

DAYR ANBA HELIAS (Naqadah)

A rock church in the mountain three miles west of the small town of Naqadah, on the left bank of the Nile. Several texts [deriving](#) from the [Theban](#) region speak of a *topos* of Apa Elias. W. de Bock (1901, p. 83) discovered this church, and thought that it was identical with the *topos* of these texts.

For these, the reader will find the essentials recorded by Winlock and Crum (1926, p. 113). Since the term *petra* (designating a monastery hollowed into the rock) evokes the site very well and it is read also on an [ostrakon](#) containing the catalog of a monastic library, a connection has been made with this site (Coquin, 1975, pp. 207ff.).

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