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Egyptian Anthroponyms Based on the Name of the Crocodile-God Sobek; A New Survey

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Abstract:

The name of god Sobek, who was the deification of crocodiles, used not only to form the royal names, but also the names of other categories of the ancient Egyptian community. The traces of these names have survived throughout history from the Old Kingdom until the (Greco-Roman Period). The study of these names aims to modernize the previous valuable material of (Ranke, Die ägyptischen Personennamen, 1935, 1952).

Consequently, the study is an attempt to answer the following question: Are there any particular links that unites the ancient Egyptians to this powerful and frightening deity? Moreover, the study of this onomastic material allows a linguistic and anthropological reflection on the form and meaning of anthroponyms based on god Sobek's name. Most of these names include the name of god Sobek followed by one of his physical or intellectual qualities. The use of the names of the crocodile god in anthroponomy sometimes reflects a particular devotion to one of his forms or capacities. The various qualities of Sobek present particular links that unite the ancient Egyptians to this powerful and frightening deity.

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