

Stele of Team Leader Imenyseneb

Uncertain provenance, very probably Abydos

Middle Kingdom, 13th dynasty, reign of Khendjer, c. 1750 BC

Painted limestone

H.: 1.07 m; W.: 54 cm; thickness : 11 cm

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Imenyseneb proudly recounts how the vizier's scribe summoned him, how he was ordered to clean up the temple of Abydos, how he supervised the complete restoration, inside and out, of this edifice built by Sesotris I, and finally, how King Khendjer in person, when passing through the city, declared his satisfaction with the work and richly rewarded Imenyseneb. Another stele erected by Imenyseneb, also in the Louvre, mentions the restoration of all the chapels in the temple, one by one, and the renovation of the altars used for offerings to all the gods.

This team leader certainly had something to be proud of, which is why he erected two steles, probably in the temple itself, recounting his efforts on behalf of the gods of the kingdom of the dead, Osiris and Upuaut, and recording for posterity the name of Imenyseneb, son of Uaemka and Lady Nebetit.



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