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THE MANUSCRIPTS

The original content of each text has been calculated wherever possible, although closing dates remain uncertain when the final entries are missing, for there can be no assurance that a tablet was filled.

- A1 from Kuyunjik K 4329 (+) 4329a (+) 4329b
 Smith Canon I Ungnad C^a1
 Text: II R 68 no. 1 (K4329); II R 69 no. 4 (K4329a); III R 1 (whole text)
 Copy: Plates 1-2
 Six column tablet, ruled and written with care. 17.1 × 10.4 cm, bears Aššurbanipal palace mark.
 Commenced 910 BC, ended 659 BC.
 Scribal errors: 885 entry omitted; 874 ^{md}*šamaš-ub-la* against A2 []-ú-*pa-ḫír*; 814 ^{md}*bēl-ba-laṭ* for ^{md}*bēl-lu-ba-laṭ* as A8 and St.
- A2 from Kuyunjik K 4388
 Smith Canon II Ungnad C^a2
 Text: II R 68 no. 2
 Copy: Plate 3
 Six column tablet, ruled. 10.5 × 10 cm.
 Commenced 910 BC, ended 690-670 BC.
 Scribal errors: 840 ^{md}*bēl-abūya* for ^{md}*šamaš-abūya*; 738 ^{md}*adad-ukīn₂*ⁱⁿ for ^{md}*adad-bēlu-ukīn₂*; 736 ^{md}*ninurta₂-aya* for ^{md}*ninurta₂-ila-aya*.
- A3 from Kuyunjik K 4389
 Smith Canon III Ungnad C^a3
 Text: II R 69 nos. 3, 5
 Copy: Plate 4
 Roughly written tablet, 7.85 × 7.75 cm. The scribe began by ruling two columns on the obverse, then found his material was too extensive for four columns, so squeezed three on to the reverse. Apparently he made the vertical wedges of the masculine determinative for all the entries on the reverse before inscribing any names, in order to ensure that he could include all the names. When he entered the names he failed to align them exactly with the determinatives.¹
 Commenced c. 810 BC, ends 649 BC.
 Scribal errors: 687 ^{md}*aš-šur-aḫḫē*-[] for ^{md}*sīn-aḫḫē-erība*; 678 ^{md}*nabū* left unerased before the correct name, ^{md}*nergal-šarru₂-uṣur₂*.
- A4 from Kuyunjik K 4390
 Smith Canon IV Ungnad C^a4

¹ Cf. C. H. W. Johns, PSBA 25 (1903) 83.

Text: II R 69 no. 4

Copy: Plate 5

Flake from the obverse of a three column tablet, containing parts of columns ii, iii. 6.1 × 5.8 cm.

Present coverage 753-744, 718-702 BC.

Scribal errors: 748 ^{md}*aš-šur-bēlu-ukīn*₂ for ^{md}*adad-bēlu-ukīn*₂; 706 [*m*]*u-tak-lak-aš-šur* for ^m*mu-tak-kil-aš-šur*.

Where other texts have 'Royal name, king', A4 has 'Royal name, king of Assyria'.

A5 from Kuyunjik 82-5-22,121
Ungnad C^{a5}

Text: C. H. W. Johns, PSBA 18 (1896) 206; ADD 1098

Copy: Plate 5

Upper half of a small four column tablet, without rulings, surfaces badly worn. The tablet has the appearance of a Neo-Assyrian letter. Traces in column iv may be part of a colophon. 4.5 × 4.6 cm.

Commences 743 BC, end uncertain; present coverage 743-737, 722-713, 691-682 BC.

Unexplained variant at 718: ^m*aš-šur-mātu-ú-paḥ-ḥir*⁷ for ^m*zēru-ibni*.

A6 from Kuyunjik Rm 580
Ungnad C^{a6}

Text mentioned by F. Delitzsch, ZK 2 (1885) 175, n. 1 and C. Bezold, PSBA 11 (1889) 287; copy by J. A. Brinkman, NABU 1989, no. 3, p. 51

Copy: Plate 6

Upper right portion of a six column tablet, parts of columns ii, iii, iv remain, columns v, vi were probably blank. 5.8 × 5.5 cm. Each column had about 57 lines, so the list began with 911 BC. Present coverage 855-840, 798-782, 710-697 BC.

Scribal errors: 852 entry omitted.

A7 from Assur VAT 11254+11257+11276, 11258+11259B,
11260, 11255, 11256
Ungnad C^c

Text: KAV 21-24

Copy: Plate 7 (Copy by O. Schroeder. Schroeder copied the fragments separately, but the order of the eponyms shows that they can be arranged to form parts of a single tablet. L. Jakob-Rost kindly checked the arrangement proposed here but had reservations about the placing of the lower left piece.)

Ten column tablet, badly broken, columns i, ii lost. Approximately 16.5 × 12.5 cm.

The list began about 1200 BC, and ended with the post-canonical eponym Aššur-gimilli-tirri, according to the colophon.² Present coverage, excluding the Middle Assyrian section (see above, pp. 7-8), col. vi 872-860, 858-849, 846-836, col. vii 801-775, col. viii 751-719, col. ix 691-659.

² S. Zawadzki (SAAB 7 [1993]) has argued that the colophon refers only to the entries from Sennacherib's eponymate (687 BC) to the end of the text, reconstructing the number of years as 52, placing Aššur-gimilli-tirri in 636 BC. This has to remain a speculation; it would be unusual for a colophon to relate to the final part of the text only.

Scribal errors: 861 ^{md}ninurta₂-a² [] for A1 ^{maššur}-ila-aya (but cf. A8); 842 ^{mtak-lak-ana-aš-šur} for ^{mtak-lak-ana-šarri}; 783 ^{md}marduk₃-nāšir₂ for ^{md}ninurta-nāšir₂; 777 ^{md}šamaš-išdēya-ukīn₂ for ^{md}nabû-išdēya-ukīn₂; 738 ^{md}adad-bē[l]u-KUR for ^{md}adad-bēlu-ka²in₂.

The total number of years is given for each reign.

- A8 from Sultantepe SU 52/150
Text: STT I pl. LXIV, 47, obverse only
Copy: Plate 8 (copy by O. R. Gurney)
Four column exercise tablet (the reverse bears mathematical calculations); col. iv.9 to end repeats entries of ii.47 to iii.40 (i.e. 809-764 BC). Commenced 910 BC, ends 750 BC.
Scribal errors: 864 ^{maš-šur-bēlu-ušur}₂ for ^{mašamaš-bēlu-ušur}₂; 861 ^{md}ninurta₃-ila-aya for ^{maš-šur-ila-aya} (but cf. A7); 835 ^{maššep-d[šam]}aš for ^{maššep-šarri}; 825 ^{maššur-būna-aya} for ^{maššur-būna-aya-ušur}₂; 823 ^{marabulūl-aya} for ^{mbēl-būna-aya}; 785 ^{md}nergal-ú-bal-ú-liṭ for ^{md}adad-ú-bal-liṭ; 784 ^{md}nergal-šarru₂-ušur₂ for ^{md}marduk-šarru₂-ušur₂; 780 ^{md}šam-si-ušur₂ for ^{md}šam-si-ilu; 771 ^{maš-šur-šID}[] for ^{maš-šur-dān^{an}}; 761 ^{md}ninurta₂-mu[kīn₂-a]ḫi for ^{md}nabû-mukīn₂-aḫi; 757 entry omitted.
- A9 from Assur VAT 8249
Ungnad C^d
Text: KAV 20
Copy: Plates 9-10 (copy by O. Schroeder)
Five-sided prism, pierced vertically, listing eponyms by name, faces i, iii, and office, faces ii, iv, while on face v the office follows the name, indented, on the next line. 7.9 cm high, 3.8 cm wide.
Commences 719 BC, ends 662 BC; entries for 698, 697 BC lost.
Scribal errors: 693, 688 ^{mid}iddin-aḫḫē is titled governor of Šimirra, whereas the documents seem to style him governor of Dur-Šarruken for 693. There is variation in the titles for 677 and 676, here both are *sukkallu dannu*, but *sukkallu rabû* and *sukkallu šanû* in the documents.
- B1 from Kuyunjik K 51
Smith Canon V Ungnad C^{b1}
Text: II R 52 no. 1
Copy: Plates 11-12
Bottom and lower right portion of a carefully ruled and written tablet, baked in antiquity. 15.2 × 15.25 cm.
Covers 817-727 BC.
Scribal errors: the ruling after the entry for 734 BC is probably erroneous.
- B2 from Kuyunjik K 3403 + 81-2-4,187 + 95-4-6,4
Ungnad C^{b2}
Text: C. Bezold, PSBA 11 (1889) 286, pls. I, II (K 3403 + 81-2-4,187 only³)
Copy: Plates 13-14

³ The fragment 95-4-6,4, the upper right corner of the reverse, belonged to C. J. Rich, see L. W. King, ZA 10 (1895) 97, and was copied by Bellino. Smith and Ungnad wrongly treated it as the reverse of B8, see E. F. Weidner, AfO 13 (1939-41) 310.

Lower two-thirds of a carefully ruled and written tablet, almost an exact duplicate of B1.

Covers 810-746 BC.

- B3 from Kuyunjik K 3202
Smith Canon VIII Ungnad C^{b3}
Text: incorporated in F. Delitzsch, *Assyrische Lesestücke*, 2nd ed., 94; copy by J. A. Brinkman, NABU 1989, no. 3, p. 51
Copy: Plate 15
Flake from one face. 4.3 × 4.7 cm.
Covers 732-722 BC.
- B4 from Kuyunjik Rm 2,97
Ungnad C^{b4}
Text: C. Bezold, PSBA 11 (1889) 287, pl. III
Copy: Plates 15-16
Part of the right side of a carefully ruled and written tablet, baked in antiquity, possibly part of B1 (Bezold and Ungnad). 7.9 × 9.2 cm.
Covers 841-815, 721-706 BC.
The entry for 820 has an extra, illegible, word.
- B5 from Kuyunjik 82-5-22,526
Ungnad C^{b5}
Text: C. Bezold, PSBA 11 (1889) 287, pl. III
Copy: Plate 16
Flake from the upper part of one face of a tablet, the first line is a heading. 8.6 × 5.9 cm.
Commences 858 BC, ends 847 BC.
- B6 from Kuyunjik K 4446
Smith Canon VI Ungnad C^{b6}
Text: II R 69 no. 6
Copy: Plate 17
Lower left corner of a tablet, badly abraded, with small, slightly uneven writing, the longer entries cross vertical rulings. 6.7 × 7.5 cm.
Present coverage 818-803, 708-703 BC, implying that there were two main columns on each face.
- B7 from Kuyunjik K 10017
Ungnad C^{b7}
Copy: Plate 18
Translated by Smith, Canon, 55; transliteration by Ungnad, 435.
Fragment from left side of a tablet, one face only, probably part of B6. 4.0 × 5.6 cm.
Covers 701-699 BC.
- B8 from Kuyunjik K 14183
Smith Canon VII Ungnad C^{b8}
Text: Copy by J. A. Brinkman, NABU 1989, no. 3, p. 51⁴
Copy: Plate 18

⁴ As J. A. Brinkman has observed (*loc. cit.*, p. 49), this flake could be from a list of type A.

Translated by Smith, Canon 43, 47f.

Flake, probably from the obverse of a tablet. 2.6 × 2.75 cm.

Covers 828-821 BC.

B9 from Kuyunjik K 14304
Ungnad C^b10

Copy: Plate 18

Flake from one face, no rulings. 3.1 × 4.3 cm. Ungnad gave readings from this text for 787, 786, 785 BC, but they do not correspond with the signs visible now. While the fragment may cover 786-776 BC, the traces are too uncertain to permit identification, so the text has not been included in this edition.

B10 from Sultantepe SU 52/18 + 18A + 21 + 333 + 337

Text: STT I pls. LXII, LXIII, 46 + STT II pl. CCLI, 348

Copy: Plates 19-20 (copy by O. R. Gurney; the fragment STT 348 has been included in the copy given here, although made at a slightly different scale)

Badly damaged tablet with horizontal rulings only. 16.2 × 9.5 cm.

Covers 840-765 BC. This tablet is remarkable for its variant readings and orthographic peculiarities, some perhaps being colloquialisms.⁵ Where other texts have terminal *a-Cv*, B10 has *āC*: 780, 770 *tur-ta-an* for *tur-ta-nu*, 791 []-*iqīš-a-an* for ^m*bēl-iqīš-a-ni/-an-ni*, 779 [*r*]-*ém-a-an* for ^m*arduk-rém-a-ni*, 799 []-*a-an* for ^m*arduk-išme-a-ni/-išme-ni*; 794, however, has []-*ha-[n]a* for *tuš-ḥa-an*. Other variants include: *si-ḥi* for *si-ḥu* (823-820); []-*ḥa-li* for *ia-ḥa-lu* (821); [*bē*]^f-*ka-ša-bat* for ^m*bēl-qātē-šabat* (810); []-*ri-qa* for *ḥa-ta-ri-ka* (765). Where other texts have *ana* place, B10 has *ina* place at 835, 803, 800-795, 790-787, 785, 783-778, 774-769, 767-765. For 802 B10 has *ina tā[mti]* as against *ana muḥḥi tāmti*. At 835 and 765 it has the determinative *āl* instead of *māt*. Scribal errors are: 797 [*ki*]-*li-zi* for ^{al}*kal-ḥi*; 788 *uš-še ša' bīt 'nabû a-na 'ninua* for *uššu ša bīt 'nabû ša ninua*; 787 ^{al}*še-bi-su* for ^{al}*arba-ilu*; 784 ^m*adad,-mu-šá-mer'* for ^m*arduk-šarru,-ušur₂*; 770 *ina mar-ra-ti* for *ana 'ma-ra-ad*. Other variants are: 820 *si-ḥi* against B4 []-*x-ri-iš*; 818 []-*x si'-mat* against B4 []-*šum-me*; 778 [*nāg*]-*ir* for *nāgir ekalli*; 775 G15.A for ^{3ad}*e-re-ni*; 773 city name uncertain, but not *raq-mat*. At 831 BC the notice about the god of Der is omitted, while the note for 814 is set a year earlier.

Ungnad listed DT 142 as C^b9, but this fragment is vitrified and illegible, so cannot be included here, although it appears to have been a tablet of this type.

⁵ For this feature of the Sultantepe texts see W. G. Lambert, RA 53 (1959) 124f.