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# **The Role of the deceased King's Assistants in the Pyramid Texts:**

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## The Abstract

This Thesis aims mainly at surveying and investigating, in analytic and comprehensive study, the forms of assistants and the kinds of their aids which they offer to the deceased King. Moreover, the study tried to classify and to reveal more about these assistances. According to this target of the study, this study was divided into perface, introduction, four chapters, Appendix of table, such indeces and the biblography.

The first chapter includes the role of the deceased King's Assistnats against his enemies. This chapter, in turn, was divided to main five points which dealt with the aids which offered against the snakes, Seth and his followers, the deceased King's enemies, the threat which the deceased King's faces during his joirney in the Hereafter. Add to, this chapter took account of disclosing the deceased King's protecors in the Pyramids Texts.

The second chapters dealt with ressurecting the deceased King; the previous stage before his ascent to heaven. This divided into seven points which reveals about raising the deceased King from death, gathering his members and bones, opening his mouth, ears and nose, purifying the deceased King, adorning and censing him and finally providing him with the meals and the offerings.

The third chapter interested in the King's ascension to heaven and his motions through the regions of the sky. This chapter includes nine points as follows: the methods of ascension which, in turn, was divided into three points. These points are raising the King to sky, erecting a ladder for the King, helping the King to ascent to the Duat. This chapter also contains opening the gates for of heaven for the King, announcement his name to the Sun-god, giving a helping hand to the King, preparing and opening a way for the King, bringing a ferry-boat for the King and finally guiding the King through the regions of the sky.

The fourth chapter interested in the role of the deceased King in helping and protecting himself in addition to his role as the assitant of such gods. Since the Pyramid Texts are a collection of spells, it is difficult, but not impossible, to assign a sequential gropus that reveal the deceased King's destination and his motions in Hereafter, Thus, several results are shown in this study which exposed all kinds of helps presented to the deceased King in three chapters in addition to the ability of the deceased King to help, to protect and to defend himself, this ability which this thesis proved as a main result.

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