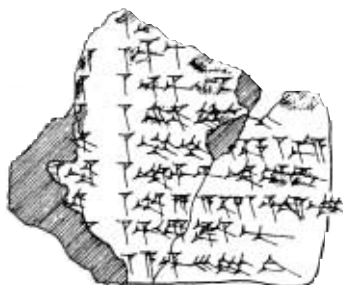


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A Neo-Babylonian Text Mentioning Bēlet-dūri – The following fragment of an archival text was recently in the possession of Ancient World Arts Gallery in New York City, with whose permission it is published. The provenience is unknown but the high frequency of Ninurta names suggests Nippur as the place of origin. Mention of the « treasury of Bēlet-dūri » (*makkūr Bēlet-dūri*) in the first line may indicate that this goddess possessed her own temple at Nippur, and the contents of the document – a list of distributions of an unknown substance to the temple slaves – that this temple was well endowed enough to maintain its own personnel. The goddess Bēlet-dūri appears in the An-Anum god list, which has the following entry in column IV listing the hypostases of Ištar¹:

iv 39 ḏNIN-BĀD = be-let du-ri

I know of no other mention of Bēlet-dūri in the first millennium.



Transliteration

obv. 1.		[] ħi]-tu ʿNĪ ¹ .GA dNIN.BÀD
2.		[] ʿa ¹ -na ʿ ¹⁶ PA.KAB ina iti APIN
3.		[] ʿ6-KÁM SUM-nu ¹ MU-39- ʿKÁM ¹
4.		[^d NÀ]-NĪ. GUB-URĪ LUGAL TIN.TIR ^{ki}
5.		[] ^I EN-šú-nu ʿxxx ¹
6.		[] ʿÚ x ¹ []
7.		[] ^I []
		several lines missing
rev. 1.		[] ʿ ^I ¹ []
2.		[] ʿx ¹ ʿ ^d M[AŠ]
3.		[] ʿx ¹ ^I dMAŠ ʿx ¹ []
4.		[] ʿx ¹ ^I Ta-li-ʿmu ¹
5.		[] N]A ^I MU-MU ʿA ¹ -šú šá ^I DÛ-a
6.		[] M]A ʿ.NA ¹ ^I ĪR- ^d MAŠ na-ap-pi
7.		[] ʿ.NA ¹ ^I ĪR-iá A-šú šá ^I dU.GUR-DIL-URĪ
8.		[] ʿx ¹ ^I dU.GUR-da-nu
9.		[] ^I A- ^d 30-ŠEŠ-PAP
u.e. 10.		[] ʿ ^I dGu-la-KÁM ¹
11.		[] ʿ.NA ^I Ar-ra ¹ -bi
12.		[] ʿx x x ¹ A-šú ʿšá ¹ []

Translation

obv. 1.		[] wei]ghed out (?), from the treasury of Bēlet-dūri,
2.	[]	to the temple slaves, in the month Araḥsamnu,
3.	[on the x]	sixth (day), have been alloted. Year 39
4.	[of Nebu]	chadnezzar, king of Babylon.
5.	[]	Bēlšunu x x x
6.	[]	x x []
7.	[]	x []
		several lines missing
rev. 1.	[]	x []
2.	[]	x Ni[nurta]
3.	[]	x Ninurta x []
4.	[]	x Talimu
5.	[]	min]as Šum-iddin, son of Ibnā
6.	[]	m]inas Arad-Ninurta, <i>nappi</i>
7.	[]	mi]nas Ardiya, son of Nergal-apla-ušur
8.	[]	x Nergal-danu
9.	[]	Apil-Sîn-aḥa-ušur
u.e. 10.	[]	Gula-ēreš
11.	[]	mi]nas Arrabi
12.	[]	x x x son of []

¹See Richard L. Litke, *A Reconstruction of the Assyro-Babylonian God Lists An : ^dA-nu-um and AN : Anu ša ameli*, Ph. D. Dissertation, Yale University, 1958, p. 171.

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