

No. -245

A Obv.'

- 1 Year 66, king Antiochus. Month I, (the 1st of which was identical with) the 30th (of the preceding month, sunset to moonset): $14^{\circ} 30'$; clouds, I did not watch. Night of the 2nd, [...]
- 2 in the afternoon, strong gusty south storm. Night of the 4th, beginning of the night, the moon was [...] in front of η [Geminorum,] the moon being $\frac{1}{2}$ cubit [to Mars was]
- 3 20° fingers above α Leonis. Night of the 7th, beginning of the night, the moon² was [...] above δ Cancr. Night of the 8th, beg[inning of the night, Night of the 9th, beginning of the night, the moon]
- 4 it stood $1 \frac{2}{3}$ cubits behind Mars to the east. Night of the 10th, beginning of the night, the moon was [nn] cubits below ϑ Leonis, the moon having passed $\frac{1}{2}$ cubit to the east. [...]
- 5 strong gusty south storm. Night of the 12th, clouds crossed the sky. The 12th, very overcast, thunder, rain DUL. Night of the 13th, beg[inning of the night,]
- 6 The 14th, moonset to sunrise: $1^{\circ} 30'$; clouds, I did not watch. The 14th², overcast, lightning, thunder, rain DUL. [Night of the 15th,] sunset to moonrise: $10^{\circ} 30'$; clouds, I did not watch; very overcast, gusty wind;, the moon was in [front of ...]
- 7 [cl]ouds were in the sky; last part of the night, the moon was $\frac{2}{3}$ cubit behind² ϑ Ophiuchi. Night of [the nth, clouds] were in the sky. Night of the 19th, last part of the night, the moon was $4 \frac{1}{2}$ cubits below β Capricorni. Night of the 20th, last part of the ni[ght,]
- 8 [nn] cubits. Night of the 21st, last part of the night, the moon stood $2 \frac{2}{3}$ cubits in front of Saturn to the west. [Night of the 22nd,] very overcast. Night of the 23rd, first part of the night, Mars was [...] above ρ Leonis [...]
- 9 [Night of the 2]4th, very overcast; beginning of the night, gusty wind, lightning, thunder, [rain DU]L. Night of the 25th, last part of the night, the moon was $\frac{2}{3}$ cubit below Venus. The 27th, moonrise to sunrise: 16° , measured [...]
- 10 [...] kur 2 pān; sesame, 1 pān; wool, 5 minas for [1 sh]ekel of wrought silver which was given in the land. At that time, Jupiter was in Capricorn; Venus [...]
- 11 [...] Mars was in] Leo. That month, the river level [...] rose 20 fingers above the apertures. That month, on the 6th, the wall of Esangil [...]

- 12 [...] [....] went. That day, bricks were in it. That month, on the 11th, [....]
 13 [...] [....] Seleucus, Antiochus and Apammu, his sons, in Esangil [....]
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- 14 [Month II, the 1st (of which followed the 30th of the preceding month), sunset to moonset:
 mn°; the moon was] 4 cubits in front of η Geminorum. The 1st, very overcast, it thundered
 once. Night of the 2nd, very overcast. Night of the 3rd, beginning of the night, clou[ds]
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- 15 [...] 2/3 cubit. Night of the 4th, last part of the night, Venus was 3 cubits below η
 Piscium. Night of the 5th, the moon was surrounded by a halo which was not closed;
 beginning of the ni[ght,]
- 16 [... Night] of the 6th, overcast; beginning of the night, the moon was 1 cubit 4 fingers
 above α Leonis, the moon having passed 8 fingers to the east. The 6th, overcast, gusty
 wind, much thunder, [....]
- 17 [...] Night of the 8th, clouds were in the sky; beginning of the night, the moon was
 7x cubits be[hind β Virginis.] The 8th, in the afternoon, storm [....]
- 18 [... Night of the 10th,] beginning of the night, the moon was [...] behind α Virginis
 [...] [....]
- 19 [... th]under, rain DUL. Night of the 12th, clouds crossed the sky [...]
- 20 [...] lightning, much thunder, rain DUL [....]
- 21 [...] Arietis [....]

B 'Obv.

- 1' [...] [....]
 2' [... Ve]nus was in Taurus, at the end of the month, in Gemini; around the 6th, Mer[cury's
 first appearance in the west in Gemini]
 3' [...] Seleucus, son of k[ing] Antiochus [...] [....]
 4' [...] the administrator of Esangil, the [....] the Babylonians, the assembly of Esangil
 [....]
 5' [...] who earlier [...] Laodike [....] they performed many [...] in it, they ate
 bread in it, a festival was held in it.
 6' (indented catch-line) Month IV, the 1st (of which followed the 30th of the preceding
 month), sunset to moonset: 20°; it was bright, measured.

B Lower edge

- 1 Diary from month I to month VI, king Antiochus, from month V to month VI, king
 Seleucus, his son.

B Rev.'

- 1 [Month IV, the 1st (of which followed the 30th of the preceding month), sunset to moonset:
 20°;] it was bright, measured; the moon was 3 1/2 cubits in front of α Leonis; last part of
 the night, Venus was 2 fingers above μ Geminorum. Night of the 3rd, the moon was 2
 cubits in front of β Virginis. Night of the 4th, beginning of the night, the moon was [...] in
 front of γ Virginis,

- 2 it stood $2 \frac{2}{3}$ cubits [in fr]ont of Mars to the west. Night of the 5th, beginning of the night, the moon was 2 cubits in front of α Virginis. Night of the 6th, last part of the night, Venus was $2 \frac{2}{3}$ cubits above γ Geminorum. Night of the 7th, beginning of the night, the moon was [...] behind α Librae.
- 3 [Night] of the 8th, beginning of the night, the moon came close to π Scorpii. The 8th, Jupiter's acronychal rising. Ni[ght of the 9th, beg]inning of the night, the moon was $2 \frac{1}{2}$ cubits in front of θ Ophiuchi. Night of the 11th, last part of the night, Venus was [...] below α Geminorum.]
- 4 [...] $3 \frac{1}{2}$ cubits. Night of the 13th, moonrise to sunset: 2° ; mist, I did not watch; the moon was 2 cubits [...] Jupi]ter. The 13th, moonset to sunrise: $1^\circ 20'$. Night of the 14th, sunset to moonrise: $5^\circ 50'$. [...] last part of the night,]
- 5 [the moon] stood [...] in front of Saturn] to the west. The 14th, sunrise to moonset: 15° , measured. Night of the 15th, [last part of the night, Ve]nus was $3 \frac{1}{2}$ cubits below β Geminorum [...]

A 'Rev.'

- 1' [...] Night of the 26th, last part of the ni]ght, the moon was $2 \frac{1}{2}$ cubits below ϵ Leonis, the moon having passed 8 fingers to the east. Ni[ght²]
- 2' [...] moonrise to sunrise: $\lceil x \rceil$, measured. Night of the 29th, solar eclipse which was omitted; at $40 + [x^\circ \dots]$
- 3' [...] dates,] 3 pān 4 sūt 3 qa; mustard, 2 kur 1 pān; cress, 2 pān 4 sūt; sesame, 1 pān; woo[l,]
- 4' [...] Mercury's first appearance in the east in Leo; Saturn was in Aquarius; Mars was in Libra. That month, the river level 16 [...]
- 5' [...] happened in [E]sangil. That month, on the 20th, it was heard in Babylon [...]
- 6' [...] and fear were in the land.
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- 7' [Month VI, the 1st (of which followed the 30th of the preceding month), Night of the 2nd, the moon was] $2 \frac{1}{2}$ cubits [in fro]nt of α Librae. Night of the 3rd, first part of the night, Mars was $3 \frac{1}{2}$ cubits below β Librae. Night of the 4th, beginning of the night, [...]
- 8' [...] 3 cubits. The 5th, Jupiter became stationary in Capricorn. Night of the 8th, beginning of the night, the moon was 4 cubits below β Capricorni, the moon being $\frac{2}{3}$ [cubit to]
- 9' [...] Night of the 9th, beginning] of the night, the moon was 2 cubits 4 fingers [in fron]t of γ Capricorni. Night of the 10th, beginning of the night, the moon was [...] behind δ Capricorni [...]
- 10' [...] lu]nar eclipse,, omitted. Night of the 14th, last part of the night, the moon was $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cubits in front of η Piscium. The 14th, sunrise to moonset: 13° , measured. Night of the 15th, [...]
- 11' [...] 2^2 cubits. Night of the 17th, clouds were in the sky; last part of the night, the moon was [2] fingers [...] η Tauri], it came near. Night of the 19th, β Tauri entered the moon; last part of the night, the moo[n Night of the 20th, first part of the night,]
- 12' [Mars was] $\frac{1}{2}$ cubit [...] β Scorpii; last part of the night, the moon was [...] above [η / μ] Geminorum] [...]

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- 13' [...] 4 cubits. Night of the 23rd, last part of the night, the moon was 2 cub[its] in front of ϵ Leonis [...]
- 14' Night of the [2]6th, last part of the night, the moon was 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cubits in front of β Virginis. Night of the 27th, last part of the night, the moon was [...] be[low[?] γ Virginis [...]
- 15' barley, 1 kur 2 pān 1 sūt; dates, 3 pān 4 sūt 3 qa; mustard, 2 kur 1 pān; cress, [...]
- 16' Venus was in Leo, in the middle of the month, [in] Virgo; [...]
- 17' [...]