

A Join-piece to the Esarhaddon Prism

YOS 9.76¹

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The Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University possesses a small collection of cuneiform material, currently on deposit at the Yale Babylonian Collection. In addition to a few Ur III economic texts, this group includes the fragment of a prism (Peabody 6970), which investigation showed to be part of the object published by F. J. Stephens as YOS 9 no. 76 (YBC 2297).² Nothing is known of the provenience of the Peabody fragment, and all that can be said of YBC 2297 is that it was accessioned on February 23, 1935. YBC 2297 itself consists of a number of pieces, most of them now physically rejoined. It seems more likely that Peabody 6970 went astray from the Babylonian Collection earlier in this century than that the new piece made its way independently to Yale.

The join adds to lines ii 54–68 of YOS 9.76 and provides four fragmentary lines of column iii, which was not represented in the previously-published portion. These lines duplicate the text studied by A. Heidel and A. L. Oppenheim in *Sumer* 12 (1956) 16 ii 18–31, and 22 iii 27–30.³ They also correspond to the text given by R. Borger, *Die Inschriften Asarhaddons Königs von Assyrien*⁴, p. 51 B ii 23–26 (= ii 54–56 here), p. 52 B ii 27–31 (= ii 57–60), p. 47 B ii 32–41 (= ii 61–68), and p. 57 B iii 43–47 (= iii 1'–4').

I present here a copy of Peabody 6970, which includes the signs along the edge of the break in the relevant portion of YBC 2297. A transliteration is also provided, but I have omitted a translation, since such may be found in the previous editions by Heidel/Oppenheim and Borger. The dimensions of col. ii in the join-piece are 7.4 × 5.9 cm.

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² *Votive and Historical Texts from Babylonia and Assyria*, New Haven, 1937.

³ 'A New Hexagonal Prism of Esarhaddon (676 BC)'.

⁴ *AfO Beih.* 9 (Graz, 1956).

TRANSLITERATION

Col. ii

- 54) *a-ši-b[u-t]e* [KUR *Til-A-šur-ri*]
55) 𒊩𒌆𒀭 AŠ 𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭 UN.𒀭𒀭𒀭 KUR *Me-e[ḫ-ra-a-nu*
KUR *Pi-ta-a*']
56) *i-𒀭𒀭𒀭-bu-𒀭𒀭𒀭 zi-[kir-šú-nu]*

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- 57) *mu-sap-pi-ḫ* UN.MEŠ KUR [*Man-na-a-a*]
58) *Qu-tu-ú la šá-an-qu x* [
59) ^m*Iš-pa-k[a-]𒀭𒀭𒀭-a KUR Áš-gu-za-a-[a*
60) *kit-ru la [m]u-še-zi-bi-šú i-na-ru i-na GIŠ.[TUKUL]*

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- 61) *ṭa-rid* ^{md}[AG].NUMUN.ZI.SI.SÁ [DUM]U
^{md}AMAR.UTU.A.AŠ
62) *šá a-na* LUGA[L K]UR *E-lam-ti it-tak-lu-ma*
63) *la ú-še-zi-bu nap-šat-su*
64) ^m*Na-𒀭𒀭𒀭 id𒀭𒀭𒀭-di-Mar-duk* 𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭
65) *áš-šú e-piš* 𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭
66) *ul-tu qí-rib* KUR *E-lam-ti in-nab-𒀭𒀭𒀭-[ma]*
67) *a-na* 𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭.KI URU *be-lu-ti-ya il-lik-a[m-ma]*
68) *[ú-na]-𒀭𒀭𒀭-áš-ši-iq* 𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭 [ya ...]

Col. iii

- 1') *[a-]na* NINA[.KI URU *be-lu-ti-ya a-di maḫ-ri-ya*]
2') *il-𒀭𒀭𒀭-[am-ma ú-na-áš-ši-iq* 𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭𒀭
3') *re-e-m[u ar-ši-šú-ma aq-ta-bi-šú a-ḫu-lap]*
4') DINGIR.MEŠ-ŠÚ 𒀭𒀭𒀭 [áš-lu-la da-na-an
^d*Aššur* EN-ya]

COMMENTARY

Divergences from previously-known versions of the text are slight. There does not seem to be space in ii 55 for KUR *Pi-ta-a*, and there is a vertical wedge at the end of ii 58 which does not correspond to anything in the other versions, in which ^m*Išpakaya* follows directly upon *šanqu*.

YBC 2297
= YOS 9.76

ii 55

a-ši-

ša Aš

i-

mu-

Qu-tu-

^mIš-pa-

60

kit-ru

ta-rid

Ša a-na

la

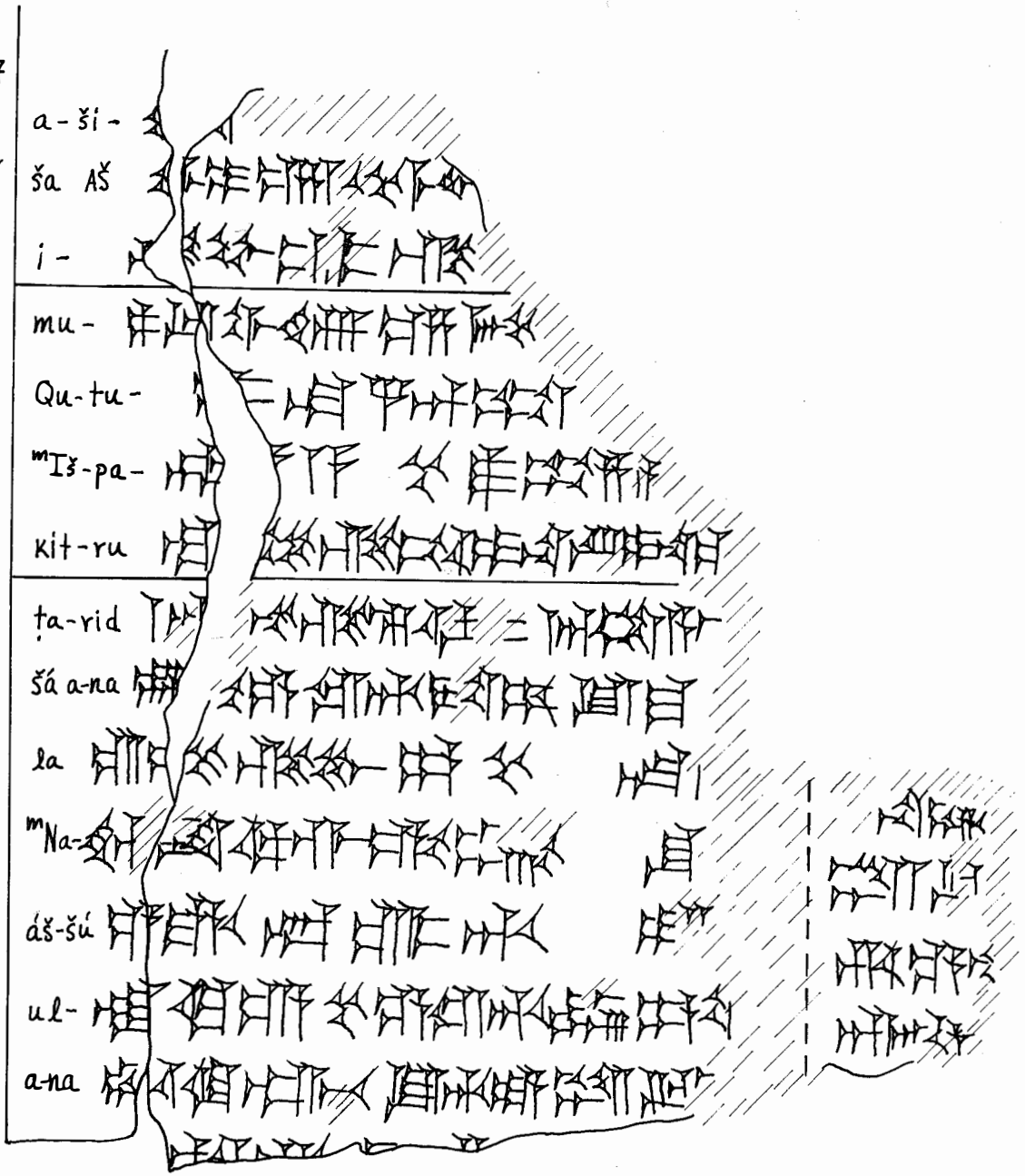
^mNa-

65

aš-šú

ul-

a-na



iii

col. ii 7.4 x 5.9 cm.