

CHELBA –TUTITI

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TUTUFELA

Best example of the sites with anthropomorphic stelae in the zone. It was found for the first time by pere azais in 1931e.c Then from 1932-1997 the French & Ethiopian archeologist group has carried archeological excavation& study. In their conclusion, it is tomb place used by two societies. That lived before 11c& the 2nd society lived in the 8th& 9th c the site has 300 stelae& under them 1000human skeletons are buried.

The archeologists also found broken pots, stone tools, copper rings& bracelets made of iron. The site is found in Wonago district, Janjemo Kebele & it is 21 k.m far from Dilla on the south direction. Out of the total distance 2.5 k.m is gravel road the rest are asphalt road.



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Most of the historical sites are related with buried bodies, they emperor or saints all over the world .out of 800 UNESCO sites, some 10%to 20% of them might be related to burial conditions. Though out of 9 UNESCO heritage sites in Ethiopia ,5 of them are related with graveyards. When we come to the southern region .The region has 3 UNESCO heritage site out of 8 sites.3 of them are related to buried bodies.

When we come to the region stelae are one of the oldest historical sites , which is found in various parts of the region. Mainly in Gedeo,Sidam,Gurage, Silte,Wolaita zone, Yeme special woreda & Konso were-da they are different in shape, in length & in size. but now we introduce for you about the notable one's is Tiya(in Gurage zone),Tutifela & Tutiti(Gedeo zone) .

Tiya Stelae

Tiya stelae site is one of the nine world heritages of Ethiopia which is registered by UNESCO in 1980. It is found in Gurage zone in Sodo wereda along the road between The Addis Ababa and Butjira. It is about 88k.m from Addis Ababa and 205 k.m from Hawassa.The site contains more than 37 stelae. According to the recent archeological excavations the stelae were erected in the cemetery, between 12th and 14th centuries. More over the excavations has revealed that the stelae mark mass graves of both male and female individuals aged between 18 to 30 years old laid to the rest at fatal position. The largest of which stands up to 3.9 m high. The stelae have carvings, representing circles, swords and what appear to be podgy leaves rising on a stem from a rectangular base. The twin leaves look like so-called false bananas, a type of plantation grown widely in the area.

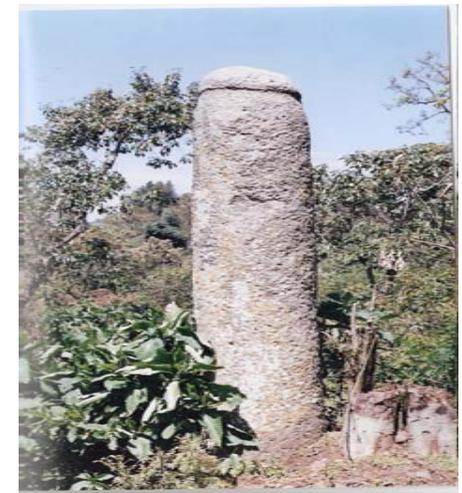


TIYA STELAE

Stelae of Gedeo

Gedeo zone is known for many stelae hundreds & thousands of stelae are found in the peasant lands through out the zone. The stelae of the zone are two types.

Some are hewed in the shape of male sex organ called phallic & the other one are curved in the form of human face These are called anthropomorphic stelae. So far above 2800 stelae are registered in 60 sites. Among sites with phallic stelae, the most important in Tutiti.



Tutiti