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THE PLACE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF KIZZUWATNA IN HITTITE STATE

ABSTRACT

It is seen that Anatolia has an important place for the scholars who study the World History. In the ancient world, Anatolia which is not only affected by the cultures around but also affecting the cultures around, has always had a precious place. Anatolia has always been a region where many civilizations have arisen due to its geographical position and economical significance. One of the most important of these cultures is the Hittite civilization which established the first political unity in Anatolia through half a century.

The Hittite State is the oldest constitutional government of history in terms of both according right to other states and the inspection of the Hittite king by a council.

When analyzing the history of Kizzuwatna, it can be seen that; there are many treaties between the two governments based on the principle of equality. On the other hand, it is understood that, besides the political relations in between, Kizzuwatna had also an important impact on Hittite Culture and it transferred the Mesopotamian cultural aspects to the Hittite State.

In this thesis; the land of Kizzuwatna which was mentioned in Hittite texts and the places of them tried to be analyzed and presented as a whole by using also other sources in relation to this country.

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