



Islamic Gravestones in the Cemetery of Derbend City, in Dagestan Region,
Southern Russia during the twelfth century AH/ Eighteenth century AD:

“A Study of Form and Content”

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