

Summary

Historical Background and Present Situation of Buddhist Stone Scriptures in the Northern Qi Dynasty

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This article reviewed the research history of Buddhist stone scripture in the Northern Qi Dynasty; compiled the “List of Northern Qi Buddhist Stone Scripture”; organized the name, location, distribution, age, author, and Buddhist community of Buddhist stone scripture of more than 200,000 characters in the Northern Qi Dynasty; discussed the stone carving technology, metallurgical technology, and calligraphy characteristics of the Northern Qi Dynasty; and analyzed the complex social background of the Northern Qi Dynasty (AD.550~577). The author came to the conclusion that although Northern Qi was only a short-lived regional regime at the end of the Northern Dynasties (AD.386~581), it objectively promoted multi-ethnic integration and made Chinese civilization more diverse.