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This paper deals with some aspects of the institutional history of Partho-Roman Mesopotamia, with a restricted focus on the city of Hatra, rightly pointed out as “a strategic key-stone” in the wide context of the Eastern Jezirah.

In his further reading of well-known epigraphic evidence, the Author discusses the political environment of this particular area of the Parthian kingdom and the chronology of the city’s sovereigns, recalling their titles in the inscriptions which qualify them either as “lords” (mry’) or as “kings” (mlk’). He argues that the change in the sovereigns’ titulature could mean an increasing prestige for the Hatrene rulers, probably with the great Parthian kings’ consent, and he guesses the progressive elevation of a selected part of the city’s society within the strategic layout of Northern Mesopotamia.

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