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Part XXI. of "Cuneiform Texts from Babylonian Tablets, etc.," contains texts from thirty-three bricks, five gate-sockets, nine stone tablets, one baked clay tablet, eleven clay cones, two mace-heads, one oval stone object, four cylinder seals, one bronze figure, and one statue.

The texts here reproduced were inscribed for kings, rulers, and governors of Babylonia, from about B.C. 3800 to B.C. 2145. They are of the greatest importance for the study of Babylonian palaeography, for they illustrate the gradual modification of the ancient Sumerian semi-pictorial characters, and their development into a well-defined cuneiform script. The material given in this Part enables the student to distinguish between the writing of the earlier and of the later periods of Babylonian pre-dynastic history, and to trace peculiarities characteristic of the great centres of the priestly influence and learning in various parts of the country. Every effort has been made to represent accurately the complex forms of the characters employed in these early inscriptions.

The group of texts is fully representative of the long period of history which it illustrates. Among the kings of whom inscriptions are published herein may be specially mentioned : -

- I. SARGON, king of Agade, a city to the north of Babylon ; MANISHTUSU, king of Kish ; MUTABIL, governor of Dûr-ilu ; UBIL-ISHTAR, the brother of an early Babylonian king ; UR-GUR, king of Ur ; DUNGI, king of Ur ; SIN-GASHID, king of Erech ; SIN-GAMIL, king of Erech ; LIBIT-ISHTAR, king of Isin ; ISHME-DAGAN, king of Isin.
- II. Of the kings of the later dynasties of Ur : ENANNADUMA, BUR-SIN, GAMIL-SIN, Nûr-ADAD, SIN-IDINNAM, and RIM-SIN.
- III. KUDUR-MABUK, king of Elam ; GUDĒA, king of Shirpurla ; HAMMURABI, king of Babylon, and SAMSU-ILUNA, king of Babylon.

These early texts record chiefly the foundation and the rebuilding, or restoration, of a number of temples dedicated to various deities, and, though the historical facts which they furnish are frequently meagre, their value is very great, for, with the exception of a few traditions embodied in writings of a very much later date, they constitute our only known authorities for the history of Babylonia during a period of nearly two thousand years. Incidentally it may be noted that the titles assumed by the different kings often indicate the varying extent of the dominions over which they ruled. The inscriptions, moreover, reflect the growth or decay of the worship of the gods and goddesses of the predynastic Babylonian pantheon in the cities of Ur (Mukeyyer), Nippur (Niffer), Eridu (Abû Shahrên), Erech (Warka), Shirpurla (Tell Loh), Sippar (Abû Habbâ), Larsam (Senkereh), and Babylon.

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

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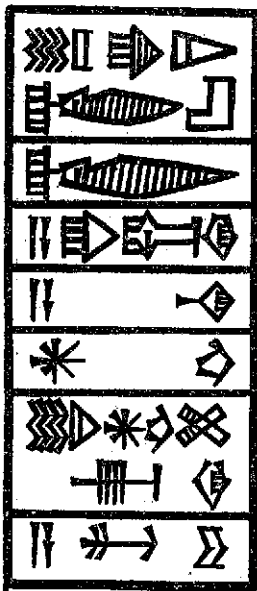
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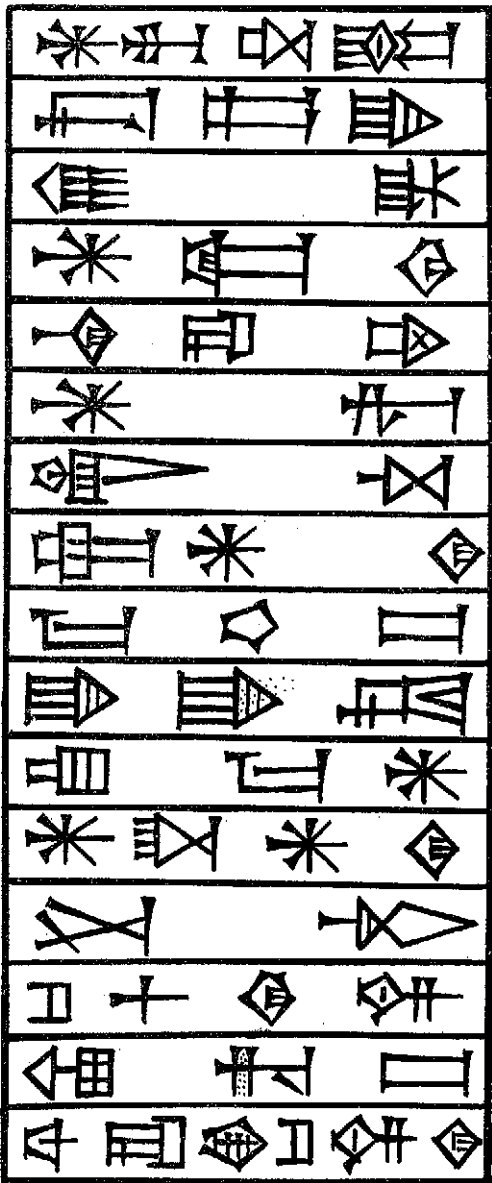


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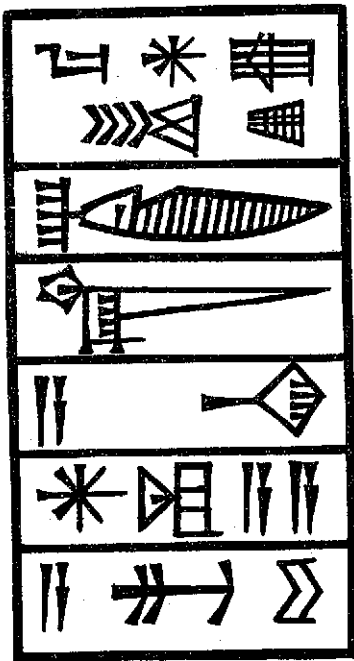
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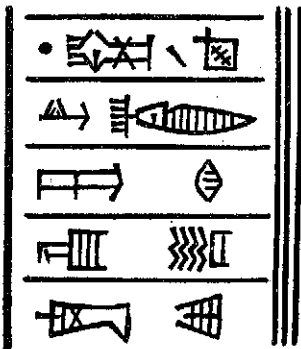
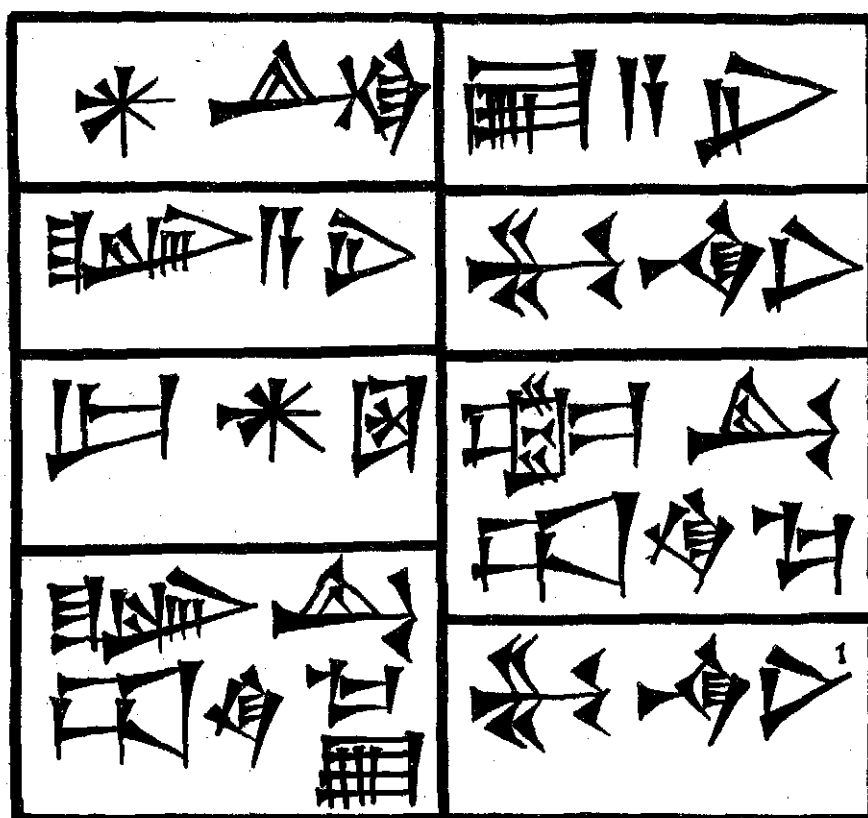


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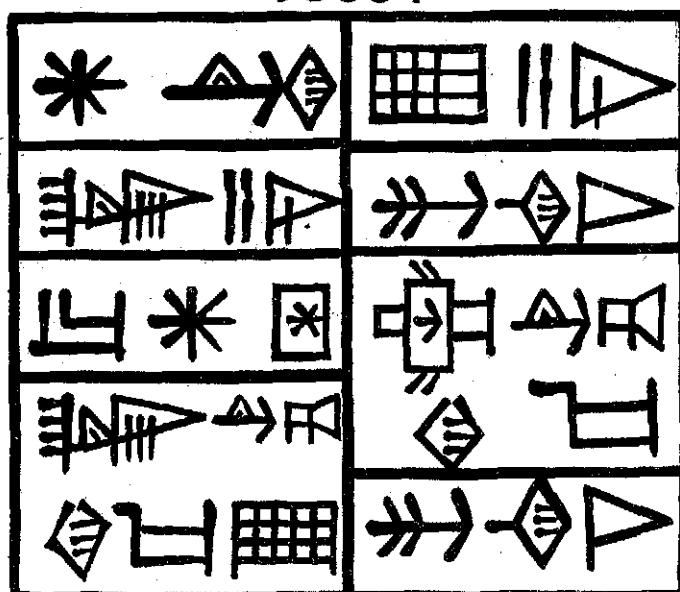
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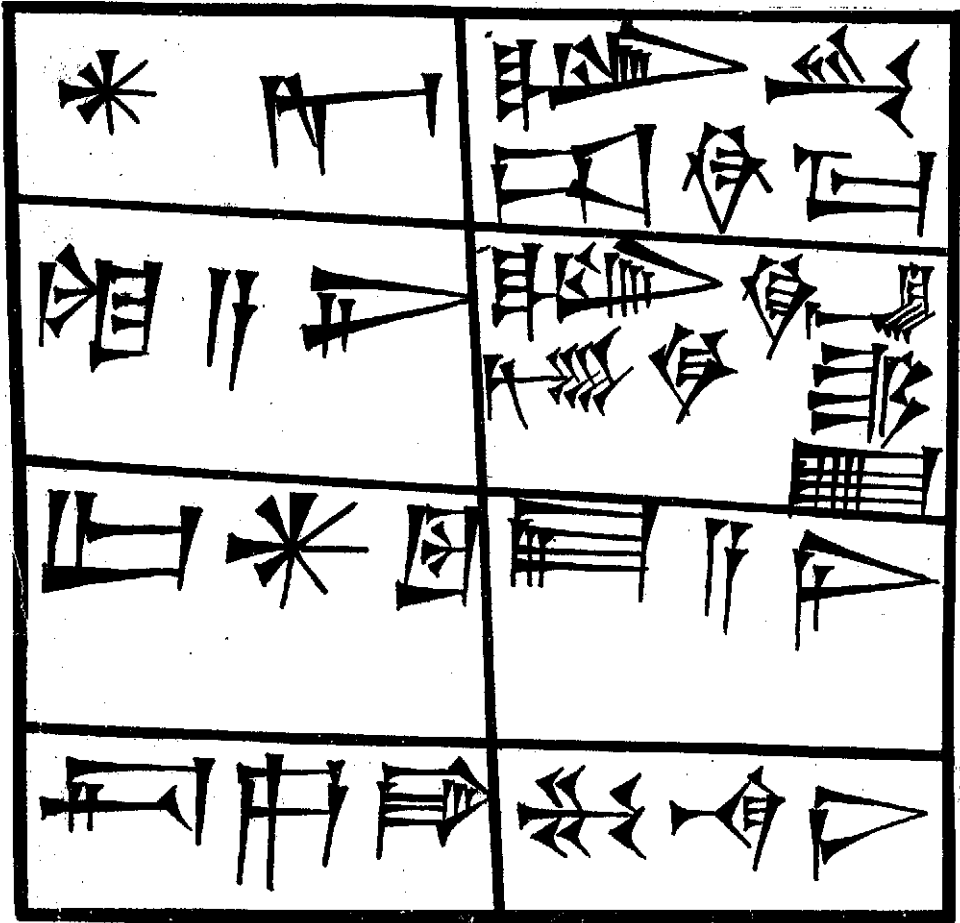
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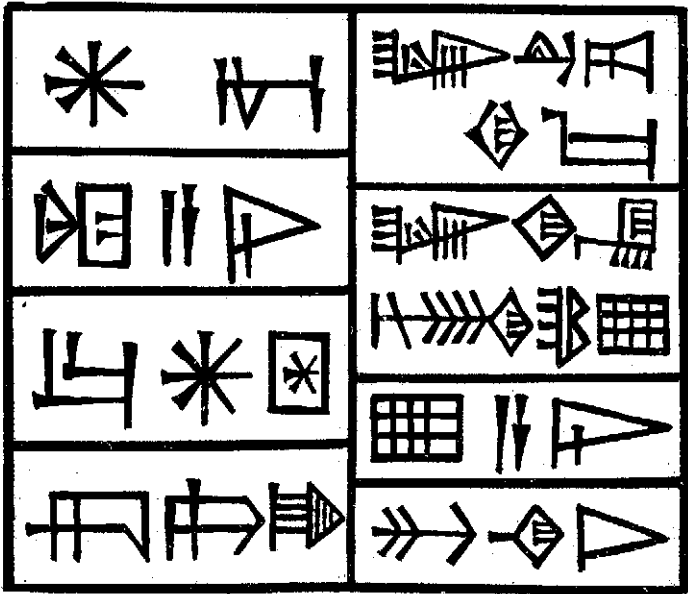
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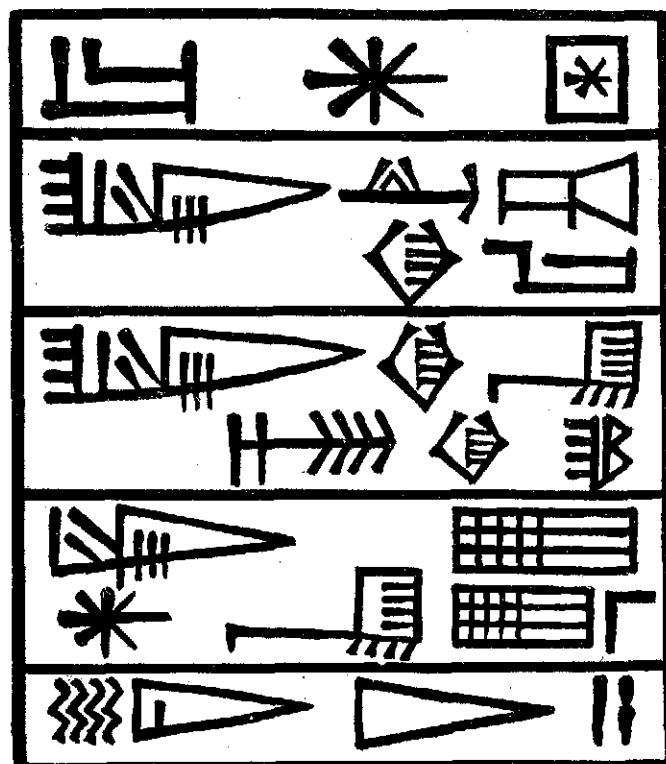
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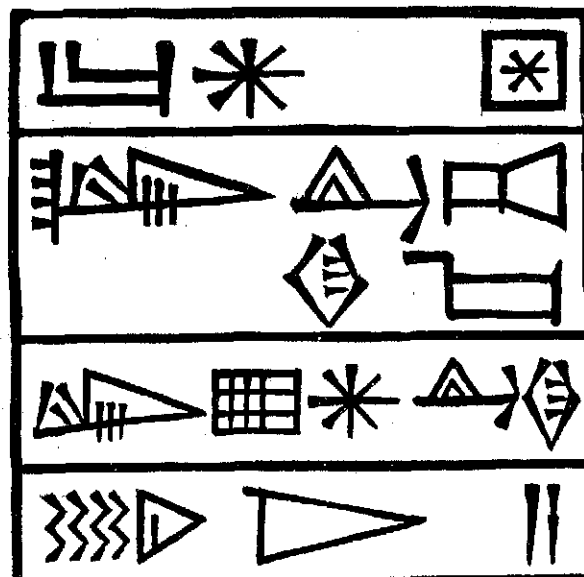
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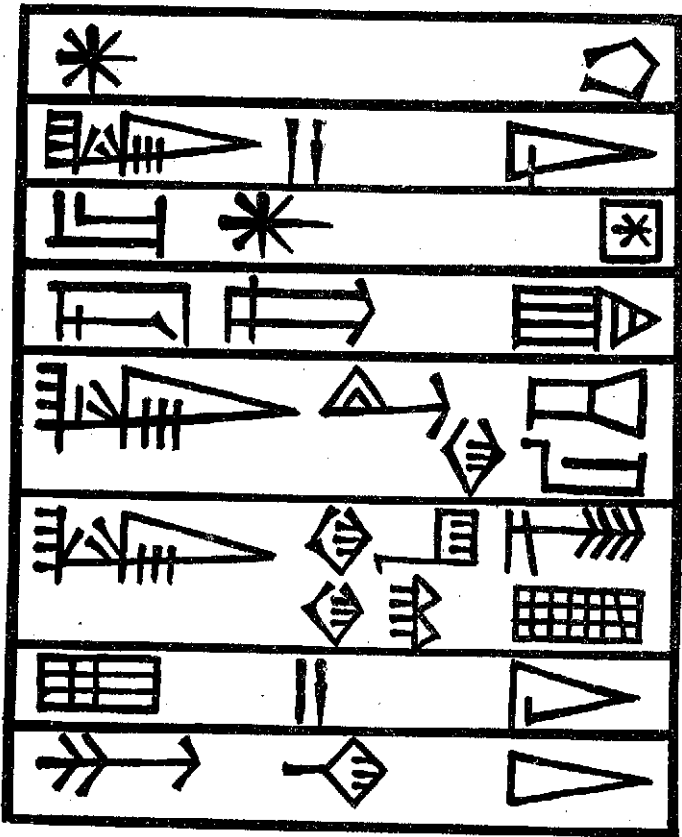
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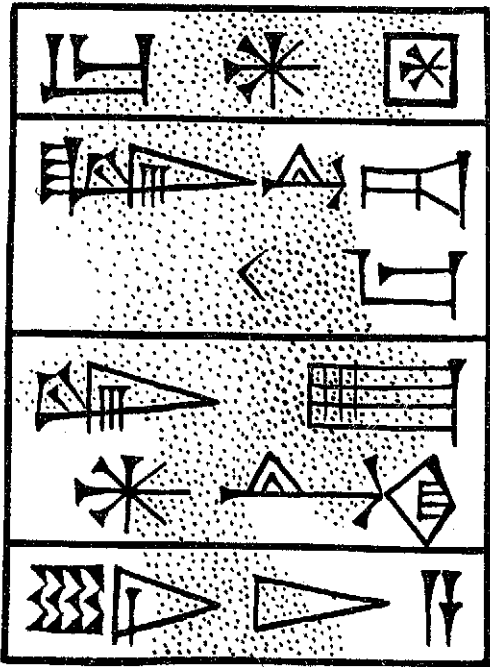
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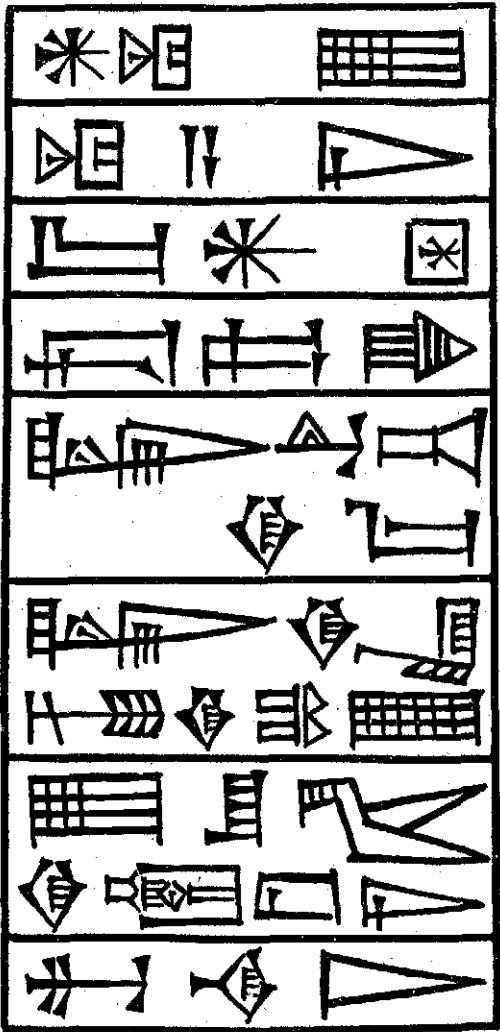
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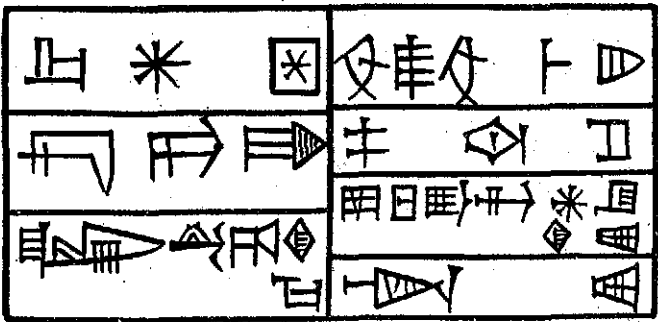
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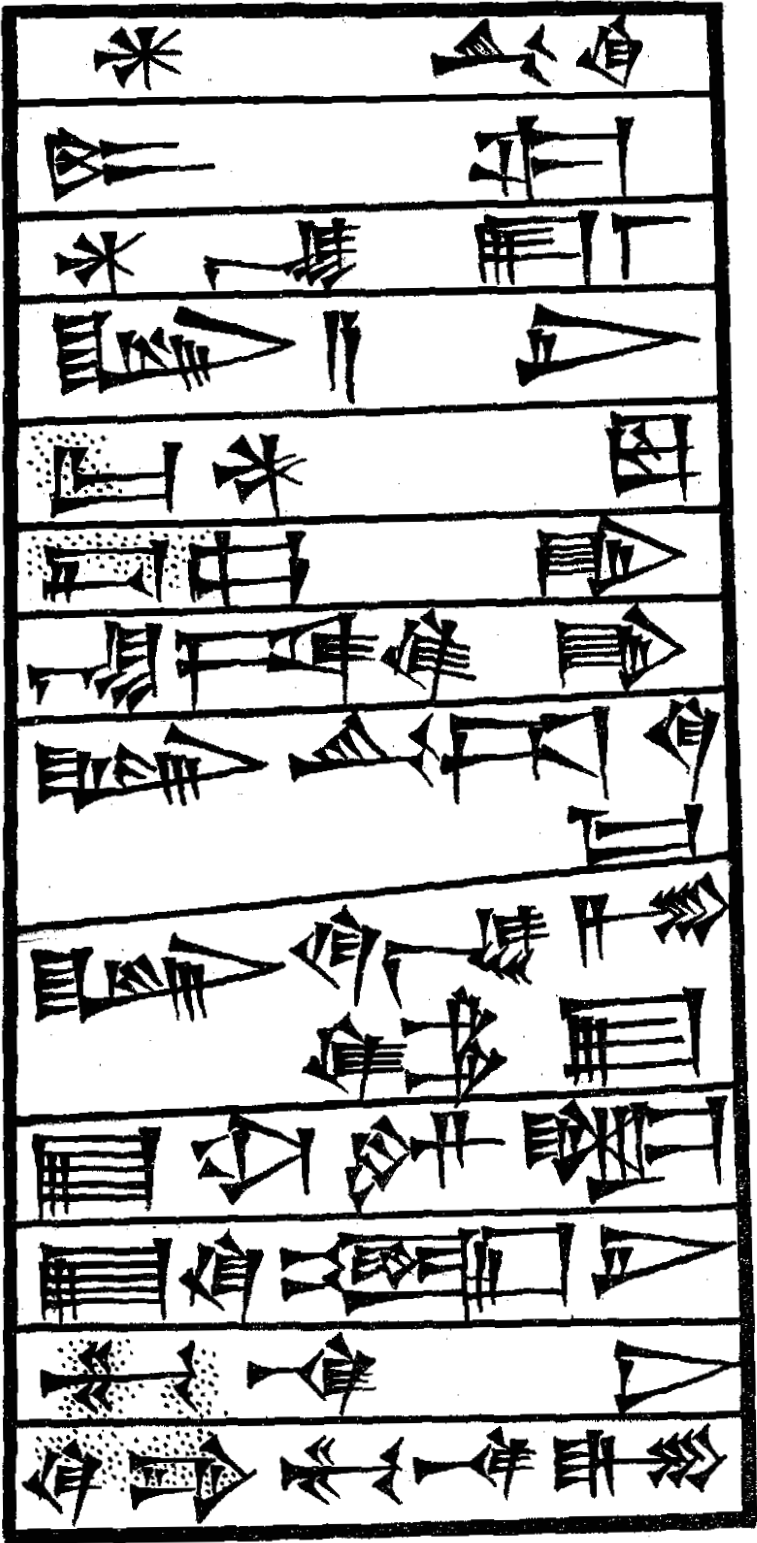
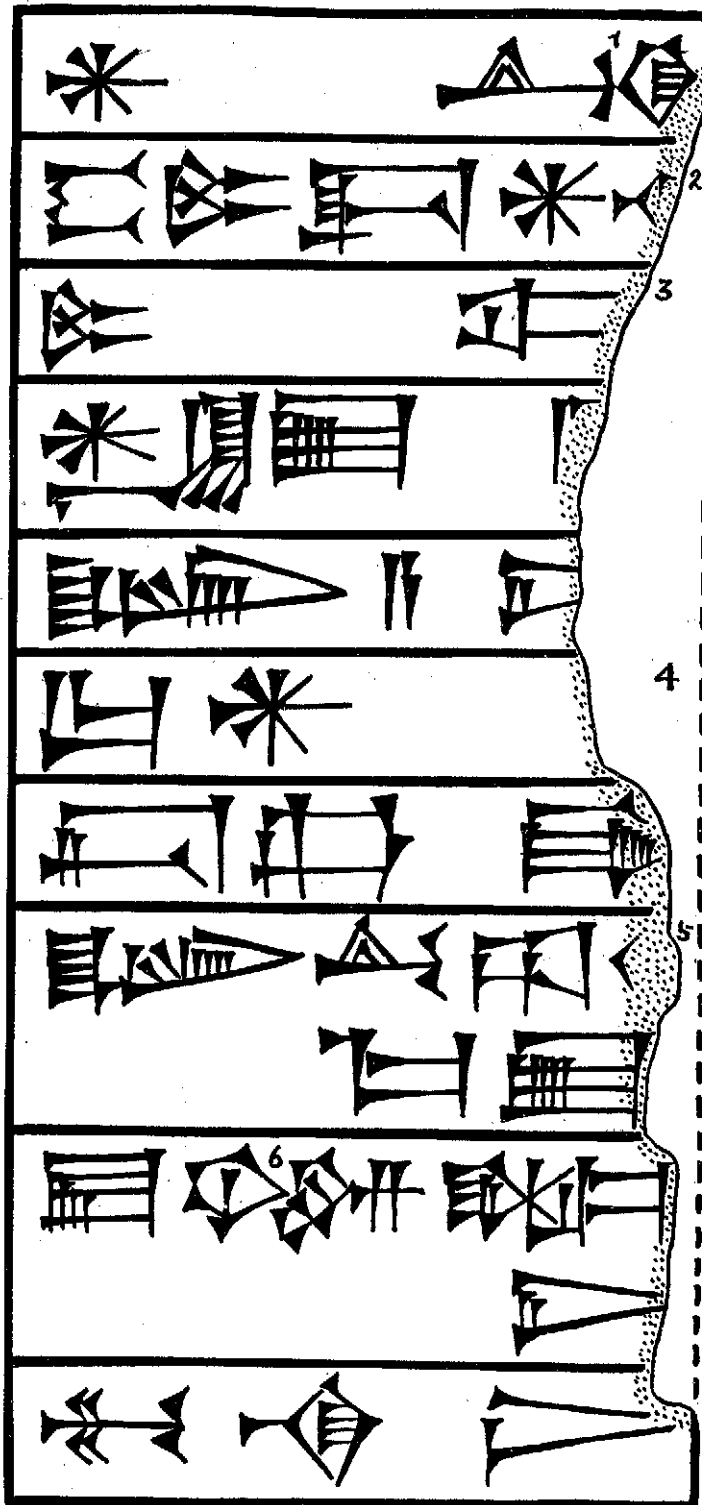








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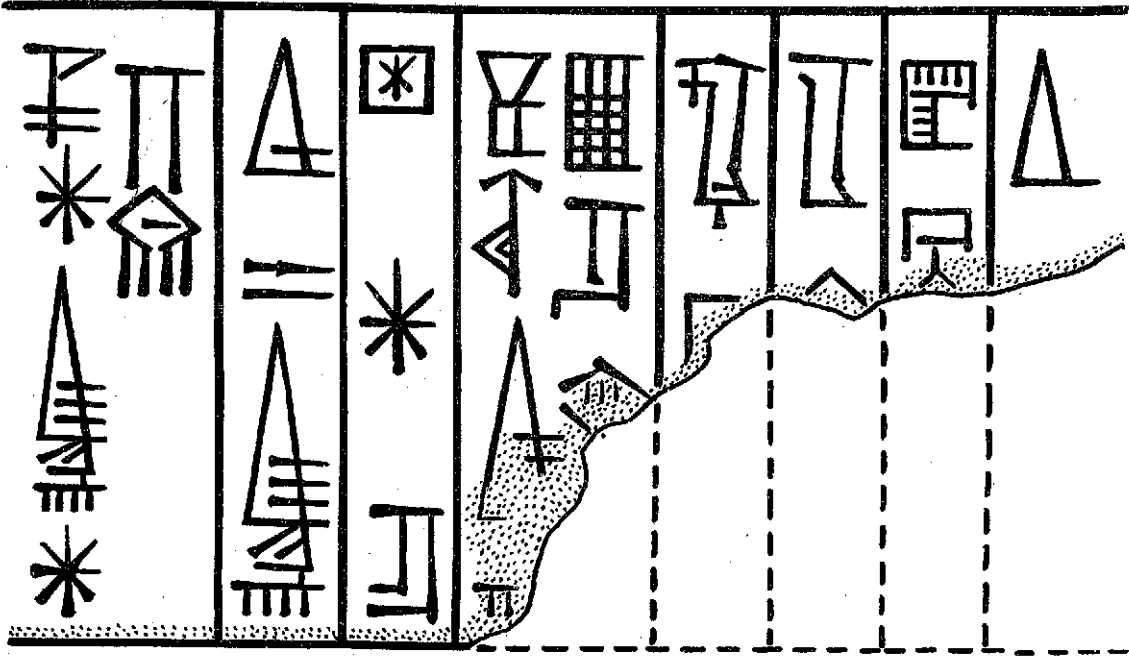


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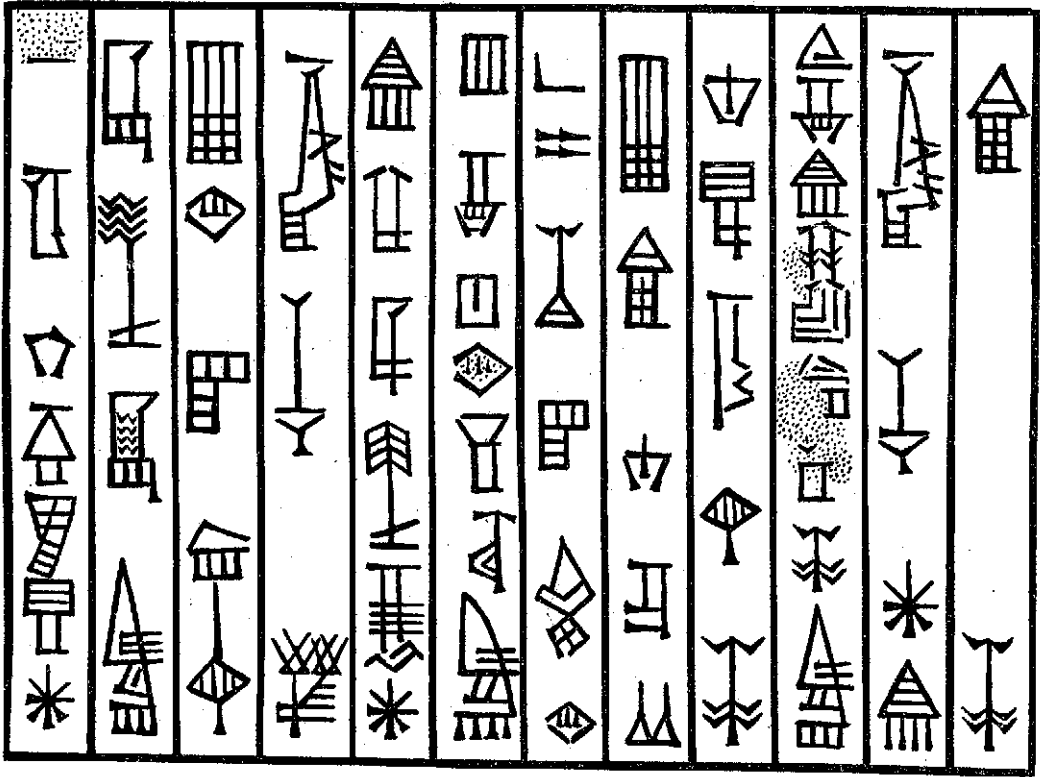
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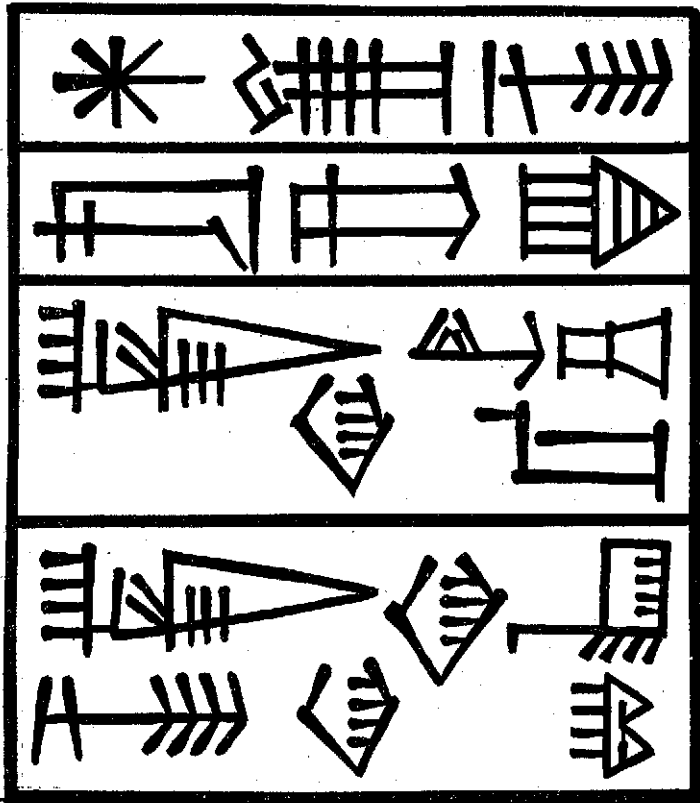
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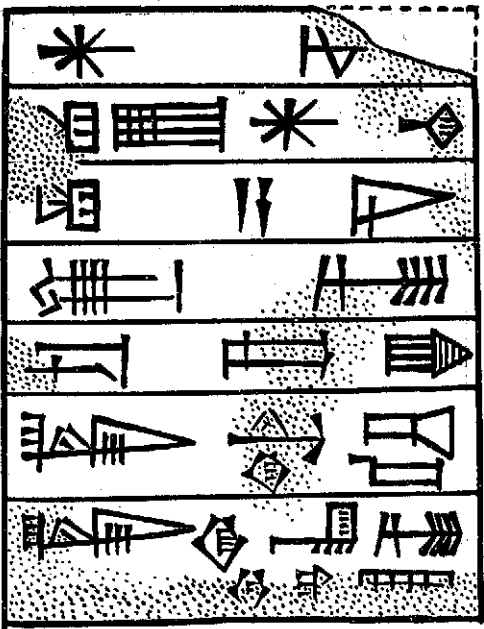
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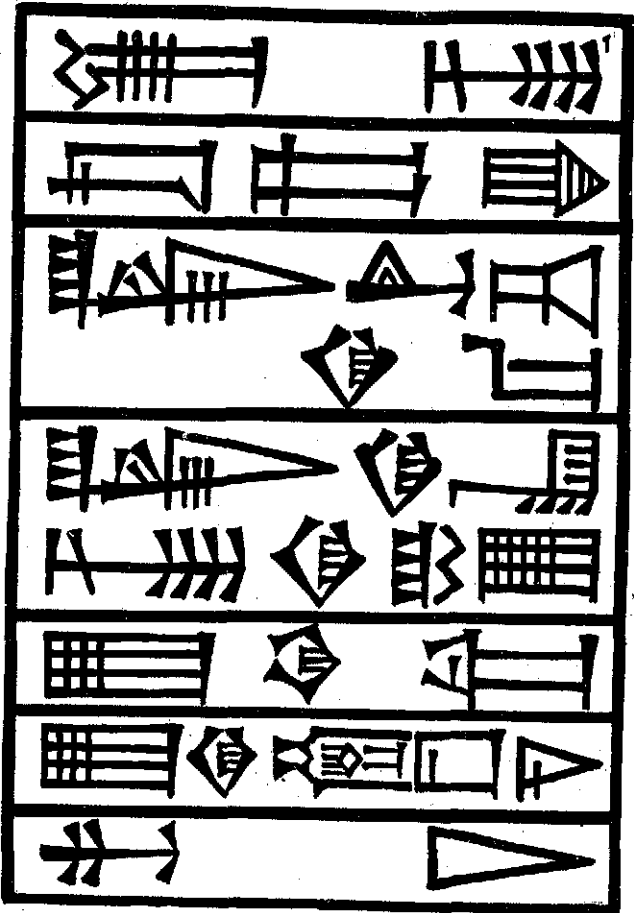
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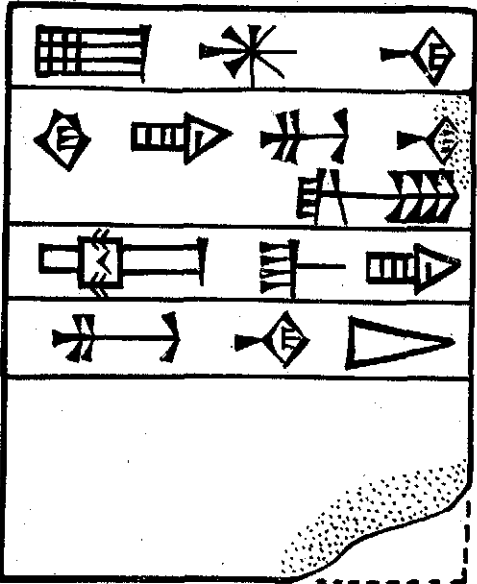


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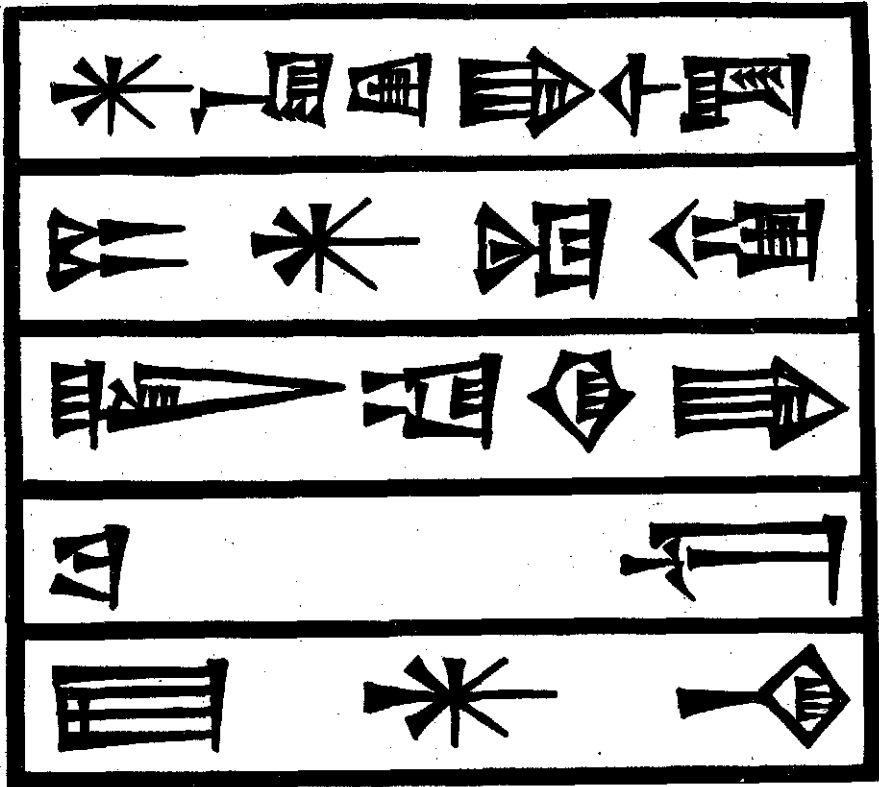
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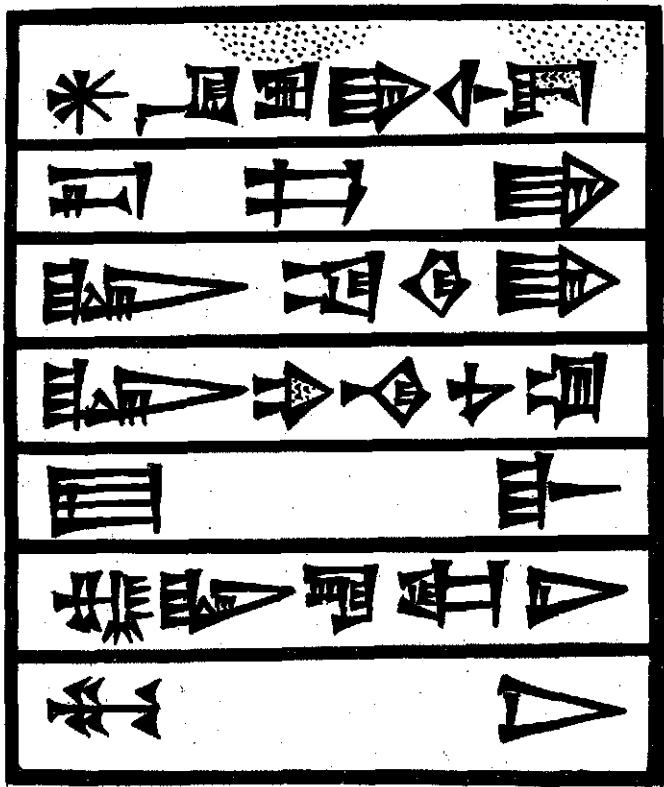
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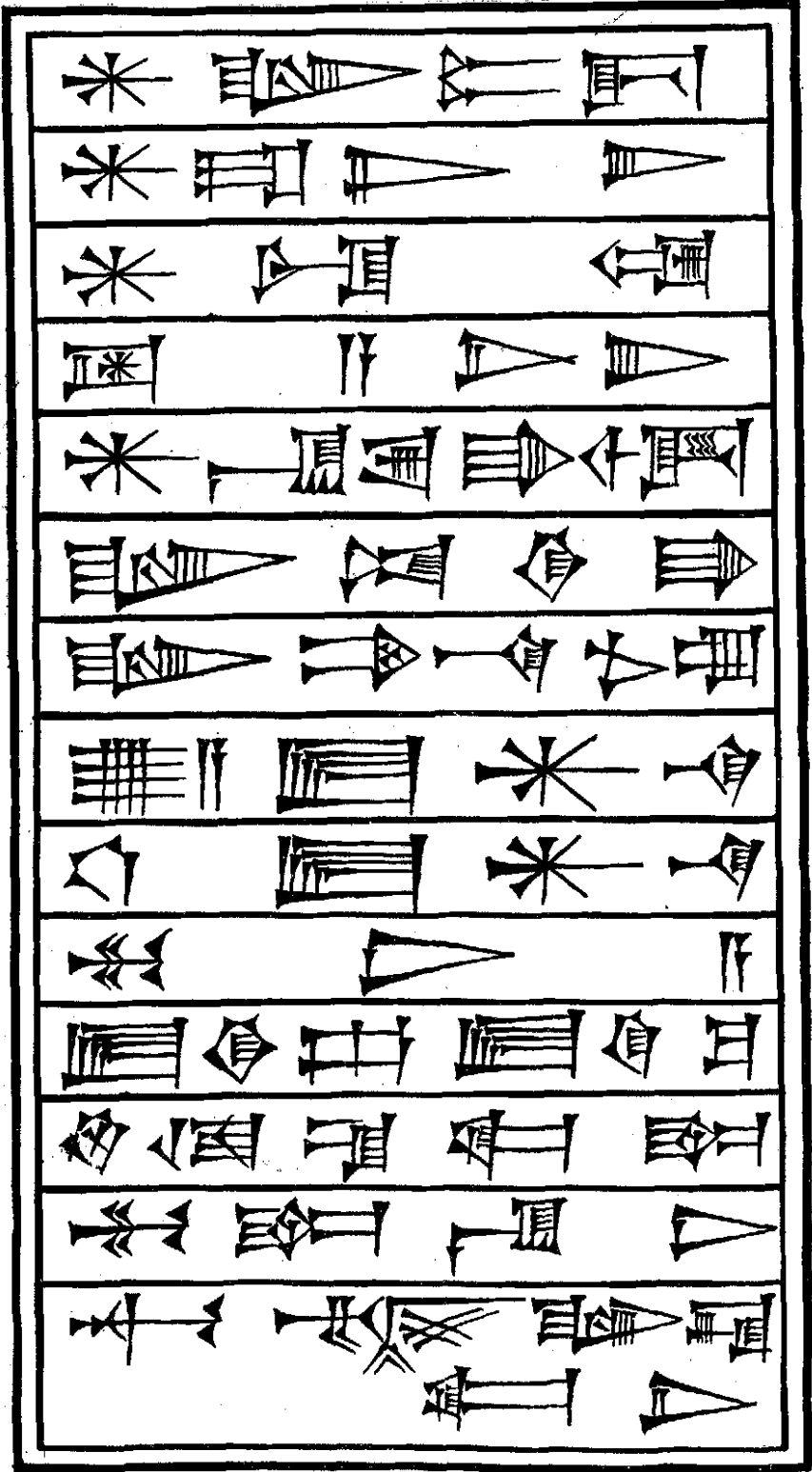
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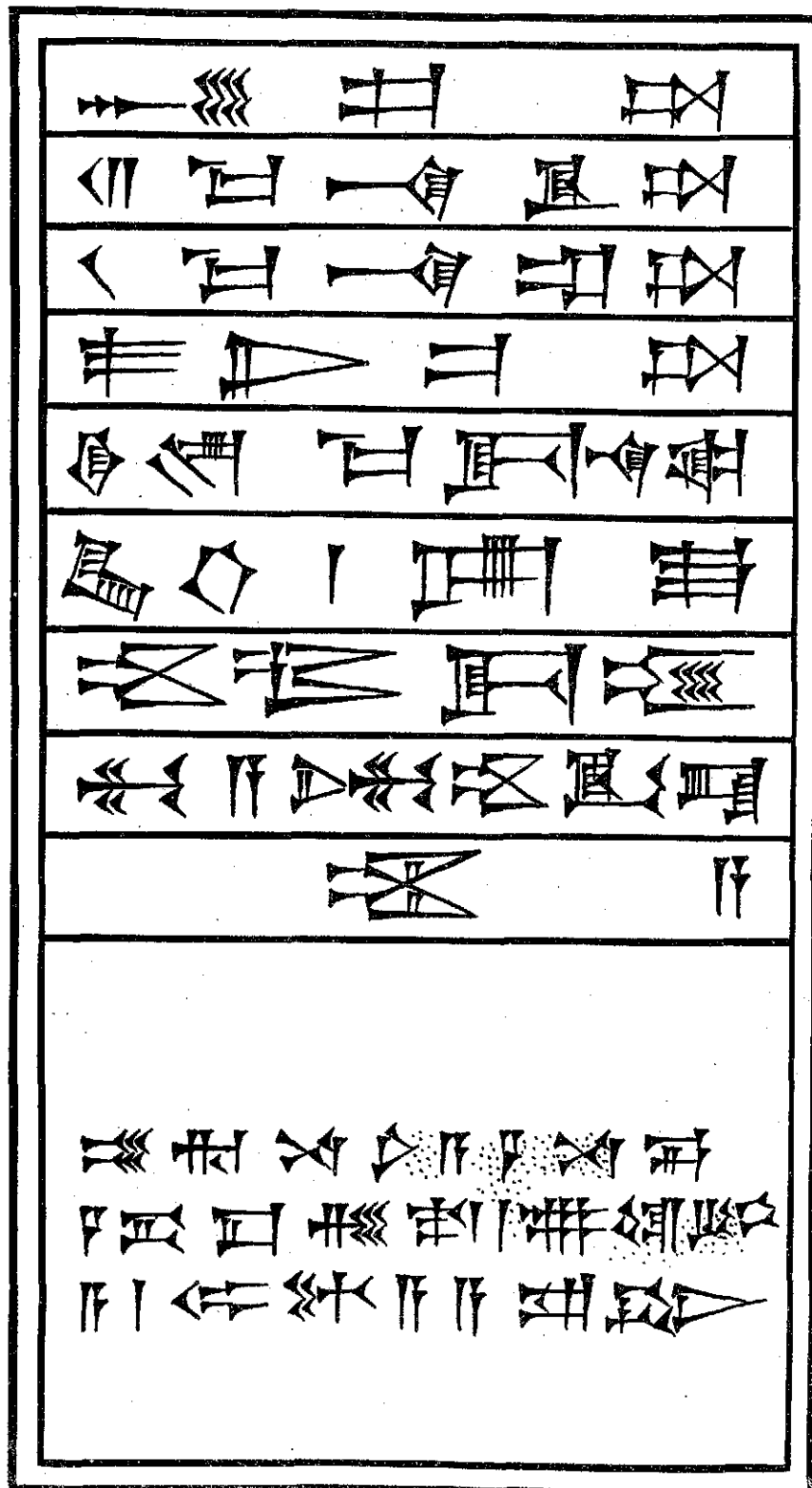
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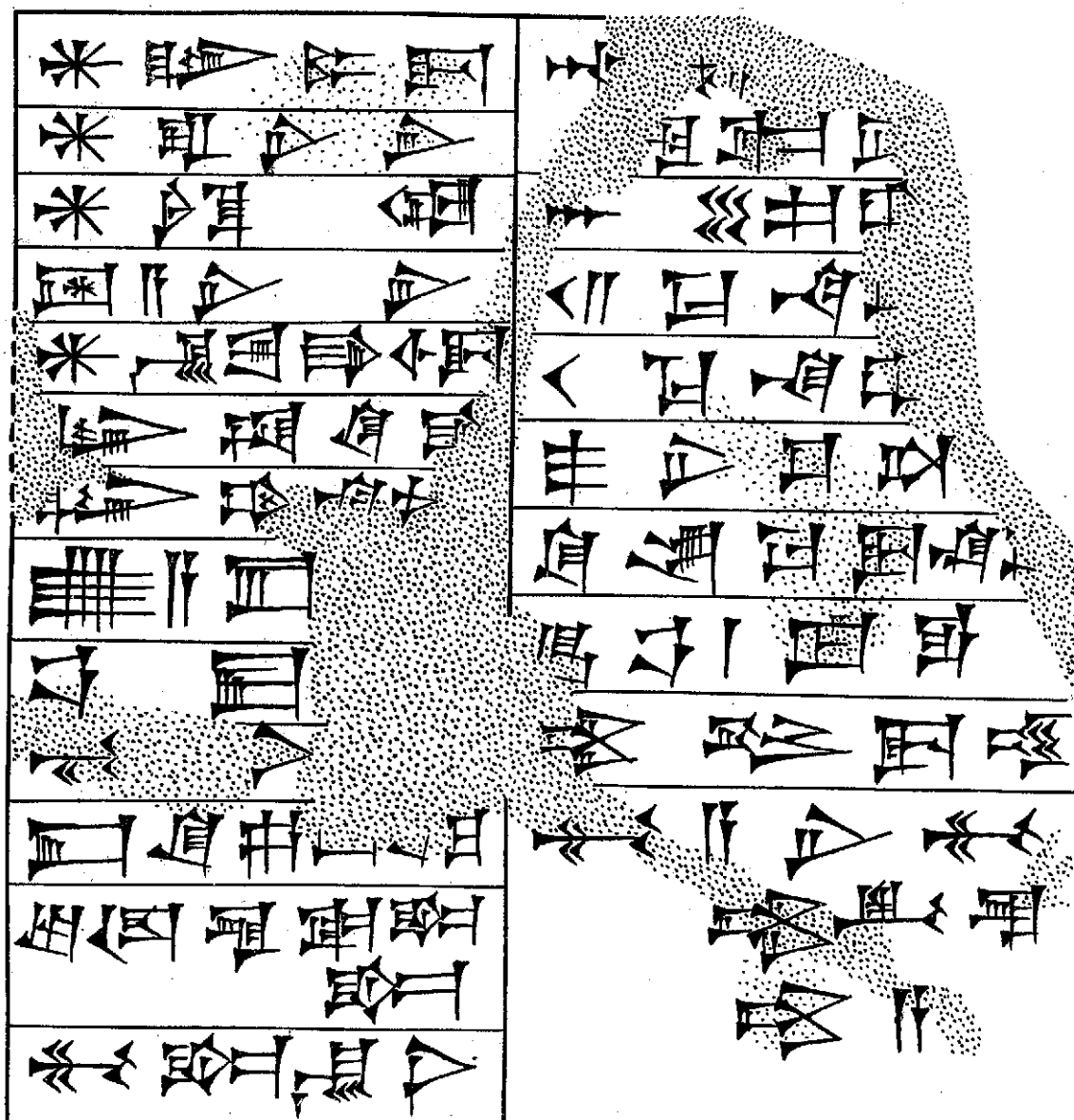
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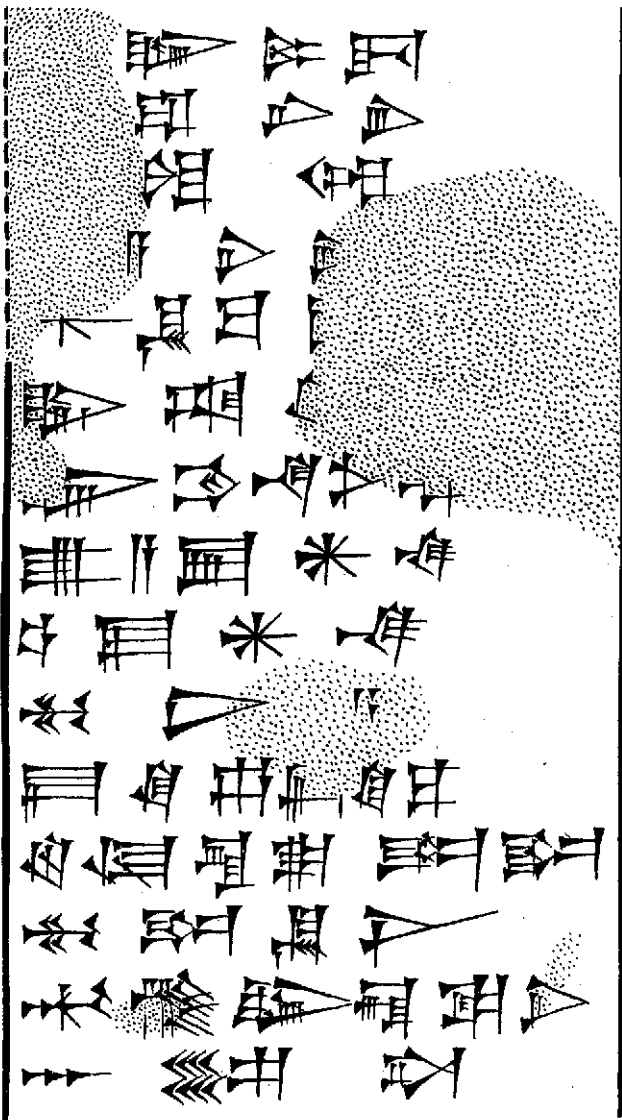
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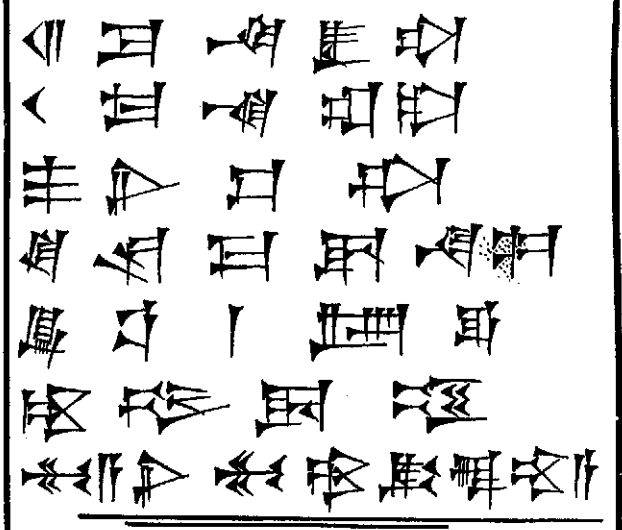
STEM OF CONE OF SIN-GASHID.

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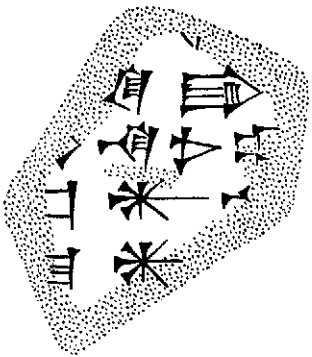
STEM OF CONE OF SIN-GASHID.

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HEAD OF CONE OF SIN-GASHID.

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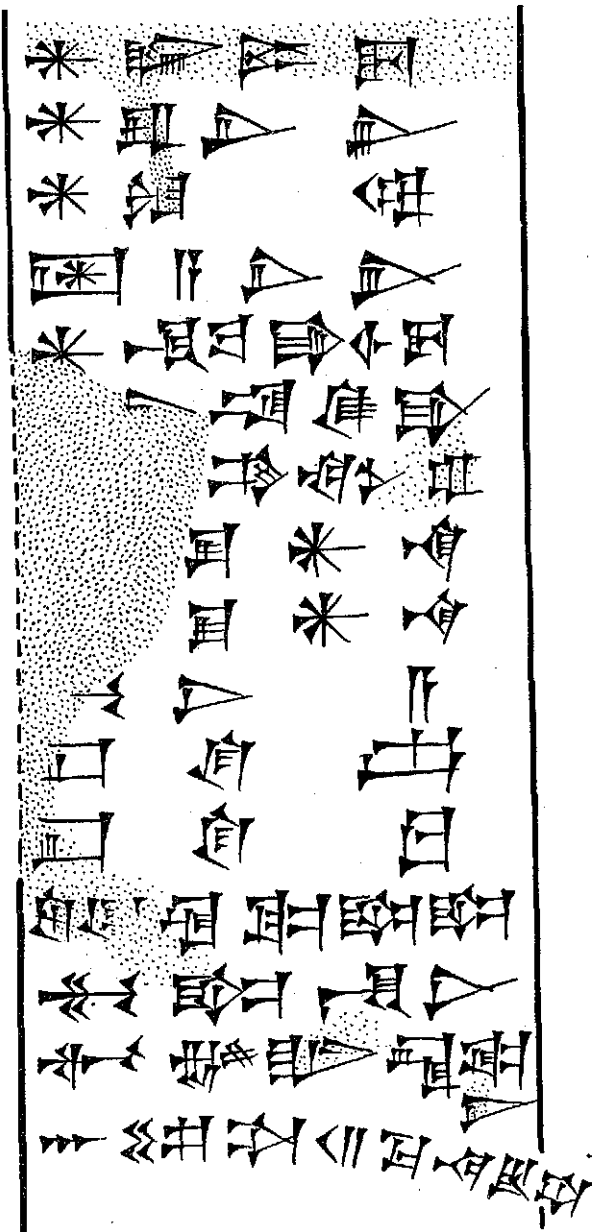




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AND OF THE TIME OF SIN-GAMIL.

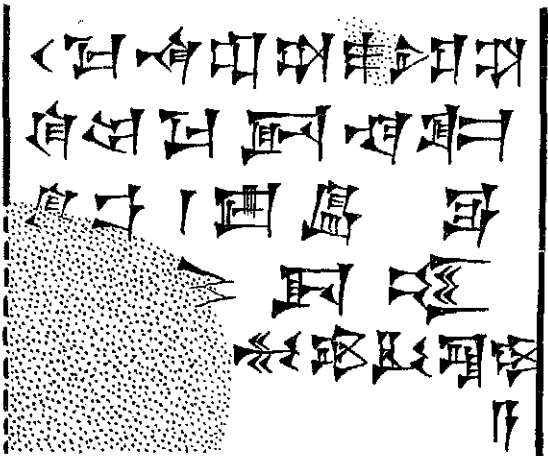
STEM OF CONE OF SIN-GASHID.

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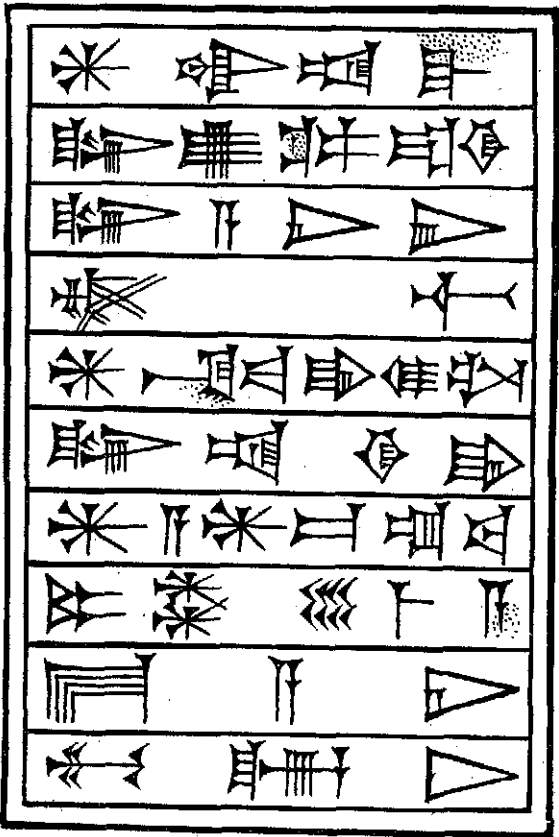
STEM OF CONE OF SIN-GASHID.

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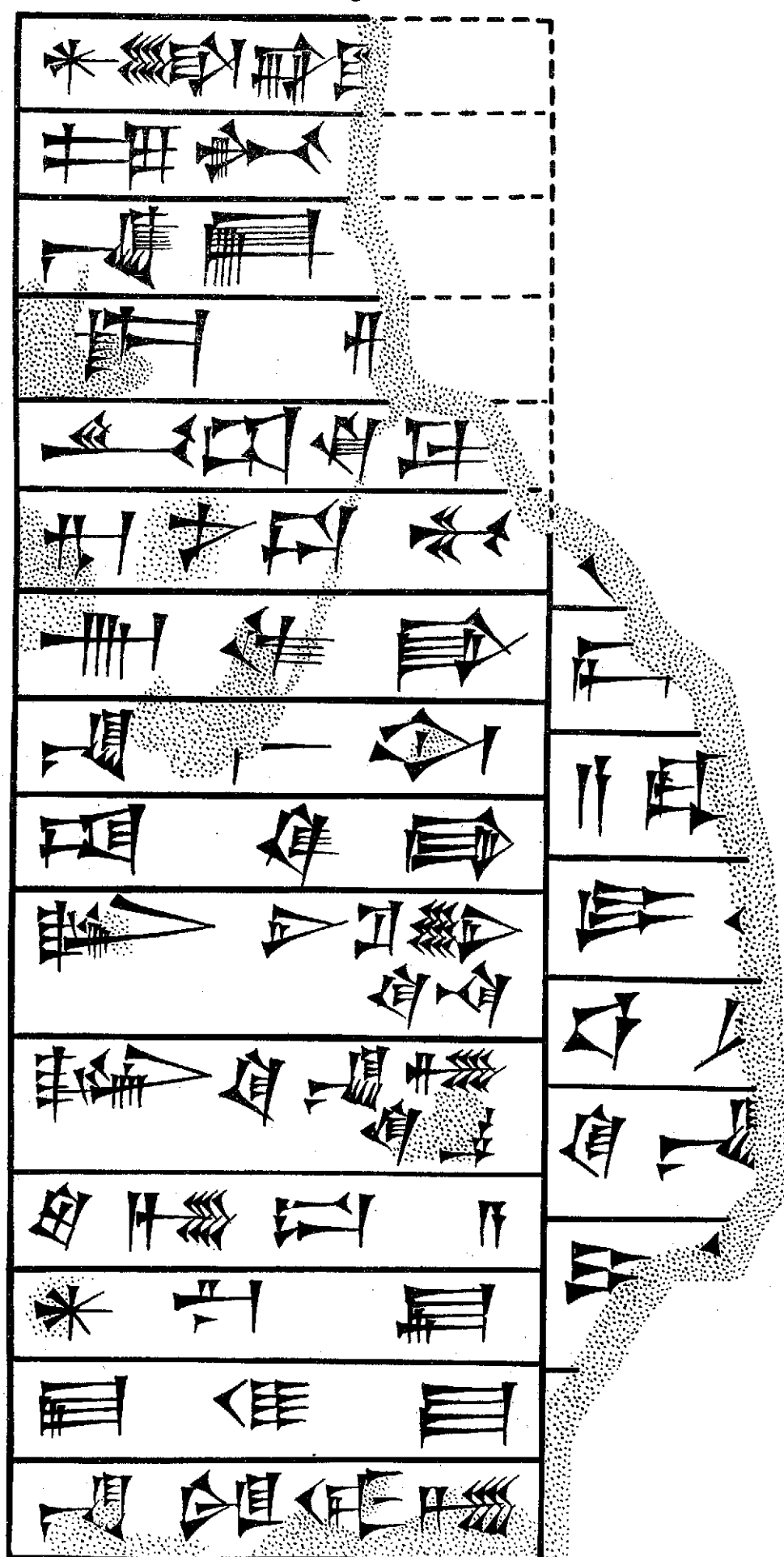
LIMESTONE TABLET  
OF THE TIME OF SIN-GAMIL.

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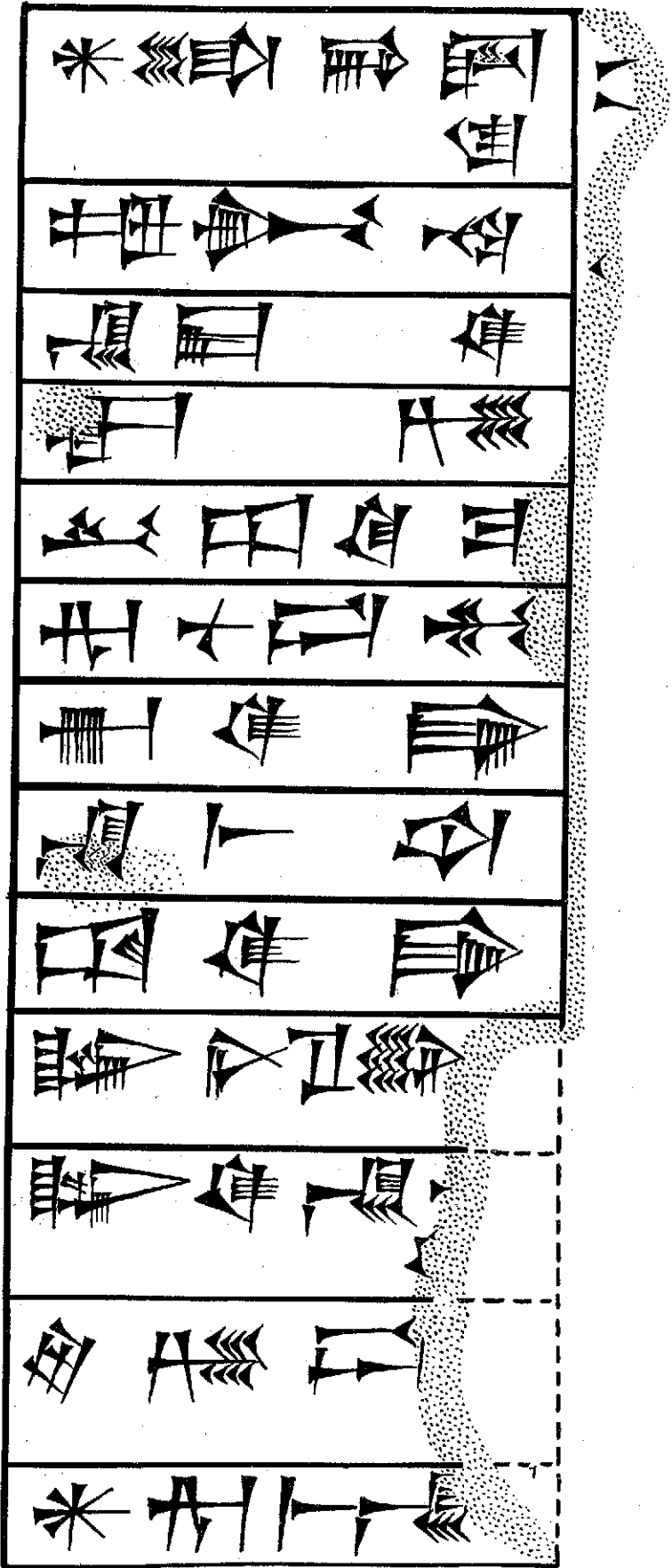


INSCRIPTIONS OF LIBIT-ISHTAR,  
 KING OF ISIN.  
 CONE OF LIBIT-ISHTAR.  
 30063

PLATE 18.



INSCRIPTIONS OF LIBIT-ISHTAR,  
KING OF ISIN.  
CONE OF LIBIT-ISHTAR.  
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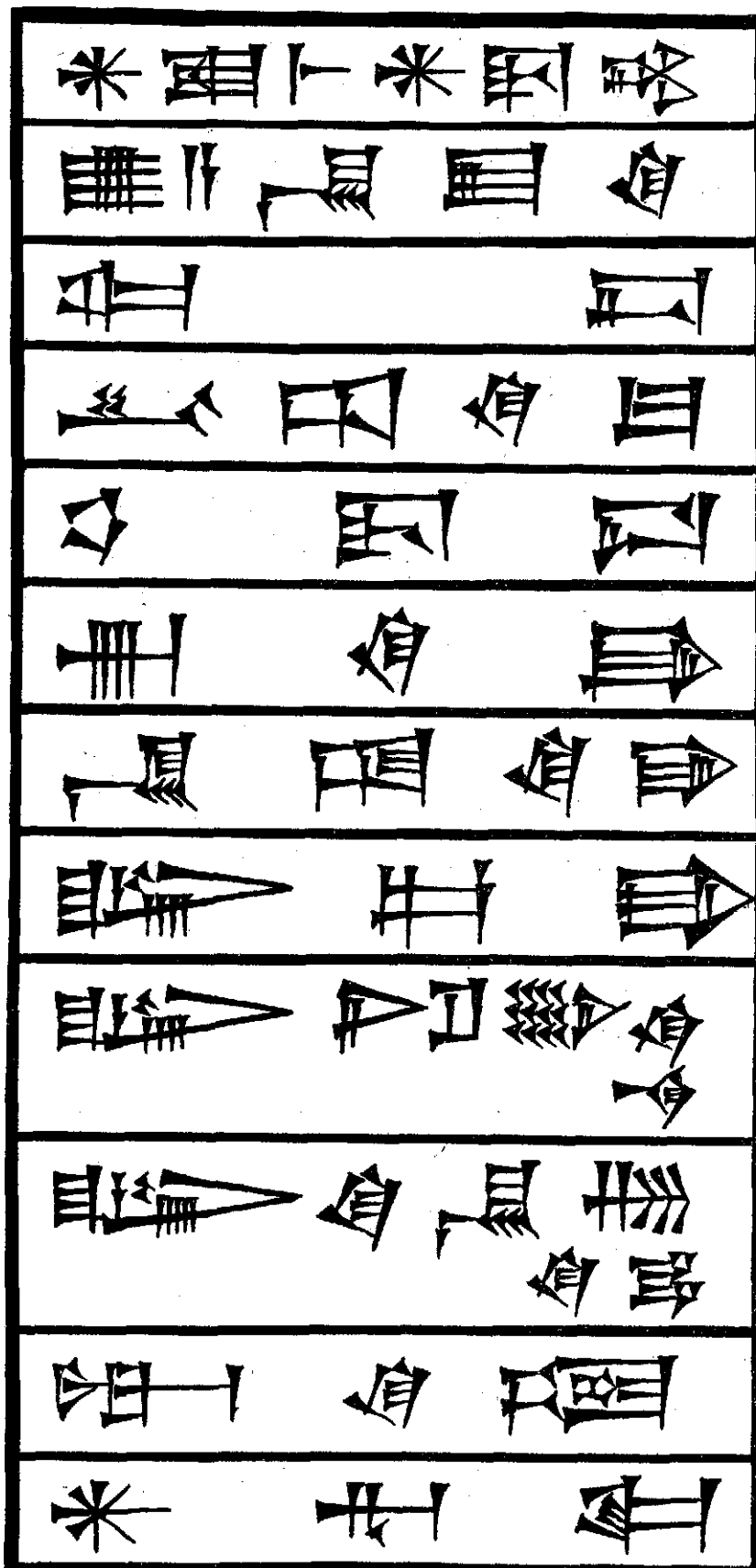


1. No sign is wanting at the end of this line.

# INSCRIPTIONS OF ISHME-DAGAN, KING OF ISIN.

**BRICK OF ISHME-DAGAN.**

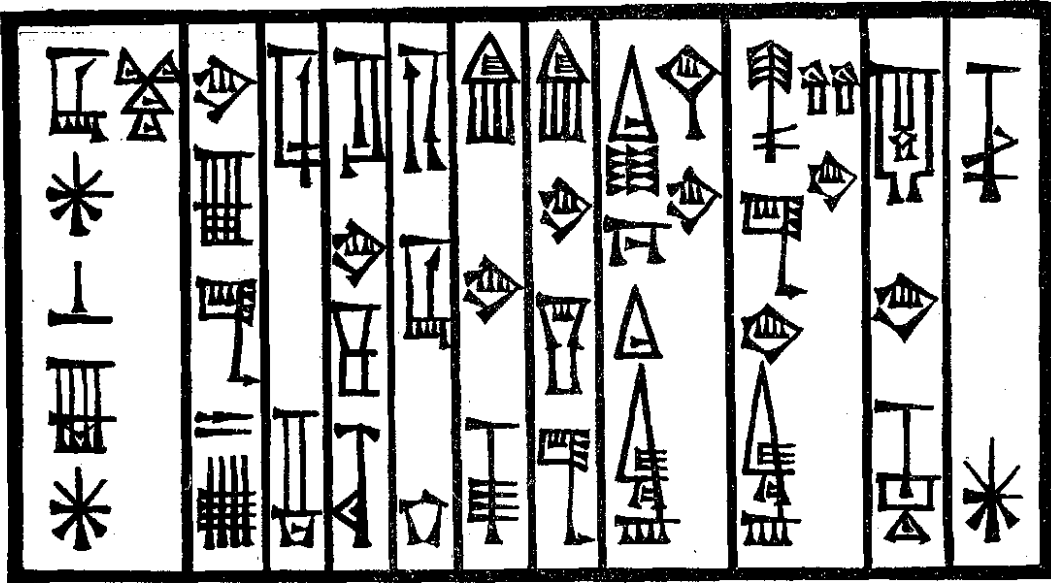
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INSCRIPTIONS OF KINGS OF  
ISIN AND UR.

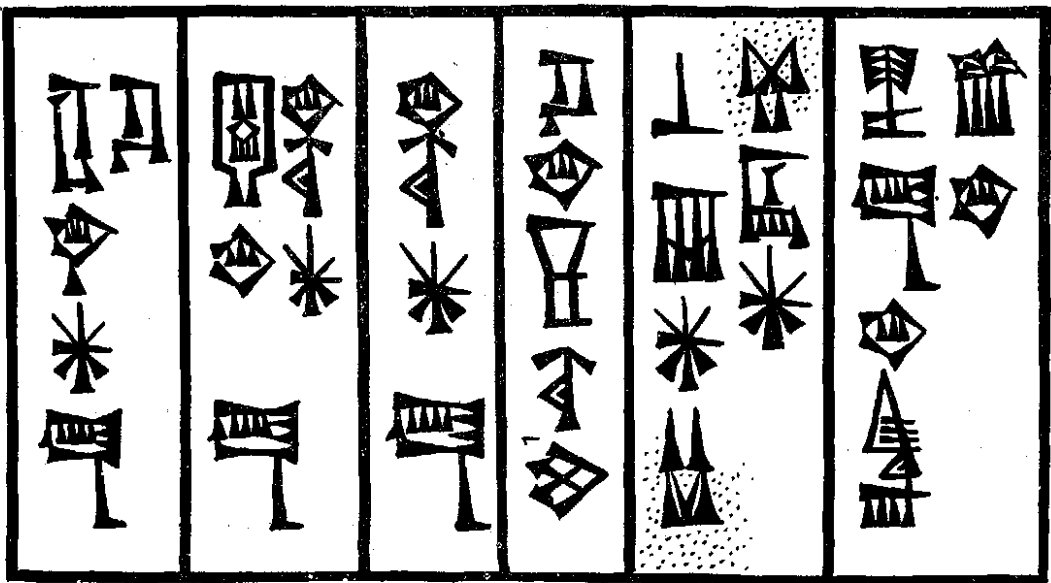
BRICK OF ISHME-DAGAN.

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BRICK OF ENANNADUMA.

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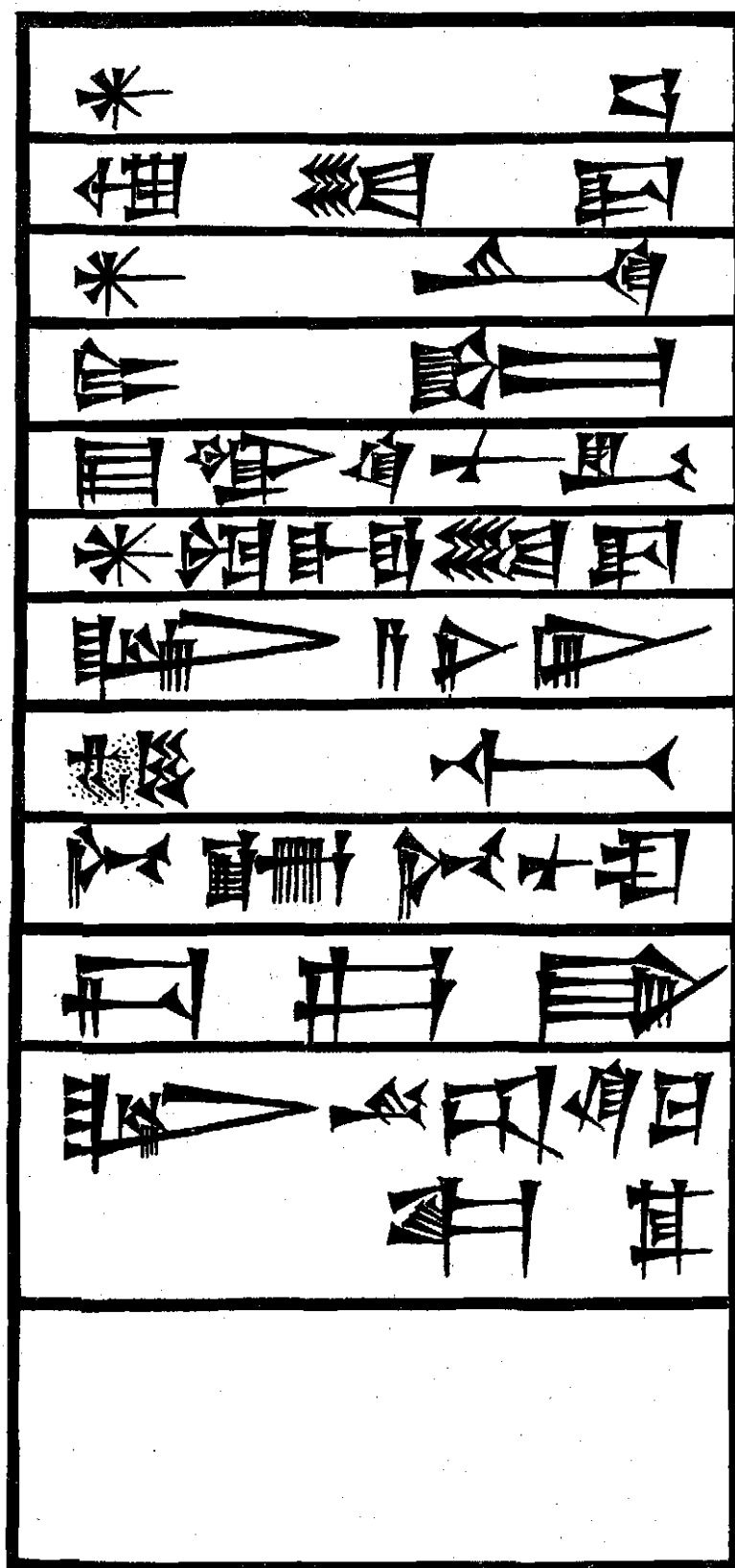
1. The sign *šag* is clear also on the duplicates,  
Nos. 90163, 90164, 90165, 90167 and 90168.

# INSCRIPTIONS OF KINGS OF UR.

CONE OF ENANNADUMA.

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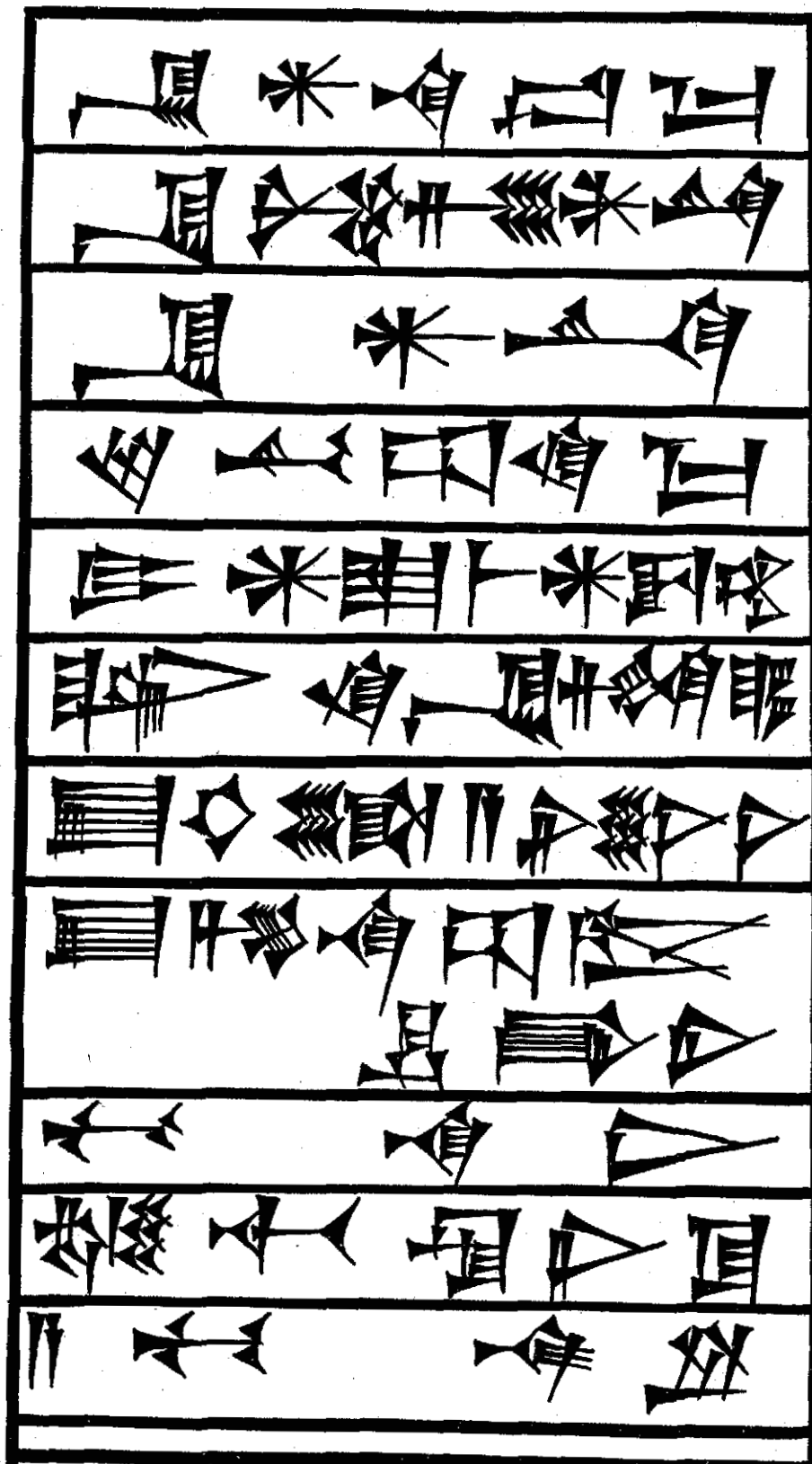


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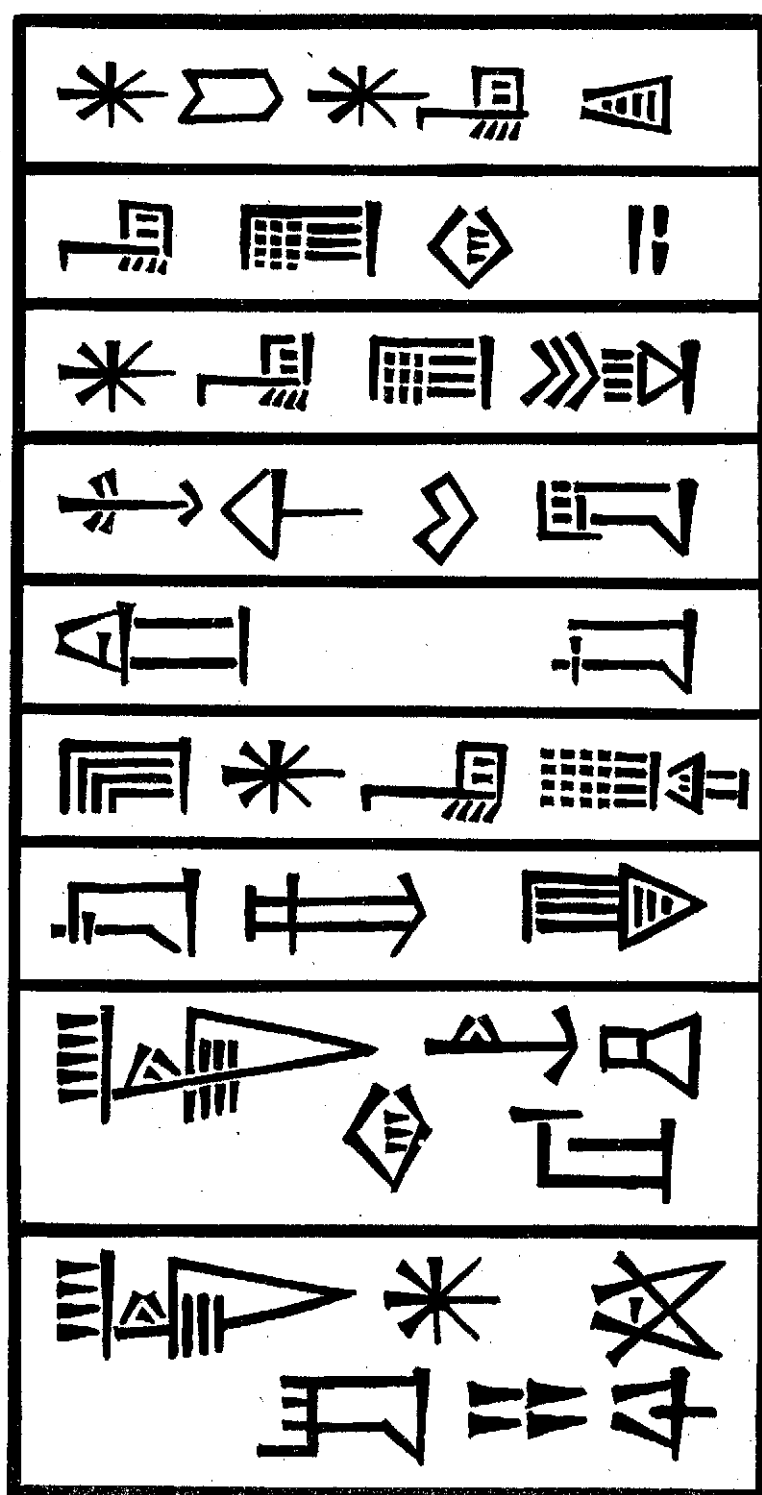
COL. II.



INSCRIPTIONS OF KINGS OF UR.

BRICK OF BUR-SIN.

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INSCRIPTIONS OF KINGS OF UR.

BRICK OF BUR-SIN.

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COL. I. (CONTINUED)

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1. The sign is partly restored from the duplicate No. 90039.

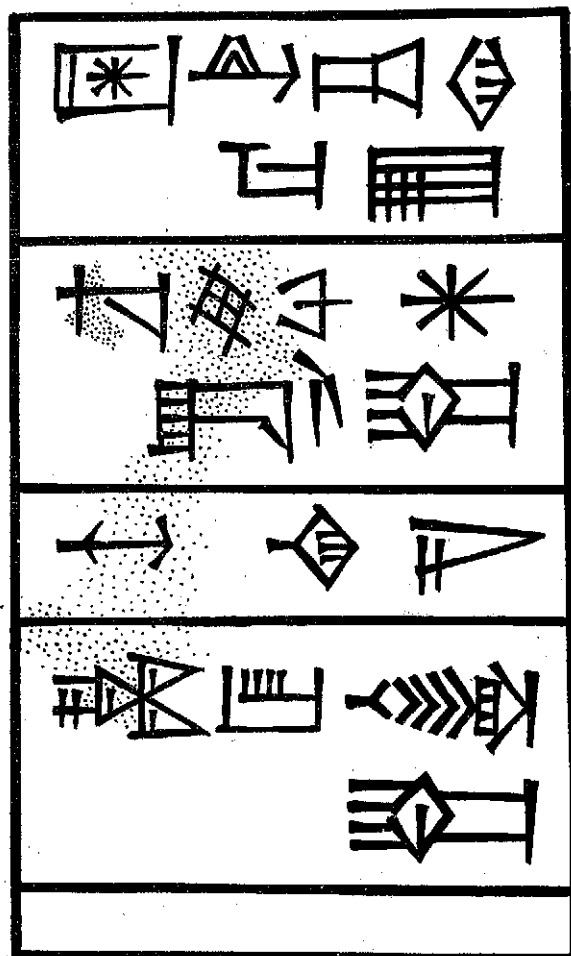
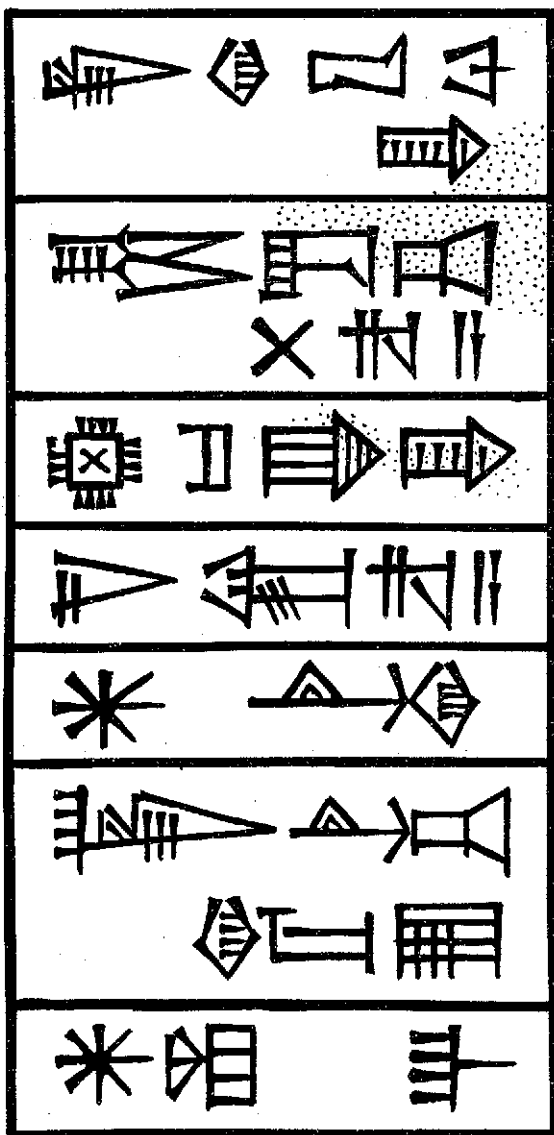
INSCRIPTIONS OF KINGS OF UR.

BRICK OF BUR-SIN.

90811

COL. II.

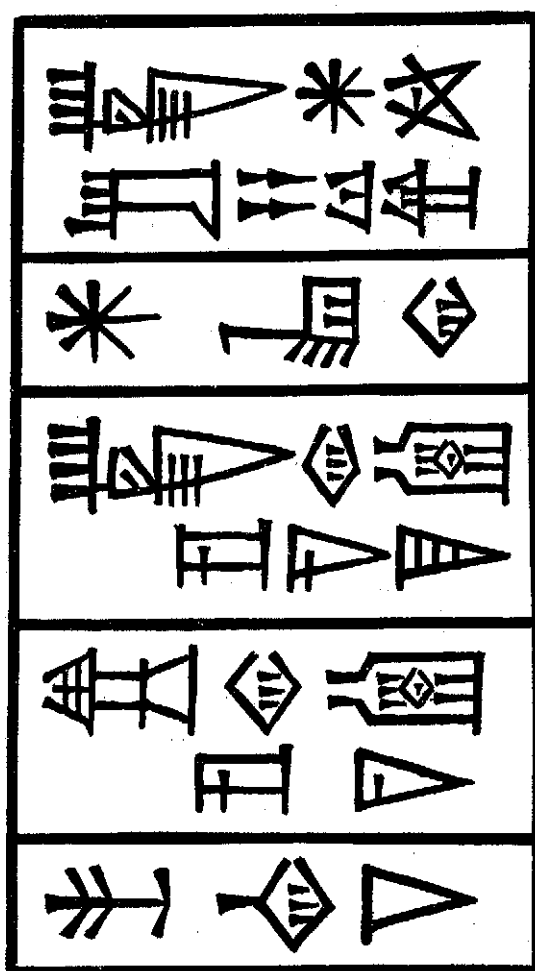
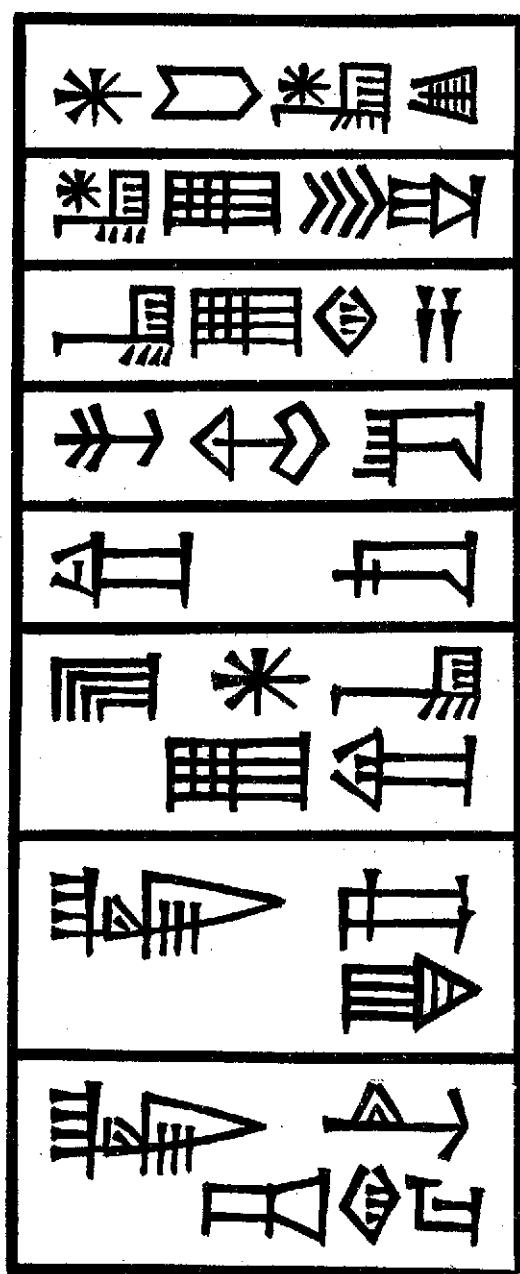
COL. II. (CONTINUED)



INSCRIPTIONS OF KINGS OF UR.

BRICK OF BUR-SIN.

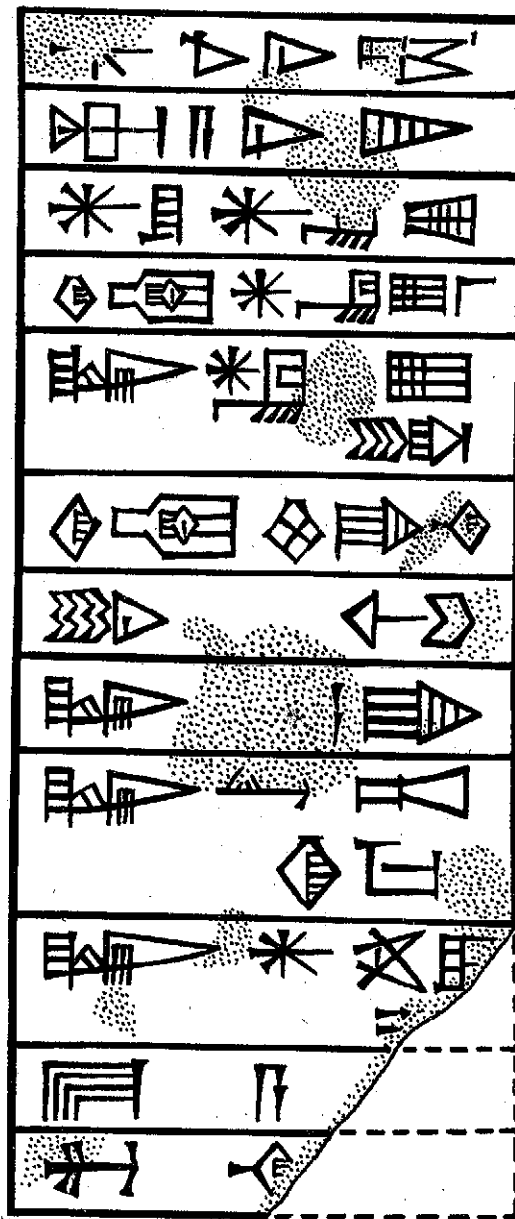
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INSCRIPTIONS OF KINGS OF UR.

GATE SOCKET OF GAMIL-SIN.

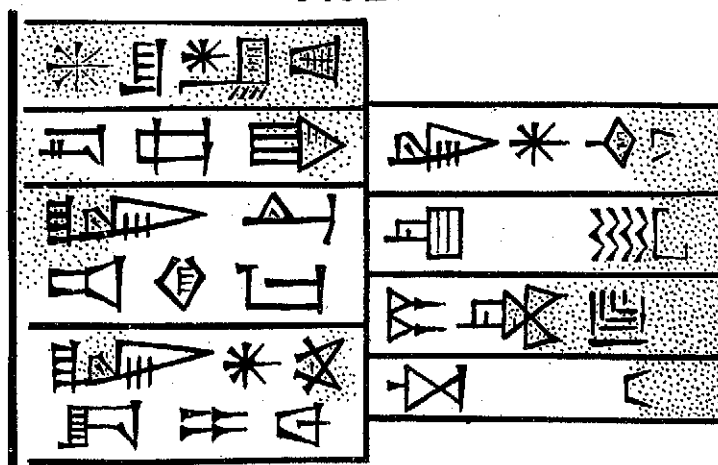
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1. The name of the goddess is clearly An-nu-ni-tum.

SEAL INSCRIPTION OF GAMIL-SIN.

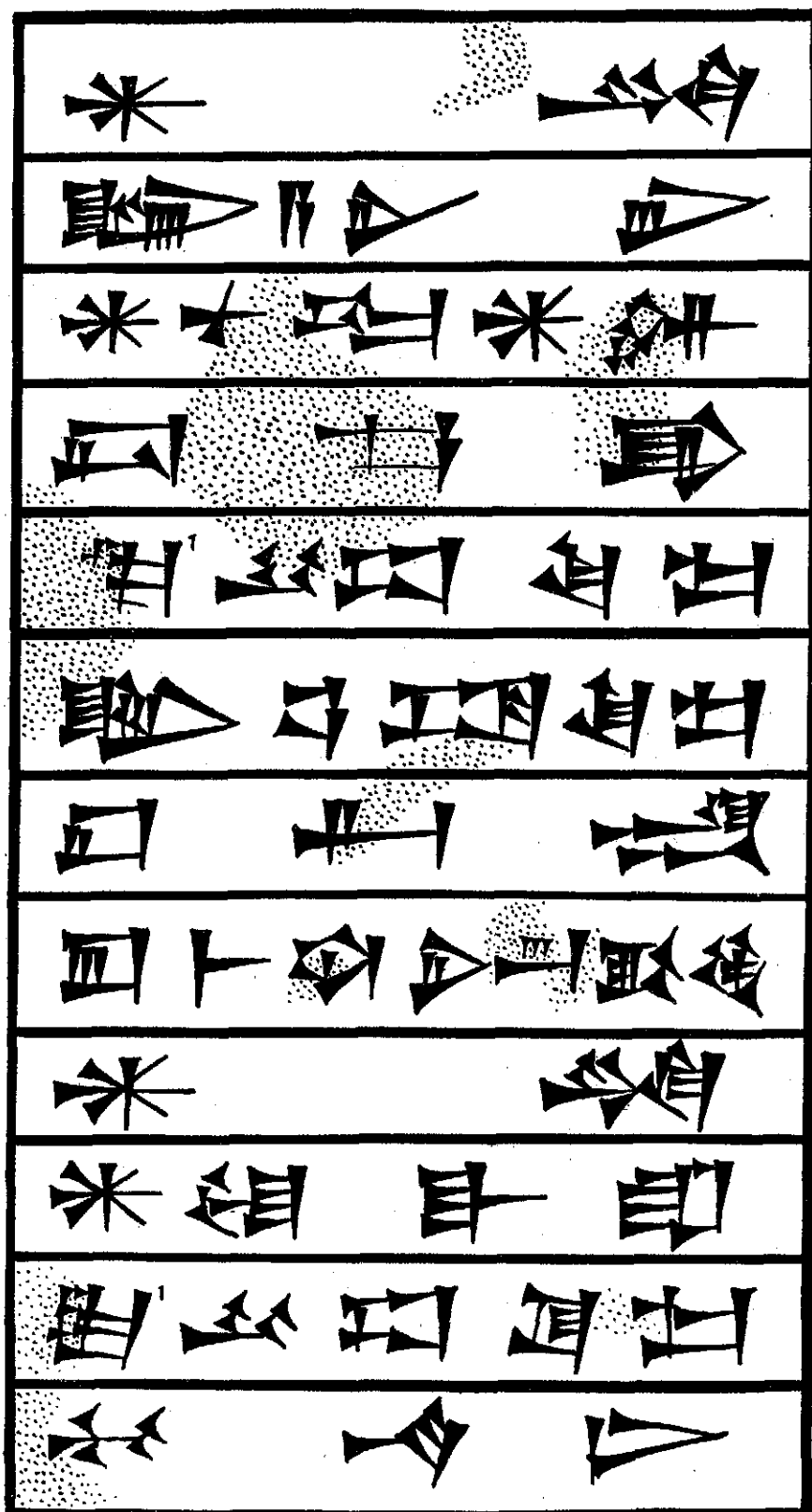
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INSCRIPTIONS OF KINGS OF UR.

CONE OF NUR-ADAD.

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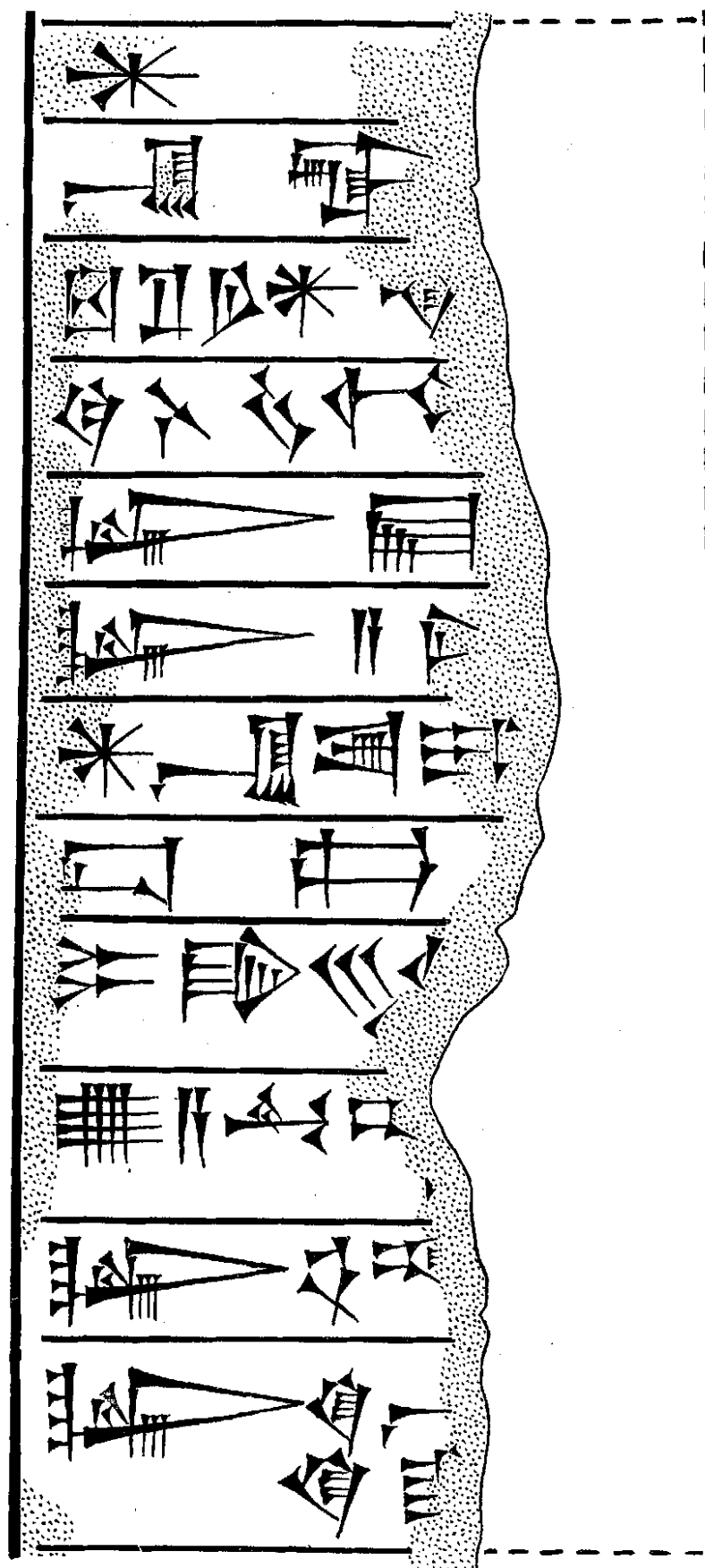


1. The first sign in ll. 5 and 11 is probably siba, not šag.

INSCRIPTIONS OF KINGS OF UR.

CONE OF SIN-IDINNAM.

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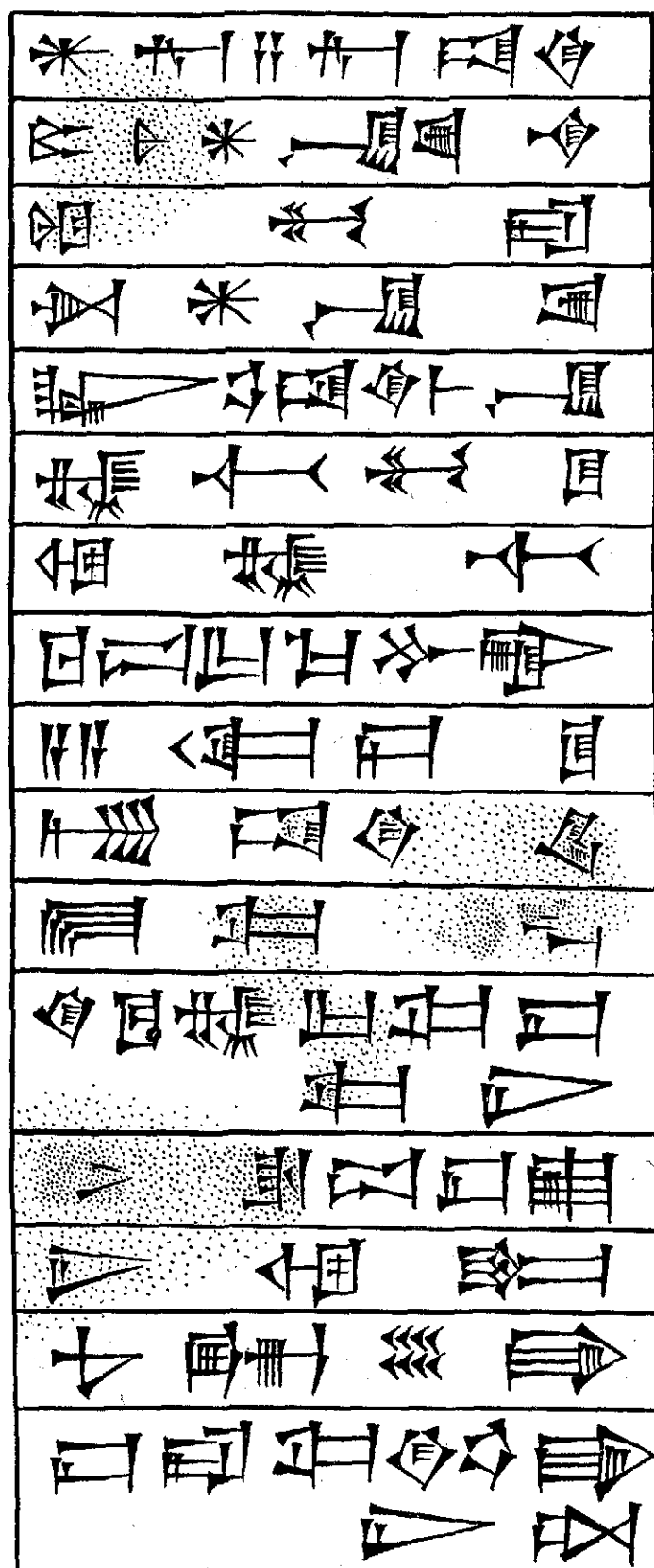


INSCRIPTIONS OF KINGS OF UR.

BRONZE FIGURE OF RIM-SIN.

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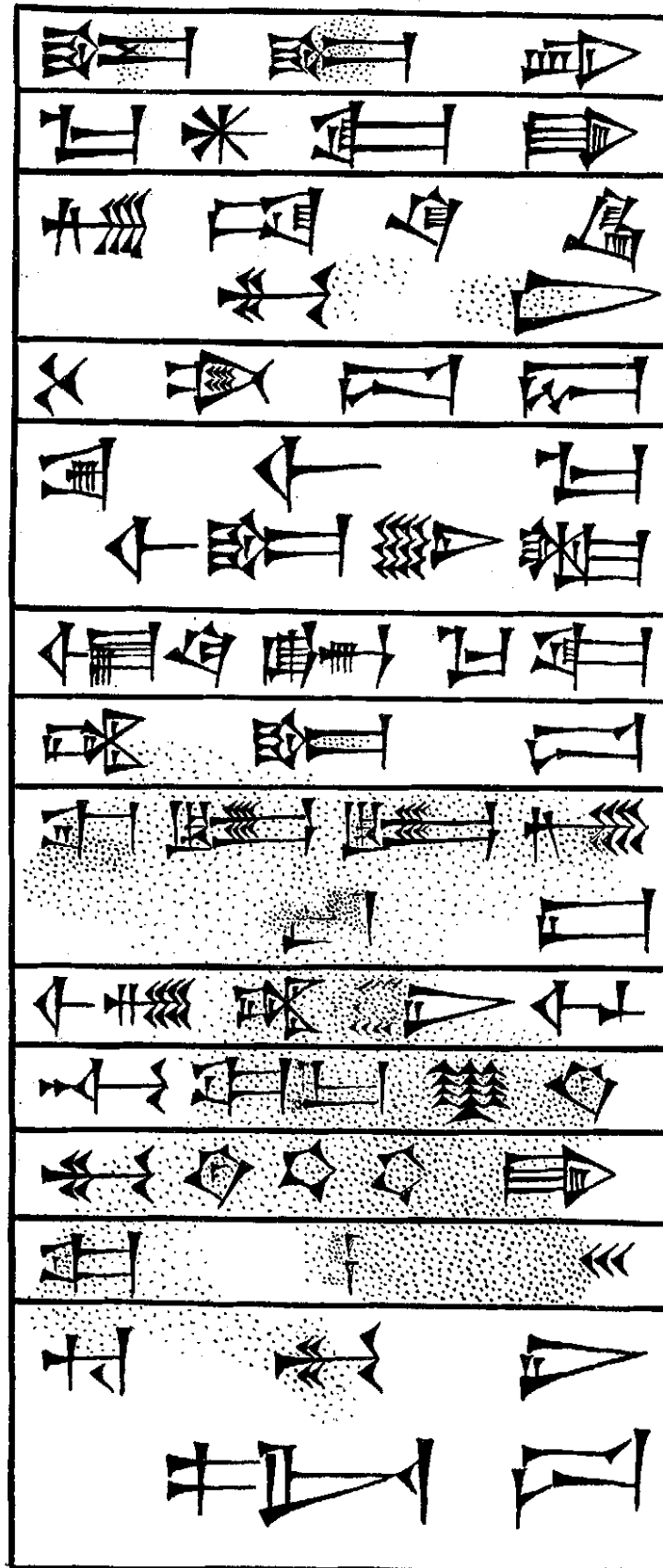


# INSCRIPTIONS OF KINGS OF UR.

**BRONZE FIGURE OF RIM-SIN.**

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COL. 11

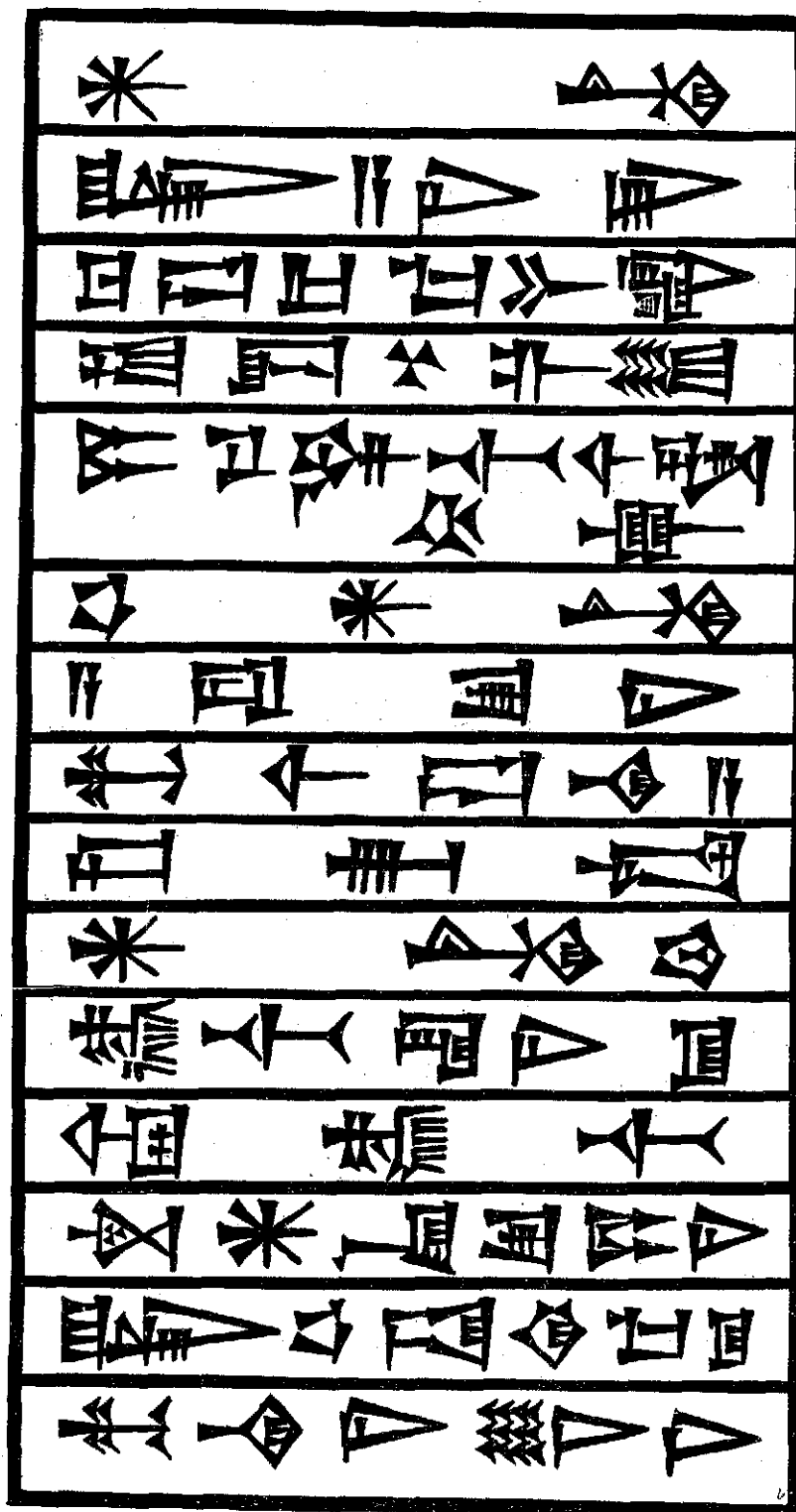




INSCRIPTION OF KUDUR-MABUK,  
KING OF ELAM.

BRICK OF KUDUR-MABUK.

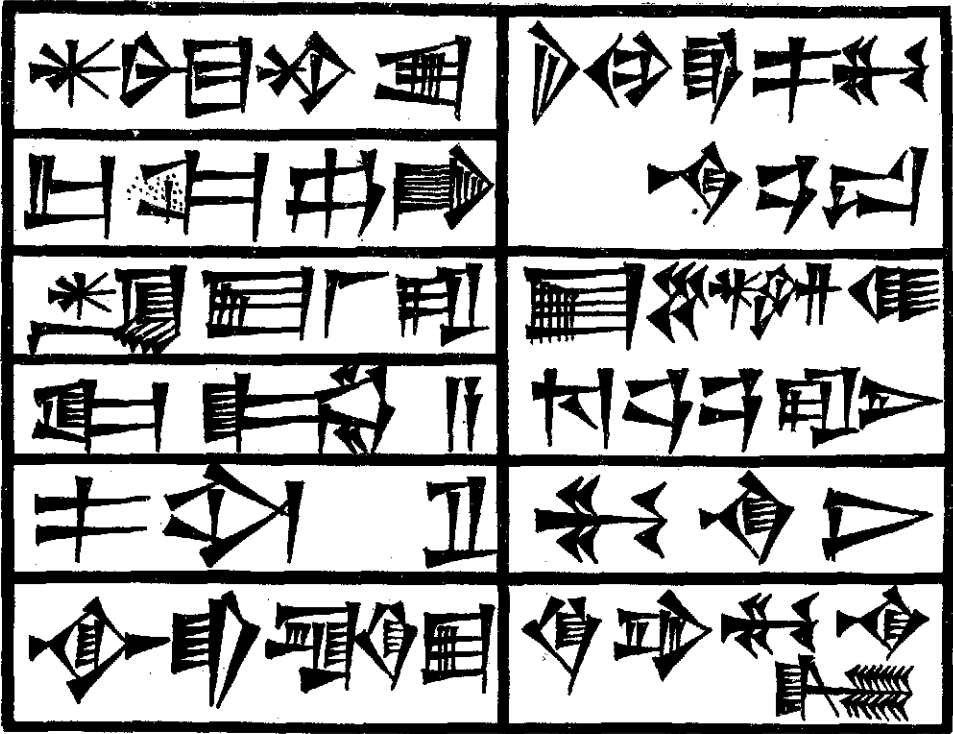
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KING OF SHIRPURLA.

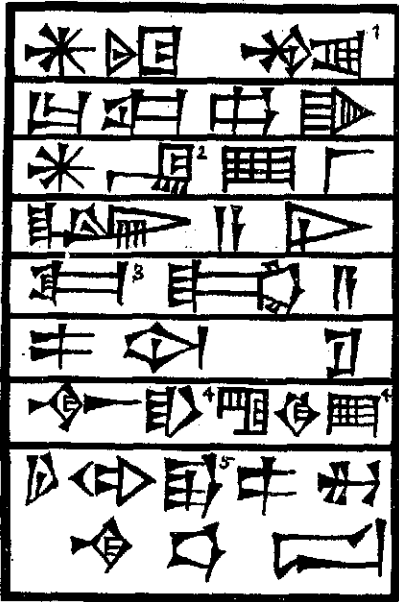
BRICK OF GUDEA.

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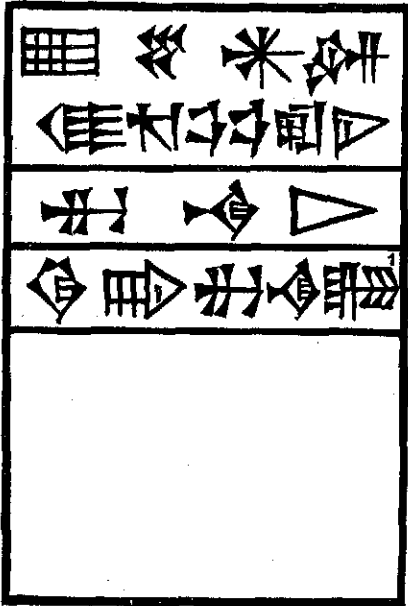








LIMESTONE TABLET OF GUDEA.  
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OBVERSE.



REVERSE.



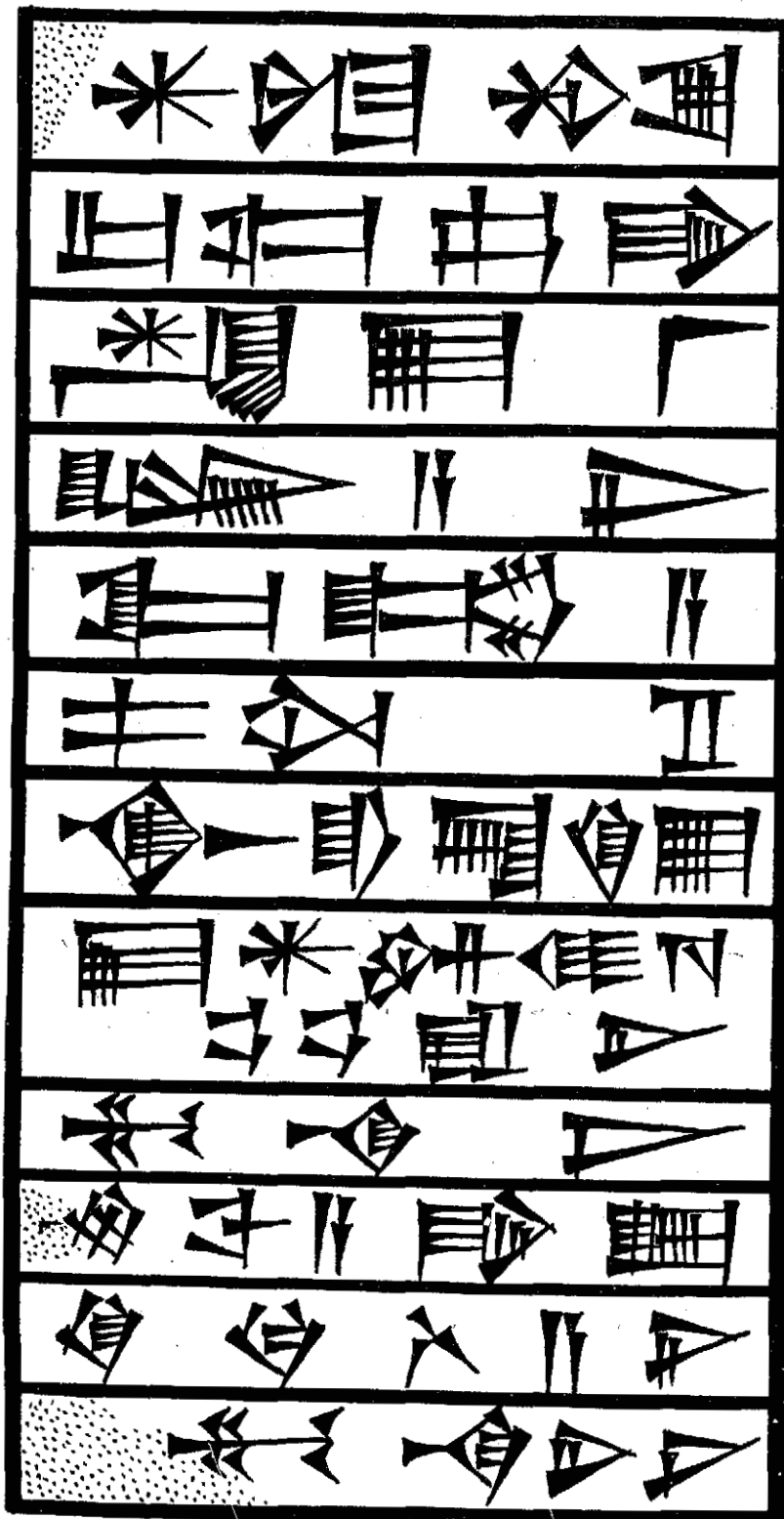
1. 91008 and 91060 . 2. 91008 . 3. 91008 ; 91060 . 4. 91060 . 5. The scribe of 91060 has omitted a wedge by mistake, and reads .

1. 91008 .

INSCRIPTIONS OF GUDEA,  
KING OF SHIRPURLA.

CIRCULAR BRICK OF GUDEA.

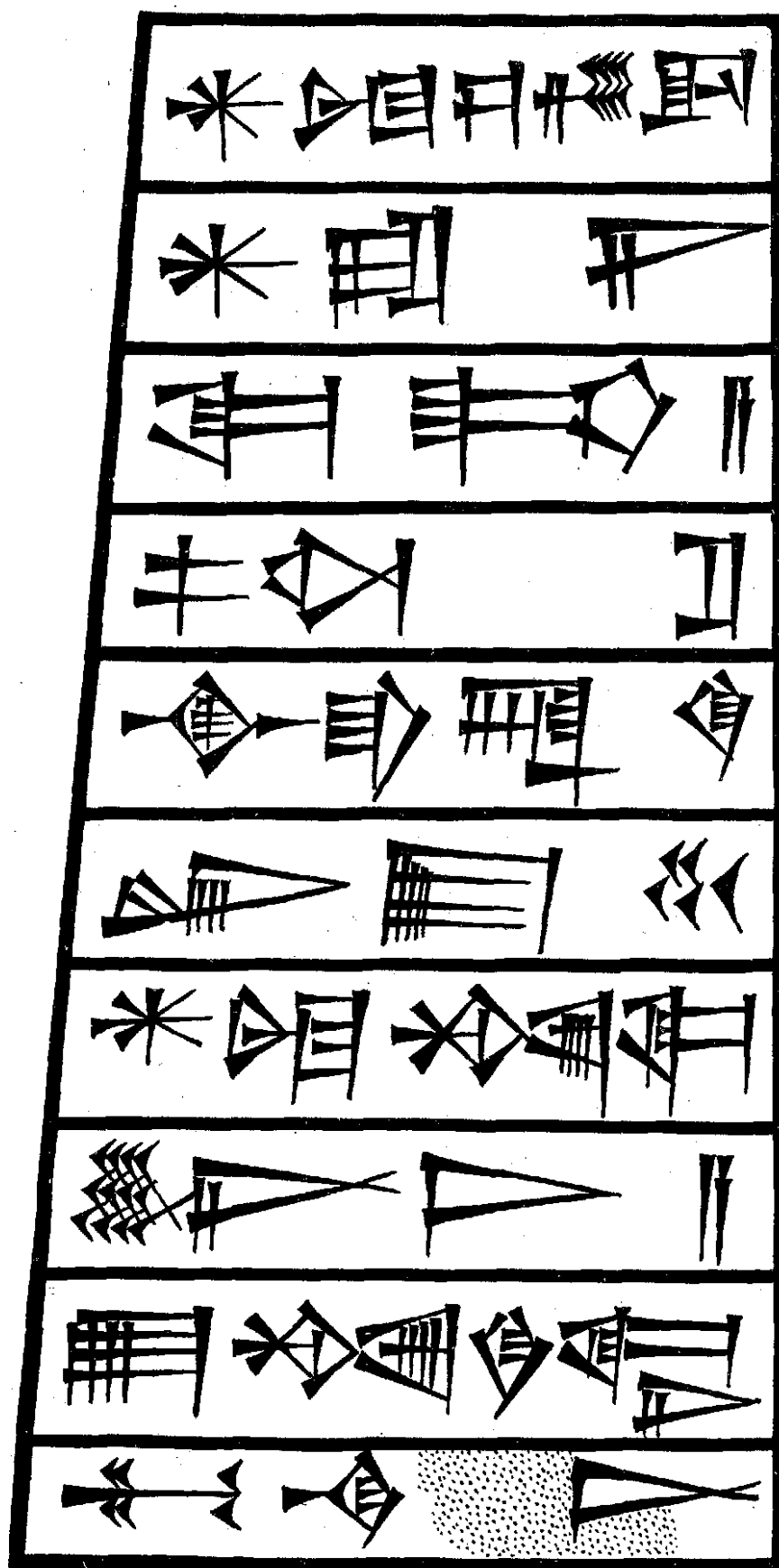
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INSCRIPTIONS OF GUDEA,  
KING OF SHIRPURLA.

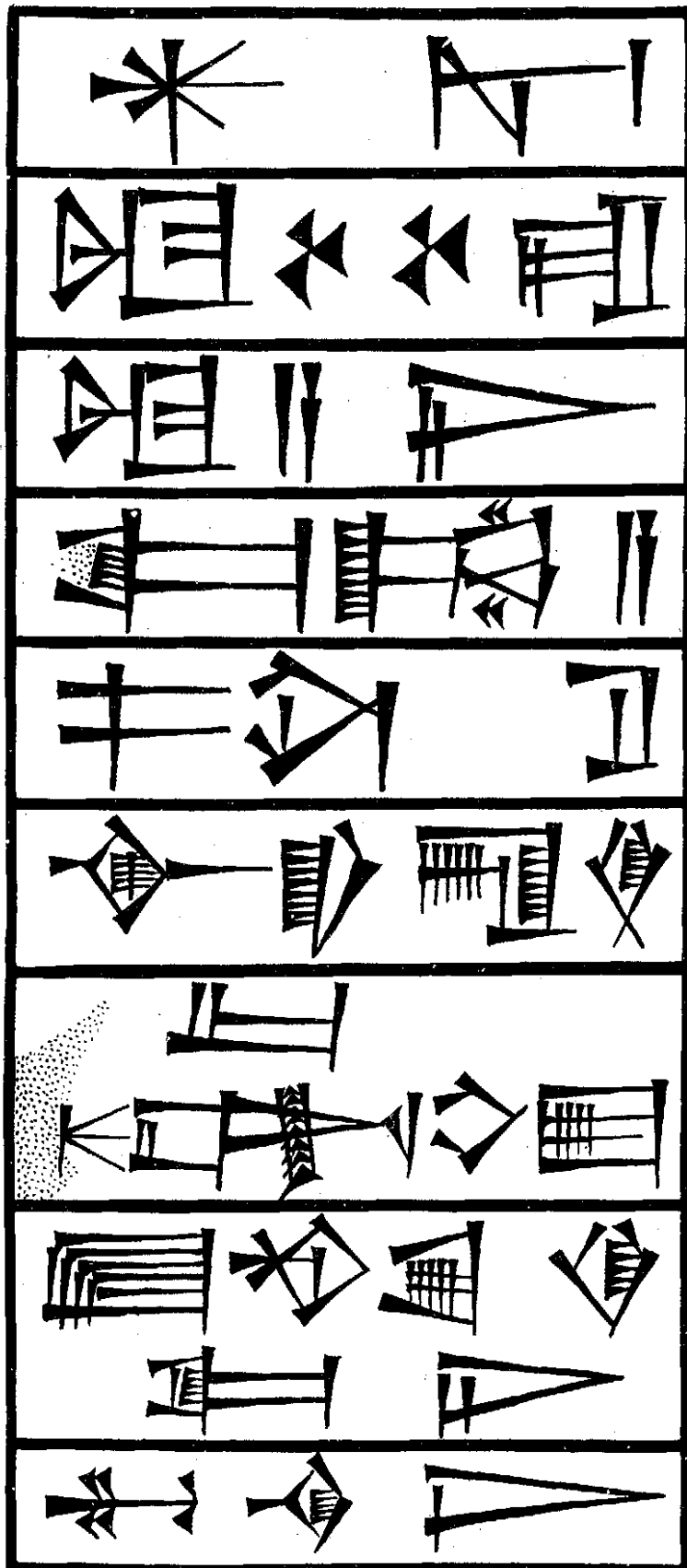
BRICK OF GUDEA.

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# INSCRIPTIONS OF GUDEA, KING OF SHIRPURLA.

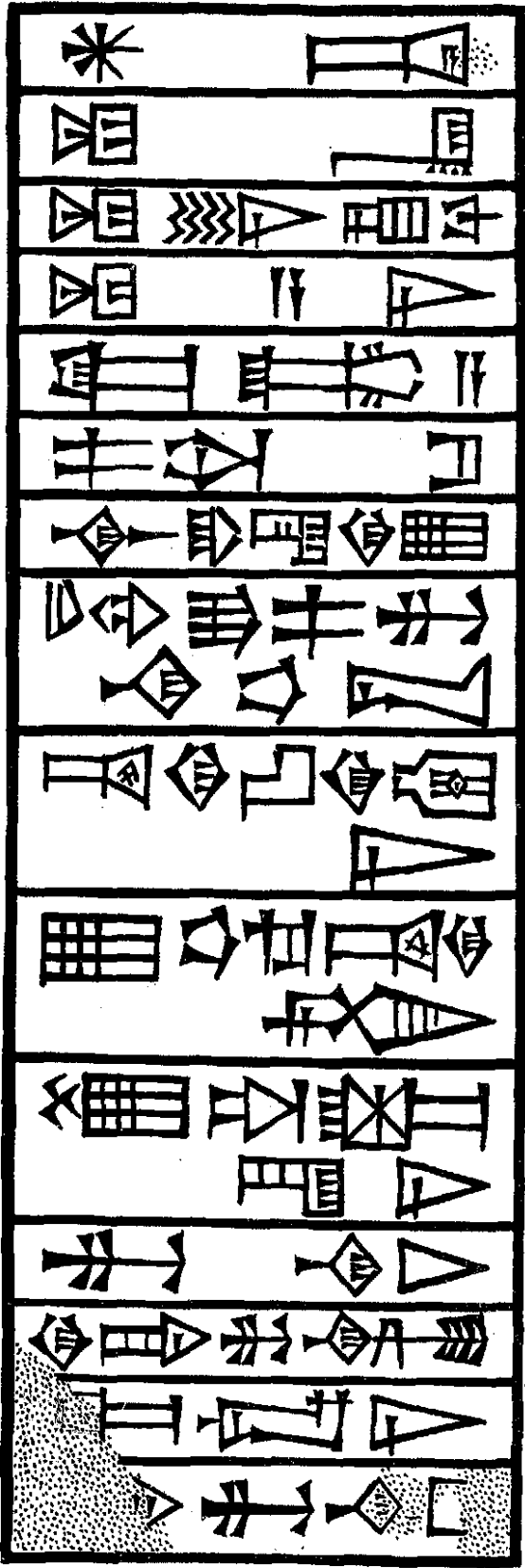
BRICK OF GUDEA.  
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INSCRIPTIONS OF GUDEA,  
KING OF SHIRPURLA.

GATE SOCKET OF GUDEA.

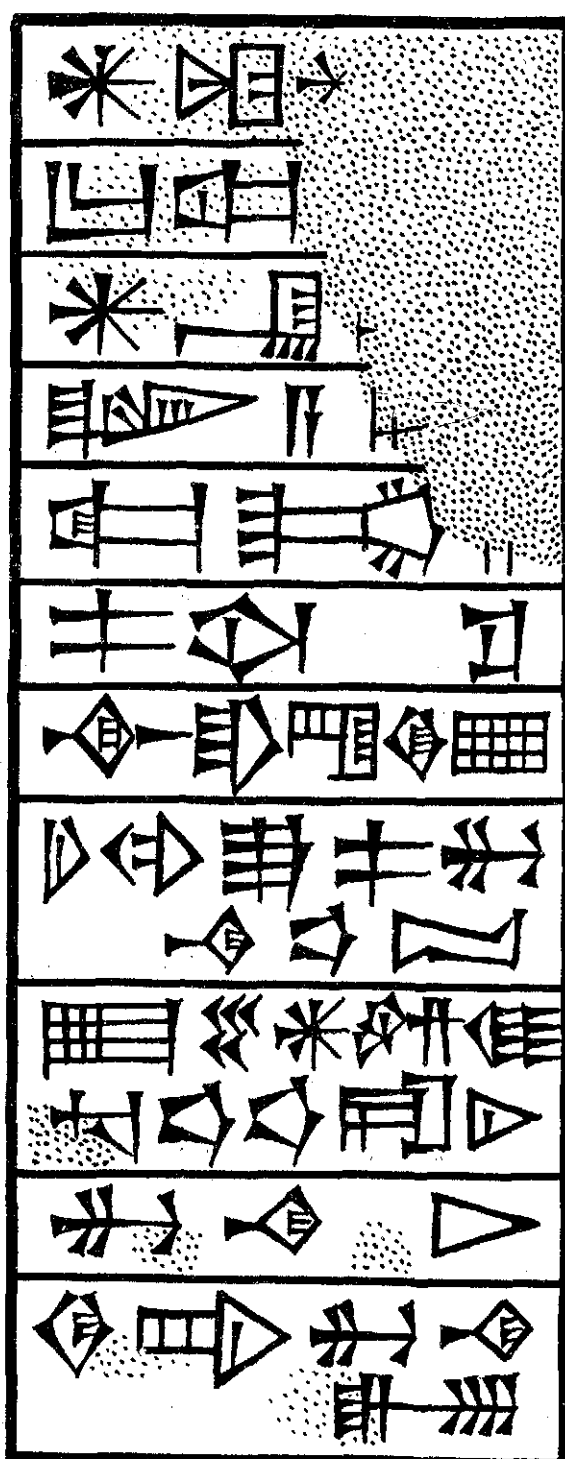
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INSCRIPTIONS OF GUDEA,  
KING OF SHIRPURLA.

GATE SOCKET OF GUDEA.

90831



# INSCRIPTIONS OF HAMMURABI, KING OF BABYLON.

## STATUE OF HAMMURABI.

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COL. 1A

COL. 1 B

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# INSCRIPTIONS OF HAMMURABI, KING OF BABYLON.

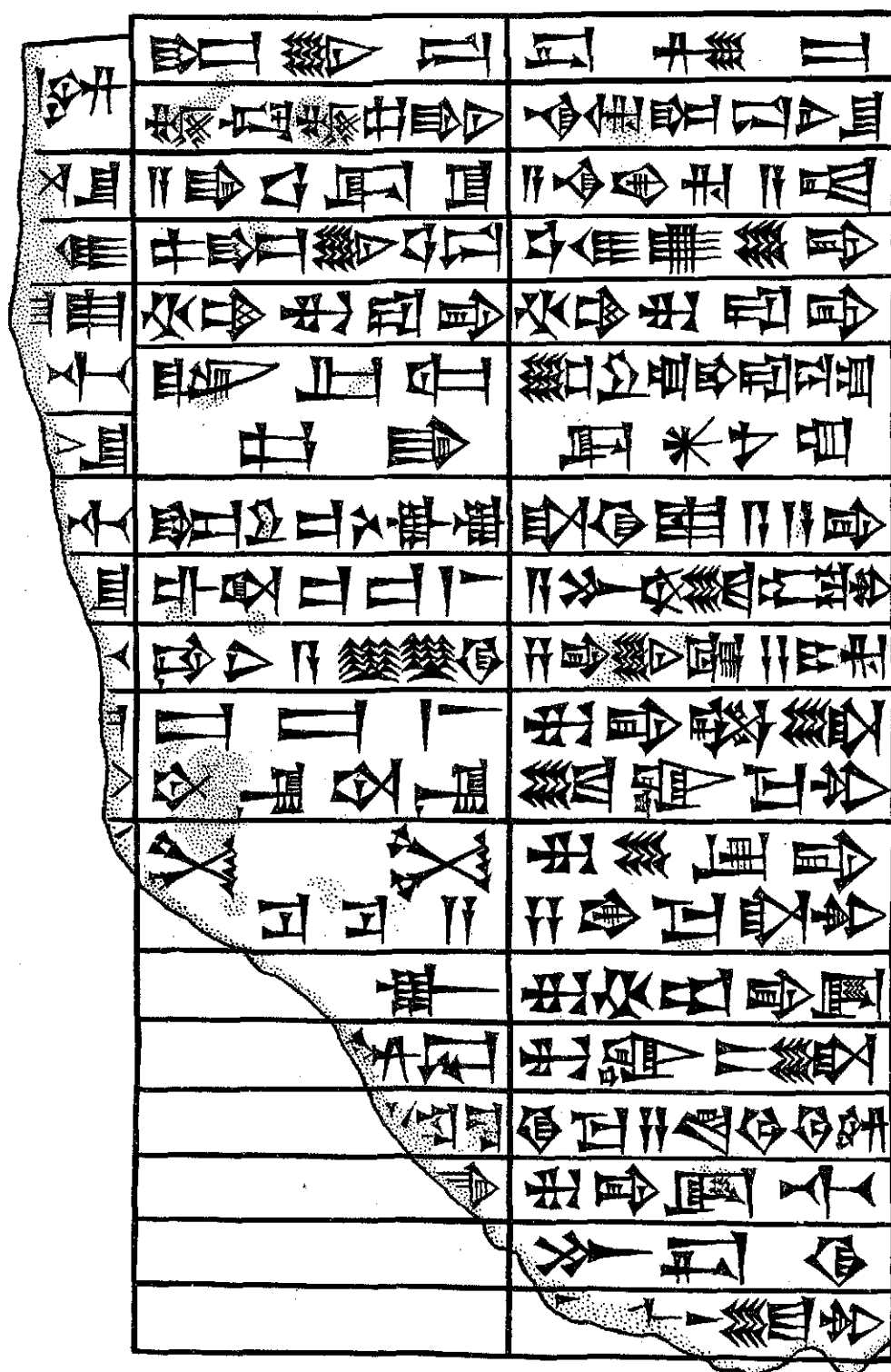
## STATUE OF HAMMURABI.

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COL. IIB

COL. IV.A

COL. IV B

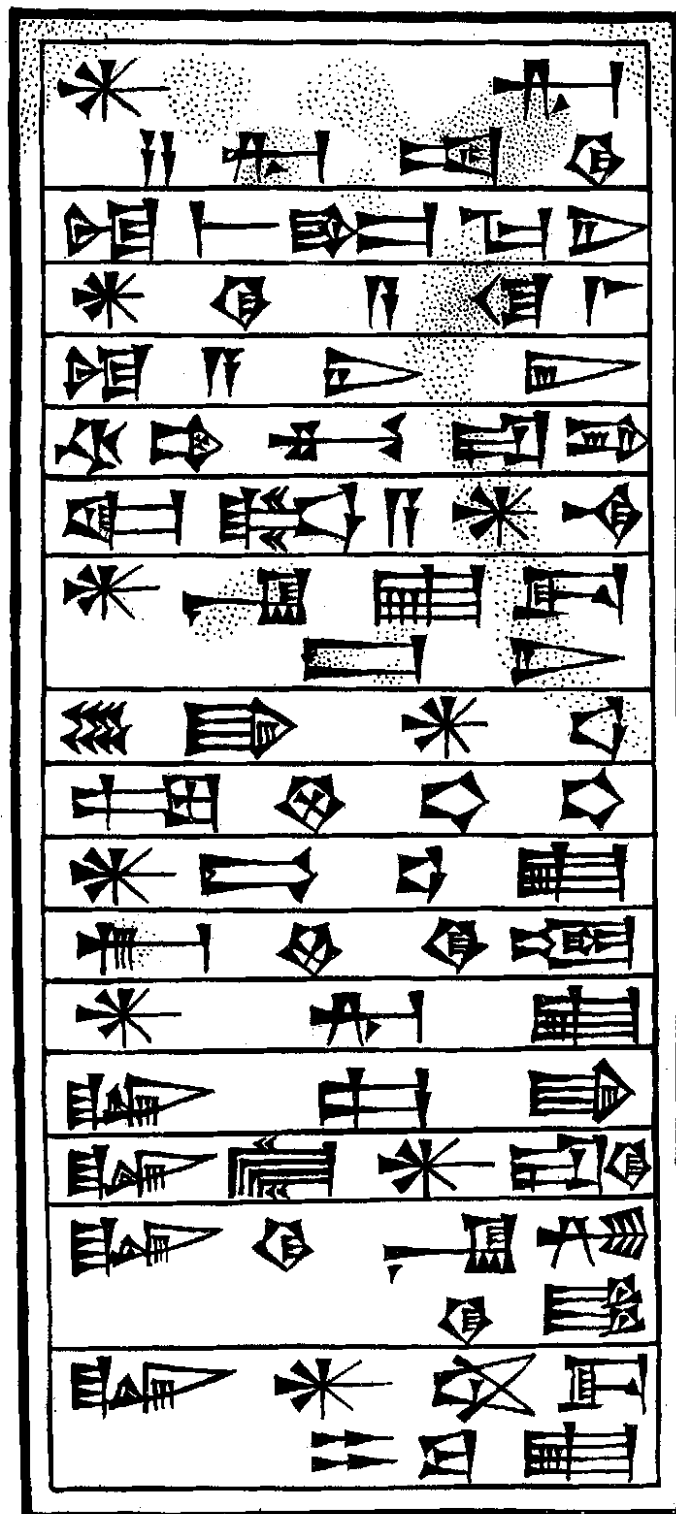


INSCRIPTIONS OF HAMMURABI,  
KING OF BABYLON.

LIMESTONE TABLET OF HAMMURABI.

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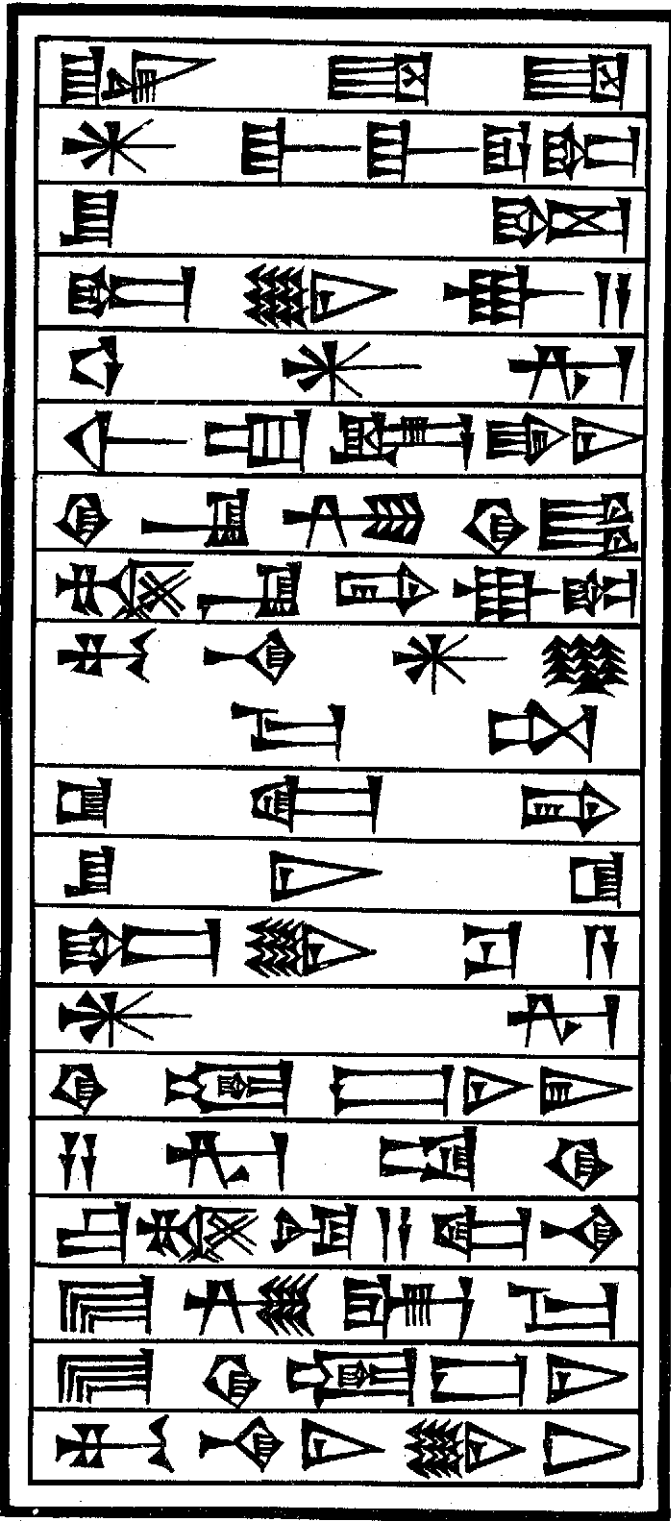
OBVERSE.



INSCRIPTIONS OF HAMMURABI,  
KING OF BABYLON.

LIMESTONE TABLET OF HAMMURABI.

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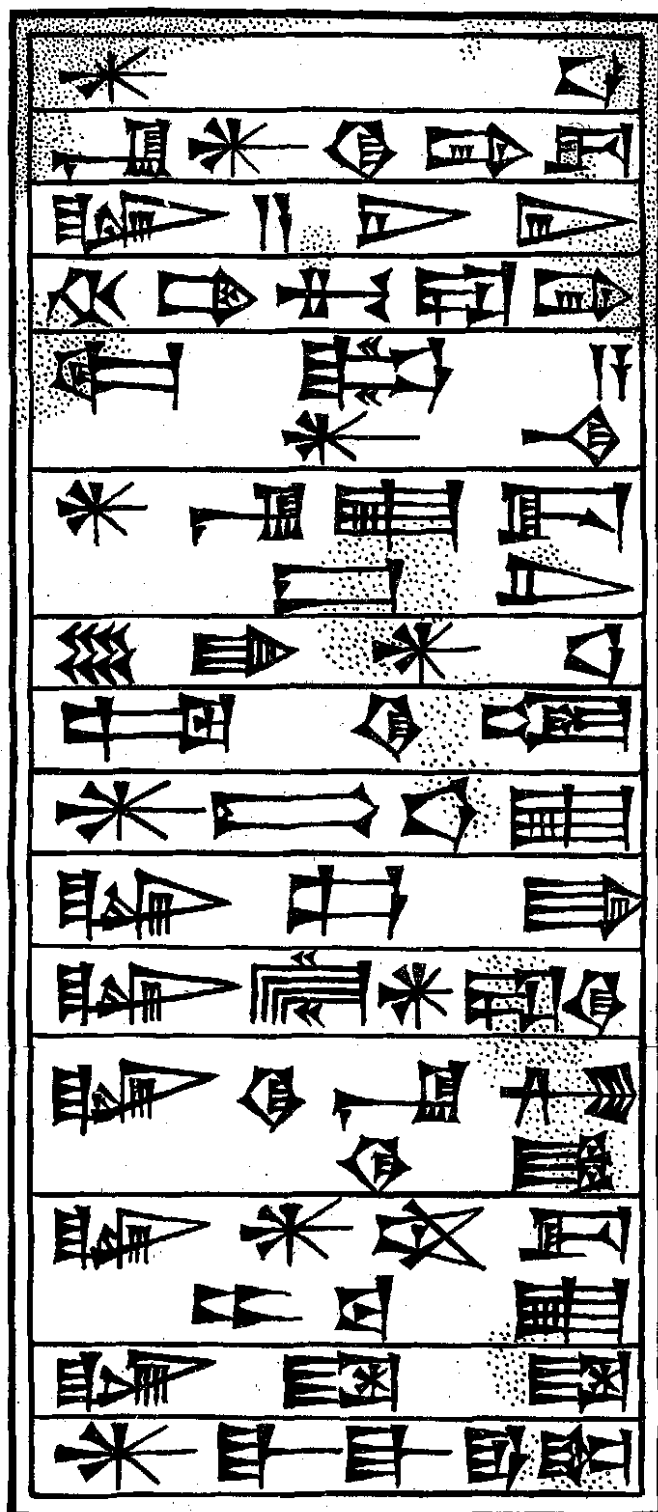


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LIMESTONE TABLET OF HAMMURABI.

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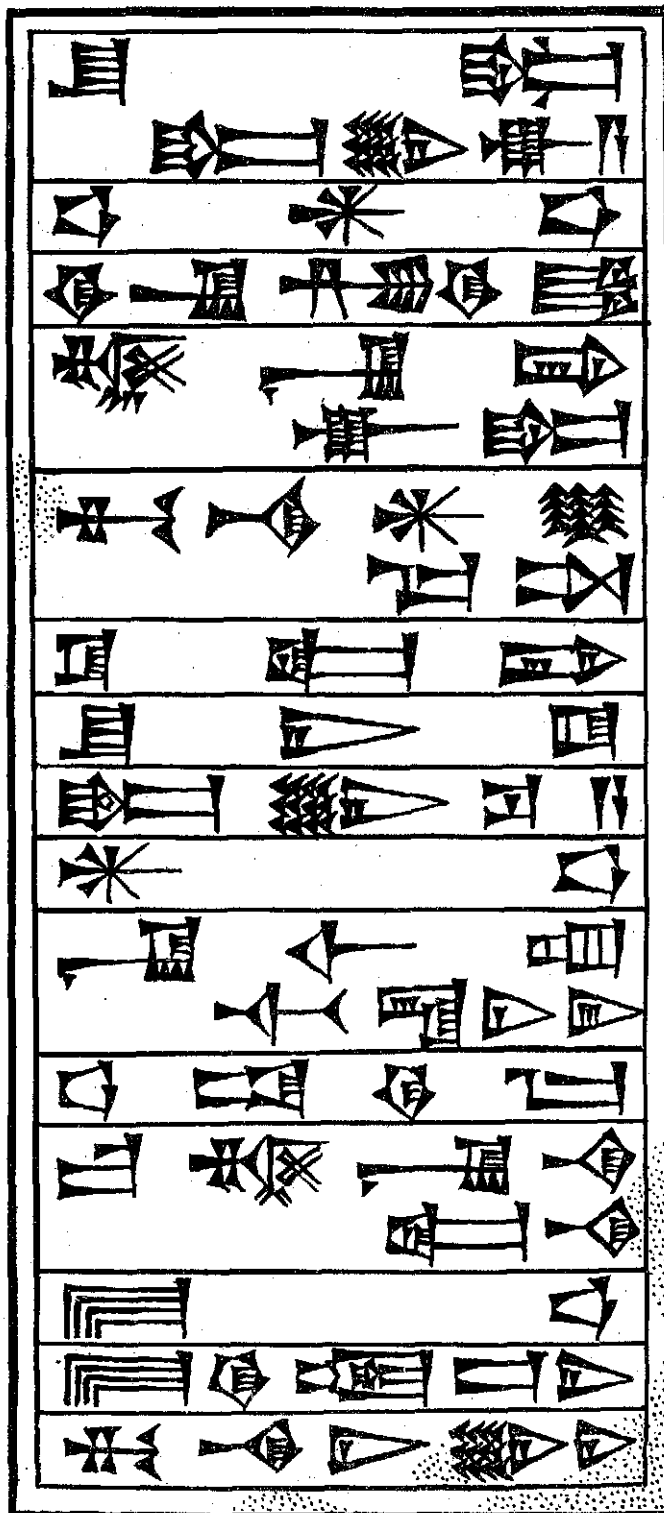


INSCRIPTIONS OF HAMMURABI,  
KING OF BABYLON.

LIMESTONE TABLET OF HAMMURABI.

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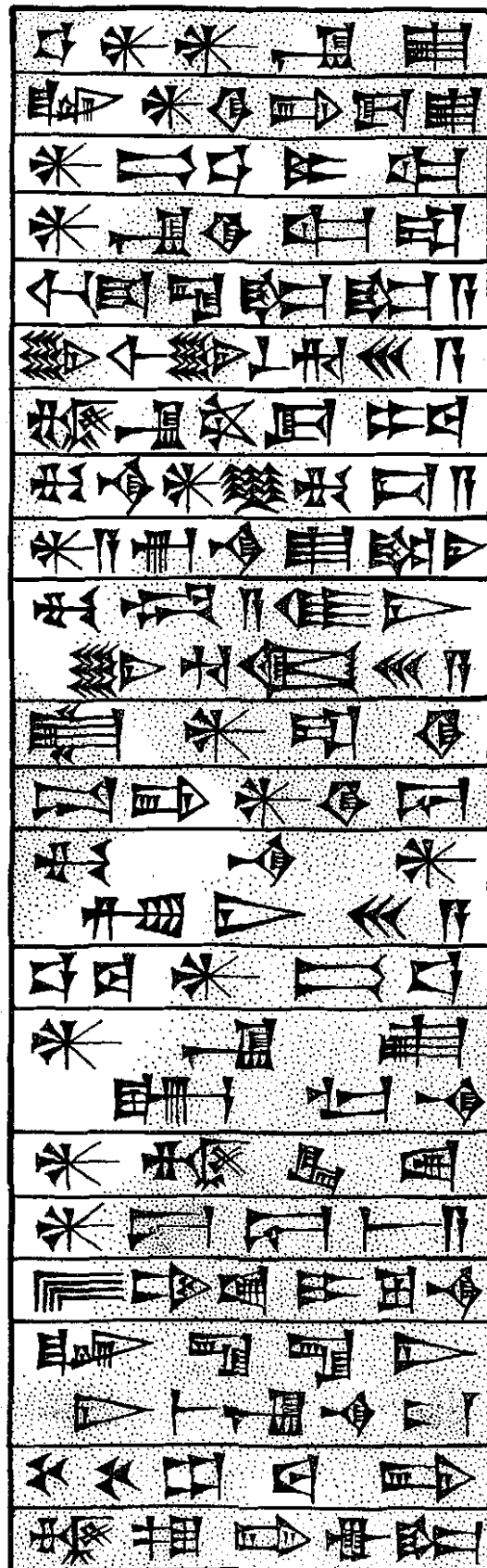


INSCRIPTIONS OF SAMSU-ILUNA,  
KING OF BABYLON.

LIMESTONE TABLET OF SAMSU-ILUNA.

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COL. I.

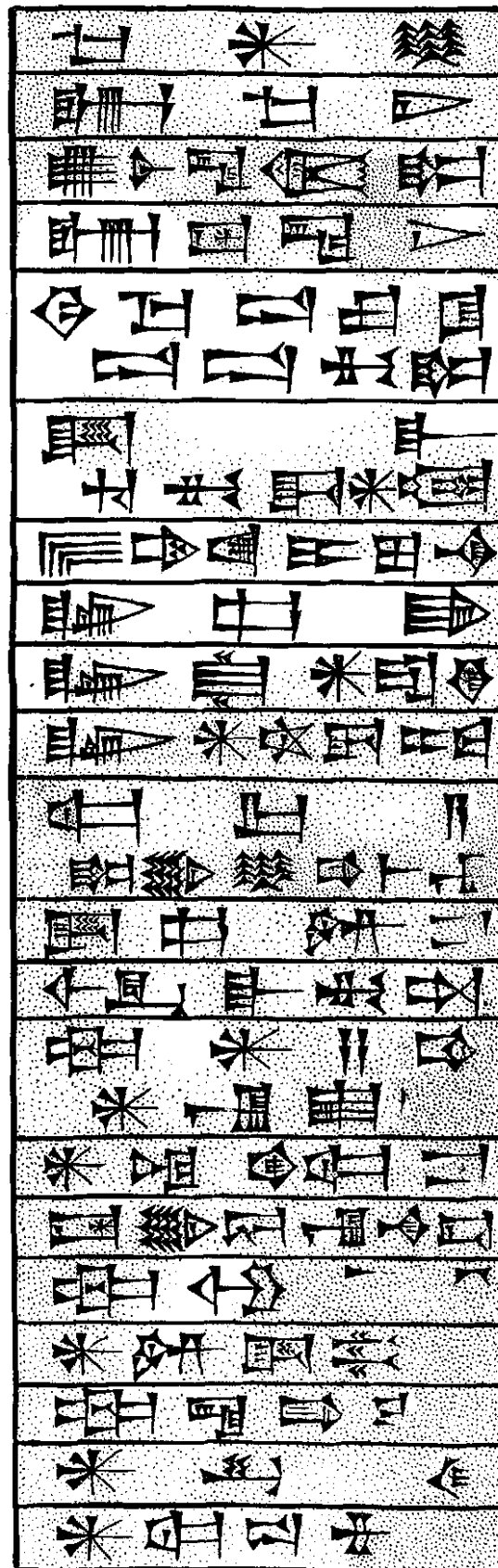


INSCRIPTIONS OF SAMSU-ILUNA,  
KING OF BABYLON.

LIMESTONE TABLET OF SAMSU-ILUNA.

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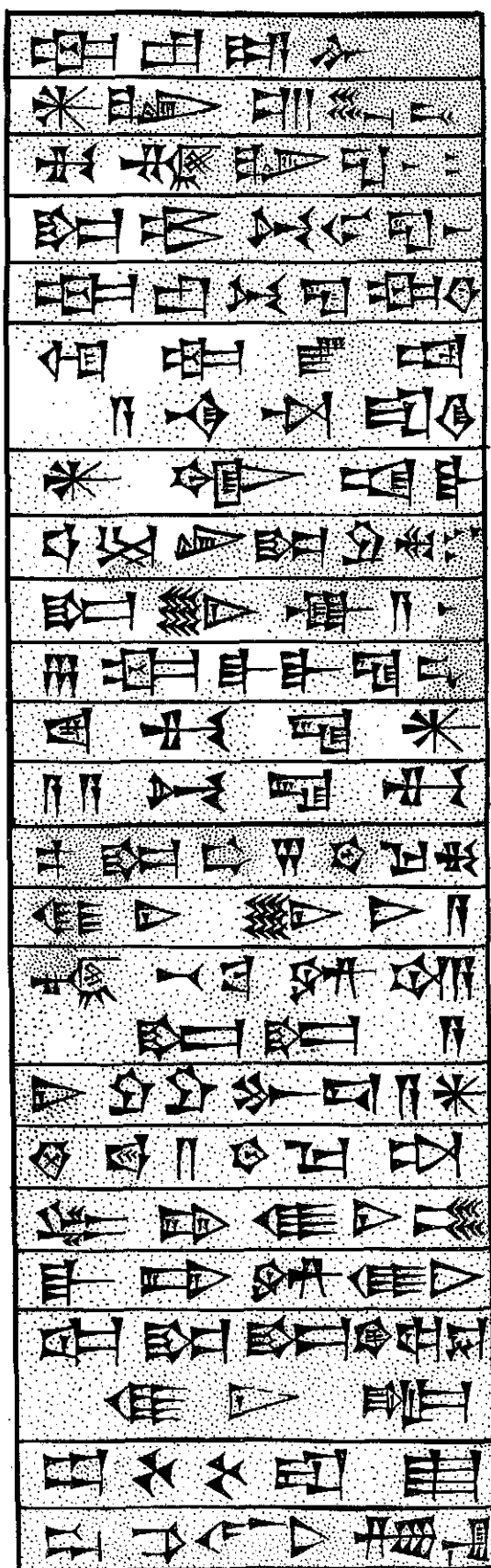


INSCRIPTIONS OF SAMSU-ILUNA.  
KING OF BABYLON.

**LIMESTONE TABLET OF SAMSU-ILUNA.**

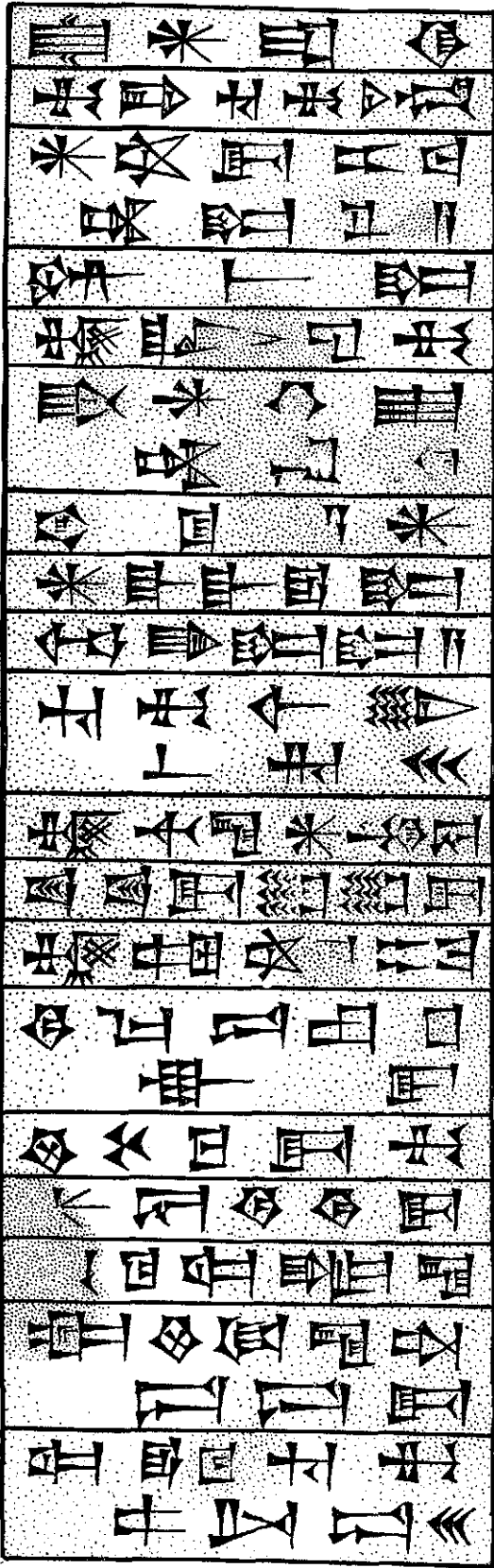
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COL. III.



INSCRIPTIONS OF SAMSU-ILUNA,  
KING OF BABYLON.

LIMESTONE TABLET OF SAMSU-ILUNA.  
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COL. IV.



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