

# Map 81 Triakontaschoinos

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## Introduction

The map covers Lower Nubia and the eastern deserts of southern Egypt and northern Sudan from the First almost up to the Third Cataract. One fundamental caution applies to all study of this region: Lower Nubia for a distance of about 300 miles between the First Cataract and the Dal Cataract (north of Firka) now no longer exists, having been submerged by Lake Nasser. Evidence for its ancient topography, therefore, rests on three sources: ancient texts, modern travelers' descriptions, and the archaeological excavations and surveys conducted in connection with the construction of the several Aswan Dams during the twentieth century.

Since no attempt was made to determine the ancient course of the Nile prior to the creation of Lake Nasser, its channel is shown here as on the first edition of ONC J-5 (1960). In fact, the close correspondence of ancient and modern settlement sites in the region makes it probable that the channel here has not shifted significantly since 1000 B.C.

The settlement history of the region is a complex one. Almost throughout antiquity, rule over Lower Nubia was divided between Egypt and various states in the central Sudan subsumed under the general designation "Kush." During most of the period spanned by the map, the boundary between Egyptian and Kushitic territory lay approximately 85 miles south of the First Cataract at Hierasykaminos. Consequently, the sources contain toponyms in four ancient languages: Greek, Latin, Egyptian and Meroitic. The identifications proposed are based on the work of Priese (1984). Many of his equations, however, particularly with regard to places south of Hierasykaminos, must be considered hypothetical. Egyptian and Meroitic toponyms are imperfectly represented in classical sources (Desanges 1993, 30-31). Moreover the archaeological record is defective, since it stems from an excavation strategy that focused more on cemeteries and prominent structures (forts, temples, churches) than on settlement sites. Thus the full extent of ancient settlement can no longer be determined. The many still unidentified toponyms, however, suggest that settlement in Lower Nubia during the first millennium B.C. and the first half of the first millennium A.D. may have been considerably denser than the map can suggest.

The situation with regard to the deserts east of the Nile is different. Exploration of these regions has hardly begun. Even so, the results already achieved by Alfredo and Angelo Castiglioni in the Wadi Allaqi (southeast of Pselchis), and by S.E. Sidebotham in the vicinity of Berenice, indicate that a notable increase in the number of known sites here can be expected.

## Directory

All place names are in Egypt unless otherwise noted

## Abbreviations

Eg.	Egyptian
Mer.	Meroitic
TIR Coptos	Tabula Imperii Romani NG 36, <i>Coptos</i> , Oxford, 1958

## Names

Grid	Name	Period	Modern Name / Location	Reference
A5	<i>Abri</i>	ACHRL	SUD	Vila 1978, 42
D3	<i>Abu Fas</i>	HRL?		Castiglioni 1995, 177-78
F2	<i>Akathartos Kolpos</i>			See Map 80
B3	<i>Aksha</i>	HR		Vercoutter 1962
E4	<i>Alfawa</i>	HR?	SUD	Castiglioni 1995, 128-31
C3	<i>Aniba</i>	HRL	Eg.: <i>Mi'am</i> (2 <sup>nd</sup> millennium)	Weigall 1907, 115-19
C3	<i>Aramum</i>	HRL	Wadi el Arab Mer.: <i>Arere?</i>	Török 1998, 348-50
B4	<i>Argin</i>	HRL	formerly Argine SUD	Nordström 1962, 41-44; Prieze 1984, 490
B3	<i>Arminna</i>	HR	Mer.: <i>Adomn</i>	Török 1988, 209-11; D. Edwards
B3	<i>Ash-Shaukan</i>	RL		Klasens 1963
B3	<i>Ballana</i>	RL		Porter 1951, 123; Prieze 1984, 489
C2	<i>Beit el-Wali</i>	AHL		Curto 1965, 24
F2	<i>Berenice</i>			See Map 80
F4	<i>Berenice Panchrysos?</i>	HRL	Daraheib SUD	Castiglioni 1994, 19
E2	<i>Bir Abraq</i>	HR		Sadr 1991; Sidebotham 1995, 99-101; 1996, 372-77
E2	<i>Bir Abu Hashim</i>	HR?L?		Sadr 1991, 152; Sidebotham 1996, 377-78
F3	<i>Bir Meneiga</i>	RL?	EGY / SUD	Ball 1912, 31, 134-35
D2	<i>Blemmyes</i>	HRL	EGY / SUD	RE Blemyes; Wagner 1987, 395-97; Updegraff 1988
B4	<i>Boon</i>	AHRL	Buhen SUD Eg.: <i>Buhen</i>	Porter 1951, 129-39
C1	<i>Cataracta Prima</i>			See Map 80
B4	<i>Cataracta Secunda</i>	HR	SUD	LexÄgypt Katarakt(e)
C2	<i>Contra Pselchis</i>	R	Quban Eg.: <i>Baki</i>	Porter 1951, 82-84
C2	<i>Contra Tafis</i>	R	Tafa	Speidel 1988, 769
C2	<i>Contra Talmis</i>	R		Speidel 1988, 769
C2	<i>Dib</i>	R		Weigall 1907, 76
C2	<i>Dimri</i>	R		Porter 1951, 5
C2	<i>Dodekaschoinos</i>	CHR		C-D 2, 127
B4	<i>Dorginarti</i>	AC	SUD	Heidorn 1992, 122-50
C1	<i>Elephantine</i>			See Map 80
F2	<i>Erythr(ae)um/ Rubrum Mare</i>			See Map 4
A5	<i>Firka</i>	RL	SUD	Kirwan 1939
B3	<i>Forum Cambusis?</i>	AHR	Abu Simbel	Weigall 1907, 128-38; C-D 3, 61; Prieze 1984, 489
B4	<i>Gammai</i>	RL	SUD	Bates 1927
F2	<i>Gariya Mustafa 'Amr Gama</i>	L		S.E. Sidebotham
B3	<i>Gebel Adda</i>	HRL		Porter 1951, 119-23
B4	<i>Gezira Dabarosal Tamania?</i>	HRL	SUD Mer.: <i>Taman(e)</i>	Trigger 1965, 200; Prieze 1984, 490
C2	<i>Hieraschkaminos</i>	RL	el-Maharraqa	Weigall 1907, 93-95; C-D 3, 19
F2	<i>Hitan Rayan</i>	L		Sidebotham 1995, 96-97; 1996, 11-40
F2	<i>Hitan Rayan</i>	R		Sidebotham 1996, 398-400
B4	<i>Iken</i>	H	Mirgissa SUD	Porter 1951, 142
C2	<i>Ikhmindi</i>	L		Stenico 1960
F2	<i>el-Ileiga</i>	H		Sadr 1991; Sidebotham 1995, 97-98

Grid	Name	Period	Modern Name / Location	Reference
F2	<i>Kalalat 1</i>			See Map 80
F2	<i>Kalalat 2</i>			See Map 80
C2	<i>Kobosh</i>	HRL		Trigger 1965, 189
C2	<i>Kortia</i> § Corte	CHR	Qurta Eg.: <i>Keret</i>	Porter 1951, 50
F2	Lepte Akra			See Map 80
B4	<i>Meinarti</i>	HRL	island settlement SUD	Adams 1977, 360-61
C3	Nalot(e)	RL	Karanog	Woolley 1911
A5	Nilus fl. Noa = <i>Sedeinga</i>			See Map 74
C3	Nobatae	HRL		Adams 1977, 419-23
F1	Novum Hydreuma			See Map 80
B3	Pachoras	HRL	Faras Mer.: <i>Pakharas</i>	Porter 1951, 124-27
C2	Paptoulis?	HR	Ajuala	Monneret de Villard 1941, 24-25
C2	Parembolē?	HR	Dabod	Porter 1951, 1-5
A5	Pdeme	R	Amara SUD	Porter 1951, 157
F3	Pentodactylos M.	R	Gebel Ferayid EGY / SUD	C-D 4, 95
C2	Per-Ptah	HRL	Gerf Hussein Eg.: <i>Tutzis</i>	Weigall 1907, 81-83
C1	Philae			See Map 80
C3	Premis	ACHRL	Kasr Ibrim Mer.: <i>Pdeme</i>	Weigall 1907, 119-22
C2	Pselchis	HR	Dakka Eg.: <i>Pselqet</i>	Weigall 1907, 85-89; C-D 5, 144
F2	<i>Qalt al-Fagere</i>	RL		Sidebotham 1999
B3	<i>Qustul</i>	RL		Porter 1951, 123; Priese 1984, 489
	Rubrum Mare = Erythr(ae)um Mare			
C2	<i>Sabagura</i>	L		Bresciani 1962
A5	Say(e)?	ACHR	on Sai Is. SUD	Priese 1984, 492; Gratien 1986, 14-15
A5	<i>Sedeingal</i> Noa	AR	SUD Eg.: <i>Hat-Teye</i> Mer.: <i>Atiye</i>	Porter 1951, 166-67; C-D 3, 365
A4	<i>Semna</i>	AH	SUD Eg.: <i>Sekhem-Khakaure</i>	Porter 1951, 144-51
B3	<i>Serra</i>	HRL	Eg.: <i>Khesef-Medjau</i>	Hughes 1963; D. Edwards
C3	<i>Shablull</i> Tene?	HR		Porter 1951, 64-65; Priese 1984, 487; D. Edwards
C2	<i>Sheik Daud</i>	L		Velo 1964
F2	<i>Shenshef</i>	L		Murray 1926; Sidebotham 1995, 93-96; 1998, 411-40; 1999, 307-24, 371-83, 419-26
F2	<i>Shenshef</i>	R		Sidebotham 1996, 391-97
C3	Simalo?	RL	Amada	Weigall 1907, 101-107; Priese 1984, 488
A5	<i>Soleb</i>	A	SUD	Porter 1951, 169-74
C1	Syene			See Map 80
C2	Tachompso	ACHRL	Djerar Eg.: <i>Tekemsi</i>	Lloyd 1975 II, 118-20; C-D 4, 371
C2	Tafis	RL	Tafa	Weigall 1907, 64-67
C2	Talmis Tamanía? = <i>Gezira</i> <i>Dabarosa</i>	HRL	Kalabsha	Curto 1965; C-D 4, 345
C1	Telelis			See Map 80

Grid	Name	Period	Modern Name / Location	Reference
	Tene? = <i>Shablul</i>			
A4	<i>Tila</i>	RL	SUD	Edwards 1996, 106-14
A4	Triakontaschoinos	HR	EGY / SUD	RE Triakontaschoinos; C-D 5, 28
F2	Trog(l)odytae	HR	EGY / SUD	Burstein 1989, 108-15
C2	Tutzis	RL	Dendur	Blackman 1911
C2	Tzitzis	R	Qertassi	Weigall 1907, 61-63; C-D 4, 406
D3	<i>Um Garriat</i>	HR		Hume 1935, 711
F1	Vetus Hydreuma			See Map 80
F2	<i>Wadi Abu Dab</i>			See Map 80
D1	<i>Wadi el-Hudi</i>	R		Shaw 1993; Sidebotham 1996, 378-82
D2	<i>Wadi el-Hudi</i>	R	settlement and quarry	Shaw 1993; Sidebotham 1996, 378-82
C3	<i>Wadi es Sebua</i>			D. Edwards
F2	<i>Wadi Tum</i>	RL		Sidebotham 1999, 360-61

### Quarry

Grid	Location	Material	Reference
C1	S Syene	Gr	See Map 80

### Roads

Itinerary	Period	Reference
Philae → Hierasykaminos, W bank of Nile	RL	Monneret de Villard 1941, 1-15, 23-25, 32-33
Talmis → Pselchis, W bank of Nile	R	Hester 1970
Philae → Talmis, E bank of Nile	R	Hester 1970

### Unlocated Toponyms

Name	Period	Probable Location	Reference
Aboukhis	R		C-D 1.1, 5
Acina	R	64 m.p. S Kasr Ibrim	C-D 1.1, 44
Aedos	HR	W bank of Nile	C-D 1.1, 23
Aindoma	HR	E bank of Nile	Pliny, <i>NH</i> 6.178
Amodata	HR	E bank of Nile; Qustul? Mer.: <i>Amod</i>	C-D 1.2, 23
Andura	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 1.2, 38
Arabeta	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 1.2, 178
Aramum	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 1.2, 187 Aramam
Attenia	HR		C-D 1.2, 256
Autoba	R		C-D 1.2, 277
Bonchis	HR	Ballana? Mer.: <i>Boqh</i>	C-D 1.2, 72
Bongiana	HR	E bank of Nile	RE Boggiana
Cabantia?	L	Blemmye settlement? between Aswan and Kasr Ibrim	Rea 1979, 157
Censoe	HR	W bank of Nile	RE Gensoe
Chindita	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 5, 124
Chiris	L	Blemmye town in Dodekaschoinos	RE

Name	Period	Probable Location	Reference
Corambis	HR	E bank of Nile	Pliny, <i>NH</i> 6.179
Cystaepe	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 3, 170
Danant	L	Blemmye settlement? between Aswan and Kasr Ibrim	Rea 1979, 157
Eneum	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 2, 146
Endondacometae	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 2, 147
Erchoas	R		C-D 2, 179
Galles	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 2, 77
Gistate	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 2, 84
Goploa	HR	E bank of Nile	Pliny, <i>NH</i> 6.178
Grau Come	HR	E bank of Nile	Pliny, <i>NH</i> 6.179
Kleopatris	H	in Triakontaschoinos	Tscherikower 1927, 12
Lea	HR	E bank of Nile	RE
Leuphitorga	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 3, 194
Lint(h)uma	HR	W bank of Nile	C-D 3, 203
Magadale Parva	HR	E bank of Nile	RE Magada
Magassa	HR	W bank of Nile	C-D 3, 217
Mamuda	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 3, 231
Mania	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 3, 231
Meae	HR	E bank of Nile	Pliny, <i>NH</i> 6.178
Megada(le)	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 3, 248
Mogore	HR	W bank of Nile	C-D 3, 288
Moru	R		RE <i>Μόρου</i>
Nakis	R		C-D 3, 316
Nasarduma	HR	E bank of Nile; Toshka? Arminna?	C-D 3, 319
Parenta	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 4, 54
P(el)enariae	HR	W bank of Nile	C-D 4, 90
Philometris	H	in Triakontaschoinos	Tscherikower 1927, 12
Phoinikon	L	Blemmye town in Dodekaschoinos	Olympiodorus <i>FGH</i> 4.66, F 37
Phontauu	L	Blemmye settlement? between Aswan and Kasr Ibrim	Rea 1979, 156
Phthouri	R		RE <i>Φθούρι</i>
Pide	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 4, 136
Pindis	HR	W bank of Nile	C-D 4, 142
Pistre	R		C-D 4, 145
Prosda	HR	E bank of Nile	RE
Ptemithis	R		C-D 4, 201
Saea	HR	W bank of Nile	C-D 4, 234-35
Satachtha	R		RE <i>Σατάχθα</i>
Sesamos	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 4, 273
Sidopt	HR	W bank of Nile	C-D 4, 279
Spintum	HR	W bank of Nile	Pliny, <i>NH</i> 6.180; C-D 4, 307
Stadissis	HR		C-D 4, 308
Tabales	L	Blemmye settlement? between Aswan and Kasr Ibrim	Rea 1979, 157

Name	Period	Probable Location	Reference
Tama	R	72 m.p. S Hierasykaminos	C-D 4, 346
Tasitia	R		C-D 4, 356
Tathis	R		C-D 4, 338
Tautarene	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 4, 356
Tene? (Mer.)	HR	possibly Shablul?	Porter 1951, 64-65; Prieze 1984, 487; D. Edwards
Tessata	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 4, 402
Thapis	L	Blemmye town in Dodekaschoinos	Olympiodorus <i>FGH</i> 4.66, F 37
Zoton	HR	E bank of Nile	C-D 2, 199

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