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Antike Königslisten werden in der Altorientalistik – mit der Ausnahme der Angaben, die sich solcher Deutung durch entstellte Namen oder gekünstelte Lebensdauerangaben vom Haus aus widerstreben – hauptsächlich als historische Quellen angesehen und gewertet. Aber manchmal dienen die Königslisten primär keinen historiographischen oder chronographischen Zwecken, sondern sind eher Ausdruck politischer Theologie und deshalb Objekt der Soziolinguistik. Auf dem Beispiel der ugaritischen Königsliste wird dargestellt, dass ihre ersten Namen sog. Charaktonyme sind, welche die ugaritische Gründungslegende wiedergeben, somit die Stellung des Stadtstaates in der Region definieren und zugleich Mittel zur Lösung potenzieller Probleme entwerfen. Die in diesen Charaktonymen verschlüsselte Nachricht kann unter Umständen auf der geographischen, historiographischen, mythologischen oder anderen Ebene gelesen werden, was durch strukturelle Ähnlichkeiten zur alttestamentlichen und anderen Gründungserzählungen veranschaulicht wird.

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in the king's vicinity were shared only by some privileged families and family relations inside the group of king's closest scholars are documented very frequently. The family of Adad-šumu-uşur is likely to be the most significant example, because members of this family evidently used to work in the service of Assyrian kings for nearly 250 years.

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Scholars regard the Nabonidus Chronicle as one of the most important sources for the reconstruction of the reign of Nabonidus, but there has been a lack of the requisite contemplation concerning the message it contains, and of discussion regarding the circumstances under which the present version, with its message, was composed. The argument put forward in the article suggests that fundamental changes were made to the original text of the Chronicle soon after the fall of Babylon in 539 BC, as a result of which the most positive figure in the Chronicle is not Nabonidus but Cyrus.

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The title of this volume of studies, which may sound somewhat surprising, does, of course, allude to the famous dictum by which, nearly four millennia ago, the Sumerian King List characterized the political situation in the lands of Sumer and Akkad after the demise of the Akkadian royal dynasty, by and large, in the 22nd century before the common era. As such, it sets before our faces the very first instance where one of the fundamental categories of human history appears to have been put into doubt so serious that the bearers of the cuneiform civilization of ancient Mesopotamia felt that the very existence of state had been put into jeopardy.

Incidentally, after four millennia of human history or so, we have chosen this title in order not only to investigate the nature, structure, reliability and, so to speak, stamina of the ancient Mesopotamian state, but also to put to a serious test our own ability to comprehend the historical features determining the main currents of ancient Near Eastern history.

It fills us with pride and honour that this undertaking, one of the very first in recent history of central Europe, has been taking place under the patronage of the Institute of Archaeology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in Prague. This Institute, which can rightfully look back at a long and remarkable history of scholarly endeavour, has recently expanded its field of vision not only into issues of European, but also of universal archaeology and history. Suffice it here only to remind the readers of the effort of Institute of Archaeology research specialists to elucidate historical problems of ancient Egypt, not speaking about the work aimed at the full appreciation of one of the Institute's most durable achievements, that of its Mongolian expedition of 1958. With a laudable intention to pursue the gathering of knowledge of ancient societies still further, specialists from the Institute are now submitting before their learned audience results of a three-year project aimed at the investigation of the nature of the state in ancient Mesopotamia and the Near East.

Another remarkable feature of this undertaking lies in the fact that our project has been linking the efforts of scholars all over the area of the central Europe. Academic co-operation between specialists working in institutions of learning and of the pursuit of high studies has always belonged to one of the traditions of this part of the world, and it gives us a great pleasure to refresh these contacts, severed for a considerable time by the adversities of the history of 20th century AD. We owe to our colleagues from Poznań, Budapest, Wien (Vienna), München (Munich) and Paris a great debt of gratitude for having been kind enough to accept our invitation, to come to Prague and to have shared with us their expert knowledge and deep wisdom.

The scholars who exchanged their views during a common session which took place on the premises of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic at Prague from April 14th to April 16th, 2010, submitted contributions included in this volume of studies. Should we be proposing general historical conclusions which follow out of these scholarly efforts,

it seems to us that we have outlined the main trends of the state development in the ancient Near East in terms of three subsequent phases.

For the third pre-Christian millennium, the nature of the state may be termed theocratic. This does not mean that the suzerains would have ruled their states solely as representatives of their gods. It seems rather that anyone putting himself forward as a sovereign ruler had to possess a special “inner” qualification, a personal quality indicating that the exercise of public power by the throne-keeper in question was approved, and applauded, by the gods of the Sumerian world. This principle seems to have been operative long before Narām-Sīn and then Šulgi cast it into an official garb by adopting divine status. The case of Šulgi seems particularly instructive: the numerous hymns sung in praise of him sound alien to us, but we have to acknowledge the fact that for the very functioning of the state, the superhuman nature of its chief representative was of key importance.

This changed fundamentally with the advent of the second millennium. King Hammurapi did not feel any need to claim divine status, as his immense power clearly represented the common consent of people living in what may be termed the corporate state. The Old Babylonian and Kassite kings did not derive their power from divine sources, but from the fact that they devised, put into operation and engineered an overall scheme of social co-operation and participation in projects carried out for common good which met with public approval, and in which the non-royal sector of Mesopotamian society willingly participated. Of course, this took place only insofar as the non-royal élites saw it sensible to upkeep the image of supreme royal power for the sake of common utility, or insofar as the Mesopotamian royal office did not meet with the onslaught of an external threat the impact of which it could not sustain.

Things went still farther in the first millennium BCE. The huge states and empires of this age, with their multitudes of subject nations, creeds and languages, could no longer claim legitimacy deriving from one single source or one single society. In the Babel of languages and cultures characterizing first-millennium metropolitan states, the rulers deemed it expedient to return to the age-old notion of suzerains holding their power as representatives of the gods, indeed, gradually assuming the garb of the gods themselves. All the subject nations had to comprehend that the divine endowments of their rulers kept the states under control, maintained the day-to-day functioning of the essentials of the social engines and represented the pledge of general security of life, property and ‘civic rights’. This was achieved through the fiction of the benevolent rulers full of wisdom, compassion, valour and munificence, shedding the rays of their beneficent light over the nations subjected to their all-encompassing suzerainty. Born within the Assyrian empire, this concept came to its first peak in the realms of the Achaemenid rulers, spreading from there to the Hellenistic states and finding its second climax in the Roman Empire.

It is only with the return of worldly power from where it had once sprung – to heaven – with Christianity that a new cycle of development of the state began. That phenomenon, however, belongs already to the history of the Middle Ages.

We now submit the fruit of our scholarly efforts to our readers, hoping from all our hearts that they will weigh us and find us at least not light with error, presumption or vanity.

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List of Abbreviations / Abkürzungsverzeichnis / Abréviations utilisées

1 Kings	The Bible, Old Testament, the 1 st Book of Kings.
2 Kings	The Bible, Old Testament, the 2 nd Book of Kings.
AB	Assyriologische Bibliothek (11: <i>Meissner 1893</i>). Leipzig.
ABAW NF	Abhandlungen der Bayerischen Akademie der Wissenschaften. Neue Folge (72: <i>Edzard 1970</i>). München: BAW.
AbB	siglum for the texts from Kraus, F.R. (ed.): <i>Altbabylonische Briefe im Umschrift und Übersetzung</i> (2: <i>Kraus 1964</i> ; 5: <i>Kraus 1972</i> ; 6: <i>Frankena 1974</i> ; 7: <i>Kraus 1977</i> ; 9: <i>Stol 1981</i> ; 10: <i>Kraus 1985</i> ; 11: <i>Stol 1986</i> ; 13: <i>van Soldt 1994</i>). Leiden – Boston – Köln: Brill 1964ff.
ABC	Grayson, A.K. <i>Assyrian and Babylonian Chronicles</i> . Locust Valley – Glückstadt: J.J. Augustin 1975.
Ad	Ammī-ditāna.
Ae	Abī-ešuh.
AfO	Archiv für Orientforschung. Berlin – Gratz – Vienna: Institut für Orientalistik der Universität Wien.
AJA	American Journal of Archaeology. Boston: Archaeological Institute of America.
AJAH	American Journal of Ancient History. New Brunswick: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
AHw	von Soden, W. <i>Akkadisches Handwörterbuch</i> . 3 vol. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz 1959–1981.
AMI (NF)	Archäologische Mitteilungen aus Iran, Neue Folge (10: <i>von Soden 1983</i>). Teheran: DAI.
ANET	Pritchard, J.B. (ed.): <i>Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament</i> . Princeton: Princeton University Press 1969 (1974).
AnSt	Anatolian Studies. Ankara: the British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara.
Anm.	Anmerkung.
AO	Antiquités orientales, Département des Antiquités Orientales, Musée du Louvre, Paris.
AOAT	Alter Orient und Altes Testament (1: <i>Deller 1969</i> ; 2: <i>Hunger 1968</i> ; 5/1: <i>Parpola 1970</i> ; 5/2: <i>Parpola 1983</i> ; 4/1: <i>Berger 1973</i> ; 25: <i>Eichler 1976</i> ; 33: <i>Berger 1981</i> ; 252: <i>Stol 1999</i> ; 267: <i>Klengel 1999</i> ; 256: <i>Schaudig 1998</i> ; 273: <i>Tropper 2000</i> ; 274: <i>Waetzoldt 2003</i> ; 281: <i>Loretz et al. 2002</i> ; 324: <i>van Soldt 2005</i> ; 325: <i>Seminara 2005</i>). Kevelaer – Neukirchen - Vluyn – Münster: Butzon und Bercker – Neukirchener Verlag – Ugarit-Verlag.
AoF	Altorientalische Forschungen. Berlin: Institut für Altorientalistik der Freien Universität Berlin.
ARM	Archives royales de Mari (6: <i>Kupper 1954</i> ; 10: <i>Dossin 1978</i> ; 18: <i>Rouault 1977</i> ; 26/2: <i>Charpin 1988</i> ; 30: <i>Durand 2009</i> ; 31: <i>Guichard 2005</i>). Paris: ERC.
ArOr	Archiv Orientální. Prague: Oriental Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague.
AS	Assyriological Studies (16: <i>Güterbock – Jacobsen 1965</i> ; 21: <i>Gelb 1980</i> ; 22: <i>Whiting 1987</i>). Chicago: Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago.
ASJ	Acta Sumerologica. Tokyo: The Middle Eastern Culture Center in Japan.
Aş	Ammī-ṣaduqa.
AulaOr	Aula Orientalis. Revista de Estudios de Próximo Oriente Antiquo. Barcelona: IPOA.
AulaOr (S)	Aula Orientalis. Revista de Estudios de Próximo Oriente Antiquo – Supplementa (22: <i>del Olmo Lete – Feliu – Millet Albà 2006</i>). Barcelona: IPOA.
B. TAVO	Tübinger Atlas des Vorderen Orients, Beihefte Reihe B. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz.
BaMi	Baghdader Mitteilungen. Berlin: DAI, Orient-Abteilung.
BAPr	siglum for the texts from Meissner, B. <i>Beiträge zum altbabylonischen Privatrecht</i> [AB 11]. Leipzig: J.C. Hinrichs 1893.

BAR	Biblical Archaeology Review. Washington: Biblical Archaeology Society.
BASOR	Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research. Boston: The American Schools of Oriental Research.
BAW	Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften. München.
BCSMS	Bulletin of the Canadian Society for Mesopotamian Studies. Toronto: Canadian Society for Mesopotamian Studies.
BDHP	siglum for the texts from Watermann, L. <i>Business Documents of the Hammurapi Period from the British Museum</i> . London: Luzac & Co. 1916.
BM	siglum for tablets from the British Museum, London.
BSOAS	Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies. London: University of London.
BZABR	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für Altorientalische und biblische Rechtsgeschichte (13: <i>Achenbach – Arneth 2009</i>). Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag
CAD	The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. Chicago – Glückstadt 1956–2011.
CBS	museum siglum of the tablets from the University Museum, Philadelphia (Catalogue of the Babylonian Section).
CDAFI	Cahiers de la Délégation Archéologique Française en Iran. Teheran: IFRI.
CDLJ	Cuneiform Digital Library Journal. University of California at Los Angeles – the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science.
Cf.	confer.
CIS	Copenhagen International Seminar. Copenhagen: University of Copenhagen.
CM	Cuneiform Monographs (41: <i>Shehata – Weiershäuser – Zand 2010</i>). Leiden – Boston – Köln: Brill.
CNI Publications	The Carsten Niebuhr Institute of Near Eastern Studies Publications. Copenhagen: Museum Tusculanum Press.
CNRS	Le Centre national de la recherche scientifique. Paris.
COS	The Context of Scripture. Canonical Compositions, Monumental Inscriptions and Archival Documents from the Biblical World (<i>Hallo – Younger 1997, 2000, 2002, 2003</i>). Leiden – Boston – Köln: Brill.
Col(s).	column(s).
CRAIBL	Comptes rendus des séances de l'Académie des inscriptions et belles-lettres. Paris: l'Académie des inscriptions et belles-lettres.
CT	siglum for the texts from <i>Cuneiform Texts from the Babylonian Tablets in the British Museum</i> . London: 1896ff.
CurrAnthropol	Current Anthropology. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
DAI	Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Berlin.
DB	siglum for Darius Bisutun inscription (www.livius.org/aa-ac/achaemenians/inscriptions.html).
DNa	siglum for Darius Naqsh-i Rustam inscription A (www.livius.org/aa-ac/achaemenians/inscriptions.html).
DPe	siglum for Darius Persepolis inscription E (www.livius.org/aa-ac/achaemenians/inscriptions.html).
DPh	siglum for Darius Persepolis inscription H (www.livius.org/aa-ac/achaemenians/inscriptions.html).
EA	siglum for Amarna texts following the edition of Knudtzon, J.A. <i>Die El-Amarna Tafeln</i> . Leipzig: J.C. Hinrichs 1914.
Ean.	Eannatum; siglum for the texts from Steible, H. <i>Die altsumerischen Bau- und Weihinschriften</i> [FAOS 5]. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag 1982, 120ff.
ED	Early Dynastic Proverbs (<i>Alster 1991/1992</i>).
EI	Eretz-Israel. Jerusalem: IES.
Ent.	Entemena; siglum for the texts from Steible, H. <i>Die altsumerischen Bau- und Weihinschriften</i> [FAOS 5]. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag 1982, 211ff.
esp.	especially.

ERC	Éditions Recherche sur les civilisations, Paris.
ETCSL	Electronic Text Corpus of Sumerian Literature (http://etcsl.orinst.ox.ac.uk).
FAOS	Freiburger Altorientalische Studien (5: <i>Steible</i> 1982; 7: <i>Gelb – Kienast</i> 1990; 9: <i>Steible</i> 1991; 20: <i>Dombradi</i> 1996). Stuttgart: Steiner.
FAT	Forschungen zum Alten Testament (11: <i>Schmidt</i> 1994). Tübingen: J. C. B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck).
FM	Florilegium Marianum. Mémoires de N.A.B.U. (2: <i>Charpin – Durand</i> 1994; 3: <i>Charpin – Durand</i> 1997; 5: <i>Charpin – Ziegler</i> 2003; 6: <i>Charpin – Durand</i> 2002; 9: <i>Ziegler</i> 2007). Paris: Sepoia.
Friedrich	siglum for the texts from Friedrich T. <i>Altbabylonische Urkunden aus Sippara</i> [Beiträge zur Assyriologie 5/4]. Leipzig: J.C. Hinrichs 1906.
Gilg.	The Gilgamesh Epic.
GMTR	Guides to the Mesopotamian Textual Records (4: <i>Da Riva</i> 2008). Münster: Ugarit-Verlag.
Ha	Hammurapi.
HANEM	History of the Ancient Near East, Monographs (11: <i>Lanfranchi – Rollinger</i> 2010). Padova: Sargon.
HANES	History of the Ancient Near East, Studies (5: <i>Liverani</i> 1993; 6: <i>Michalowski</i> 1994). Padova: Sargon.
HdO I.NME	Handbook of Oriental Studies, Section 1. The Near and Middle East (39: <i>Watson – Wyatt</i> 1999; 71: <i>Westbrook</i> 2003). Leiden – Boston – Köln: Brill.
HSAO	Heidelberger Studien zum Alten Orient (9: <i>Sommerfeld</i> 2004). Heidelberg: Heidelberg Orient-Verlag.
HSS	Harvard Semitic Studies (37: <i>Abusch – Huehnergard – Steinkeller</i> 1990). Atlanta: Scholars.
ICEVO	Istituto di Studi sulle Civiltà dell'Egeo e del Vicino Oriente. Rome.
IEJ	The Israel Exploration Journal. Jerusalem: IES.
IES	Israel Exploration Society. Jerusalem.
IFRI	Institut Français de Recherche en Iran. Teheran.
IM	museum siglum of the Iraq Museum. Baghdad.
IPOA	Instituto Interuniversitario del Próximo Oriente Antiquo de la Universidad de Barcelona. Barcelona.
IrAnt	Iranica Antiqua. Leuven – Paris – Walpole, MA: Peeters.
Iran	Iran. Journal of the British Institute of Persian Studies. London: British Institute of Persian Studies.
JAOS	Journal of the American Oriental Society. Ann Arbor: American Oriental Society.
JCS	Journal of Cuneiform Studies. Boston: Baghdad School of the American Schools of Oriental Research.
JCS 2	siglum for the texts from Goetze, A. Thirty Tablets from the Reigns of Abī-ešuḥ and Ammī-ditānā. <i>JCS</i> 2/2 (1948), 73–112.
JESHO	Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient. Leiden – Boston – Köln: Brill.
JNES	Journal of Near Eastern Studies. Chicago: Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago.
JSS	Journal of Semitic Studies. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
Josh	The Bible, Old Testament, the Book of Joshua.
JSOT	Journal for the Study of the Old Testament. Thousand Oaks, California – London: SAGE Publications.
JSOT SS	Journal for the Study of the Old Testament. Supplement Series (12: <i>Athas</i> 2005). London – New York: T&T Clark.
K	field numbers of tablets excavated at Kuyunjik.
KAV	Schroeder, O. <i>Keilschrifttexte aus Assur. Verschiedenen Inhalts</i> . Leipzig: J.C. Hinrichs 1920.
KH	Kodex Hammurapi.
KTU	Dietrich, M. (Hrsg.): <i>Die keilalphabetischen Texte aus Ugarit</i> . Kevelaer – Neukirchen – Vluyn – Münster: Butzon und Bercker – Neukirchener Verlag – Ugarit-Verlag.
l./ll.	line / lines.

LAPO	Littératures anciennes du Proche-Orient (16: <i>Durand 1997</i> ; 17: <i>Durand 1998</i> ; 18: <i>Durand 2000</i>). Paris: Le Cerf.
LSAWS	Linguistic Studies in Ancient West Semitic (3: <i>Bordreuil – Pardee 2009</i>). Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns.
MARI	MARI. Annales des Recherches Interdisciplinaires. Paris: ERC.
MC	Mittlere Chronologie / Middle Chronology.
MDP	Mémoires de la Délégation de Perse. Paris: 1899ff.
MEE	Materiali epigrafici di Ebla (4: <i>Pettinato 1982</i>). Naples: Instituto Universitario Orientale 1979ff.
MHaE	Mesopotamian History and Environment (II/1: <i>Gasche 1989</i> ; II/4: <i>Gasche et al. 1998</i>). Ghent: University of Ghent.
MHET	Mesopotamian History and Environment, Series III. Cuneiform Texts (2: <i>Dekiere 1994ff</i>). Ghent: University of Ghent.
MKNAW	Mededelingen der Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen, Afd. Letterkunde – Nieuwe Reeks. Amsterdam: Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences.
MSVO	Materialien zu den frühen Schriftzeugnissen des Vorderen Orients (1: <i>Englund – Grégoire – Matthews 1991</i> ; 2: <i>Matthews 1993</i> ; 4: <i>Englund – Matthews 1996</i>). Berlin: Gebr. Mann Verlag.
MSL	Materialien zum Sumerischen Lexikon (14: <i>Civil 1979</i>). Rome: The Pontifical Biblical Institute.
N	museum siglum of tablets from Nippur kept in the University Museum, Philadelphia.
NABU	Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires (11: <i>Heltzer 2001</i> ; 12: <i>Durand 1988</i> ; 32: <i>Charpin 1991</i>). Paris.
NINO	Nederlands Instituut voor het Nabije Oosten/Netherlands Institute for the Near East.
ND	field numbers of tablets excavated at Nimrud.
OBO	Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis (30: <i>Stamm 1980</i> ; 55: <i>Frei – Koch 1996</i> ; 160/3: <i>Sallaberger – Westenholz 1999</i> ; 160/4: <i>Attinger et al. 2004</i> ; 166: <i>Flückiger-Hawker 1999</i> ; 175: <i>Uelinger 2000</i>). Freiburg – Göttingen: Universitätsverlag Freiburg Schweiz – Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.
OBO SA	Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis. Series archaeologica (6: <i>Charpin 1990</i>). Freiburg – Göttingen: Universitätsverlag Freiburg Schweiz – Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.
OIP	Oriental Institute Publications. Chicago: The Oriental Institute.
OIS	Oriental Institute Seminar (4: <i>Brisch 2008</i>). Chicago: The Oriental Institute.
OLA	Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta (100: <i>Lipinski 2000</i> ; 109: <i>Goddeeris 2002</i>). Leuven – Paris – Sterling: Peeters.
OLA 21	siglum for the texts from van Lerberghe, K. <i>Old Babylonian Legal and Administrative Texts from Philadelphia</i> [OLA 21]. Leuven – Paris – Sterling: Peeters 1986.
OrAnt	Oriens Antiquus. Rome: Herder Editrice e Libreria.
OrNS	Orientalia. Commentarii periodici Pontificii instituti bibliici, Nova Series. Rome: Facolta di studi dell'antico oriente del Pontificio istituto biblico di Roma.
OS/OTS	Oudtestamentische Studien. Old Testament Studies (40: <i>de Moor 1998</i>). Leiden – Boston – Köln: Brill.
PBA	Proceedings of the British Academy (136: <i>Jursa 2007</i> ; 143: <i>Williamson 2007</i>). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
PEF	Palestine Exploration Fund. London.
PEQ	Palestine Exploration Quarterly. London: PEF.
PIHANS	Publications de l'Institut Historique-Archéologique. Néerlandais à Stamboul (36: <i>Harris 1975</i> ; 40: <i>Stol 1976</i> ; 89: <i>Roth 2001</i>). Leiden: NINO.
PNA	The Prosopography of the Neo-Assyrian Empire (1/I: <i>Radner 1998</i> ; 1/II: <i>Radner 1999</i> ; 2/I: <i>Baker 2000</i> ; 2/II: <i>Baker 2001</i> ; 3/I: <i>Baker 2002</i>). Helsinki: Helsinki University Press.
RA	Revue d'Assyriologie et d'Archéologie Orientale. Paris: Association pour l'Assyriologie et l'Archéologie Orientale.
RGTC	Répertoire géographique des textes cunéiformes [B. TAVO 7].
Ri	The Bible, Old testament, Richter-Buch / Bible, Old testament, Judges.

RIMA	The Royal Inscriptions of the Mesopotamia. Assyrian Period (1: <i>Grayson 1987; 3: Grayson 1996</i>). Toronto – Buffalo – London: University of Toronto Press.
RIMB	The Royal Inscriptions of Mesopotamia. Babylonian Periods (2: <i>Frayne 1995</i>). Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
RIME	The Royal Inscriptions of Mesopotamia, Early Periods (1: <i>Frayne 2008</i> ; 2: <i>Frayne 1993; 3/1: Edzard 1997; 3/2: Frayne 1997; 4: Frayne 1990</i>). Toronto – Buffalo – London: University of Toronto Press.
RIA	Reallexikon der Assyriologie und Vorderasiatischen Archäologie. Berlin – München – New York: Kommission für Keilschriftforschung und Vorderasiatische Archäologie der Bayerischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (Edzard (Hrsg.) 1993–1997).
RS	museum siglum for finds from Ras Shamra in the Louvre, Paris and the National Museum in Damascus.
SAA	State Archives of Assyria (3: <i>Livingstone 1989</i> ; 4: <i>Starr 1990</i> ; 6: <i>Kwasman – Parpola 1991; 7: Fales – Postgate 1992</i> ; 8: <i>Hunger 1992</i> ; 10: <i>Parpola 1993</i> ; 13: <i>Cole – Machinist 1998; 16: Lukko – Van Buylaere 2002</i> ; 17: <i>Dietrich 2003</i>). Helsinki: Helsinki University Press.
SAA Studies	State Archives of Assyria Studies (2: <i>Millard 1994</i> ; 7: <i>Nissinen 1998</i> ; 9: <i>Melville 1999</i>). Helsinki: Helsinki University Press.
SAOC	Studies on Ancient Oriental Civilizations (46: <i>Gibson – Biggs 1991</i>). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
Sargon	siglum for the texts from Winckler, H. <i>Die Keilschrifttexte Sargons nach den Papierblättern und Originalen</i> . Leipzig: J.C. Hinrichs 1889.
SD	Studia et documenta ad iura orientis antiqui pertinentia (11: <i>Kraus 1984</i>). Leiden – Boston – Köln: Brill.
SEL	Studi Epigrafici e Linguistici sul Vicino Oriente Antico. Roma: Instituto de Estudios Islámicos y del Oriente Próximo.
SHANE	Studies in the History of the Ancient Near East (6: <i>Hallo – Dijkstra 1996</i>). Leiden – Boston – Köln: Brill.
Si	Samsuiluna.
SJOT	Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament. London: Routledge.
SMEA	Studi Micenei ed Egeo-Anatolici. Rome: ICEVO.
SO	Studia Orontica. Damascus: Syrian Center for Archeological Studies.
SP	siglum for the texts from Alster, B. <i>Proverbs of Ancient Sumer. The World's Earliest Proverb Collections</i> . Bethesda, Maryland: LDC Press 1997.
SSN	Studia Semitica Neerlandica (46: <i>Kalimi 2005</i>). Assen: Van Gorcum.
StOr	Studia Orientalia of the Finnish Oriental Society. Helsinki: Finnish Oriental Society.
StudPohl	Studia Pohl (1: <i>Gröndahl 1967</i>). Rome: The Pontifical Biblical Institute.
TA	Tel Aviv. Tel Aviv: Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University.
TCL	siglum for the texts from <i>Textes Cunéiformes du Louvre</i> . Paris 1910ff.
TIM	siglum for the texts from <i>Texts in the Iraq Museum</i> . Baghdad – Wiesbaden 1964ff.
TLB	siglum used for texts from <i>Tabulae Cuneiformes a F.M.Th. De Liagre Böhl Collectae Leidae Conservatae</i> . Leiden 1954ff.
TM	field numbers for finds from Tell Mardikh.
TSTS	Toronto Semitic Texts and Studies (3: <i>Grayson 1975</i>). Toronto: University of Toronto.
TUAT I	siglum for the texts from Kaiser, O. (Hrsg.): <i>Texte aus der Umwelt des Alten Testaments. Bd. I. Rechts- und Wirtschaftsurkunden. Historisch-chronologische Texte</i> . Gütersloh: Gütersloher Verlagshaus 1985.
UDT	siglum for the texts from Nies, J. B. <i>Ur Dynasty Tablets. Texts chiefly from Tello and Drehem written during the Reigns of Dungi, Bur-Sin, Gimil-Sin, and Ibi-Sin</i> . Leipzig: J.C. Hinrichs 1920.
UE	Ur Excavations (III: <i>Legrain 1936</i>). London – Philadelphia: The Trustees of the Two Museums (The British Museum – The University Museum).
UET	siglum for the texts from <i>Ur Excavations. Texts</i> . London: 1928ff.
UF	Ugarit-Forschungen. Kevelaer – Neukirchen - Vluyn – Münster: Butzon und Bercker – Neukirchener Verlag – Ugarit-Verlag.

Ukg.	Urukagina; siglum for the texts from Steible, H. <i>Die altsumerischen Bau- und Weihinschriften</i> [FAOS 5]. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag 1982, 278ff.
UM	siglum of Ur finds kept in the University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.
VAB	Vorderasiatisches Bibliothek (4: <i>Langdon 1912</i>). Leipzig: Universität Leipzig. Altorientalisches Institut.
VE	Vocabulario di Ebla [MEE 4].
VS	siglum for the texts from <i>Vorderasiatische Schriftdenkmäler der (Königlichen) Museen zu Berlin</i> . Berlin: 1907ff.
VT	Vetus Testamentum. Rome: International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament.
WZKM	Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes. Wien: Institut für Orientalistik.
YNER	Yale Near Eastern Researchers (10: <i>Beaulieu 1989</i>). New Haven : Yale University Press.
YOSN	Yale Oriental Serie, Researchers (15: <i>Dougherty 1929</i>). New Haven: Yale University Press
ZA	Zeitschrift für Assyriologie und Vorderasiatische Archäologie. Leipzig – Berlin: De Gruyter.
ZATU	Zeichenliste der archaischen Texte aus Uruk (<i>Green – Nissen 1987</i>). Berlin: Gebr. Mann Verlag.
ZAW	Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft. Leipzig – Berlin: De Gruyter.
ZKTh	Zeitschrift für Katholische Theologie. Innsbruck: Katholisch-Theologische Fakultät der Universität Innsbruck.

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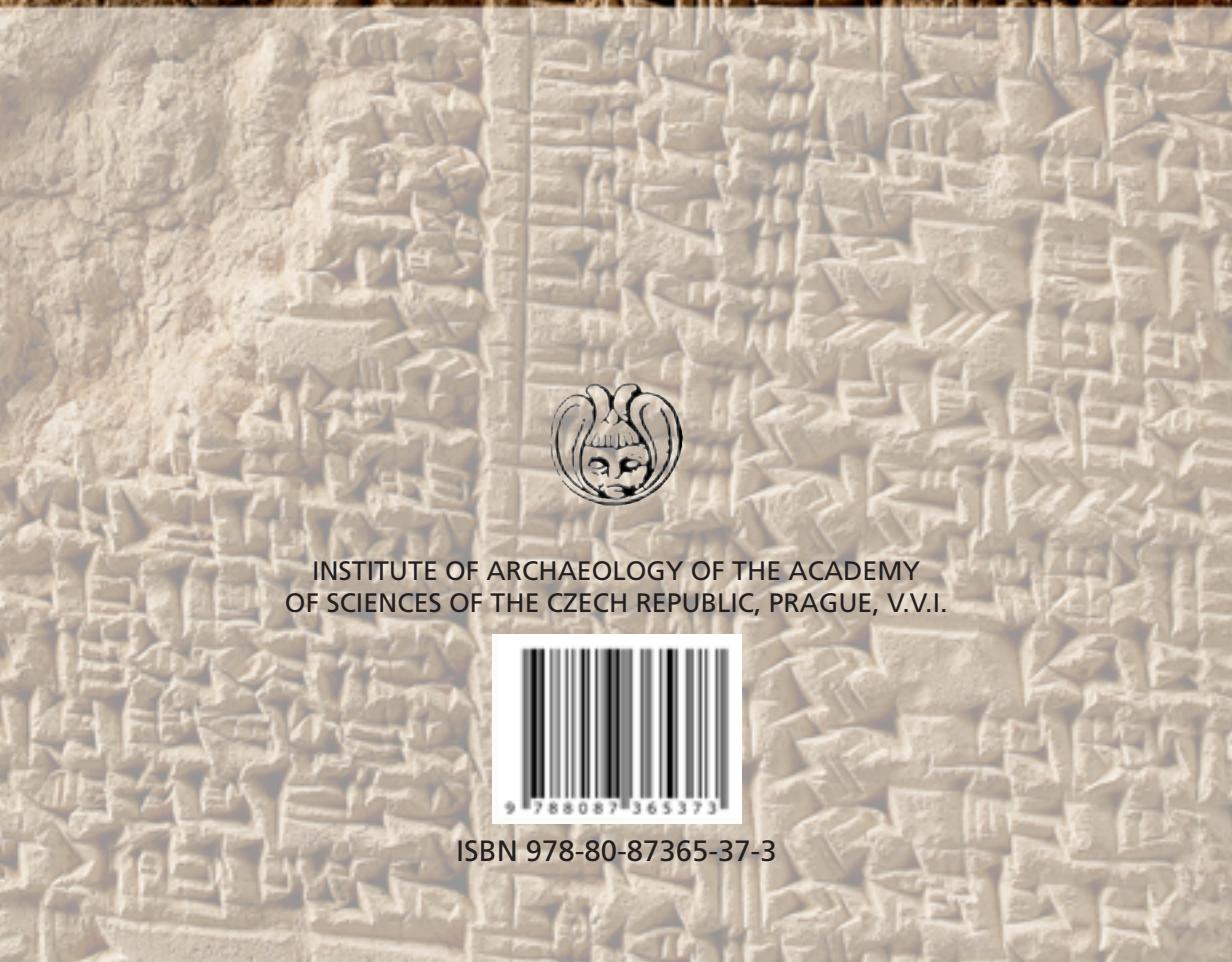
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