the first element is *šar(ru)*, Hebrew שַׂר [1]. It is probably composed with the gentilic suffix *-iyu*.

E 23-4 : (Var.) *Mrḏḥky.*—

Here we have two countries (?), a southern and a northern *Mrḏḥky*. The first element of the name probably contains *Maraṣ*, the westsemitic god known to us from 'Amorite' proper names [2].

E 25 : ... *'st[']ṯtm.*—

In this place-name Posener has recognized the well-known town of *Ashtaroth* in northern Transjordan, the present *Tell 'Aštarah*. It is frequently mentioned in the documents of the New Kingdom (list of Thutmosis III, No. 28—*'strt*); it appears as an important town in the 'Amârna tablets (*EA*, 197, 10; 256, 21—*Aštartu*) and in the biblical sources as the capital of the land of Bashan (*Dt.*, 1, 4; *Jos.*, 9, 20, etc.) [3]. In *Gen.*, 14, 5 the town is called עשתרות קרנים which in my opinion should be understood as '*Aštaroth in the land* (or *district*) *of Qarnaim*'. קַרְנַיִם is then an explanatory gloss of the editor after the foundation of the district of *Qarnaïm* (Assyr. *Qarnini*) [4].

E 26 : *'ḫwmwt.*—

As Semitic *'aḫu, brother* is regularly represented by Egyptian *'ḫ* in the execration texts [5], this place-name contains a West Semitic *'Aḫu-Môt* (*The god Môt is a brother*, cf. Hebrew אחימות) [6].

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[1] Cf. the name *'bš'* (Newberry, *Beni Hasan*, I, in the explanatory inscription on the description of Semitic caravans) explained by Albright as *Abi-šar*.

[2] Cf. the tribal and regional name *Idâmaraṣ* or *Abîmaraṣ*, Albright, *J.A.O.S.*, 45 (1926), p. 223 f.; Lewy, *Z.A.*, 1929, p. 253 f.; Dossin, *Syria*, 19 (1938), p. 109.

[3] Maisler, *J.P.O.S.*, 9, p. 84; Abel, *Géographie*, II, p. 255; Albright, *B.A.S.O.R.*, 89, p. 12, n. 33; Alt, *P.J.B.*, 29, p. 20 ff.

[4] On the province *Qarnini* see Forrer, *Die Provinzeinteilung des assyrischen Reiches* (1921), p. 62. There was even earlier an Aramaic province in Northern Transjordan with *Qarnaïm* as capital (cf. *Amos*, 6, 13).

[5] Albright, *B.A.S.O.R.*, 83, p. 36, n. 20.

[6] On the god *Môt*, see Cassuto, *B.J.P.E.S.*, 9 (1942), p. 42 ff.