

MRA-EGY-Ben001



SAMPLE ID:

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SAMPLE TYPE:

Mural painting
(Sub-Type: fragment)

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:

Country	Place
Egypt	Beni Hasan

SITE/MONUMENT:

Tomb of Khnum-Hotep II

HISTORICAL NOTE ABOUT THE SITE/MONUMENT:

This tomb, built in Beni Hasan, belonged to Knumhotep II, a member of the Egyptian high hierarchy, during the reigns of the pharaohs Amenemhat II and Senusret II (20th century BC, Middle Kingdom period). The tomb was carved in the rock, and is famous for of its remarkable paintings, over the walls and vaulted ceilings depicting, mainly, episodes from the life, death and also afterlife of Knumhotep II, his family and their relationship with the pharaoh and his family. Within the painting compositions one deserves a special mention: the so-called scene of the Aamu group, foreigners from Asia which pay their respects to the deceased, by bringing offerings. The general ensemble of the paintings was well preserved, still showing their original colors.

Further reading:

Kamrin, Janice, *The Cosmos of Khnumhotep II at Beni Hasan*, London, England: Kegan Paul International, 1999.

Newberry, Percy, *Beni Hasan. Part 1*. London, England: Kegan Paul, Trench, Turner & Co., Ltd., 1893.

CHRONOLOGICAL PERIOD (SAMPLE):

20th century BC

