

Bentresh Stela (Louvre C 284)

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Glossing Conventions

(May not match the conventions in my older notes)

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| () | 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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(1) *Hr K3 Nht*
tw t h^c.w
dd ns.y(t) mi (I)tm

Hr Nb w
ws(r) hpšw dr Pdt 9

Nsw Bity Nb T3.wy
Wsr-M^c3.t-R^c Stp-(n)-R^c

S3 R^c
ht=f Mri-Imn R^c-ms-s(w)

Imn-R^c (2) Nb [?] Psd.t Nb.wt W3s.t
mri ntr nfr Imn
ms.[tī]w R^c-Hr-3h.ty
pr.w h n Nb Dr.(t)
wtt n K3-Mwt=f
nsw.t n Km.t hk3 Dšr.wt
ity (3) it Pdt 9
pri m ht
sr(w) n=f nh.tw
wd n=f pri^c m swh.t

(1) Horus, Mighty Bull,
 perfect [F 295] of appearance [F 185] [*nfr hr*],
 enduring of kingship [*nfr hr*], like Atum,

Golden Horus,
 strong [F 68] of arm [*nfr hr*] [who] drives away the Nine Bows [*pd.t psd.t*],

Dual King, Lord of the Two Lands,
 Usermaatre Setepenre,

Son of Re,
 his majesty Meriamun Rameses,

Amun-Re, (2) Lord of [the Thrones?], [of] the Ennead, of the Ladies of Thebes¹,
 beloved of the good god, Amun,
 bo[r]n of Re-Horakhty,
 seed [F 91] of the *akh* of the Lord of Ancestors[? F 324],
 begotten of Kamutef,
 king of the Black Land², ruler of the Red Land³,
 sovereign (3) [who] seized the Nine Bows,

1 *W3s.t* = “Waset”.

2 *Km.t* = “Kemet”.

3 *Dšr.wt* = “Deshrut”.

that when he came forth from the womb [second tense?],
victories [F 139] were foretold [passive] [F 235] of him,
command [F 73–74] [given] to him [while] active [F 91] in the egg,

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k3 mn ib hb=f mtwn
nsw.t n ntr pri nh.t mi Mnt(w)
wr ph.ty (4) mi s3 Nw.t

is hm=f m Nhrn mi n(y)t-^c=f tnw rnp.t
wr.w n h3s.t nb iw<=sn> m ks.w m htp.w n b3.w n hm=f š3^c <r> phw.w

Bull firm [F 106] of heart [*nfr hr*], when he trots [circumstantial?] [F 158] [into] the arena [variant spelling, F 121],
divine king [indirect genitive] [who] came [no gemination, so perfect participle] [in] might like Montu,
Great of strength [playful spelling of dual -ty] [leopard heads?] [*nfr hr*] (4) like the son of Nut:

So, his presence [was] in Naharina like [that] of his custom [*cf.* H 248] each [F 305] year.
[As for] the princes of every foreign land [F 185], they came in prostrations [F 287], in peace [“peaces”], to the might [*b3.w* = mass noun?] of his presence, as far as the far north [F 92, last variant spelling].

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inw=sn nbw hsb(5) mfk3.t h3.w nb t3-ntr hr psd=sn
w^c nb hr hrp snw=f
h^c rdi{.t} p3 wr n Bhtn in.tw in.w=f
di.n=f s3.t=f wr.t h3t ir.w[?]
hr sw3š{y} hm=f
hr dbh [nh] hr=f
wn (6) st nfr(.ti?) r 3 wr hr ib hm=f r ht nb

[As for] their tribute [F 22]: gold, lapis lazuli, (5) turquoise [F 106], every herb [F 183] from the gods' land [were] upon their back[s].
Each one was outdoing [F 196, “getting ahead of”] his companion.
Then the chief of Bakhtan caused that his tribute be brought.
[and] put his eldest daughter in front of [?],
[and] was praising [F 216] his presence,
[and] was pleading [F 311] [for] [life] from [“upon”] him.

[*wn* as preterite converter? TLA 550129] The **(6)** woman had been pleasing [stative?] to the utmost greatness upon his presence's heart, than any thing [else].

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*ḥḥ.n wdn(.w) nḥb(.t)=s Nsw.t Wr.t Nfr.w-Rḥ
 spr ḥm=f r Km.t
 ir.n=s ir.ty nb ḥm.t-nsw
 ḥpr*

Then her titulary [F 138] was recorded [F 73] [past passive]: Great Queen Neferure.
 As the king returned [second tense?] to the Black Land,
 so she did every doing of a king's wife [direct genitive].
 It happened