The Represented Figures of the Mesopotamian Epic of Gilgamesh In the Ancient Relief Sculpture*

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Abstract

The research consists of:

Introduction: it includes an overview of dates, definition of mythology in Greek and French origin and its meaning in the modern era. It differentiates between them and other kinds of literature. The relationship between the myth and art: as shown in the myths of creation and artistic of inscriptions, statues and seals in ancient civilizations.

Epic of Gilgamesh: with the definition of hero and legendary story.

Scenes of the conflict in the legend: this notion of epic scenes in the following form:

- Conflict of Gilgamesh with Enkidu
- The conflict between Gilgamesh and Enkidu versus Hoawa, and against the bull of heaven.
- Conflict between Gilgamesh and the predator.

Central characters in the scenes of the myth:

Gilgamesh, Enkidu, Hoawa, bull of heaven, the human Scorpio, Gods (Chamash, Ishtar, Anne). At the end, the paper conclude with some results along with some sample pictures.

Key words: Epic of Gilgamesh, the myth and art, Scenes of the conflict

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