

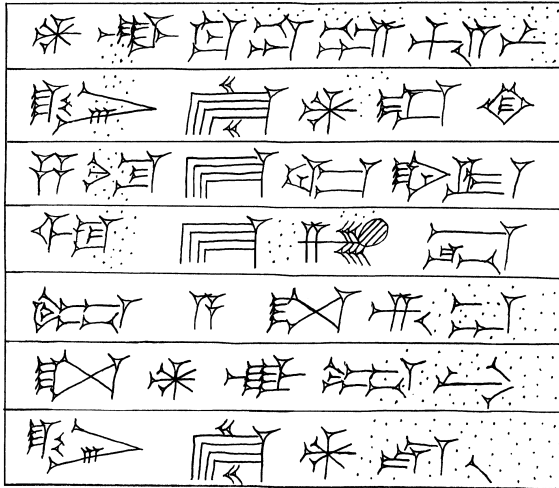
The Neo-Babylonian royal inscription of the Bibliothèque Nationale et Universitaire de Strasbourg — The collection of Bibliothèque Nationale et Universitaire de Strasbourg houses hundreds of cuneiform tablets from the Presargonic area down to the Neo-Babylonian period¹. Among them an unpublished brick of Nebuchadnezzar was discovered and copied in May 1996. The brick is labelled no. 1. (dimensions of the frame : 15 * 11,3 cm) in the cuneiform collection of the Cabinet Numismatique. It is presented here by the kind permission of Daniel Bornemann, curator of the Cabinet Numismatique. We find the following well-known inscription² of Nebuchadnezzar on it :

Transliteration :

- 1) ^dNÀ-ku-du-úr-ri-¹ÛRU¹
- 2) LUGAL KÁ.DINGIR.RA^{ki}
- 3) za-¹nin¹ É.SAG.ÍL
- 4) ù É.¹ZI¹.DA
- 5) IBILA a-ša-¹re-du¹
- 6) ša ^dNÀ.¹IBILA.ÛRU¹
- 7) LUGAL KÁ.¹DINGIR.RA^{ki}

Translation :

- 1) (I am) Nebuchadnezzar,
- 2) king of Babylon,
- 3) provider of Esagil
- 4) and Ezida,
- 5) first born son
- 6) of Nabopolassar,
- 7) king of Babylon.



NOTES

1. Cf. Fank, C., *Strassburger Keilschrifttexte in sumerischer und babylonischer Sprache*, Berlin 1928 ; Schneider, N., *Die Drehem- und Djokha-Urkunden der Strassburger Universität- und Landesbibliothek*, (AnOr 1), Roma 1931 ; and Charpin, D. - Durand, J.-M., *Documents cunéiformes de Strasbourg*, Paris 1981.

2. f. Langdon, S.H., *Die neubabylonischen Königsinschriften*, (VAB 4), Leipzig 1912. no. 41.

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