

INTRODUCTION

As stated in the preface, this fascicle forms the continuation of AbB 12. Texts 1 to 45 belong to one collection (1901-5-11) and probably derive from Larsa; most of them are part of the correspondence between Hammurabi and Sin-iddinam. Numbers 46 to 53 have been added here for reasons given in the preface. There are, however, two more letters in this fascicle which belong to this group: nos. 60 (to Hammurabi?), 123 (from a king) and 139 (from Abi-ešuḫ).

In the following pages I will list those letters for which the place of origin and/or the place of destination can be deduced from their contents.

1) Letters arranged according to their place of origin (Ha, etc., refers to the king during whose rule the letter was written):

Atašum: 44 (Ha?).

Babylon: 5, 7-33, 35-36, 38-43, 46-48 (all Ha); 49 (Si); 50-52, 139 (Ae); 72(?), 73, 77-78(?), 82, 123, 176-177(?).

Bāšum: 79(?).

Ḫalab: 74.

Ḫirītum: 107, 110-111(?), 115(?).

Isin: 4 (or Larsa; Ha), 138.

Kār-Nabium: 84.

Kiš: 149¹, 173, 179, 183(?), 191(?).

Kubatum: 37(Ha?).

Larsa: 2 (RS I), 3(?)², 4 (or Isin; Ha), 6 (Ha³), 34(?), 53 (RS II), 109(?), 145(?).

Nippur: 147(?)⁴, 164(?)⁵.

Sippar: 89, 95(?), 104 (Si/Ae⁶), 114, 122(?).

Umma: 54-59.

Ur: 120⁷.

¹ Gimil-Marduk archive, see AbB 10, 9.

² On account of the greeting formula.

³ Dated to Hammurabi on the basis of the occurrence of Šēp-Sin (lines 6 and 14).

⁴ On account of Ašnan.

⁵ On account of Išum and Ninmug.

⁶ Dated to Samsu-iluna - Abi-ešuḫ on account of Nūratum and Šamaš-bāni.

⁷ See Goodnick-Westenholz, JNES 48, 1989, 153 B2. See also Rép. géogr. 3, 258 s.v. Zakurum.

2) Letters arranged according to their place of destination:

Babylon: 4 (Ha), 6 (Ha?), 60 (Ha?), 95, 140(?).

Kiš: 156, 176(?)⁸.

Larsa: 5, 7-33, 35-43, 46-48 (all Ha), 44(? , Ha?), 116, 138.

Marad: 87(?).

Sippar: 49 (Si), 50-52 (Ae), 66, 71(?), 72-73, 79, 82, 85(?), 97(? , Ha?⁹), 105, 110-111, 115, 123, 139 (Ae).

Sippar-Amnānum: 122.

3) Letters in which the place names mentioned cannot be identified with their place of origin or destination.

Babylon: 130(?).

Kiš: 165, 170¹⁰, 180, 183(?), 191.

Larsa: 45(?).

Sippar: 61-62, 106, 108.

4) Letters arranged according to the king during whose rule they were written.

a) Larsa.

Rim-Sin I: 2.

Rim-Sin II: 53.

b) Babylon.

Hammurabi: 4-48, 60(?), 97(?).

Samsu-iluna: 49, 104(?).

Abi-ešuḫ: 50-52, 104(?), 139.

Ammi-šaduqa: 77, 78(?).

An additional remark on the transliterations in this fascicle. In contrast to AbB 12, I have transliterated the signs DUB and ŠE as *d u b* and *š e* whenever they stand for Akkadian *tuppum* and *u²um*. For the former, see CAD s.v., forthcoming; for the latter, see Cavaignaux, NABU 1989/52.

The join of no. 60 was made by I. Finkel, the joins of nos. 89, 95 and 96 were made by the author.

⁸ On account of Gimil-Marduk, see 1) Kiš.

⁹ On account of the sons of Itti-Enlil-qinnī.

¹⁰ On account of Alī-talīmī, cf. 180:12.