



DOLICHĒ

DOLICHĒ, city in the Roman province of Syria conquered together with the surrounding area by Šāpūr I (240-70) during his second campaign against Rome in 252 or 253 (Back, p. 303, ŠKZ, Parth. l. 7, Gk. l. 17; for the date see [DICHŌR](#)). The name is no longer legible in the Middle Persian version of Šāpūr's *Res Gestae* (cf. Sprengling, pl. 7 l. 10), and the Parthian form *dwrhw* is mysterious. The identification of Dolichē, on the ancient trade route from Antioch to Edessa, with Dülük in modern Turkey is certain (see Wagner, 1976, sketch 3; on the various forms of the name, see Honigmann, 1923, p. 182 n. 264). Also enigmatic is the sequence Dura (Parth. *dwl'y*), Dolichē in the Greek version, which complicates reconstruction of the route followed by the Sasanian army (see [DURA-EUROPOS](#)). It is often assumed that after the capture of Antioch Dolichē was taken, together with Germanikeia and Batna, which are also mentioned, on Šāpūr's return march (cf. Baldus, p. 265), but absolute certainty is not possible. The city is known as the birthplace of the local deity Ba'al, who became famous as Jupiter Dolichenus.

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