

Chapter 5

HATTIAN GODDESS IN THE HITTITE TEXTS: KAPPARIJAMU/ KAPPARIJAMUUA/KAPPARIJA-A.A

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INTRODUCTION

The Hittites were one of the Indo-European tribes in Anatolia who have built a great civilization in 2000 BC. It has been seen that the Hittites have systematically formed the phenomenon of religion and god that were created during all historical periods of mankind². The Hittites, who envisaged their gods as human beings, had a polytheistic belief system.

This work aims at a comprehensive approach to the Goddess Kapparijamu as one of the members of the community of Hittite gods in the direction of the data gathered from the Hittite cuneiform texts. The Hittite cuneiform texts that mention the Goddess' name are the following³:

Kapparijamu, whose name has been frequently mentioned in the Hittite cuneiform texts, is a goddess⁴ of Hattian origin⁵. The meaning of this goddess' name that has been often mentioned in

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² For the history and progress of the Hittite religion see: Arıkan, 1996: 271-285; Arıkan, 2018: 41-72.

³ Laroche, 1947: 27; Frantz-Szabó, 1976-1980: 400; van Gessel, 1998: 222.

⁴ McMahon, in 1991: 18, defines Kapparijamu as a goddess; nevertheless, Steitler, in "2017: 291 fn.909." does not define her as the goddess.

⁵ Laroche, 1947: 27; Frantz-Szabó, 1976-1980: 400.

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