

III Shomu 26

Chronokrater:

Hathor, Lady of Light (LGG4, 135, Dendera and Edfu)

Iah (LGG1, 147, Dendera)

Amun in [location lost] (LGG1, 306, Edfu)

Festival:

Birthday of Isis-Nepherses, Thrice-Great Goddess (Bricault 527; may have lasted 19 days in the Roman Period)

"If you see anything today, it will be good." (CC)

III Shomu 27

Chronokrater:

Hapi (i.e., the Nile) (LGG5, 44, Dendera)

Hathor, Lady of Radiance (LGG4, 113, Edfu)

Festival:

Heb-Sed (Sed Festival), Day 1 of 2: Procession of Hathor and Harsomtus (TFC Edfu; Edfu V, 358; LA2, 1037 notes that this procession repeats daily until IV Shomu 8 and this may be a reference to Reunion festival, occurring at the same time as Senwosret III's Heb Sed)

"Going in procession of Hathor, Lady of Dendera, and Harsomtus, to the south of the town. Stopping at the *maru*-chapel of Senwosret; they call it 'house of Behdety.' The face of this goddess is turned toward the south. Every ritual is performed for the Lord of Behdet (Edfu). Returning to the temple, and stopping in his temple (i.e., Haroeris of Edfu)." (TFC Edfu; Edfu V, 358; LA2, 1037)

"Do not go out of your house today. It is the day of sailing on the river, and of overthrowing the enclosure walls." (CC)

Heb-Sed is known from Egypt's prehistory. Usually celebrated at three-year, 10-year, or (most commonly) 30-year intervals, this two-day jubilee honors and reaffirms a king as vicar of the gods and the supporter of the people. The king spent the first day of Heb-Sed in ritual seclusion. On the second day, a public fitness demonstration was conducted, by making the king run a ritual lap around two monuments, and coronation ceremonies followed the public running.

