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Towards the Etymology of the Place-name Khoni

Summary

The place-name Khoni occurs in various parts of Georgia, also in Asia. It is hard to establish a link between the place-name of Asia Minor and the Kartvelian place-names. As for the Kartvelian one, it can be explained with regard of Georgian-Zan linguistic data.

The place-name is based on the name of an agricultural tool-khoni. This might be said based on the Zan materials connected with the agricultural process.

Names of tools rarely occur as place-names, but, however, they do. Such instances are supposed to be possessed by Old Georgian.

The kartvelian verbal and nominal material is noteworthy, where the traces of the names of ancient tools are seen. This is exemplified by 'xoni' which might be very archaic, and which has been preserved by the most stable unit - a place-name.