## Sîn-iqīšam and the Fourteen Statues for Nippur

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A recent study of the year names of Sîn-iqīšam by M. Stol<sup>1</sup> has determined that the name of what is probably the fourth year of the king reads:

u 14 URUDU.alam nibru.KI-(šè) (ù) 3 GIŠ.gu-za bára-maḥ (var. kù-GI) [(x)] alam-<sup>d</sup>utu <sup>d</sup>šè-ri<sub>3</sub>-da kù-GI šu-du<sub>7</sub>-a ... é-<sup>d</sup>utu-šè (var. ra) (var. èš-é-babbar-šè/ra) i-ni-in-ku<sub>4</sub>-re (and vars.)<sup>2</sup>

'The year: he brought fourteen copper statues into Nippur (and) three lofty (var. golden) throne daises, (and) perfect golden statues of Utu and Šerida into the temple of Utu (var. into the shrine Ébabbar).'

During the reign of Sîn-iqīšam of Larsa, Nippur was firmly under the control of Larsa, and the introduction of the 14 statues into the city was a way of symbolizing that control. That statues were indeed brought into the city at this time is confirmed by the evidence of the tablet NBC 11203 = 5NT 91, a tablet from the archives of the Ešumeša temple in Nippur studied by M. Sigrist.<sup>3</sup> This contains an offering: URUDU.alam <sup>d</sup>EN.ZU-i-qí-ša-am lugal 4-bi, '(for) the four copper statues of Sîn-iqīšam'.<sup>4</sup> The tablet itself is dated to year five of Sîn-iqīšam, that is to the year after the year named for the introduction of the statues into Nippur.

The introduction of a large number of statues into Nippur is described in a copy of a royal inscription of a Larsa king known from a hitherto unpublished tablet from Nippur in the University Museum in Philadelphia. The king's name in the text is incomplete, but should be restored Sîn-iqīšam. The text is offered

here through the courtesy of A. Sjöberg, curator of the tablet collection. The text, a join of two fragments, CBS 7861 + 7865, is not completely preserved. The remains of six columns on the obverse and six columns on the reverse are extant (see copy), and probably indicate the full width of the original tablet. From the thickness at the break, it can be estimated that approximately one half of the tablet is missing at the bottom. The preserved portion measures  $10.0 \times 12.4 \times 1.7$  cm. The edition offered here, prepared by M. W. Green, is an important new addition to the corpus of Larsa inscriptions. Apart from a copy of a short text dealing with Kudur-mabuk,5 this is the only copy of a Larsa king's inscription known from Nippur, and with an original length which must have been at least 480 lines, is the longest royal inscription of the Larsa corpus.

#### CBS 7861 + 7865

#### **TRANSLITERATION**

#### Col. i

- 1 [d] Fen-lil₂¬
- 2 en-u<sub>18</sub>-ru
- 3 aš-a-ni mah
- 4 za₃-dib an-ki-a
- 5 sipa-da edin
- 6 [k]ilib<sub>3</sub> zi-gal<sub>2</sub> / tum<sub>2</sub>-tum<sub>2</sub>-mu
- 7 nig<sub>2</sub>-a-na
- 8 mu sa₄-a
- 9 en<sub>3</sub> tar-ra
- 10 「x x¬-na-us₂
- 11 [x] 「x¬ ni
- 12-15 [...]
- 16 [...] ni
- 17 [...] Гх<sup>¬</sup> ы
- 18 [...] ni
- 19 [...] Гх<sup>¬</sup>

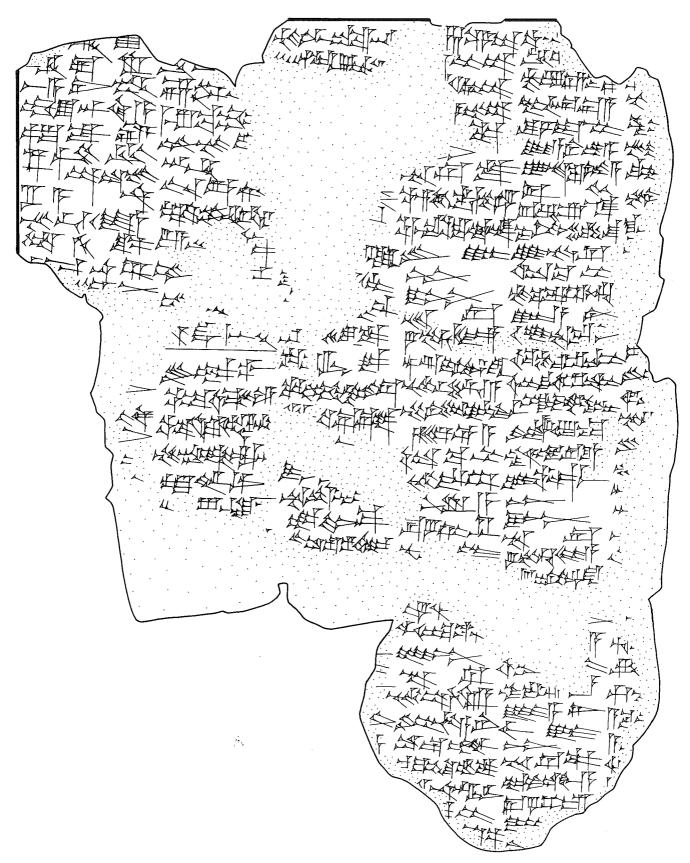
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>M. Stol, Studies in Old Babylonian History, pp. 23-27.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>*Ibid.*, p. 26. The reconstructed year name is a conflation of *YOS* 5 no. 61 and no. 167.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>See M. Sigrist, 'Les Satukku dans l'Ešumueša durant la période d'Isin et Larsa', *Bibliotheca Mesopotamica* 11, pp.

<sup>41</sup>bid., p. 112, l. 24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>See D. Edzard, AfO 20 pp. 159-61.



Obverse

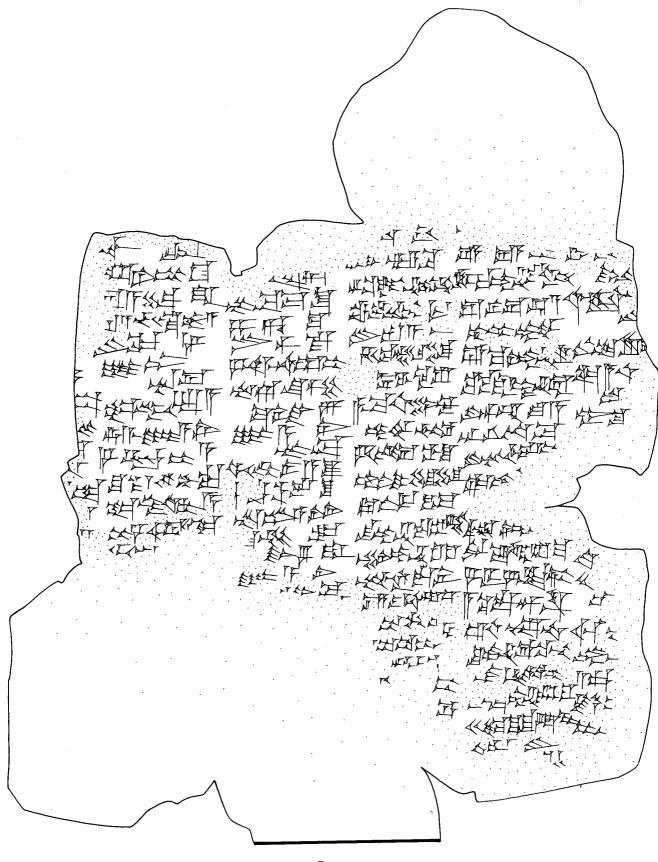
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20 [] Γ <sub>X</sub> (broken)	
Col. ii	
1-2 [] 3 en ¬x¬ [] 4 kalam-du <sub>10</sub> -ga [x (x)] 5 me kilib <sub>3</sub> -ba za <sub>3</sub> -k[eš <sub>2</sub> ] 6 lugal-mu-ra 7 <sup>d</sup> EN. ⟨ZU-i-qi <sub>2</sub> -ša-am⟩ 8 nita-kalag-ga 9 sipa ša <sub>3</sub> -du <sub>10</sub> -du <sub>10</sub> / nibru-ki-k[e <sub>4</sub> ] 10 u <sub>2</sub> -a u[ri <sub>2</sub> -k]i-ma 11 lugal [arar-k]i-ma 12 lug[al-ki-e]n-[gi] 13 [k]i-ur[i]-me-en	
14 lu <sub>2</sub> bad <sub>3</sub> -gal 15 arar-ki-ma mu-du <sub>3</sub> -a 16 arar-ki uru-ul 「x¬ an-[ki] 17 mu-maḥ bi <sub>2</sub> -in-tuku-tuku-/me-「en¬ 18 sipa ni <sub>2</sub> -tuku 19 「lu <sub>2</sub> e <sub>2</sub> -x-x¬ 20 [mu-du <sub>3</sub> ]-「a¬ (broken)	
Col. iii	
1 nam-šita-aš gub-ba-me-en 2 Γalam-zabar 7-ta Γx 7 3-6 [] 7 [] Γx 7 8 [] Γx 7 9 [ z]abar-ra-/ta 10 š[u]-du <sub>7</sub> 11 [] Γx 7 12 [] Γx 7 13 Γeš <sub>3</sub> -e <sub>2</sub> 7-kur-ra-ka 14 sag-g[a <sub>2</sub> ] tuku-tu[ku-d]e <sub>3</sub> 15 inim-du <sub>10</sub> za <sub>3</sub> -mi <sub>2</sub> nam-lugal-ga <sub>2</sub> 16 Γx 7 ki ga <sub>2</sub> -ga <sub>2</sub> -de <sub>3</sub> 17 [alam-ne <sub>2</sub> -n]e <sub>2</sub> 18 dumu-Γne <sub>2</sub> -ne <sub>2</sub> 7 19 ir. lu. ki-Γx 7-[x]	
19 ir <sub>3</sub> lu <sub>2</sub> ki-¬x¬-[x] 20 bi <sub>2</sub> -in-dim <sub>2</sub>	
20 bi <sub>2</sub> -m-dim <sub>2</sub> 21 mu du-ri <sub>2</sub> gi <sub>4</sub> -de <sub>3</sub>	
22-24 []	
(fragment)	
25 [] 26 [b]i	
27 []	
28 [ lug]al	

29 [...]-a<sup>?</sup>

(broken)

### Col. iv 1 [n + ] 6 sila<sub>3</sub> ninda-ta 2 [n s]ila<sub>3</sub> kaš-ta 3 $[n \text{ sil}]a_3 \text{ kurun}_3$ -ta 4 [n sila₃] ninda-duḥ-ta $5 [sa_2^?]-du_{11}$ 6 [alam-ne<sub>2</sub>]-ne<sub>2</sub> 7 ir<sub>3</sub>-ga<sub>2</sub>-ka 8 u₄-aš-a ur₅-gin₁ hu-mu-ni-gar 9 u<sub>4</sub>-me-da u<sub>4</sub>-da egir-bi-še<sub>3</sub> 10 lu<sub>2</sub> alam-ne<sub>2</sub>-ne<sub>2</sub> 11 dumu-ne<sub>2</sub>-ne<sub>2</sub> $12 ir_3-ga_2$ 13 nig<sub>2</sub> mu-sa<sub>4</sub>-a 14 an-zil i-ni-in-gar-ra 15 nu-ub-zi-re-a 16 mu-ni li-bi<sub>2</sub>-ib<sub>2</sub>-/ḫa-lam-e-a 17 ki-gub-ba-bi 18 [n]u-ub-da-ab-/kur<sub>2</sub>-ru-a 19 e<sub>2</sub>-nig<sub>2</sub>-GA-ra 20 $\text{nu-b}[i_2]-ib_2-/[ku_4-ku_4-a]$ 21-22 [...] (fragment) 23 [ka]š ninda \( \mu\_6 \cap - \left[ di-de\_3 \right] \) 24 im-mi-ib?-gub?-b[a?-a] 25 alam-ne<sub>2</sub>-ne<sub>2</sub> 26 ir<sub>3</sub>-ga<sub>2</sub> 27 nu-ub-ta-ku₅-ru-a 28 lu<sub>2</sub>-bi bala-a-ni 29 du-ri<sub>2</sub> he<sub>2</sub>-im 30 giš-tukul-bi ki-me<sub>3</sub>-ka 31 [gaba-r]i na-an-tuku-tuku 32 [...] 「x¬-bi 33 [ḫe₂-em]-「ta¬-sig₃ Col. v 1 $u_4 \lceil x \rceil [...]$ 2 enkar giš-[...] 3 nam-sipa-kalam-ma-še<sub>3</sub> 4 ib<sub>2</sub>-ši-ga<sub>2</sub>-ga<sub>2</sub>-a 5 tukum-bi 6 alam-a-ni he2-a 7 alam-ir<sub>3</sub>-da-ni he<sub>2</sub>-a 8 e<sub>2</sub>-kur 9 $e_2$ -den-lil<sub>2</sub>-la<sub>2</sub>-še<sub>3</sub> 10 i-ni-in-ku<sub>4</sub>-ku<sub>4</sub> 11 alam-ir<sub>3</sub>-ga<sub>2</sub> 12 ki-gub-ba-bi 13 nam-ba-da-ab-kur₂-re 14 alam-a-ni 15 igi-alam-ir₃-da-ni 16 ki-ba nam-ba-ab-gub-be<sub>2</sub>

17 ki-bi-še<sub>3</sub> na-ab-gub-be<sub>2</sub> 18 bar-bi-še<sub>3</sub> he<sub>2</sub>-bi<sub>2</sub>-ib<sub>2</sub>-gub-be<sub>2</sub>



Reverse

19 lu <sub>2</sub> -a <sub>2</sub> -nig <sub>2</sub> -ḫul-dim <sub>2</sub> -ma	33 「x┐[]
20 ib <sub>2</sub> -ši-ag <sub>2</sub> -ga <sub>2</sub> -e	(broken)
21 alam-zabar-	
$22 \text{ ne}_2\text{-ne}_2$	
23 dumu-ne <sub>2</sub> -ne <sub>2</sub>	
24 ir <sub>3</sub> -ga <sub>2</sub>	Rev. i
25 nig <sub>2</sub> mu-sa <sub>4</sub> -a	1' 「x¬ [] / in-n[a]
26 [an]-zil i-ni-in-gar-ra	2' ki ḫub 「x¬ [] / l[u <sub>2</sub> ]
27 []	3' lu <sub>2</sub> -erim <sub>2</sub> -n[i]
(fragment)	4' ka-a ki [] / DU []
28 []-ni	
29 []-a	5' giri <sub>3</sub> šu []
30 ki-g[ub-ba-b]i	6'-10' []
31 ib <sub>2</sub> -da-ab-\(\frac{1}{2}\)ru-a\(\frac{1}{2}\)	11' ša <sub>3</sub> -[]
32 alam-a-ni	12' gam [] / 「x¬ []
33 igi-alam-	13' igi-la <sub>2</sub> m[u]
34 ne <sub>2</sub> -ne <sub>2</sub>	$14'$ $\text{he}_2\text{-e[n]}$
35 ir <sub>3</sub> -ga <sub>2</sub> -ka	15' a kal []
36 bi <sub>2</sub> -ib <sub>2</sub> -gub-bu-a	16' nam-tar [x7 []
37 e <sub>2</sub> -nig <sub>2</sub> -GA-ra	17' 「x¬ [] / []
38 alam-[ne <sub>2</sub> -ne <sub>2</sub> ]	18' 「x¬ []
39 i[r <sub>3</sub> -ga <sub>2</sub> ]	(broken)
	Rev. ii
[40] [bi <sub>2</sub> -ib <sub>2</sub> -ku <sub>4</sub> -ku <sub>4</sub> -a] (broken)	
(blokell)	1' 「x¬ []
Col. vi	2' un-un-bi
1 2 [ ]	3′ 「giš-tukul¬ ḫe₂-en-da-šub-be₂
1-2 []	4′ uru-ni e₂-ri-a
3 「X7 []	$5'$ $\operatorname{\Gammaar_2}^2$ - $\operatorname{ar_2}^2$ $\operatorname{he_2-im}$
4 「XT []	6′ kalam-ma-ni ḫe₂-en-šub
5 ib <sub>2</sub> -t[a]	7′ du₀-du₀-ra ḫe₂-en-šid
6 mu-s[ar-ra-ba]	8' lu <sub>2</sub> dsuen-a
7 šu b[i <sub>2</sub> -ib <sub>2</sub> -ur <sub>3</sub> -ru-a]	9′ <sup>d</sup> nanna-gin <sub>7</sub>
8 mu-n[i bi <sub>2</sub> -ib <sub>2</sub> -sar-re-a]	10' lu <sub>2</sub> mu-ši-da-b[e <sub>2</sub> ]
9 aš <sub>2</sub> -b[al-a-ba-ke <sub>4</sub> -eš lu <sub>2</sub> -kur <sub>2</sub> ]	11′ sag ḫe₂-「x¬ [] / []
10 š[u ba-an-zi-zi-a]	12′ šu-maḫ-ni ḫe₂-「x-x¬
11-14 []	13′ su₃-da ḫa-ra-ab-dab₅
15 「x¬ []	14′ nig₂-tuku nig₂-sa₄-ga
16 lu <sub>2</sub> -[bi lugal he <sub>2</sub> -a en he <sub>2</sub> -a]	15′ a-ba-da-an-tak₄
17 $u_3 \mid [u_2-u \mid u_3 \mid sag-zi-gal_2]$	16′ uru ki nu-zu-na
18 mu-s[a₄-a ḫe₂-a]	17′ šu ḫe₂-en-dag-ge₄
$19 \ lu_2-[ba]$	18' Гфе <sub>2</sub> -gal <sub>2</sub> si <sub>3</sub> -si <sub>3</sub> -ga7
20 m[u na-an-tuku-tuku]	19′ √x šu ḫe₂-en-da-an-dab₅¬
21 <sup>d</sup> []	20′ 2-kam-ma-še₃ tukum-bi
22 <sup>d</sup> []	21′ 「u₄-da¬ lu₂
23 n[am ha-ba-an-da-kus-ru-ne]	22′ [] 「x¬
24 k[i <sup>?</sup> ]	(broken)
25 []	D
(fragment)	Rev. iii
26 「x¬ []	1′ [x] 「na x x¬
27 hu-m[u]	2' 「x ak-a-gin₁¬
28 <sup>d</sup> en-[ki lugal-abzu]	3' dutu-ra he2-en-ta-gi4-gi4
29 nun 「x¬ []	4' kar 「x x x x ¬
$30 i_7$ - $\Gamma X \Gamma []$	5′ lu² kaš₄?-a-aš / ḫa-ba-an-ku₄-ku₄
31 「a x l []	6' [x] Γe₂¬-gal-la-ke₄
32 「u <sub>3</sub> ?¬ []	

6' [...]-NE 7' [...] Γχ٦

8' [...] \[ \Gamma \]

**TRANSLATION** 

1 (For) Enlil,

2 the mighty lord

outstanding

praise of my kingship,

17 he(?) had the statue of so-and-so,

3 who is uniquely exalted,

(broken)

Col. i

7' a-gin, ki-lul-la / he2-em-bal-e 8' nig-gig e<sub>2</sub>-gal-še<sub>3</sub> 9' he2-ni-in-ku4-ku4 10′ uru-ni 「ur-gi<sub>7</sub>-gin<sub>7</sub>¬ 11' šu he<sub>2</sub>-en-da-ab-zi 12' mu-ni he2-en-LAGAB. LAGAB 13′ mu-pa₃-da-ni 14' kalam-ma na-an-ga2-ga2 15′ [x]- Гta x x x ¬ 16' [x] 「ab-ta-x-x¬ 17'  $[x x] \lceil an x x \rceil [x]$ 18′ 「x¬ [...]-Гbi¬ 19' [...]-e (broken) Rev. iv 1' [...] / \(\Gamma \text{ir}\_3 - ga\_2 \Gamma\) 2' mu-dim<sub>2</sub>-ma-še<sub>3</sub> 3' za-ri-ku 4' lu<sub>2</sub>-mas<sub>2</sub>-su 5' nig<sub>2</sub>-na-me na-ab-be<sub>2</sub> 6' ir<sub>3</sub>-ga<sub>2</sub> šu-zi / ba-ni-in-gar 7' alam-a-ni / mu-dim<sub>2</sub> 8' u<sub>4</sub>-ul-li<sub>2</sub>-a-še<sub>3</sub> 9' Γegir \ u₄-da-še₃ 10′ ir₃ lugal-a-ni-ir 11' [š]u-zi bi<sub>2</sub>-/in-gar-ra 12' alam-a-ni / [b]i<sub>2</sub>-in-dim<sub>2</sub> (broken) Rev. v 2' 「x¬ AB ni gaba-še₃ 3' e<sub>2</sub>-a ku<sub>4</sub>-ra 4' 「e₂¬ a ti-la he₂-a 5' lu<sub>2</sub>-inim-gar 6' alam-ne<sub>2</sub>-ne<sub>2</sub> / ir<sub>3</sub>-ga<sub>2</sub> 7' bi<sub>2</sub>-ib<sub>2</sub>-hul-a 8' muš<sub>3</sub>-me alam-a-ni 9' nig<sub>2</sub>-sa<sub>6</sub>-bi-a 10′ šu 「x¬ ša₃ gid₂-da 11' bi<sub>2</sub>-ib<sub>2</sub>-si<sub>3</sub>-ga 12' kaš ninda u6 di-de3 13' 「im-mi¬-[ib-gub-ba-a] [14'] [alam- $ne_2$ - $ne_2$ ]

[15']  $[ir_3-ga_2]$ 

1′ [...]-Га<sup>¬</sup>

3' [...] \(\Gamma\)

4' [...] Γ<sub>X</sub>¬

5′ [...]-Γx٦

2' [...]-ta

(broken)

Rev. vi

[16'] [ $ib_2$ -ta- $ku_5$ -ru-a]

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4 who surpasses (all) in heaven and earth, 5-6 the one who, (like) the shepherd of the steppe, protects all living creatures 7 and to everything 8 which can be named 9 gives direction, 10-20 ... (continuation of epithets in praise of Enlil) (broken) Col. ii 1-4 ... 5 who keeps in order all the divine ordinances 6 for him, my king, (I dedicate this). 7 I am Sîn-iqīšam, 8 the mighty hero, 9 the shepherd who pleases Nippur well, 10 the provider for Ur, 11 king of Larsa, 12 king of Sumer 13 and Akkad. 14-15 I am the man who built the great wall of Larsa 16 and (for) Larsa, the ancient city, the ... of heaven and earth, 17 gained exalted fame. 18 (I am) the pious shepherd, 19-20 the one who built the temple of ..., (broken) ... (continuation of epithets in praise of the king) 1 I am the one who presents ... as a dedicatory prayer. 2-8 ... 9-10 had them expertly fashioned of bronze 11-12 ... 13-14 to make the ... of the shrine Ekur

15-16 and ... to establish inspiring words in

18 son of so-and-so. from its dedicatory location. 19 servant of the man who ..., 14-16 Let him not stand his own statue in that place in front of the statue 20 fashioned. 21 To ... for everlasting years of his servant. 17-18 Let it be kept in its place and let 22-29 ... him stand (his own statue) behind it. (fragment) 19-20 (As for) whoever inflicts (broken) evil-intentioned violence Col. iv 21 upon the bronze statue 1 n + 6 sila of bread, 22 of so-and-so, 2 *n sila* of beer. 23 son of so-and-so, 3 n sila of wine, 24 my servant, 4 and *n sila* of bran bread 25 which has been empowered by a name 5 as regular offerings 26 and placed under the protection of a taboo, 6 for the statue of so-and-so, 27 (or) ... 7 my servant, (fragment) 8 I hereby establish on a daily basis. 28-29 ... 9 From this day on and unto all future time, 30-31 or removes it from its 10 (concerning) the statue of so-and-so, dedicatory location 11 son of so-and-so, 32-36 or places his own statue 12 my servant, in front of the statue of 13 which has been empowered by a name so-and-so, my servant, 14 and placed under the protection of a taboo: 37-40 or puts the statue of so-and-so, 15 whoever does not smash it, my servant, away in a storehouse, 16 does not deface its inscription, (broken) 17-18 does not remove it from Col. vi its dedicatory location, 1-5 ... 19-20 does not put it away in a storehouse, 6-7 or erases its written inscription 8 and writes his own inscription, 21 (does not) ... 22 ... 9-10 or because of this curse incites (fragment) someone else (to do so), 23-27 whoever does not discontinue the beer and 11-15 (or) ... bread rations which have been 16 that man, be he king or *en*-priest 17 or be he ordinary citizen or any living person established to honor the statue of so-and-so, my servant -18 of any name, 28 may that man's reign 19 may that man's 20 name never be remembered. 29 be long lasting. 30 In the field of battle may his weapon 21 May the god ... 22 and the goddess ... 31 have no rival. 23 lay their curses upon him. 32-33 May he defeat 24-27 (May) ... his ... (fragment) Col. v 28 May Enki, the king of the Abzu, 1 In the time of (any future king) 29 the prince of ... 2-4 who has been granted the staff 30 ... the river ... and ... for the shepherding of 31-33 ... the country— (broken) Rev. i 6-10 he has either his own statue or a statue of one of his servants 2' At a place of defeat ... brought into the Ekur, the temple

of Enlil,

11-13 let him not displace the statue of my servant

3' may his enemy ...

(broken)

4'-18' ... (continuation of curses)

like a common dog.

14' never be established in the country.

12' May his name be ...

13' May memory of him

#### Rev. ii 15′-19′ ... (broken) 1' ... Rev. iv 2'-3' May ... strike down his people with weapons. 1' Regarding(?) the (statue?) of ..., my 4'-5' May his city become rubble in servant. 2' which he had fashioned, a wasteland. 6' May ... attack his countryside 3' Zariku, 7' and turn it into ruin mounds. 4' an illustrious man, 8′-11′ ... 5' said nothing. 12' May his powerful strength be ... 6' He repaid the favor of my servant 13' May he be held captive forever. 7' and fashioned a statue in his likeness. 8' Forever 14'-15' May the wealthy man abandon his fine possessions 9' afterward, until this day, 10'-11' a servant who would repay a 16'-17' and wander through the city, a place which will no longer know him. favor of his king 18'-19' May ... seize all the abundance 12' has had a statue fashioned in his likeness. with which he had been endowed. (broken) ... 20' Secondly, if Rev. v 21' at any time, anyone 1'-2' (If anyone) ... 22′ ... 3' enters a temple, (broken) 4' even if it be the temple of the water of life, Rev. iii 5' and (that) jealous man 1' ... 6'-7' damages the statue of 2' like one who has done ... so-and-so, my servant, 3' may he be delivered up to Utu. 8'-11' or by ... the features of his statue 4'-5' May ... come to the ... quay or any of its beautiful adornments like a runner. (thereby) does harm to it, 6' May the ... of the palace 12'-16' or who discontinues the beer and bread 7' thus be turned into a place of treachery. rations which have been established to honor the statue of so-and-so, my 8'-9' May he bring (punishment for) sacrilege to the palace. servant. (broken) ... 10'-11' May his city drive him away

Rev. vi

(broken)

1'-8' ... (continuation of curses)