



## Rabban (Monk) B e r y a M o n a s t e r y

Located over a valley with the same name, the monastery, an hour climb from the public road, overlooks Shaqlawa sub-district. This is not like other shrines, being very much organised. It was used to be a refuge for a group of monks. The track leading to it is rough and strenuous; however, it is visited by people round the year. Down the entrance, there are two large engraved rooms, leading up to a wide gate as the front part of the wall has collapsed. Above this wall, there is a small niche a around which a fable revolves - anyone who succeeds in throwing seven small stones, and having them pass through all, they would attain what is desired. It dates back to the fourth century AD.