

CARTOUCHES AND CULT EPITHETS OF THE PTOLEMIES

Below you will find selected examples of the cartouches and cult epithets of the Ptolemies. By necessity, the list is partial and incomplete. Many variations exist, and most of the rulers of Egypt had multiple versions of their titulary that changed over time. Likewise, the list below focuses on the kings named Ptolemy, but the queens of the Ptolemaic Period, often with the names Arsinoe, Berenice, or Cleopatra, played extremely important roles, had documents dated according to their reigns and cults, and were primary figures. Students should consult the following reference sources on Ptolemaic royal names:

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- Ronald J. Leprohon. *The Great Name: Ancient Egyptian Royal Titulary*. Writings from the Ancient World 33. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2013.

Ptolemy I Soter



stp.n-R^c mri 'Imn "One whom Re has chosen, beloved of Amun"

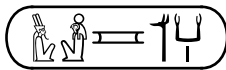


Ptwtlmys "Ptolemy"



ntr.wy nd.wy "two gods who save"

Ptolemy II Philadelphus



wsr-k3-R^c mri 'Imn "strong one of the spirit of Re, beloved of Amun"




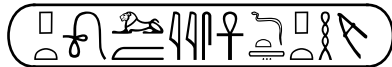
Ptwtlmys "Ptolemy"




ntr.wy sn.wy "sibling gods"

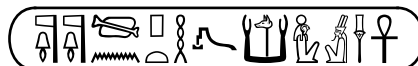
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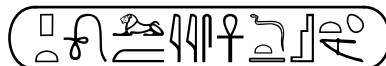
 | *iw' n ntr.wy sn.wy stp.n-R' shm 'nh 'Imn* “heir of the sibling gods, one whom Re selected, living image of Amun”


 | *Ptwlmys 'nh.(w) d.t mri Pth* “Ptolemy, ever living, beloved of Ptah”


 | *ntr.wy mnh.wy* “beneficent gods”

Ptolemy IV Philopator

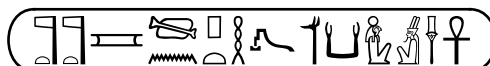
 | *iw' n ntr.wy mnh.wy stp.(n)-Pth wsr-k3-R' shm 'nh 'Imn* “heir of the beneficent gods, one whom Ptah selected, strong one of the spirit of Re, living image of Amun”

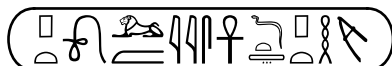
 | *Ptwlmys 'nh.(w) d.t mri 3s.t* “Ptolemy, ever living, beloved of Isis”


 | *ntr mri it=f* “father-loving god”

 | *ntr.wy (mri.wy) it.wy* “father-loving gods”


Ptolemy V Epiphanes

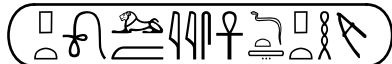
 | *iw' n ntr.wy mri.(wy) it.wy stp.(n)-Pth wsr-k3-R' shm-'nh-'Imn* “heir of the father-loving gods, one whom Ptah selected, strong one of the spirit of Re, living image of Amun”


 | *Ptwlmys 'nh.(w) d.t mri Pth* “Ptolemy, ever living, beloved of Ptah”

 ntr.wy pri.(wy) “manifest gods”

Ptolemy VI Philometor


 iw' n ntr.wy pri.(wy) stp.n-Pth-Hpri iri-m' t-Imn-R' “heir of the manifest gods, the one whom Ptah-Khepri selected, the one who performs the righteousness of Amun-Re”


 Ptwlmys 'nh.(w) d.t mri Pth “Ptolemy, ever living, beloved of Ptah”


 ntr.wy mri.(wy) mw.t “mother-loving gods”

Ptolemy VII → murdered as a youth

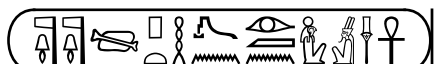
Ptolemy VIII Euergetes II

 iw' n ntr.wy pri.(wy) stp.n-Pth iri-m' t-R' shm-'nh-'Imn “heir of the manifest gods, the one whom Ptah has selected, the one who performs the righteousness of Re, the living image of Amun”

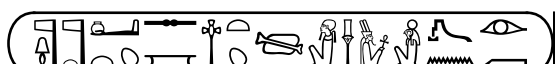
 Ptwlmys 'nh.(w) d.t mri Pth “Ptolemy, ever living, beloved of Ptah”

 ntr.wy mnh.wy “beneficent gods”

Ptolemy IX Soter II

 iw' ntr.wy mnh.wy stp.n-Pth iri-m' t-n-R' shm-'nh-'Imn “hier of the beneficent gods, the one whom Ptah selected, the one who performed the righteousness of Re, living image of Amun”

Variant:

 iw' ntr mnh ntr.t mri.(t) mw.t=s ndty.(t) stp.n-Pth iri-m' t-R' sh-'nh “heir of the beneficent god and the savior goddess who loves her mother, the”

one whom Ptah selected, the one who performed the righteousness of Re, living image of Amun”



Ptwlmys 'nh.(w) d.t mri Pth “Ptolemy, ever living, beloved of Ptah”



p3 ntr nty nhm “the savior god,” lit., “the god who saves”

Ptolemy X Alexander



iw' ntr mnh ntr.t mnht s3.t R' stp.n-Pth iri-m3'.t-R' snn-'nh-n-'Imn “heir of the beneficent god and beneficent goddess, daughter of Re, the one whom Ptah selected, the one who performed the righteousness of Re, living image of Amun”



Ptwlmys dd.tw n=f 'Irknsntrs 'nh.(w) d.t mri Pth “Ptolemy, who is called Alexander, ever living, beloved of Ptah”



p3 ntr mri mw.t=f “the mother-loving god”

Ptolemy XI Alexander II

*Not fully attested

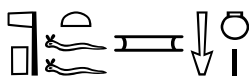
Ptolemy XII Neos Dionysus



iw' n p3 ntr nty nhm stp.n-Pth iri-m3'.t-n-R' shm-'nh-'Imn “heir of the savior god, the one whom Ptah selected, the one who performs the righteousness of Re, living image of Amun”



Ptwlmys 'nh.(w) d.t mri Pth 3s.t “Ptolemy, ever living, beloved of Ptah and Isis”



p3 ntr mri it=f snw=f “the father- and brother-loving god”

Ptolemy XIII Philopator

*Not attested

Ptoemy XIV Philopator

*Not attested

Ptolemy XV Caesarion

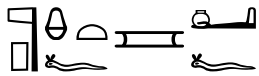


iw^c (n) p³ n_{tr} nty n_{hm} stp.n-Pth iri-m^c.t-R^c shm-^cn_h-n-^cImn

“heir of the savior god, the one whom Ptah selected, the one who performs the righteousness of Re, living image of Amun”



Ptwlmys dd.tw n=f Qysrs “Ptolemy, who is called Caesar”



p³ n_{tr} mri it=f mw.t=f “the father- and mother-loving god”