Notes on Rock Carvings from Qatar

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The idea of preserving an image on stone seems universal to human behavior. Such carvings are found in most regions of the world. Petroglyphs are images made on rock surfaces for various purposes. They are generated by removing the rock surface to reveal a brighter underlying surface. The primary objective of this research is to study and categorize representations and symbols carved on the rocks at eight archaeological sites in Qatar to propose approximate dating and to draw attention to the urgent need of preservation.