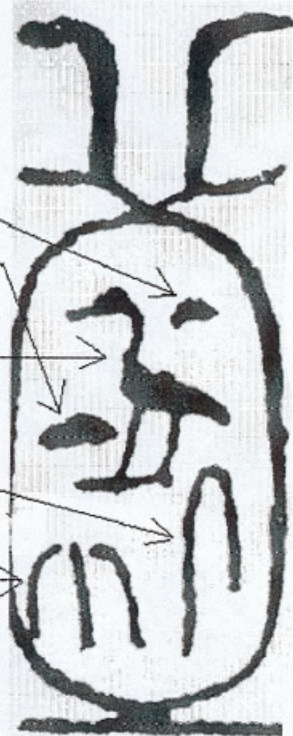


Cartouche of
Thuthmosis IV
(Actually "Thutmose")

- Alphabetic symbol for letter 't'
- Symbol for 'u'
- Symbol for 's' or 'sh'
- Symbol for "Mo"
- The 'is' at the end of "Thutmosis" is a Greek suffix and is not represented in this cartouche



This crude depiction helps us to see how "Ramesses" and "Thutmosis" are derived. There were 12 Ramessides and 4 Thutmossides. Thutmosis does not use the symbol for the "Su" that Ramesses does in his cartouche. Thutmosis means born of Thut or Tut instead of Ra as in Ramesses. It is most unlikely that the Hebrews (Israelites or Jews) in the 15th century BC would have transliterated either Ramesses or Thutmosis into the Bible with the 's'. They would say or write Ra-Moshe or Tut-Moshe. Thutmosis is not mentioned in the Bible though Thutmose III is probably the Shishak of II Chronicles 12:2 on the basis that he succeeded Hat-sheba-su-t (Hatshepsut). "Raamses" of Exodus 1:11 would have been "Ramoshe" so the fact that the name is written in the text of Exodus as "Raamses" very strongly suggests it was a much later addition to the text in the 5th or 3rd century BC when new and Greek editions of the Bible appeared.