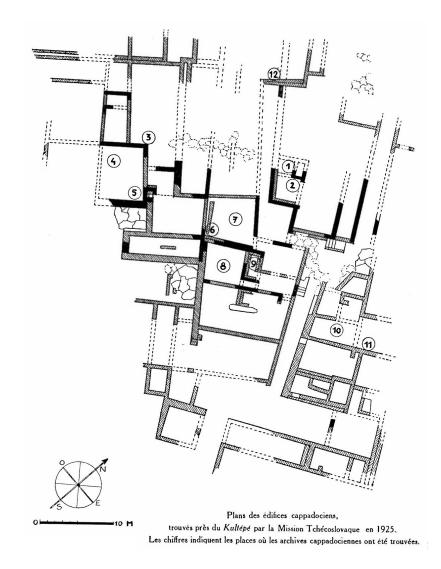
## Five Old Assyrian texts from The Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum San Jose, California



This, the only archaeological plan which Biedrich Hrozny drew from his excavation in the kārum, which was published both in 1925 and again in 1952 with the texts which Hrozny discovered, indicated by room numbers 1-11, on plate cxxix (Hrozny, Bedřich. 1952. *Inscriptions cunéiformes du Kultépé*. Vol. 1. Monografie Archiva orientálního, v. 14. Praha: Státní pedagogické nakl). We can confidently suggest that the Old Assyrian texts in the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum came from this neighborhood (likely between houses #1-3), thanks primarily to the volume of texts published by Mogens T. Larsen, 2002. *The Aššur-nādā Archive*. Old Assyrian Archives, volume 1. Leiden: Nederlands Instituut voor het Nabije Oosten. The translations and editions of these texts can also be found in that volume. For more on the context of these tables, see Adam Anderson. 2017. *The Old Assyrian Social Network: an analysis on the basis of the texts from Kanesh (1950-1750 B.C.)*. PhD. dissertation, Harvard University.

RC 1749a Transliteration	RC 1749a Translation	RC 1749a Tablet Photo
1 1 ma-na KÙ.BABBAR a-ru-pá-am a-na bé-a-lim / a-na Ku-ku-lá-nim DUMU Ku-ta-a 5 dEN.LÍL-ba-ni i-dí-in / KÙ.BABBAR i-bé-el / i-ma-tí li-bi-šu KÙ.BABBAR DUB-šu 10 dEN.LÍL-ba-ni i-lá-qé (Remainder uninscribed)	<ul> <li>1-6) Enlil-bani gave 1 mina of refined silver for 'working-capital' to Kukkulānum, son of Kutāya.</li> <li>6-7) He has disposal of the silver.</li> <li>7-11) Whenever he desires, Enlil-bāni may take (back) the silver of his tablet.</li> </ul>	rev.  RC 1749 A  re.  re.  re.  rev.  lo.e.

**Description:** Old Assyrian contract for the loan of silver, c. 1900 B.C. Dimensions: 4.5 x 4.2 x 1.5 cm. Tablet photos by the author, courtesy of the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, San Jose. [Stable URL: http://cdli.ucla.edu/search/archival\_view.php?ObjectID=P388422].

Comments: This tablet records a *be'ūlātum* which means 'working capital', and operates an interest free loan often given to caravan transporters as a form of payment (cf. the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14–30), in this case it was given to Kukkulānum son of Kutāya. From his family tree we can date Kukkulānum's presence in Kanesh to about 20 years, REL 107-120 (ca. 1870-1845 B.C.). His role as transporter in a caravan can also be seen in the text Kt 83/k 284, a letter written to *kārim* Kanesh from *kārum* Wahšušana which references the taxation of caravans arriving via the *sukinnu* or 'smuggling route' (see Dercksen (OAI) 2004, 113).

- 4: For more attestations of Kukkulānum, son of Kutāya, see BIN 4, 108; TPAK 1, 95; VS 26, 102; and VS 26, 119.
- 7: i-bé-el (be<sup>2</sup>ālum+GStem+Pres+3CS // be<sup>2</sup>ālum+NStem+Pres+3CS) 'to have disposal of' (Kouwenberg, Verbs); 'to be in charge of' (cf. KTS 1, 29b:13).

RC 1749b (OAA 1, 3) Transliteration	RC 1749b (OAA 1, 3) Translation	RC 1749b (OAA 1, 3) Tablet Photo
1  um-ma A-šur-i-dí-ma a-na	1-4) From Aššur-idī to Ali-ahum, Aššur-nādā, Ilī-ālum and Aššur-taklāku: 4-17) The 8 textiles are mine; I gave him 1 mina of tin for expenses; one-fifth of a donkey—all this belongs to me. 1 kutānu-textile belongs to Ṭāb-ṣill-Aššur; 1 kutānu-textile belongs to Ištar-pilah—give that to Ilī-ālum. Ali-ahum is on his way to you with all this. These 8 textiles plus 15 textiles which Ennam-Bēlum has brought to you—in all: these 23 textiles—you must deposit on my account to the port office. 18-21) To Ilī-ālum: Clear your merchandise, both the new and the earlier shipment, set out and come here. 22-25) Please, when they make deposits of silver belonging to the City, pay both my share and that of Aššur-nādā. 25-26) The orders of the City are strict! 27-28) Please, take care to pay the silver!	rev.

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**Notes and Comments** by Larsen (2002, 6-7):

8: for the type of textile called *kutinum*, probably a variant of *kutānum*, see AOATT: 145.

23: the verb <u>šapākum</u> refers to a special arrangement whereby the merchants could deposit goods or silver on their account in the colony office, often referred to as the <u>šitapku</u>-procedure. I refer to the treatment of the problem in Dercksen 2000: 143, where he writes: "Šitapkum, litt. 'to deposit jointly', was a mechanism to raise funds for the pursuit of business at the initiative of the <u>kārum</u>." See also [Larsen, 2002,] p. xxviii. The reference to deposits that are "of/belonging to the City" is obscure to me. Aššur-idi writes from Assur to his main partner, Alāhum, and to his three sons. A certain Alāhum, probably not identical with the letter recipient, brings a small number of textiles, constituting only one-fifth of a donkey load. The instructions concern deposits of textiles on the firm's account in Kanesh in the colony office. Ilī-ālum is ordered to come to Assur.

RC 1749c (OAA 1, 51) Transliteration	RC 1749c (OAA 1, 51) Translation	RC 1749c (OAA 1, 51) Tablet Photo
1	1-3) From Aššur-nādā to Šišahšušar: 3-13) As to the grain and the <i>subārum</i> , as much as Ilī-išar and Huluba (collected) as the price of (copper) sickles and tin, which I gave to them and which they brought to Alāni—why have you not sent me word at all about how much they have given to you?  14-16) If they do not give you anything they must not enter my house.  17-22) Throw Huluba in jail, and make Ilī-išar pay the price of 30 minas of (copper) and 1 shekel 22 (grains) of silver, that he owes.  23-25) 40 minas of copper, 10 <i>kutānu</i> -textiles, 4 black textiles, of the textiles which they took for themselves.	Io.e.  Ie.e.

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Comments: Translation and comments by Larsen (OAA 1) 2002, 75:

- 3-8: the construction of this passage is awkward; if my translation is not accepted, one could instead maintain that the word *mala* in line 5 has no logical function here, but that it makes perfect sense where it is repeated in line 10; the translation would therefore become: "...owed by Ilī-isar and Huluba, the proceeds from the sale of sickels and tin, which I had given to them and which they brought to Alāni...".
- 4: for the term *subārum* see Donbaz 1982.
- 9: a-lá-ni, here taken to be either a personal name or the name of a town, cf. AKT 3, 13:27, where one A-lá-ni is the father of Būr-Aššur.

Aššur-nâdâ writes to Šišahšušar about the debt of two men, Ilī-isar and Huluba, who should have given grain and some commodity called *subārum* to her. He wants information about their actions and instructs his maid to be tough in her dealings with them. These two men reappear in #54, where we understand that they brought 40 minas of sickles and 2 1/2 minas of tin to Šana; Ilī-išar's name is there written only as ì-lí-šar.

RC 1749d (OAA 1, 55) Transliteration	RC 1749d (OAA 1, 55) Translation (MTL)	RC 1749d (OAA 1, 55) Tablet Photo
1	1-5) From Aššur-nādā to Aku(z)a, Šišahšušar and Aššur-šamšī: 5-14) If Adad-bāni asks you for his tablet, then open my tablet (room), look up his tablet, deduct what he is going to pay and write him out a (new) tablet concerning the rest—and only then give him the other one. 15-22) I gave you a tablet concerning 1/2 mina of silver of the working capital of Aššur-idī son of Kusaya, in order that when the attorney of Kura's firm seized you, you could confirm the identity of your father's seal— 23-25) Let Aku(z)a return that to my (other) tablets. 26-30) Check all of your first class oil, and the donkeys and the servants must not be held back; send them [to] Wašhania.	IO.e.  IV.  IEV.  IE.e.  IE.e.

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**Comments**: Larsen explains: "Aššur-nādā writes to Aššur-taklāku and his maid in Kaneš about domestic matters. Šišahšušar is mildly reminded of the existence of other resources than the ones she has mentioned. Together with Aššur-taklāku she is to apply pressure on four Anatolians who owe money, and she is asked to make preparations for the production of beer. The letter is closely related to AKT 1, 15, #73" (2002, 78).

- 2 and 23: The name has been emended in view of the exact parallel in KTS 1, 13a, 56; however, the photograph seems to show a clear A.
- 5-14: šu-ma (šumma+Adv) <sup>d</sup>IM-ba-ni (Adad-bāni+Name) tup-pu-šu (tupp+N+Masc+Sg+Nom+3MS+Acc) e-ri-iš-ku-nu (erēšum+GStem+Pret+3MS+2MP+Obl) tup-pi-a (tupp+N+Masc+Pl+Const+1CS) pí-tí-a-ma (patā²um+GStem+Imp+2CP+MA) am-ra-ma (amārum+GStem+Impv+2MP+MA) ša (ša+Rel) i-ša-qú-lu (šaqālum+GStem+Pres+3MS+Subj) ṣa-hi-ra-ma (ṣahārum+GStem+Impv+2MP+MA) ší-tim (šit+N+Fem+Sg+Gen) lu-up-ta-ma (lapātum+GStem+Impv+Vent+MA) a-li-am (allû+N+Masc+Sg+Acc) dí-na-šu-um (nadānum+GStem+Impv+Vent+3MS+Dat)
- 15-22: ṭup-pá-am (ṭupp+N+Masc+Sg+Acc) ma-na (mana+N+Undec) KÙ.BABBAR (kasp+N+Undec) bé-ú-lá-at (be²ūlā+N+Fem+Sg+Const) A-šùr-i-dí (Aššur-idī+Name) DUMU (mer²+N+Masc+Sg+Const+Undec) Ku-sá-a (Kusaya+Name) i-nu-mì (inūmi+Adv) ra-bi4-şú-um (rābiş+N+Masc+Sg+Nom) É (bēt+N+Masc+Sg+Const) Ku-ra (Kura+Name) iṣ-bu-tù-kà (ṣabātum+GStem+Pret+3MS+Subj+2MS+Acc) ku-nu-ki (kunukk+N+Masc+Sg+Const) a-bi<sub>4</sub>-kà (ab+N+Masc+Sg+Gen+2MS+Acc) wa-du-im (idû<wad²um+GStem+Inf+Sg+Gen) a-dí-na-kum (nadānum+GStem+Pret+1CS+2MS+Dat)
- 23-25: li-bi4 (libb+Prep<N+Masc+Sg+Gen) tù-pì-a (tupp+N+Masc+Pl+Const+1CS) lu-ta-ir-šu (târum+GStem+Prec+3MS+3MS)
- 26: Veenhof's transliteration has the inexplicable word *ni-ma-hi-kà*; which Mogens read as Ì.GIŠ DÙG.GA.
- 26-30: Ì.GIŠ (šamn+N+Undec) DÙG.GA (ţâbum+Adj+Masc+Sg+Gen(-A(K)) kà-lá-šu-ma (kal+N+Masc+Sg+Acc+3MS+MA) sà-ni-qá-ma (sanāqum+GStem+Impv+2CP+MA) ANŠE.HI.A (emār+N+Masc+Pl+Obl) şú-ha-ri (şuhār+N+Masc+Pl+Obl) lá (la+Neg) ma (?) a-şé-er (aṣṣēr+Prep(<ana+ṣēr+N+Masc+Sg+Const)) Wa-áš-ha-ni-a (Wašhania+GN) ţur<sub>a</sub>-da-nim (ṭarādum+GStem+Impv+2CP+Vent)
- 29 (l.e.): the reading of the line is tentative; Veenhof suggests as a less likely alternative *la-ma si-kà*![-*tim a-na*].

RC 1749e (OAA 1, 75) Transliteration	RC 1749e (OAA 1, 75) Translation (MTL)	RC 1749e (OAA 1, 75) Tablet Photo
1  a-na A-šùr-na-da qí-bi <sub>4</sub> -ma um-ma Ì-lí-a-lúm-ma 15 GÍN KÙ.BABBAR a-ru-pá-am I-dí-Sú-in 5  DUMU I-tur <sub>4</sub> -DINGIR ta-ad-mì-iq-tám ša Šál-ma-A-šùr DUMU Ha-lá-li [xx] ù i-na Kà-ni-iš KI I-dí-Ištar DUMU A-šùr-ma-lik  10 ù šu-wa-tí rev. a -ba-sú-nu-ma um-ma šu-nu-ma iš-t[ù] Wa-ah-šu-ša-na nu-šé-ba-lá-kum ù  15 a-ta i-Ha-hi-im Šál-ma-A-šùr ta-a -ba-at-ma um-ma Šál-ma-A-šùr-ma I-dí-Ištar ù I-dí-Sú-in ú-ša-bi <sub>4</sub> -ú 20 ù té-er-ta-kà u.e. i-li-kam a-pu-tum KÙ.BABBAR ša-áš-qí-il <sub>5</sub> -šu 1.e. šu-ma mì-ma i-qá-bi <sub>4</sub> ra-ki-[s]ú-ma up-pá-am 25 ša ku-nu-ki-šu le-qé	<ul> <li>1-5) To Aššur-nādā from Ilī-ālum:</li> <li>3-7) Iddin-Suen son of Itūr-ilī received 15 shekels of refined silver, an interest-free loan of Šalim-Aššur son of Halāli;</li> <li>8-14) so in Kaneš I seized Iddin-Ištar son of Aššur-malik and him (i.e. Iddin-Suen), and they said: "We shall send it to you from Wahšušana."</li> <li>14-21) Then you seized Šalim-Aššur in Hahhum and Šalim-Aššur said: "Iddin-Ištar and Iddin-Suen have paid in full." Then your message came to me.</li> <li>21-25) Please, make him pay the silver. If he says anything, then bind him by contract and get hold of a tablet sealed by him.</li> </ul>	Io.e.  Ie.e.

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Comments: Larsen writes: "Ilī-ālum writes about a somewhat complex loan arrangement, in which he obviously has an interest; so, when he tells his brother about Iddin-Suen who has taken an interest-free loan of Šalim-Aššur's, we have to assume that it had originally been given by Ilī-ālum. He has chased the two people who appear to have the money, and when he seized them in Kaneš they promised to send him the money from Wahšušana. However, Aššur-nādā had been told by Šalim-Aššur in Hahhum that they had paid in full, so now Ilī-ālum wants his brother to collect the debt, presumably from this Šalim-Aššur" (2002, 112).

Abbreviat	Abbreviations	
*	unattested form	
/	word divider wedge	
//	alternative reading	
?	uncertain reading	
!	certain reading, but of a damaged or uncertain sign	
<	derivative of (what follows)	
<>	missing signs added, scribal omission	
«»	scribe added (unnecessary) sign(s), scribal inclusion	
гі	damaged sign(s)	
[]	broken, restored sign(s)	
1CP	first person, common plural form	
1CS	first person, common singular form	
2FP	second person, feminine plural form	
2FS	second person, feminine singular form	
2MP	second person, masculine plural form	
2MS	second person, masculine singular form	
3CD	third person, common dual form	
3FP	third person, feminine plural form	
3FS	third person, feminine singular form	
3MS	third person, masculine singular form	
3MP	third person, masculine plural form	
3	<sup>2</sup> alef (indistinguishable from <sup>c</sup> aiyn in Old Assyrian)	
Acc	accusative case	
Adj	adjective (GAG §112)	
Adv	adverb	

AHw	Akkadisches Handwörterbuch (Soden 1959)
CAD	Chicago Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago (1956-2010)
Cond	conditional
Conj	conjunction
Const	the construct state (status constructus; GAG §62, 64, 65), a type of dependent clause
d.	DINGIR, determinative for divine name, typed in superscript to indicate a Sumerian loanword
Dat	dative case
DStem	double stem (GAG §88)
DU	dual, two in number (GAG § 61)
Pres	the present / durative verbal form (see Huehnergard 2005, 98; GAG §78)
Fem (F)	feminine gender (GAG §60)
GAG	W. von Soden, Grundriss der Akkadischen Grammatik (AnOr 33, 1995)
Gen	genitive case
GKT	K. Hecker, Grammatik der Kültepe-Texte (AnOr 44, 1968)
GN	geographical name or toponym
GStem	the so-called Grundstamm or basic verbal stem (GAG §87)
Impv	imperative or command verbal form (GAG §81)
Inf	infinitive verbal form (GAG §149)
KAM	copula, capitalized to indicate a loanword from Sumerian
KI	KI is a locational determinative (Sumerian loanword) and is also used as a preposition in Assyrian.
le.e.	left edge of the tablet
lo.e.	lower edge (i.e. bottom) of the tablet
1.r.	letter recipient, as a designation of the role of a PN in a text. When followed by an astrix * it indicates the first PN in a list of PNs.
1.w.	letter writer, as a designation of the role of a PN in a text. When followed by an astrix * it indicates the first PN in a list of PNs.
MA	the enclitic -ma (GAG §123; see Kouwenberg 2013, 237)
Masc (M)	masculine gender (GAG §60)
m.	mentioned

N	noun (GAG §53)
Neg	negation (GAG §122)
Nom	nominative case
NStem	-n- infix in the verbal stem (GAG §90)
OA	Old Assyrian, dialect of the Akkadian language (GAG §194)
OB	Old Babylonian, dialect of the Akkadian language (GAG §189)
Obl	oblique case
Perf	perfect verbal form (see Huehnergard 2005, 157; GAG § 80)
Pl (P)	plural, in number (GAG §61)
PN	proper name, of an individual on a tablet
Prec	precative (GAG § 81c)
Prep	preposition (GAG §114-115)
Pret	preterite verbal form (see Huehnergard 2005, 18; GAG §79)
Proh	prohibitive (GAG §81)
Pron	pronoun (GAG §40-41)
Ptc	participle (GAG§ 148)
Ras.	erasure, a scribal practice in which a sign is rubbed out of the clay tablet, often to make room for another.
r.e.	right edge of the tablet
Rel	relative pronoun ša
rev.	reverse of the tablet
Sg(S)	singular, one in number (GAG §61)
ŠStem	-š- infix in the verbal stem (GAG §89)
Stative	verbal form for expressing a state of being (see Huehnergard 2005, 25f.; GAG §77)
Subj	subjunctive suffix (GAG §83)
TA	TA is a distributive ending (usually translated as 'each, every'), and is capitalized here to indicate a Sumerian loanword.
Term	terminative-adverbial suffix -iš (GAG 7*)
u.e.	upper edge (i.e. top) of the tablet

Undec	undeclined, usually for Sumerian logograms
Vadj	verbal adjective (see Huehnergard 2005, 25ff. and § 22.1; GAG §77)
Vent	ventive suffix (see GAG §82)
W.	witness, used as a designation for the role of a given PN in a text.