

29) On the prebendal career of the descendants of Nabû-kîn-zēri (NKZ) and other members of the Rē'i-alpē clan (with a summary) — This note revises to some extent Zadok, R. 2009, *Catalogue of Documents from Borsippa or Related to Borsippa in the British Museum I* (Nisaba 21; Messina), 73f., 054, B.9-F.

1. The sons of Rēmūt-Nabû. BM 26501 (the BM tablets are quoted with kind permission of Trustees of the British Museum) from Xer 9.I.1 (the Roman figures refer to the Babylonian months) is a sale (for 12 shekels of silver; disguised as a transfer) of a quarter of a share of the oxherd's prebend in Ezida, offerings (consisting of *hinšu*, a meat cut, viz. fatty tissue around the intestines and gore, cf. BM 26505) before Nabû, Nanâ and unspecified deities of Borsippa by Itti-Nabû-balātu/Nabû-ittannu//R. to the brothers Bēl-ittannu and Nabû-ittannu/Rēmūt-Nabû of the same clan. BM 82617 from Dar I 19.VIII.- (presumably end of his reign) is a sale of a prebend (implicitly the oxherd's) including irregular offerings of sheep and live oxen(?), *inter alia* on days 5.I and 3.II(?) for one mina and 6.5 shekels of white silver of which 1/8 is alloy of *nuhhutu*-quality. Among the principals (the operative section is severely damaged as the left half of the tablet is missing) are [Lā-abâš]i/Rēmūt-Nabû and his father Rēmūt-Nabû/ NKZ // R. as well as [...]/[Na]bû(?)-aha-ušallim//Nūr-Papsukkal. Cf. BM 82687. The date of the fragmentary deed BM 94573 is lost (script early Achaemenid). The seller (disguised as transferor) is perhaps Bē[l?]-ittannu/ Rēmūt-Nabû// R. The buyer is Libluṭ/Nabû-ēṭir-*napšāti*//R. (paternal cousin of Rēmūt-Nabû) who acted through his proxy Nabû-ittannu (br. of Bēl-ittannu). The price of the prebend (number of days and other details lost) is 26 shekels of white silver of *nuhhutu*-quality.

2. Other prebend owners. BM 26505 from Dar I 15.VI.34 (Iddina-Nabû/Nabû-šuma-ukīn//R., perhaps grandson of Mušēzib-Marduk, the cousin of NKZ) is a sale or a transfer of one fifth of a share of the oxherd's prebend in Ezida (held together with [Nabû-uballit]/Nabû-ittannu, another member of the same clan, defined as "his brother", but hardly his physical one), offerings (consisting of fatty tissue around the intestines and gore, cf. BM26501) before Nabû and unspecified deities of Borsippa.- Nabû-(u)kīn/Mušēzib-Marduk//R., who owed one mina of white silver (of which 1/8 is alloy of *nuhhutu*-quality)

to Aha-iddina/Nabû-ahhē-iddina//Iddina-Papsukkal, pledged two days of the oxherd's prebend, viz. 7 and 17 (month not preserved), throughout the year (including a monthly offering of four cuts of thigh and rib and two joint cuts [*riksu*] to Nanâ Euršaba). It seems that the pledge was for 50 shekels of the debt (the context is damaged). The first witness is Rēmūt-Nabû/ NKZ //R. The scribe belongs to the creditor's clan (BM 94665 from Dar I 16.III.29). BM 26537 is a list of days of the oxherd's prebend of Ezida:

a. Iddina-Nabû/Nabû-iddina//R. (28, text erroneously 38) 1-4, 16, 17.I; 6-8, 11-18.IV (11); 1-10.VII (10); 17.XI (1);

b. Bēl-ušallim/Bēl-šuma-ukīn, 20 (recte 13) 22.I; 22, 30.IV; [x+?]3, 17.IX; 9, 10, 23, 30.X; .4 (or .7), 8, 11, 13.XII.

3. BM 94550 (place and date lost):

a. Iddina-Nabû/Nabû-aha?-šullim//R. 24 prebend days (implicit; the summary is not preserved): 1-4, 14, 15.I; 16, 14.II; 5, 7, 8, 15, 17.IV; 16, 17.V; 7, 8.VII; 16, 17.IX; 6-8, 16, 17.<MN>.

b. Rēmūtu. explicitly 20 prebend days (only 10 preserved):

[...].I; 22, [...].IV; 22, x, [...].IX; 9, 12?, 23, 30.X; 7,8, 11, 13.XII. Apart from six days which were received from Rēmūtu.

BM 82658, 82659, both unprovenanced, undated and unassignable lists of days (presumably of prebendal service), are formulated like BM 82665:

BM 82658 (altogether 25), viz. 13-15.I and 24, 25.IV (subsumed as 5 days); 1, 12, 13.IV as well as 1, 2.VIII; 11-15, 18-22.IV, 11-14.IX and 29.IV. Almost all the days correspond to the above-mentioned combined list of 134 (133 preserved) days.

BM 82659 (altogether 39), viz. 16, 18.I; 16, 17.II; 15, 17.IV; 16, 18.V; 16, 17 (or 18/19). IX; 16, 10+[x].XI; 9-15, 21-24.V (subsumed as 11 days); 27, 28.V; 9-15, 18, 19, 21-24, 26.VI. Several days correspond to the above-mentioned combined list of 134 (133 preserved) days.

3. Summary. 1. A comprehensive list of days of the oxherd's prebend

Altogether 217 (minimum)- 222 (maximum) days

I: 1-22, 23?, 24, 25, 27-30 (= 28+1); II: 3?, 7, 9-25, 27 (= 19+1); III: 11-20 (= 10); IV: 1-22, 24, 25, 28-30 (= 27); V: 9-19, 21-25, 29 (= 17); VI: 24, 26, 27, 28 (= 4); VII: 1-25, 28, 29 (= 27); VIII: 1-3, 7-22 (= 19); IX: 11, 12?, 13-17, 21, 22, 26-30 (= 13 + 1); X: 1-10, 12?, 13, 19, 21-30 (= 22 + 1); XI: 8-19, 22, 28, 29 (= 15); XII: 4 (or 7), 7, 8, 10-20, 24, 27, 28 (= 16 + 1).

The list is based on the following sources (figures in parentheses refer to pages of Zadok 2009): I 1-10: BM 26480 (67); 11, 12: BM 13150 (66, collated), 85229 (66); 13-16: BM 26538, 85229, 94582 (66); 13-22: BM 28872 (69f.); 15, 16(?), 20: BM 94586 (70, collated); 17-22:

BM 85229; 23(?): BM 82687 (72); 24: BM 26502 (72); 25: BM 26509, 94563 (71); 27: BM 26502; 28-30: BM 26509, 94563.

II 3(?): BM 82617 (73); 7: BM 25125 (73); 9-14: BM 26509, 94563; 15-25: BM 28872; 21-25: BM 13151 (67); 27: BM 82749 (27).

III 11-20: BM 26480.

IV 1-10: BM 26480; 6: BM 82749; 11-20: BM 28872 (collated); 11, 12: BM 13150; 11-22: BM 85229; 24, 25: BM 26513 (65); 28: BM 26509, 94563; 29: BM 82748 (65); 30: BM 26537 (74).

V 9-18: BM 28872; 18, 19: BM 102263 (67, collated); 21, 22: BM 82633 (67); 23-25: BM 13151; 29: BM 82748.

VI 24: BM 94712 (68); 26: BM 26509, 94563; 27, 28: BE 8, 103.

VII 1-10: BM 26480; 11, 12: BM 13150; 13, 14: BM 85229, 94582; 13-16: BM 26538; 17-22: BM 85229; 23: BM 25125; 24, 25: BM 26513; 28: BM 26509, 94563; 29: BM 26482 (65).

VIII 1, 2: BM 26632 (68); 3: BM 26509, 94563; 7, 8: BM 26571 (66); 9-12: BM 94571 (71); 13-22: BM 28872.

IX 11: BM 82687; 12(?), 13-15: BM 94571; 16, 17, 21: BM 26537; 22: BM 94550 (collated); 26, 27-30: BM 94586.

X 1: BM 13150; 26480; 2-10: BM 26480; 4, 5: BM 26737 (69); 12(?): BM 26537, 94550; 13: BM 94582; 19: BM 26502; 21, 22: BM 85229; 21-28: BM 28872; 29: BM 82687 (collated); 30: BM 26537, 94550.

XI 8: BM 82734 (72); 9-12: BM 28872; 13, 14(/15/16/17/18): BM 26535 (68); 15, 16: BM 94571; 17: BM 28872 (collated); 18, 19: BM 82633; 22: BM 25125; 28: BM 26540 (collated, 67), 28872, 94641; 29: BM 26540.

XII 4 (or 7), 7, 8: BM 26537; 10-20: BM 26480, 82687; 24: BM 82687; 27, 28: BM 82772 (68).

2. Prices (in silver). On the face of it, there is a considerable fluctuation in prices of prebend days in view of the fact that only three or four days attained 30 shekels in Nab 3 (BM 94606) whereas seven days were sold for just 20 shekels in Nab 8 (BM 26604). In the last case the low price seems to be due to special circumstances: the seller being unable to fulfill his prebendal obligations was eager to sell his prebendal days. 12 days were sold for 62 shekels (Camb 1, BM 94653) whereas just half of this number, six days, attained the price of 57 shekels ([Camb/DarI], BM 94579). However, on the whole, a prebend day is not a comparable unit, as one has to take into account several variables: certain prebend days included different ingredients and quantities of various meat cuts.

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