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A round-topped wooden stela, dating from the reign of king Takeloth, of the Twenty-second Dynasty (1). It measures 30.2 cm. high, and 22.0 cm. wide. The stela was found in a tomb-shaft at Gournna, and is now in Cairo museum (Journal d'entree No. 65756).


The Stela is rather badly damaged, due to the flaking of the painted stucco surface. Originally the upper part of the stela was framed by the figure of the Sky-goddess Nut, whose arched body followed the curve of the top. Her head and body are destroyed, but her legs and hands may be seen at the left and right of the scene.

(1) There are two kings bear the name Takeloth, the first was reigned about 889-874 B.C., and the other was reigned about 850-825 B.C., See:





Kitchen, K.A; The Third Intermediate Period in Egypt, Oxford, 1973, P. 467. The destroyed cartouche which be found in the last line of the stela may be completed as





takeloth I.

Below the Goddess is a scene showing the deceased standing in the presence of the God Osiris. The deceased faces , and is clad in a kilt which reaches from his waist to midway between his knees and the ground and which has its overlapping edge ornamented with a fringe. He also wears a narrow, ritualist's stole.

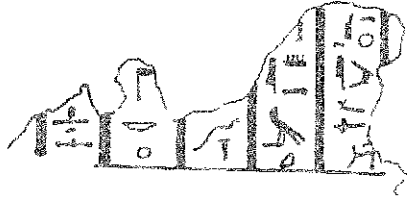
Between the deceased and Osiris is an offering table, laden with conventionalized slices of bread. Under it are the signs:

- "bread", 
- "beer" 
- "oxen" 
- "fowls". 

Osiris is standing, and facing . He is in his usual form of a mummified man, wearing the crown of Upper Egypt, flanked by ostrich feathers, and holding the w3s-sceptre. Behind him is a large sign of the West 

At the top of the scene are the lower parts of five vertical lines of inscription, which read:

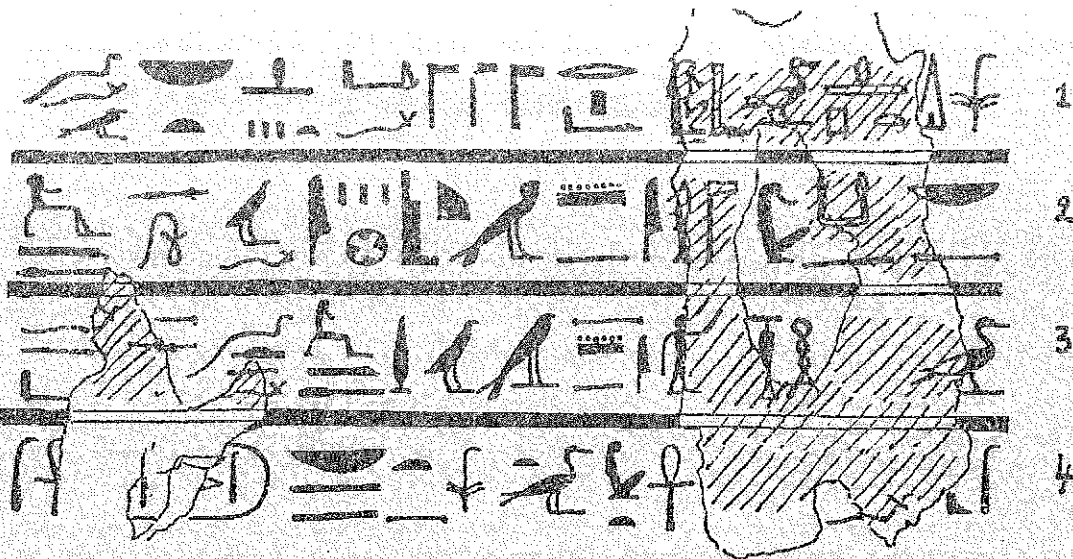
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- 1- *mrh* (?)
- 2- *ntrnb* ..(?).....
- 3- *htpt.s*
- 4- *hym - ntr Imn m Ipt*
- 5- *iswt Iw. f^c3w*

1. perfume (?) 2. (?) 3.
offerings 4. the priest of Amn in Ipt 5. Iswt, Iwf-aaw.

The half of the stela is occupied by four horizontal lines
of inscription, reading ←

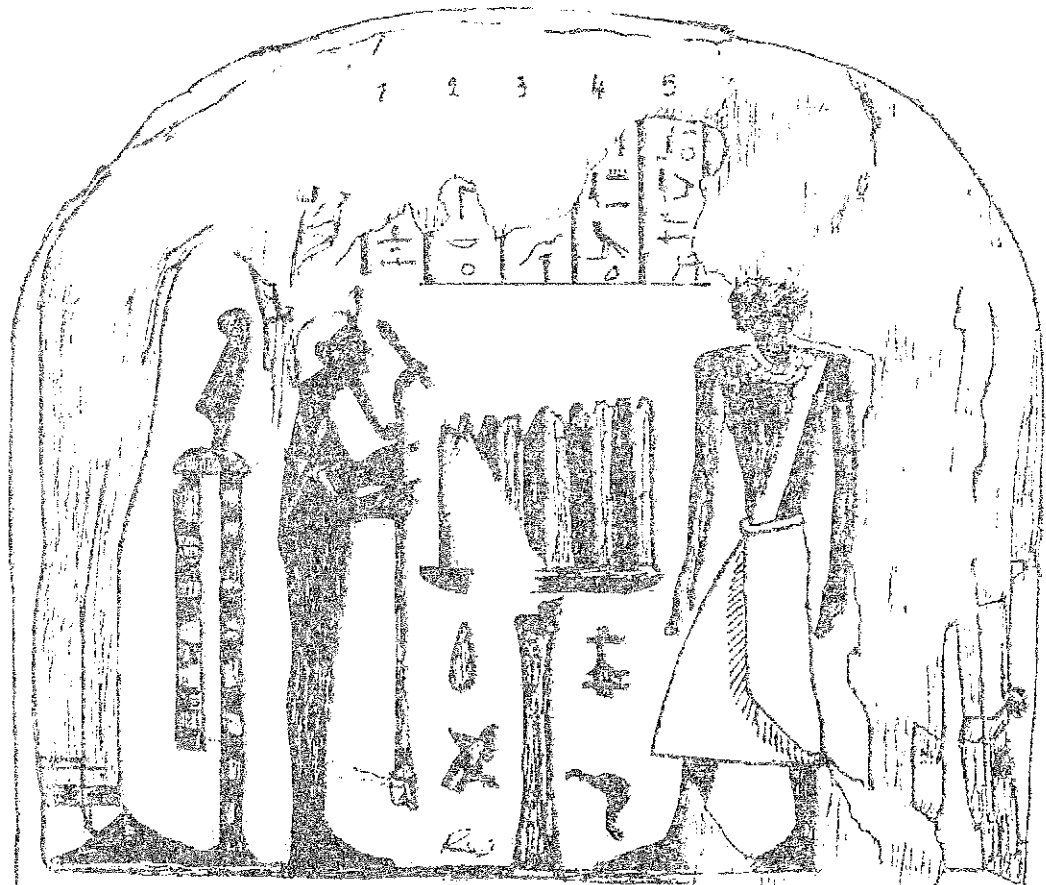


- 1 [htp] di nswt, [Gb], ȝry-pct ntrw, di.f htpt nbt dfz
 2 nb n [k3 n] hm-ntr Imn m ipt - iswt Iw.f c3w m3c - hrw
 3 s3 hsw n Imn Hr-Wd3 m3c - hrw, dd.n.f
 4 cnht, s3t-nswt nb t3wy Tklt cnh. ti

(1) "An [offering] which the king gives (and) [Geb] the hereditary prince of the Gods, may he give all offerings and all provisions (2) for the Ka of the priest of Amon is Ipt-Iswt, Iwf. aaw, justified (3) the son of the singer of Amon, Hor wdja, justified, he says (4) ... Ankht, the daughter of the King, the Lord of the Two Lands, Takeloth, who lives".

The princess mentioned in the last line, is perhaps the mother of the owner of the stela.

1 2 3 4 5



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 2
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