

## "Ashurbanipal's Hymn to Marduk"

- (1) a\_\_ I praise your name, Marduk, the most powerful of the gods, the canal inspector of heaven and earth [.....], who was well engendered, and alone is most high [.....]!
- (3) na\_\_ You bear Anuship, Illilship, Ninšikuship, lordship, kingship [.....]! You gather all wisdom, total strength [.....]!
- (5) ku\_\_ Honoured ruler, exalted monarch, overpowering, magnificent [.....]! They glorified his lordship, prepared battle, [.....] A[nu]!
- (7) aš\_\_ You are exalted in the heavens, king on earth, the skillful counsellor of the [great] gods [.....], establisher of all habitations, grasper of the discs of the celestial firmament and [all] the [lands]!
- (9) šur\_\_ You are magnificent among the gods, Nudimmud beautified your features [.....]; the great gods made you hold fast in your hand the [tab]let of destinies [and gave you the power] to raise [and lower]; they kissed your feet and proclaimed, blessing (you): "He alone [is king]!"
- (12) ba\_\_ [To ...] the enemies, Illil made magnificent for you the decrees [.....]! Great [...] of the gods, bright radiance, [...] sheen, [.....] who goes about amidst the heavens [.....]!
- (15) ni\_\_ [.....] smiter of the skull of Anzû, defeater [of ..., ..], the mad dog, the bison, the fish-man [.....]; [.....] divided them [.....].
- (18) ap\_\_ Heir of N[udimmud, .....] your eyes, is afraid of [.....]. [You .....] a bow, [merciless] arrows, swords, weapons of [war .....]. You vanquished broad Tiamat, [.....] Qingu, [her sp]ouse.
- (21) li\_\_ May Babylon exult in you and Esaggil rejoice [over you, wherein] you pass [just] and rightful [judgment], decide the decisions [for ...], let loose [water from the underground sources], cause copious rains, [raise] huge floods.
- (24) ša\_\_ The greatness of Bel, canal inspector of heaven, is truly great, he is much mightier [than the gods, his fathers!] He excels in form, is most high in stature, magnificent in his lordly apparel.
- (26) il\_\_ He summoned the Igigi and the Anunnaki, they kneel before him, and the gods who begot him repose in silence at [his] f[ee]t. To take advice, to consult in lordly consultation, [their] at[tention] is directed towards Marduk alone.
- (28) su\_\_ Offerings, incense, censers, stringed inu instruments, harps and [...] are set out; they glorify the builder of Esaggil, Babylon rejoices, [...] is exuberant!
- (30) ka\_\_ The Igigi, Anunnaki, the gods and goddesses of cult centres, sh[rines] and daises submit to you! The governors and advisers pray to [your majesty].
- (32) bu\_\_ Eldest son of Nudimmud, primordial, brave, strong, the merciless storm, raging fire, [scorching] flame burning the enemy, who in the midst of battle does not [fear] the clash of weapons and engagement in combat.
- (34) ul\_\_ The most lofty in stature, Marduk, the flaring sun, light-giving lantern, who in his magnificence ...[...], who purifies the unclean, and makes the [...] to shine.
- (36) li\_\_ May all the gods and every goddess, Anu, I[llil], the constellations, the Abyss, the solid ground, Nudimmud along with the [...] Lahmu gods, Cancer and Pisces, witness the deeds of the lord of the gods, Marduk, and [may they] constantly [...] everlasting [...].
- (39) ?a\_\_ For ever present me with the bursag offerings, pure ..., [...] which] the irascible god [.....] by (his) exalted command established to give vigour to those endowed with life.

(41) ni\_\_ Your shining name is Jupiter, the first-ranking god, the foremost of the foremost, the highest god, who [.....], who at his rising makes manifest a sign, [...] the Ple[aiades .....].

(43) ma\_\_ Noble, magnificent, Egišgalanna, the lord [who ...] the (celestial) positions of the Anunnaki, [who .....] lustration rites, rituals, and offerings [.....].

(r 1) ma\_\_ Your utterance is most great, Marduk, raging [.....]! You are the greatest among all the gods, your divinity [...] the gods [.....].

(r 3) ru\_\_ Prince, praiseworthy, shrouded one! In your net [.....]; on your right is [.....], on your left is Erragal, the strongest one of the gods, in front of [you go] the valiant Pleiades! Fire burns to the right and left [.....], wherever you have raged.

(r 6) du\_\_ Most honoured, most splendid — how splendid he is, the god to whom [...] subject themselves, [.....] his divinity! To all the gods who occupy daises, he munificently endows food and cereal offerings [.....].

(r 8) uk\_\_ Marduk made firm and grasped in his hand the lead ropes of the Igigi and Anunnaki, the mainstay of he[aven and underworld]. In the east and west he set up constellations, gave them roads and passages [.....].

(r 10) da\_\_ Judge of the (four) regions is your weighty sworn name, the circumspect one, Illil of the [great] gods, who establishes the rules of the Abyss, gives allotments and food offerings to the [great] gods.

(r 12) li\_\_ Receive my supplications, accept my humble entreaties, ...[.....]; may (the god) who pleases you constantly speak favourably [to you of me]!

(r 14) li\_\_ May Anu, Illil and Ea make your mood jubilant and [your heart] exuberant! May Damkina, your great mother, [command] you to be at peace in Esaggil, which you love.

(r 16) ka\_\_ She is venerable, queenly, strong; she is mistress, spouse, goddess, lady, proud, great, lofty, beautiful, [...]! O beloved of Tutu, let me live and I will sing your praises!

(r 18) lu\_\_ Let me glorify your mighty deeds, O majestic princess, queen of Esaggil, goddess of goddesses, queen of queens, elevated queen of all [...], merciful goddess who loves prayers!

(r 20) ud\_\_ I pray to you, proud, raging lord: May your angered heart find rest, may your enraged mind relent and be appeased! May I find life in your breath, lofty sage of the gods, Marduk!

(r 22) lul\_\_ (This) humble, pious scholar extols the greatness of Zarpanitu, the great lady, the spouse of Enbilulu, the daughter-in-law of Nudimmud, and sings [her] praises.

(r 24) All together, thirty is the number of verses ... in praise of [Marduk ..... and]

(r 25) the greatness of Zarpanitu, the great lady, the be[loved of Marduk .....].

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(Acrostic: I am Assurbanipal, who has called out to you: give me life, Marduk, and I will praise you!)