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- ¹ The Elamite text of the Bisotun monument has always been neglected with respect to the Old Persian text. After more than twenty years from the last treatment, published in 1993 by Françoise Grillet-Susini, Clarisse Herrenschildt, and Françoise. Malbran-Labat (*Journal Asiatique*, vol. 281), and waiting for the new trilingual edition edited by W.F.M. Henkelman and A. Kuhrt in collaboration with several scholars, Aliyari Babolghani has prepared the more reliable edition of the (second) Elamite text, completed with the minor inscriptions and labels on the figuration surface (lacking in

the 1993 edition except for DBI, referred there as §55 ‘ex 70’). The text has been collated on the rock of Bisotun, so that a number of new readings and restorations (checked against the actual available space) improve it. The transliteration, provided in Latin characters as customary, is accompanied by a Persian translation, an exhaustive introduction to the Bisotun monument, a grammatical sketch of Achaemenid Elamite with several new insights firmly based on the textual evidence, a full textual commentary (including comparisons with the texts in Old Persian and Babylonian), and a useful glossary.

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