

The Theban 11th Dynasty

The Theban kings of the First Intermediate Period

Dynasty 11 (first part)

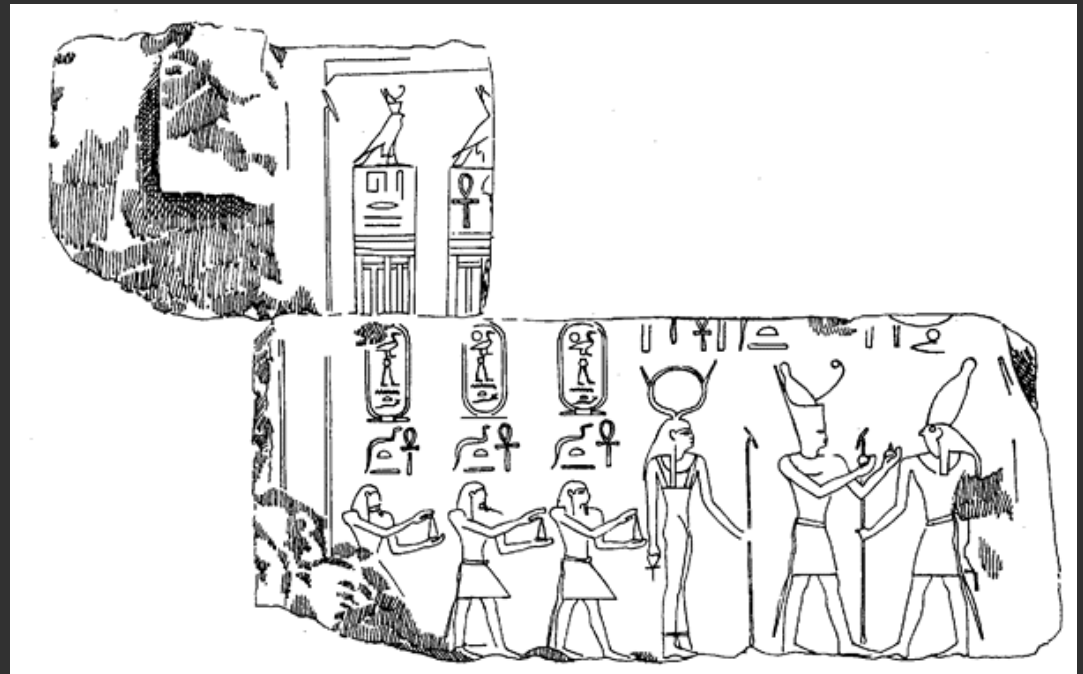
(Mentuhotep aa (the great))

Intef I (Horus Seherutawy)

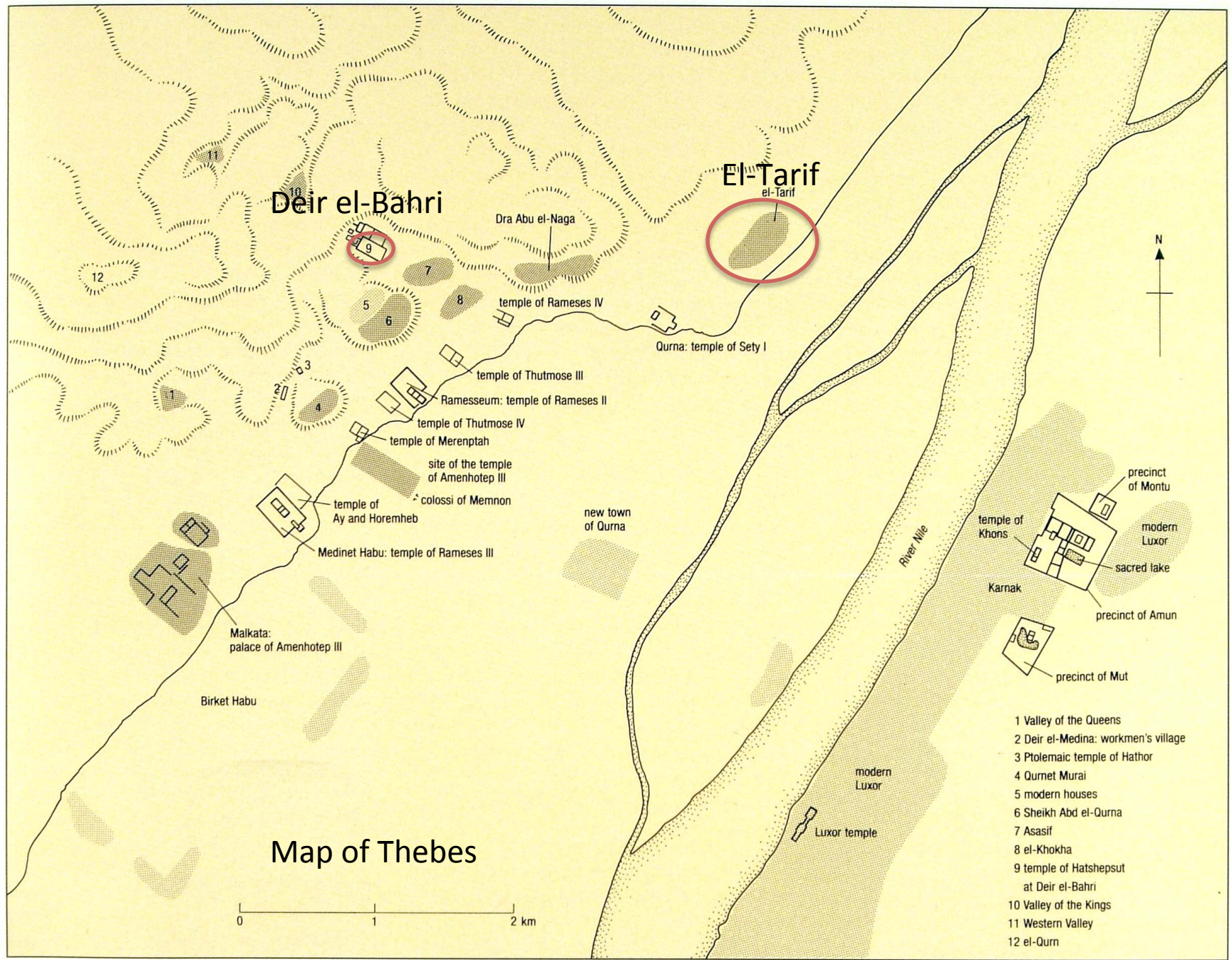
Intef II (Horus Wahankh)

Intef III (Horus Nakhtnebtpefer)

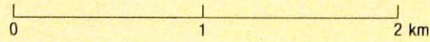
Nebheptre Montuhotep



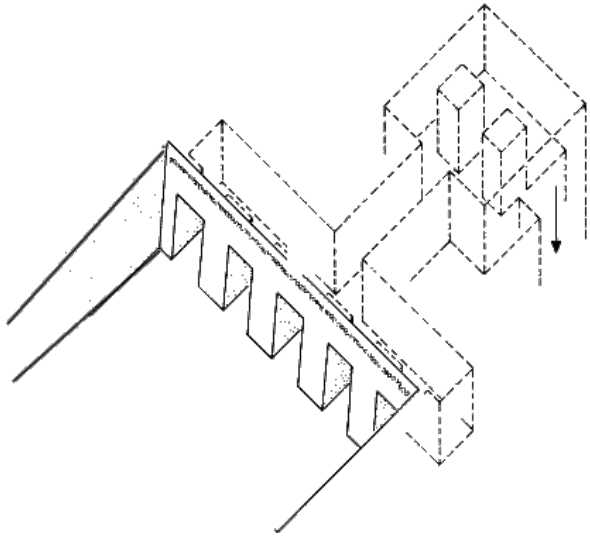
Relief from Tod, reign of Nebhepetre



Map of Thebes



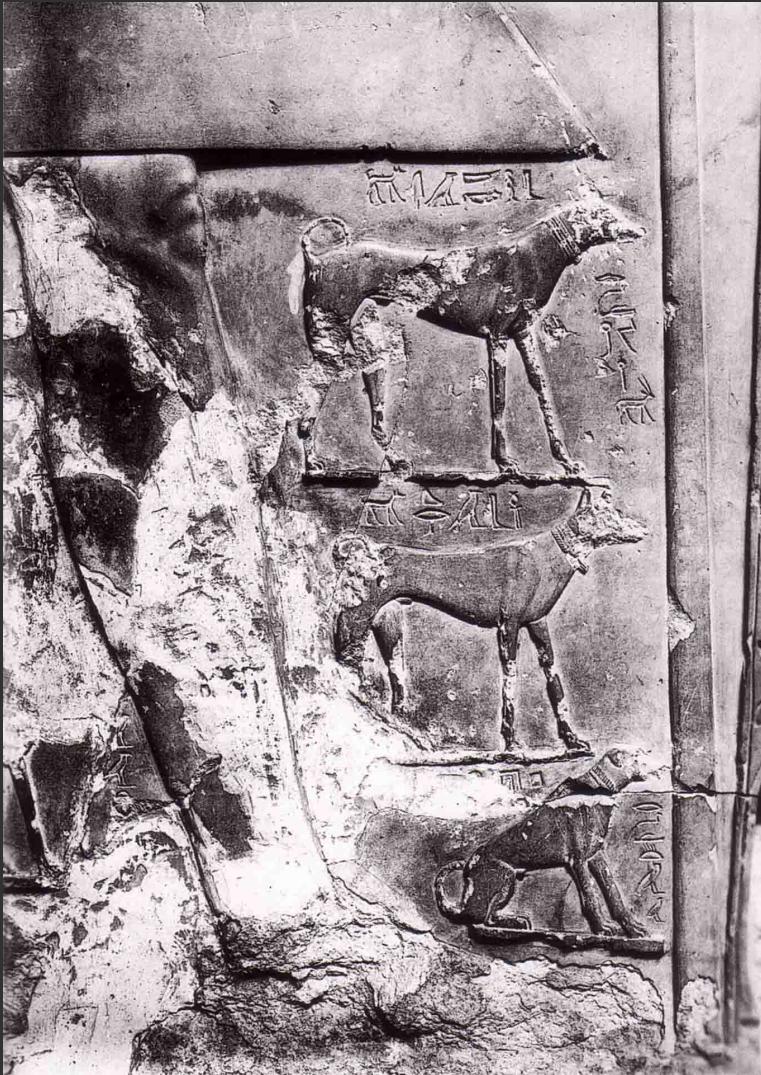
- 1 Valley of the Queens
- 2 Deir el-Medina: workmen's village
- 3 Ptolemaic temple of Hathor
- 4 Qurnet Murai
- 5 modern houses
- 6 Sheikh Abd el-Qurna
- 7 Asasif
- 8 el-Khokha
- 9 temple of Hatshepsut at Deir el-Bahri
- 10 Valley of the Kings
- 11 Western Valley
- 12 el-Qurn



Regional tomb styles: saff tombs at Thebes



Stela of Intef II from Thebes:



"[...] her northern boundary as far as the nome of Aphroditopolis. I drove in the mooring stake in the sacred valley, I captured the entire Thinite nome, I opened all her fortresses, I made her the Door of the North [...] like a flood, great in possessions, like a sea, splendid for the glory of Thebes (nw't), great for the [...] of this land, which I myself have bequeathed to my son,d [...]. There is no lie that has come forth from my mouth, there is no word like that which I have spoken. There was no rviolence for one (dwelling) upon his sandy land, nor [...] for one in possession of his paternal property, nor [...] them forever and ever.

Year 50, when this stela was set up [...] by [...] Horus, Wahenekh, King of Upper and Lower Egypt, Son of Re, In[tef], the great"

From the stela of Hetepi

Horus Wahankh, King of Upper and Lower Egypt, Son of Ra, Intef, born of Nefru, beloved of Nekhbet. An offering which the king gives to Anubis, who is before the divine booth at all his places...Hetepi says: I am the beloved one of his lord and the praised one of the lord of this country. His majesty made glad his humble servant in truth. His majesty indeed said there was none there who...character, (my) good command except Hetepi....

His majesty praised this humble servant amount the troops for having descended to Thinis in unawareness of Ta-wer in the west. Now famine lasted in this province for many years, but this humble servant was never lenient then. The threshing floor was scorched through its 220 sheaves and it (i.e. the province) never received a harvest yield from anyone (during) the years of famine while corn ran short, whereas it existed in my entire province. I did everything that was good in the temple of the lady of the universe. I spent all my years as an inspector of those who descended to the temple. I acted so that the priests praised it. I did not allow a man to fight with his brothers...

Intef II column from Karnak



From the stela of Tjeti:

"I passed a long period of years under the majesty of my lord, Horus, Wahaekh, King of Upper and Lower Egypt, Son of Re, Intef, this land being under his authority from Abu (Elephantine) to Thinis in the Thinite province (near Abydos), I being his personal servant, his chamberlain in very truth.

He made me great, he advanced my rank...the treasure was in my hand under my seal, being the best of every good thing brought to the majesty of my lord from Upper Egypt, from Lower Egypt of everything that gladdens the heart, as tribute from this entire land, owing to fear of him throughout this land...

I am wealthy, I am great, I furnished myself from my own property, given to me by the majesty of my lord, because of his great love for me – Horus Wahankh, King of Upper and Lower Egypt, Son of Ra, Intef, who lives like Ra forever – until he went in peace to his horizon.

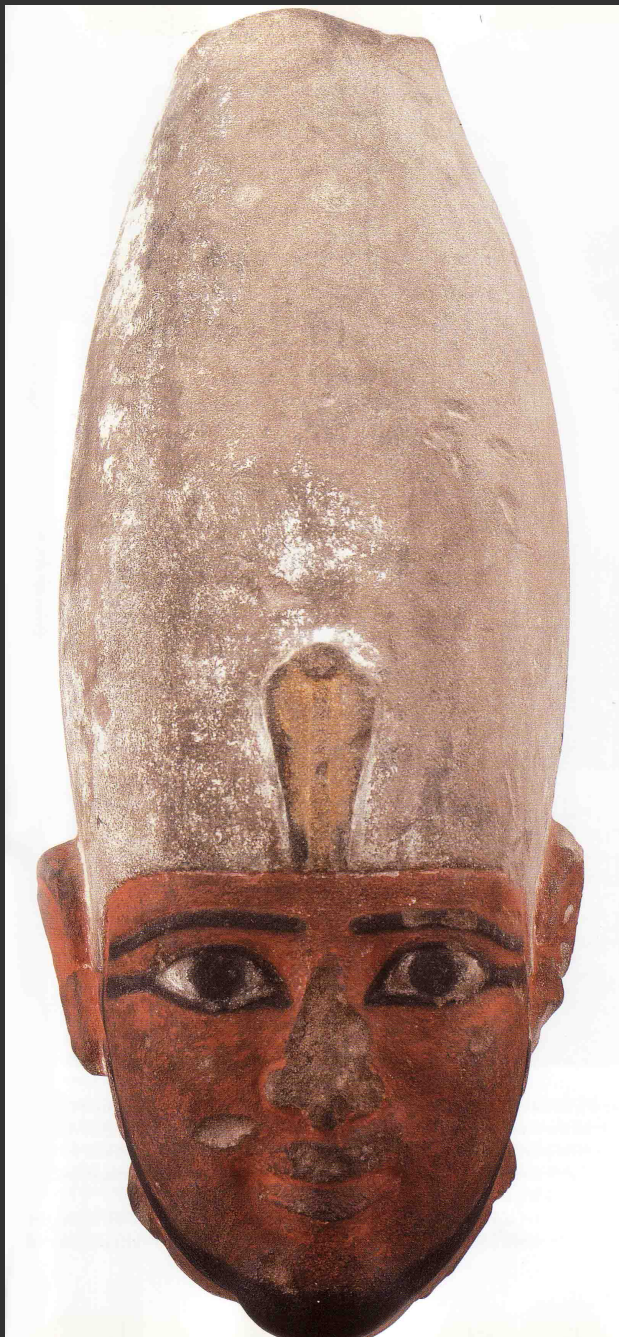
Now when his son had taken his place Horus Nakhtnebtepnefer, King of Upper and lower Egypt, Son of Ra Intef born of Neferu, who lives like Ra forever – I followed him to all his good places of heart's content...I was great under his majesty. I am a man of character, praised by his lord every day. "

From the stela of Redi-ui-khnum at Dendera:

I have spent a long period of years under my mistress, the royal ornament Neferuayt (mother of Intef III)... being a king's daughter and a king's beloved wife. She had inherited it all from her mother. She has resettled Upper Egypt, the van of men from Elephantine to the Wadjit nome (the 10th Upper Egyptian nome) with women together with estate managers and officials from the whole country.

I grew up under the feet of her majesty since my earliest youth...Then she placed me at Dendera in the great cattle farm of her mother, rich in record, a foremost enterprise, the greatest estate of Upper Egypt....

I managed the estate successfully. I enlarged all its departments...

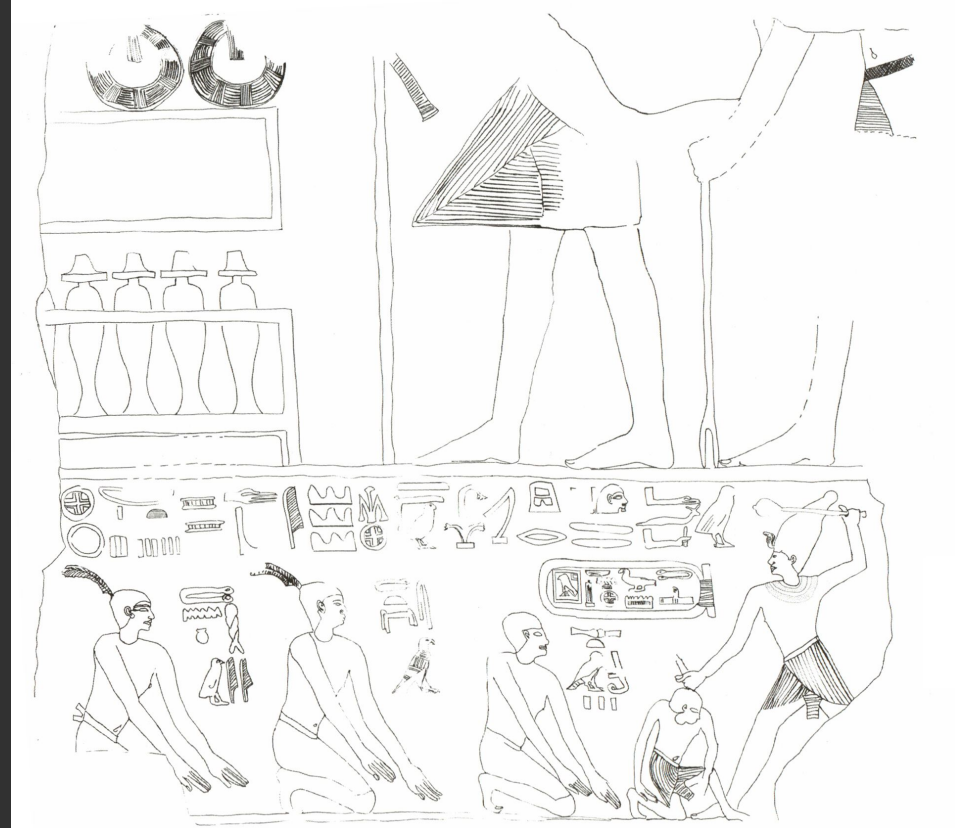
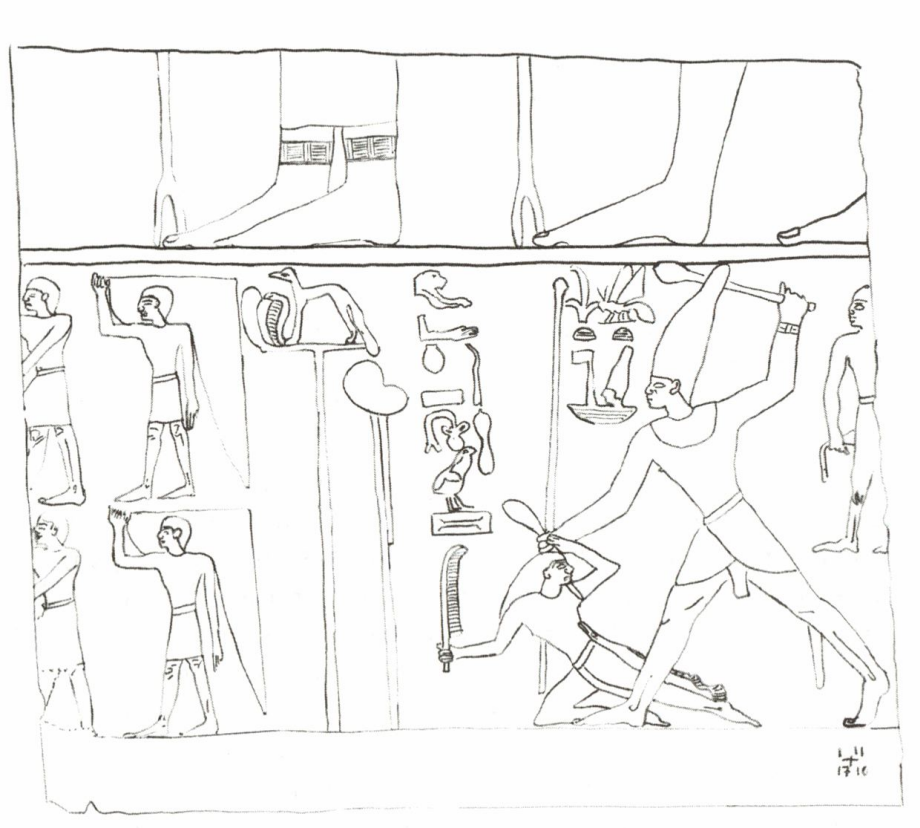


Nebhepetre Montuhotep II
Transition from First Intermediate
Period to Middle Kingdom



The developing titulary of Nebhepetre Montuhotep

- 1 Horus Seankhibtawy (“who causes the heart of the two lands to live”)
- 2 Horus Netjerihedjet (“divine one of the white crown”) + throne name
- 3 Horus Sematawy (“who unites the two lands”) + a Horus of Gold name



Relief from a chapel at Gebelein, middle titulary, Nebhepetre Montuhotep

“overthrowing the heads of the two countries, founding of Upper and Lower Egypt, the foreign lands, the two riverbanks, and the nine bows”

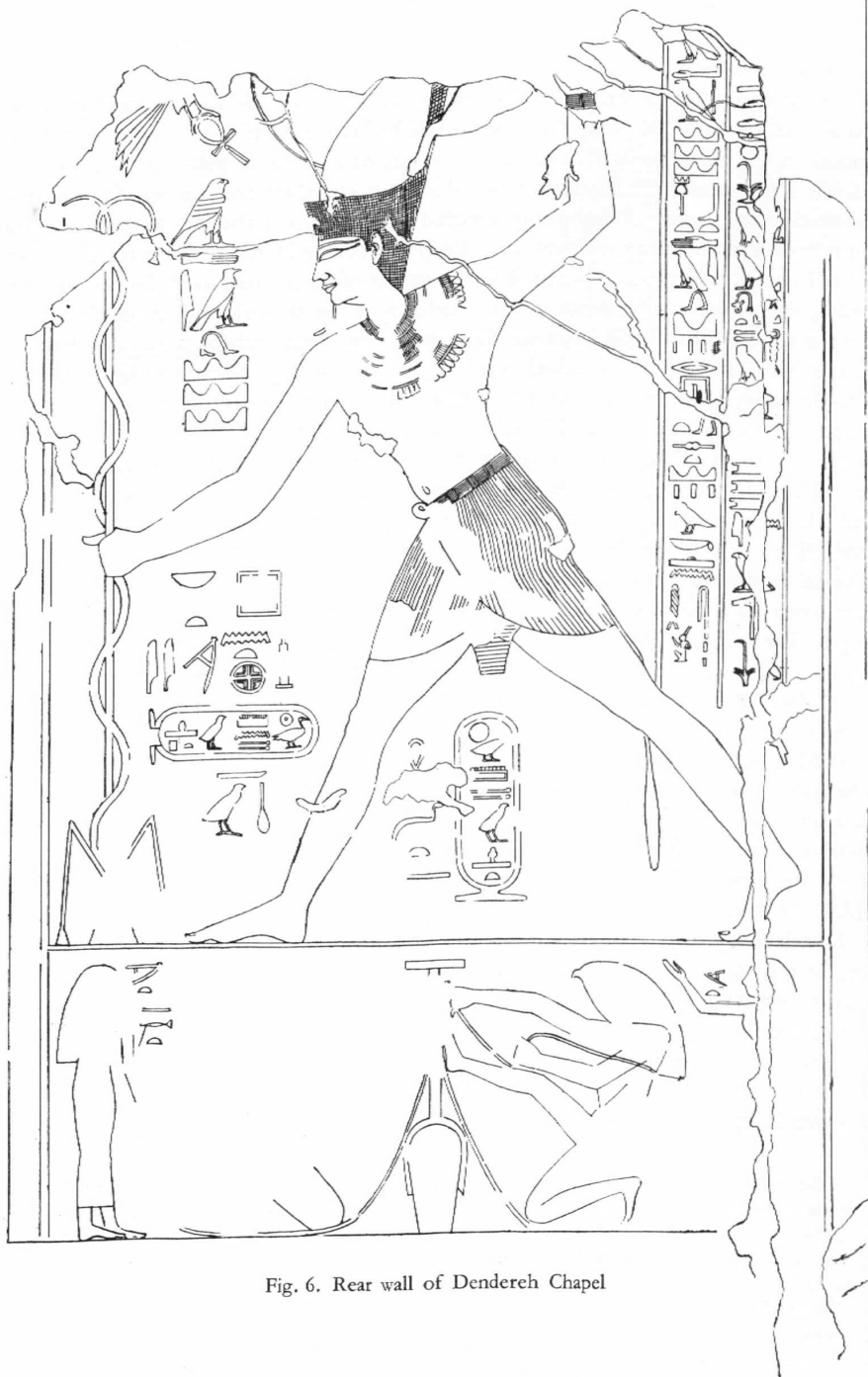


Fig. 6. Rear wall of Dendereh Chapel

Relief of Nebhepetre from Dendera chapel