

The Story of Wenamun (P. Moscow 120)

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Glossing Conventions

(May not match the conventions in my older notes)

()	text omitted by the scribe, but implicitly understood
< >	addition to fix a scribal error
{ }	deletion to fix a scribal error
[]	addition to fix lacuna, or addition uncertain

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Red denotes rubric text in P. Moscow 120.

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(1.1) [*hsb.t*] 5 3bd 4 šmw sw 16

hrw n wdy.(t) iir smsm h3y Wn-Imn n Pr Imn (1.2) [*Nsw.t Nb*] T3wy

r [ini.t t3] t.t n p3 Wi3 ʕ3 Špsy n Imn-Rʕ Nsw.t Ntr.w nty hr tp [...]

(1.3) [...Imn]-Wsr-H3.t

(1.1) [Regnal year] 5, month 4 of summer, day 16:

Day of the departure that the elder [of the] portal [*idaafa*], Wenamun, made [*relative*] from the house of Amun, **(1.2)** [Lord of] the Two Lands,

to [bring] the timber for the Great Venerable Bark of Amun-Re, King of the Gods, which is at the head [...]

(1.3) [...Amun]-Userhat:

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hrw n spr iir=i r Dʕn.t r p3 (1.4) [*nty Ns-Sw-B3-Nb*]-Dd Ti-nt-Imn im

iw=i <hr> rdi.t n=w n3 wh3.w n Imn-Rʕ Nsw.t Ntr.w

iw=w (1.5) <hr> rdi.t ʕš.tw m-b3h=w

iw=w <hr> dd

ir.y sp-sn m p3 dd Imn-Rʕ Nsw.t Ntr.w p3- (1.6) [*-y.n nb*]

Day of my departing [“departing that I made”] to Djanet [Tanis], to the **(1.4)** [place] in which Nesubanebdjed [“He of Banebdjed” = Smendes] [and] Tentamun are.

I am giving [*first present?*] to them the dispatches [L 110] of Amun-Re, King of the Gods.

They **(1.5)** are causing them to be read [L 78] [*passive*] in front of them.

They say:

Yes [L 37] (said twice), as the speech of Amun-Re, King of the Gods, ou- **(1.6)** [-r lord.]

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iw=i <hr> iry.<t> <r>-š3<-<r> 3bd 4 šmw

iw=i m-hnw D^cn.t

iw Ns-Sw-B3-Nb-Dd (1.7) Ti-nt-Imn [hr] wd.(t)=i irm hr(y)-mnš Mngbt

*iw=i h3y r (1.8) p3 ym 3 n HBrw **n 3bd 1 šmw hrw 1***

iw=i [hr] spr Dr w^c dmi n (1.9) tkr

I am staying until [TLA r-š3<-r] month 4 of summer

I was inside Djanet.

Then Nesubanebdjed **(1.7)** [and] Tentamun are sending me with the overseer [of the] ship [L 189] Mengebet.

Then I went down to **(1.8)** the great sea of Kharu [Syria] **on month 1 of summer, day 1.**

Then I was going to Djer [Dor], a village of **(1.9)** fortified gate[s] [L 236].

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