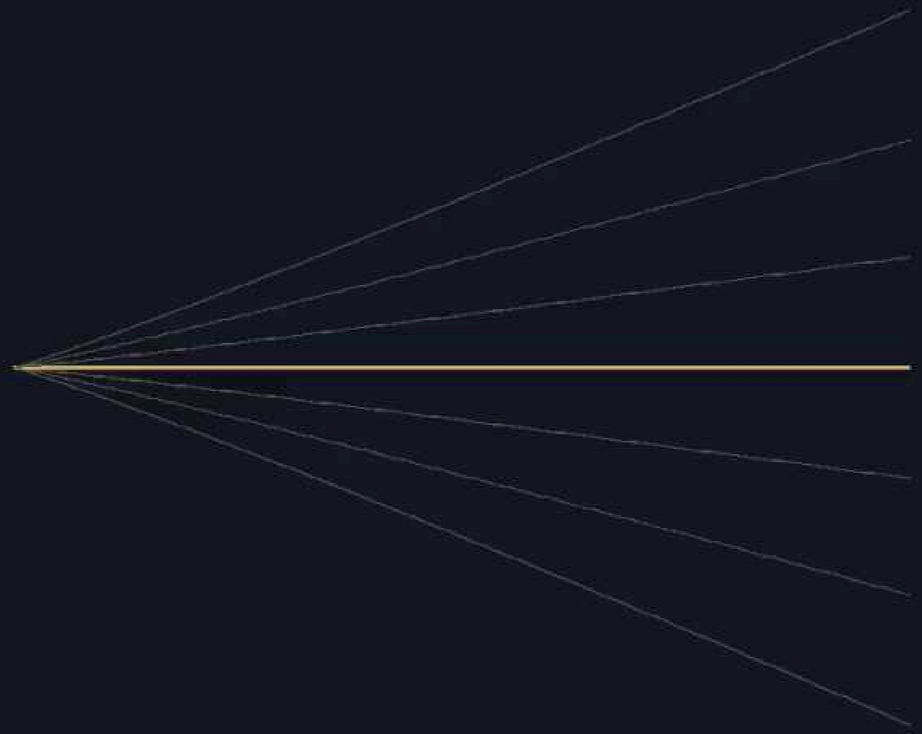
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EGYP 101 B · Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs Middle Egyptian (Brief course)

Lecture 6 · about 9 min

Royal Names, the Offering Formula, and Reading



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This lecture

- Royal names
- The offering formula
- Numbers
- Reading and next steps

¶ 6.1

We finish with a short reading, a review of the three big ideas,

The cartouche

- An oval ring of rope
- Egyptian: Snw, encircling
- Rule over all the sun encircles
- Holds royal names

¶ 6.2

Royal names are written inside cartouches, which is why Young and Champollion could find them so easily.

The five royal names

- Horus name
- Two Ladies name
- Golden Horus name
- Throne name, in a cartouche
- Birth name, in a cartouche

¶ 6.3

The two that appear in cartouches are the throne name, taken at accession, and the birth name, given at birth.

Older royal names

- Horus name in a serekh
- Palace facade with a falcon
- Oldest royal name
- Two Ladies: vulture and cobra

¶ 6.4

The Two Ladies name placed the king under the protection of the vulture goddess of the south and the

Titles before cartouches

Throne name

- Sedge and bee
- nsw bit

Birth name

- Duck and sun disc
- sA ra

¶ 6.5

The birth name is introduced by the duck and the sun disc: sA ra, son of Ra.

Senusret I

Name

- Throne name
- xpr kA ra

Transliteration

- Birth name
- s n wsrt

¶ 6.6

His birth name was s n wsrt, man of the goddess Wosret.

Royal wishes

Egyptian	English
anx wDA snb	life, prosperity, health
di anx Dt	given life forever

¶ 6.7

Another common phrase is di anx Dt, given life forever.

Personal names

- Often praise gods or the king
- Amenhotep: Amun is content
- Nefret: the beautiful one
- Look for the seated figure

¶ 6.8

Since names were written with the seated man or seated woman as determinative,

Numerals up to 1,000

Sign	Value
Z1 stroke	1
V20 hobble	10
V1 coil of rope	100
M12 lotus	1,000

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A lotus plant, M12, is one thousand.

Large numerals

Sign	Value
D50 finger	10,000
I8 tadpole	100,000
C11 god Heh	1,000,000

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And a kneeling god with raised arms, C11, the god Heh, is one million.

Writing numbers

- Repeat signs, largest first
- 23: two tens, three ones
- 130: one hundred, three tens
- No zero needed

¶ 6.11

The sign for a million, the god Heh, also meant countless, and appears in wishes for millions of years.

The offering formula

- Htp di nsw
- An offering which the king gives
- King's sign written first
- Found on stelae and coffins

¶ 6.12

It means an offering which the king gives.

The formula continues

Htp di nsw: an offering the king gives

▼

Osiris, lord of Djedu

▼

prt xrw: invocation offering

▼

Bread, beer, oxen, fowl

¶ 6.13

Then come the words prt xrw, an invocation offering, literally a going forth of the voice,

The formula ends

- n kA n: for the ka of
- The name and titles
- mAa xrw: true of voice
- Reading aloud made offerings real

¶ 6.14

The ka was the life force that received offerings.

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The appeal to the living

- O you who live upon earth
- Who pass by this tomb
- Say the offering formula
- Only the breath of the mouth

¶ 6.15

It costs nothing, the texts point out: only the breath of the mouth.

A short reading

Egyptian

- Htp di nsw wsir nb Ddw
- prt xrw t Hnqt
- n kA n imAxy nfr mAa xrw

English

- An offering the king gives and Osiris
- Invocation offering of bread and beer
- For the ka of the honoured Nefer, true of voice

¶ 6.16

an invocation offering of bread and beer for the ka of the honoured one, Nefer, true of voice.

Three big ideas, revisited

- Signs write consonants
- Determinatives classify meaning
- Repeated formulas reward study

¶ 6.17

Patterns: royal titles, wishes, and the offering formula repeat across Egypt, so a small vocabulary goes a long way.

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Two kinds of reading aloud

Convention

- Inserted e between consonants
- Agreed and simple

Reconstruction

- From Coptic and transcriptions
- Partial and debated

¶ 6.18

Coptic and foreign transcriptions give glimpses of them, and specialists continue to reconstruct them,

Where to go next

- Allen: Middle Egyptian
- Gardiner: Egyptian Grammar
- Collier and Manley: How to Read Egyptian Hieroglyphs
- Faulkner: Concise Dictionary

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Collier and Manley's How to Read Egyptian Hieroglyphs is a friendly start.

Exercise

Find a stela online

Locate Htp di nsw

Read the god and owner

Then the quizzes

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