

time which the work lasted, and an additional period, as I understand, during which they cut and brought the stones, and made the excavations.

#### IV. TREATY BETWEEN RAMESSES II AND THE HITTITES

A treaty of peace was signed between Rameses II and the Hittite King, 1272, the earliest treaty now extant. The following is the more important part of it. Breasted, *Records of Ancient Egypt*, iii. pp. 165-174.

The contracting parties.

*Ancient World*, 12.

Renewal of old relations.

The treaty which the great chief of the Hittites, Khetasar, the valiant, the son of Merasar, the great chief of the Hittites, the valiant, the grandson of Seplel, the great chief of the Hittites, the valiant, made upon a silver tablet for Rameses II, the great ruler of Egypt, the valiant; . . . the good treaty of peace and of brotherhood, setting peace between them forever. . . .

Behold, then, Khetasar, the great chief of the Hittites, is in a treaty relation with Rameses II, the great ruler of Egypt, beginning with this day, in order to bring about good peace and good brotherhood between us forever, while he is in brotherhood with me; and I am in brotherhood with him, and I am in peace with him forever. Since Metella, the great chief of the Hittites, my brother, succumbed to his fate, and Khetasar sat as great chief of the Hittites upon the throne of his father, behold, I am together with Rameses-Meriamon, the great ruler of Egypt, and he is with me in our peace and our brotherhood. It is better than the former peace and brotherhood which were in the land. Behold, I, even the great chief of the Hittites, am with Rameses, the great ruler of Egypt, in good peace and in good brotherhood. The children of the children of the great chief of the Hittites shall be in brotherhood and peace with the children of the

children of Rameses-Meriamon, the great ruler of Egypt, being in our relations of brotherhood and our relations of peace, that the land of Egypt may be with the land of the Hittites in peace and brotherhood, like ourselves, forever.

There shall be no hostilities between them forever. The great chief of the Hittites shall not pass over into the land of Egypt, forever, to take anything therefrom. Rameses-Meriamon, the great ruler of Egypt, shall not pass over into the land of the Hittites to take anything therefrom, forever. . . .

**Neither party shall attack the other.**

If another enemy come against the lands of Rameses, the great ruler of Egypt, and he shall send to the great chief of the Hittites, saying, "Come with me as reinforcement against him," the great chief of the Hittites shall come, and the great chief of the Hittites shall slay his enemy. But if it shall not be the desire of the great chief of the Hittites to come, he shall send his infantry and his chariotry, and shall slay his enemy.

**Defensive alliance.**

Or if Rameses-Meriamon, the great ruler of Egypt, be provoked against delinquent subjects, when they have committed some other fault against him, and he come to slay them, then the great chief of the Hittites shall act with the lord of Egypt.

If another enemy come against the great chief of the Hittites and he shall send to the great chief of Egypt, Rameses for reinforcements, then he shall come to him as reinforcement, to slay his enemy. But if it be not the desire of Rameses-Meriamon, the great ruler of Egypt to come, he shall send his infantry and his chariotry and shall slay his enemy. . . .

If any great man of the land of Egypt shall flee and shall come to the great chief of the Hittites, from either a

**Extradition clause**

The document contains a similar clause in favor of the Hittites.

**The gods are witnesses.**

town or. . . of the lands of Rameses-Meriamon, the great ruler of Egypt, and they shall come to the great chief of the Hittites, then the great chief of the Hittites shall not receive them, but the great chief of the Hittites shall cause them to be brought to Rameses, the great ruler of Egypt, their lord therefor. . . .

As for the words of this contract of the great chief of the Hittites with Rameses-Meriamon, the great ruler of Egypt, written upon this silver tablet; as for these words, a thousand gods of the male gods and of the female gods, of those of the land of the Hittites, together with a thousand gods, of the male and of the female gods of those of the land of Egypt, they are with me as witnesses to these words.

### V. RAMESES II, SON AND SECOND SELF OF THE GOD PTAH-TOTUNEN

This extract from a much longer inscription found at Abu-Simbel, Egypt, gives, perhaps better than any other passage, an idea of the divine perfection, majesty, and almighty power of the Egyptian king as the son and incarnation of the chief deity. Interesting is the incidental reference to the successful close of the war with the Hittites and to the king's marriage with the Hittite princess. *Records of the Past*, xii. 85-89.

**Ptah addresses Rameses II.**

Ptah (artist-god), chief deity of Memphis; Num (Khnum) creator and protector; Hathor, goddess of love and pleasure, often in form of a cow.

Thus speaks Ptah-Totunen with the high plumes, armed with horns, the father of the gods, to his son who loves him. . . .

Num and Ptah have nourished thy childhood, they leap with joy when they see thee made after my likeness, noble, great, exalted. The great princesses of the house of Ptah and the Hathors of the temple of Tem are in festival, their hearts are full of gladness, their hands take the drum with joy, when they see thy person beautiful and lovely

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