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More inscribed bricks from Babylonia – The three brick fragments presented below conform to standard types, but should not pass unregistered. They are in the possession of a gentleman in Mannheim who has generously assented to their publication here. The pieces are believed to have been acquired through the illegal antiquities market in or near Babylon in the 1960s. Despite their fragmentary state, it does seem to be possible to identify them. For convenience, reference is given below simply to C.B.F. Walker, *Cuneiform Brick Inscriptions* (1981), but it is pointed out here that for the purpose of identification reference was also made to D.R. Frayne, *The Royal Inscriptions of Mesopotamia, Early Periods Volume 4, Old Babylonian Period (2003-1595 BC)* (1990), as well as to I. Kärki, *Die Sumerischen und Akkadischen Königsinschriften der Altbabylonischen Zeit. I. Isin, Larsa, Uruk* (1980). The clay shows tempering. All three copies are 50% of the size of the originals.

1- First Dynasty of Isin, Išme-Dagan (1953-1935 B.C., date cited from *RIA* s.v. Isin, §4), *Cuneiform Brick Inscriptions*, Nr. 29. Notice the examples such as *CT 21 20* with, as in the present case, *-na* and *URI* written on separate lines. Note the *GI/ZI* confusion which occurs in these texts (cf. *CT 21 34* l. 10 etc.).

[en unu^{KI}ga 1
[lugal.kala]g.ga
[lugal i-si]-in-na^{KI}
[lugal ki-e]n-gi¹ ki-
[] uri
[dam ki.á]ga
[dⁱinanna-k]a



(faintly ruled off)

2- Nebuchadnezzar II (« Ninth Dynasty of Babylon », 604-562 B.C. (date cited from A.L. Oppenheim, *Ancient Mesopotamia, Portrait of a Dead Civilization*, Appendix on chronology by J.A. Brinkman)), *Cuneiform Brick Inscriptions*, Nr. 102.

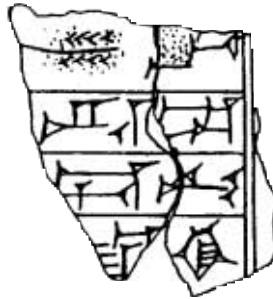
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[ù é]-[zi-da]

[IBILA a-ša]-re-du

[ša dAG-IBI]LA-URÛ

[LUGAL KÁ.DINGIR.R]A.KI



3- Nebuchadnezzar II, « palace inscription », Cuneiform Brick Inscriptions, Nr. 95. There is elegant ornamental fluting on the brick's border.

...KI za-ni-in é-sag-íl[a...

...KI a-na-ku É-GAL mu¹-š[a-ab...



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