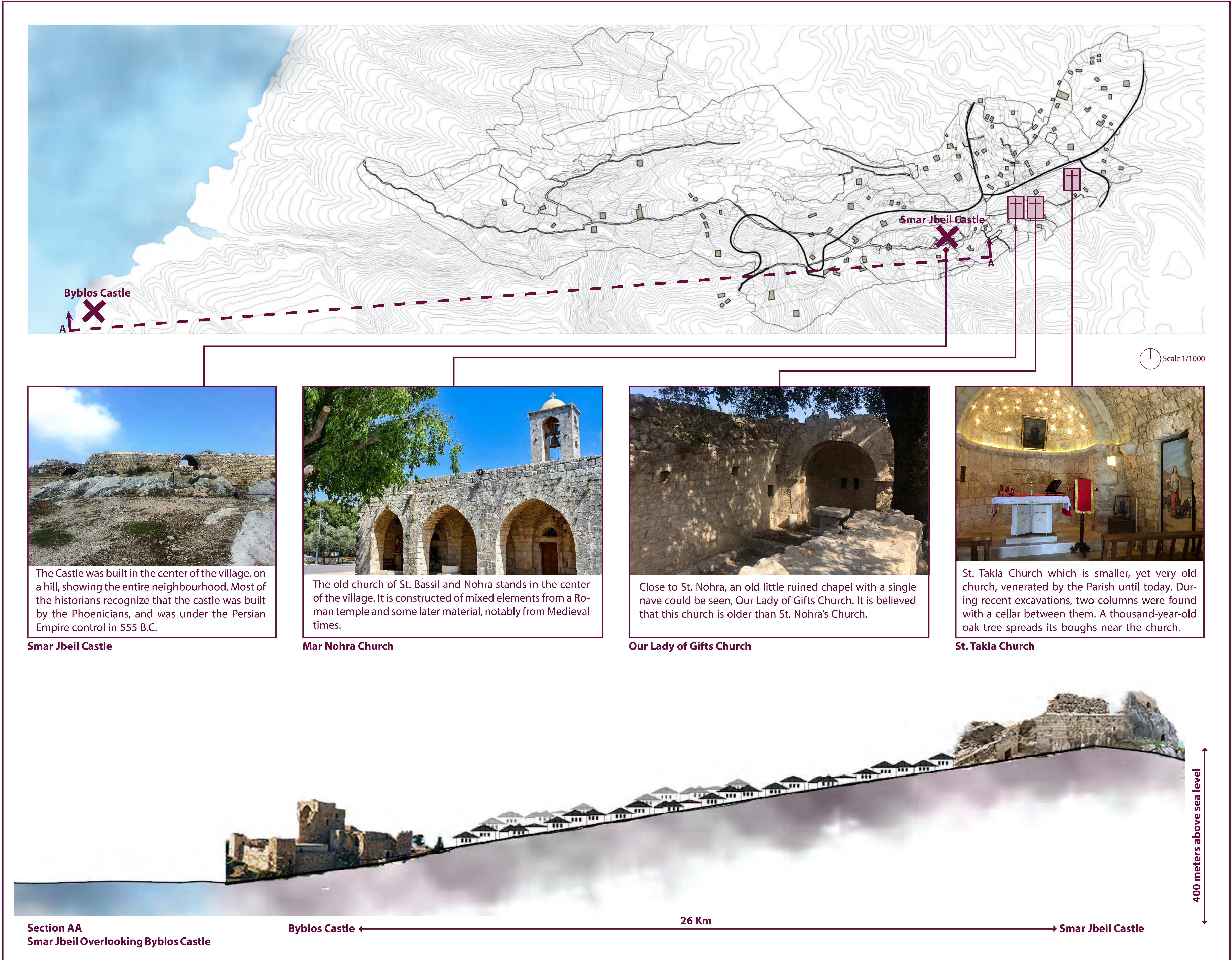
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**INTRODUCTION**  
According to Dr. Henri Lammens in his book "طريق الأمير على ما يحتوي لبنان من الآثار", Smar Jbeil is one of the oldest Lebanese villages and the most significant in its history.

It has a very old castle at the western entrance of the village and built on a strategic hill. Showing from its western side, the Mediterranean coast from Jbeil to Tripoli, and from its eastern side the mountains of Lebanon, especially the famous Cedars of God Mountain near Bcharri.

Under the supervision of North Lebanon Governate, exactly in the Batroun District and 500 meters above sea level.

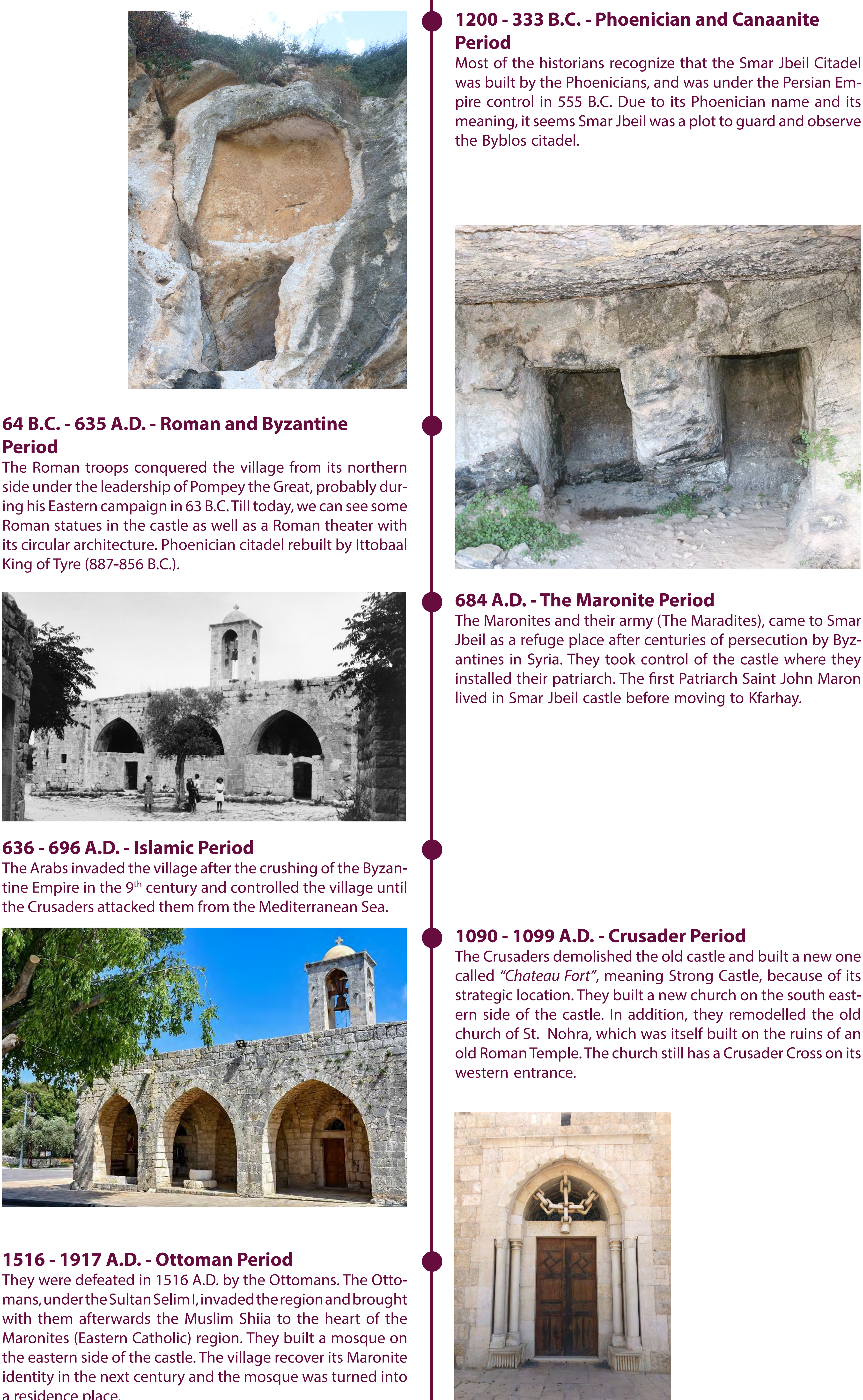
HISTORICAL MAPPING



PLAN AND TIMELINE OF SMAR JBEIL CITADEL



CHRONOLOGY OF MAIN EVENTS



EVALUATION OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

Smar Jbeil has one of the most beautiful citadels in Lebanon, yet it is not given enough credit by the Ministry of Culture. Even though some renovations have taken place, the lack of public knowledge about Smar Jbeil has left the citadel an unknown object. However, the people of Smar Jbeil did not neglect it, to them, the preservation of their village is a priority. Although people do not visit Smar Jbeil for its historical identity, the citizens did not fall back on keeping their history alive. Unlike the citadel of Byblos, it is not used as an economic input, and because of the lack of advertising, it is only visited by people who target it, which are a rare minority.

As for the churches, although they are considered landmarks, they are highly non-functional, as they are closed most of the time. And when opened, they are mostly targeted by the citizens.

