

An Unpublished Coffin of *Mš-p3 di- p3 di- Ḥnsw* No. TR 18/ 1/ 27/ 12- SR 7/ 23548 at Egyptian Museum in Cairo  
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**General Description**

**The Number of the Coffin:** TR 18/ 1/ 27/ 12- SR 7/ 23548 at Egyptian Museum in Cairo

**Name of the owner :** *Mš-p3 di- p3 di- Ḥnsw*

**Dimensions:** Length: 174 cm, width at the shoulders: 46 cm, width at the feet: 29 cm, depth: 32 cm.

**Date:** Late Period **Status:** Good condition

**Location of found:** Unknown

The internal human coffin represents a distinctive example of late-period coffins, with its religious scenes and texts that illustrate its most important features, artistic characteristics, and the beliefs and symbols of the ancient Egyptians in this period.



**Distribution of scenes on the coffin lid from the outside**

The space allocated for the scenes and decorative elements depicted on the coffin lid from the outside is divided into two parts, as follows:

**1-Head the triple wig:**

The human coffin in question represents the deceased "*Mš-p3 di- p3 di- Ḥnsw*" wearing a long triangular wig with the ears visible at the bottom, and two strands falling on the chest, colored in blue and yellow, and the wig ends at the bottom with fringes colored in yellow.

**2-The face**

The face mask called *tp n sšt3* "hidden head" served primarily as a substitute for the head of the deceased.

**3.The scenes depicted in the center of the coffin lid from the outside**

**First row:** The scene of the judgement represents Chapter (125) of the Book of the Dead.

**Second row:** The falcon in its crouched, mummified form, wearing a minit pendant and above the sign "*hb*".

**Third row:** The mummy of the deceased in a recumbent position on the funeral bed.

**Fourth row:** Solar bark, the god "Ra-Hor-Akhty" was considered the guarantor of eternal life in the beliefs of the ancient Egyptians.

**Bottom section:** The scenes are designed vertically, and it includes:

In the center of the lower part of the lid was depicted the symbol *t3-wr*, represented vertically, surrounded by protection by four guardian entities represented in pairs in each row.

**Both sides of the coffin lid**

On both sides of the coffin lid are depicted double symmetrical scenes intended to provide additional guarding and protection for the coffin and its owner "*Mš-p3 di- p3 di- Ḥnsw*", such as the scenes representing the guardian entities of the deceased, and the symbols of resurrection and protection "*sn*" and "*tit*".



**Coffin feet**

On either side of the coffin's feet is depicted a crouching jackal, its body painted in dark black, with a whip on its back, and a Ma'at feather between its front claws.

**Second: The body of the coffin from the outside**

On the outside of the coffin, there is a large Dd column covering the entire back of the coffin, crowned with Atef crown. A red sun disk with rays falling on the background of the head.

**The head and feet of the coffin**

A - The scene at the head: The scarab *Hpry* was depicted at the center of the head of the coffin.

B- The Scene at the feet: At the feet of the coffin is depicted the god Apis in the form of a bull.

