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Cappadocia

- Do you hear the voices? From what side are they coming? Are these things I think of?

- Hurry! Let's get home.

They went up, stood at the door of rock house and watched the beautiful wild horses galloping in dust. That was centuries ago in "Katpatuka".

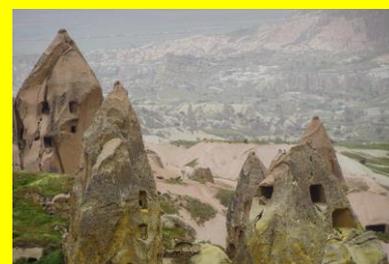
There are different findings about its etymology. "Khepat" is the main God name, and "Khepatukh" is the country of the people of Khepath (in Hurrians language, 3000 BC). Later, the Hittite Empire included a large part of Hurrians. But there is a legend accepted as a fact by generations. Katpatuka means the land of beautiful horses. Today's name, Cappadocia, was firstly found in the inscription erected in Persia under the rule of Darius the Great (500 BC).

The mother and daughter went inside the dark chimney home after the horses passed, began to wait for the husband and son, and hoped them to catch one horse that day while preparing the obiad.

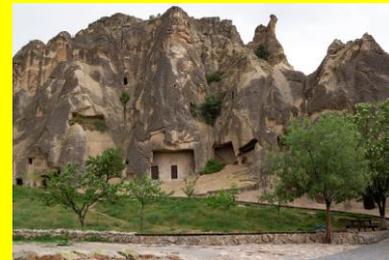
Cappadocia is 300 km far from Ankara. This region is located on the Anatolia plateau, extinct volcanic area. But the volcanic activities had given the terrain interesting shapes, "chimneys" and its soil is special for making pot and jugs.

It was a popular area for settlers because of its natural security features that keep people hidden from dangers. The rocks are geologically soft enough to build cells easily. Early Christians (about 300 AD) escaping from Roman persecution refuged to this land and began to live in the caves. They constructed an underground city to be protected from the Roman attacks. They also established monastic communities. After the Council of Nicaea in 325, the Emperor Constantine established Christianity in the Byzantine Empire. So the Cappadocians could freely dig the chimney homes and built their churches and new facilities.

She was checking the jugs she made with the tool turned by foot. Her daughter brought a bottle of home made red wine from the cool room of the chimney. Yes, the father and brother were riding a white horse, they got one.



Valley



Church in Open Air Museum



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