

I am Mesha, son of Kemoshyat, king of Moab, the Dibonite.

My father reigned over Moab thirty years, and I reigned after my father.

I made this high place for Kemosh in Qarho because he saved me from all the kings and made me look down on all my enemies.

Omri was king of Israel, and he oppressed Moab many days, for Kemosh was angry with his land.

And his son succeeded him, and he too said: I will oppress Moab. In my days, he said so.

But I looked down on him and on his house, and Israel has gone to ruin forever!

Omri had taken possession of the whole land of Medeba, and he lived there during his days and half the days of his son, forty years.

But Kemosh restored it in my days. I built Baal-Meon, and I made in it a reservoir.

I built Kiriathaim.

The men of Gad had dwelled in Ataroth from of old, and the king of Israel built Ataroth for himself.

But I fought against the city and captured it. I killed all the people from the city as a sacrifice for Kemosh and for Moab.

And I brought back from there the altar-hearth of his beloved, and I dragged it before Kemosh in Kerioth.

I settled in it the men of Sharon and the men of Maharith.

And Kemosh said to me, "Go, take Nebo from Israel!"

So I went by night and fought against it from the break of dawn till noon.

And I took it and killed all of them: 7,000 men, boys, women, girls, and maidservants, for I had devoted them to Ashtar-Kemosh.

And from there I took the vessels of Yahweh, and I dragged them before Kemosh.

And the king of Israel had built Jahaz and lived in it while he fought against me, but Kemosh drove him out before me.

I took from Moab 200 men, all its warriors, and I led them up against Jahaz and seized it to add it to Dibon.

I built Aroer, and I made the highway in the Arnon valley.

I built Beth-Bamoth, for it was destroyed. I built Bezer, for it was in ruins.

And the men of Dibon were armed, for all of Dibon was under my command.

I ruled over 100 towns that I added to the land.

And I built... [damaged]

...with the prisoners of Israel. I built...

...the house of the king. I made... [damaged]

...broad cisterns in the midst of the city.

And there was no cistern in the city of Qarho, and I said to all the people: "Make yourselves every man a cistern in his house."

And I cut out the moat for Qarho by means of prisoners from Israel.

I built Qarho, the wall of the forests and the wall of the citadel.

And the men of Horonaim dwelled in it before. And the House of David lived in Horonaim...
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And Kemosh said to me, "Go down, fight against Horonaim and seize it."

And I went down and fought against the city, and I took it and Kemosh restored it in my days.

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