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Obv.'

- 1' [...] a meteor which was very bright from Arcturus to .... [...]
- 2' [Night of the 10th, beginning of the night, the moon was surrounded by a halo,] Mars stood inside the halo. The 10th, in the afternoon, clouds and haze crossed the sky; strong gusty wind. Night of the 11th, beginning of the night, the moon was [...] in front of Mars [...]
- 3' [...] one-third of the disk to the north, Mars entered the moon. The 11th, fog .... Night of the 12th, beginning of the night, the moon was [...] behind  $\eta$  [Piscium]
- 4' [...] first part] of the night, there was a "fall of fire" behind <the wall>' of Nabonidus .... on the river bank; last part of the night, Venus was 1 cubit below  $\gamma$  Virginis [...]
- 5' [Night of the 13th, beginning of the night, the moon was]  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  cubits [behind]  $\alpha$  Arietis. The 13th, moonset to sunrise:  $5^{\circ} 20'$ ; a dog devoured a bitch. Night of the 14th, moonrise to sunset:  $3^{\circ}$ ; beginning of the night, the moon was [...] behind  $\eta$  Tau[ri ....]
- 6' [...] The 14th, sunrise to moonset: nn. Night] of the 15th, sunset to moonrise:  $8^{\circ}$ ; beginning of the night, the moon was 1 cubit behind  $\alpha$  Tauri; around the 15th, when Mars became stationary to the west, [it became stationary]  $\frac{2}{3}$  cubit below  $\eta$  Piscium [...]
- 7' [Mercury's] first appearance [in the west ....], omitted. Night of the 16th, last part of the night, the moon was 2 cubits 8 fingers above  $\eta$  Geminorum; thin clouds were in the sky; the moon was surrounded by a halo. Night of the 17th, ...., the moon was [...] in' [front of  $\alpha$  Geminorum.]
- 8' [...] Night of the 18th, clouds crossed the sky, rain shower; last part of the night, the moon was  $1 \frac{2}{3}$  cubits in front of  $\delta$  Cancri. The 18th, clouds were in the sky. Night of the 19th, last part of the night, the moon was [...] in front of [ $\epsilon$  Leonis.]
- 9' [...] The 19th, clouds were in the sky; rain shower. Night of the 20th, last part of the night, the moon was  $\frac{2}{3}$  cubit behind  $\alpha$  Leonis. Night of the 21st, last part of the night, the moon was 2 cubits in front of (error for: behind)  $\theta$  Leonis. Night of the 22nd, last part of the night, the moon was [...] behind  $\beta$  Vir[ginis.]
- 10' [...] The 22nd, in the afternoon, there was a section of a rainbow in the direction of north and east. Night of the 23rd, clouds were in the sky; last part of the night, the moon was  $\frac{2}{3}$  cubit behind  $\gamma$  Virginis [...]
- 11' [...] The 23rd, Saturn's] first appearance  $4 \frac{1}{2}$  cubits behind Jupiter to the east; it was high, rising of Saturn to sunrise:  $17^{\circ}$ ; (ideal) first appearance on the 21st; clouds were in the sky; in the afternoon, rain shower. Night of the 24th, beginning of the night, Saturn was in front' [...]
- 12' [last part of the night, the moon was] 1 cubit 8 fingers [above  $\alpha$  Vir]ginis, the moon having passed 8 fingers to the east, it stood  $\frac{1}{2}$  cubit behind Venus to the east. [...] Mars moved back to the east; in the afternoon, clouds crossed the sky [...]



- 13' [x x x x] in 25 GU<sub>4</sub>-UD ina ŠÚ UD-DA ŠÚ-šú DIB GE<sub>6</sub> 26 ina [ZALÁG sin x RÍN šá S]I<sup>1</sup> 1 'KÙŠ' 20 SI ár MÚL-BABBAR '1 2/3' KÙŠ ana 'NIM' [GUB x x x]  
 14' [GE<sub>6</sub> 27<sup>1</sup> ina ZALÁG] MÚL-BABBAR e RÍN šá ULÙ 4 SI 27 10, '30 KUR muš'  
 [GE<sub>6</sub> 28<sup>1</sup> ina ZALÁG dele]-bat e SA<sub>4</sub> šá ABSIN 1 KÙŠ sin<sup>1</sup> 'e MÚL' [x x x]  
 15' [... Z]Ú-LUM ina SAG ITU 2(p) 4(b) TA 17 EN TIL I[TU .... G]UR saḫ-le<sub>10</sub> 1 PI ŠE-GIŠ ina SAG ITU 4(b) ina TI[L x x x x]  
 16' [ma-na i-nu]-šú 9 MÚL-BABBAR ina RÍN IGI dele-bat ina ABSIN ina '21'  
 [GENN]A ina 'RÍN' [IGI] 'AN' ina zib<sup>me</sup> GU<sub>4</sub>-UD šá ŠÚ-ú NU IGI [IT]U BI EN TIL 'ITU' IL[LU x x x]  
 17' [...] (blank)  
 18' [APIN 30 x x (x) DI]R muš 'ma-diš' SIG [ana] šamáš SIG DIR AN ZA  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 'DIR AN ZA' GE<sub>6</sub> 2 'DIR AN' ZA 2 ina KIN-SIG 'DIR AN DIB' IM ŠAR AN UTAḫ [x x x x]  
 19' [x x x x] AN DIB AN UTAḫ GE<sub>6</sub> [4 SAG] GE<sub>6</sub> sin [SIG SI MÁŠ] '5' [KÙŠ] 'sin 1/2 KÙŠ' ana N[IM DIB] 4 DIR AN ZA GE<sub>6</sub> 5 SAG GE<sub>6</sub> sin ina IGI MÚL IG[I šá SUḫUR MÁŠ]  
 20' [nn mm x x] DIR AN ZA GE<sub>6</sub> 6 'x' [x I]M ŠAR 6 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
 GE<sub>6</sub> 7 [x (x)] AN UTAḫ 7 DIR AN ZA ina še-rì bu-tuq TIR-[AN x x x]  
 21' [x x 8 DI]R AN DIB GE<sub>6</sub> 9 DIR AN ZA [SAG] 'GE<sub>6</sub> sin' [x x x]  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ GÍR ina ULÙ u KUR GÍR-GÍR 9 ina KIN-SIG 'x x' [GE<sub>6</sub> 10 SAG GE<sub>6</sub>]  
 22' [sin ina IGI MÚL KUR] šá DUR nu-nu 2 KÙŠ 'ár AN' [x x x x] GE<sub>6</sub> 11 SAG GE<sub>6</sub> sin SIG MÚL IGI šá SAG ḫUN 3 1/2 KÙŠ 11 DIR AN ZA [...]  
 23' [x x x (x)] AN-BAR<sub>7</sub> AN né-ḫi ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ [x x] x 'AN UTAḫ' ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
 ina ZALÁG IM-DUGUD 13 12,10 ŠÚ 'IM ŠAR' [GE<sub>6</sub> 14 nm ME]  
 24' [SAG GE<sub>6</sub> sin S]IG ŠUR GIGIR šá SI 1 'KÙŠ' [x x x] 'x' DIR muš 'GU<sub>4</sub>-UD' ina NIM ina GÍR-TAB '3' 1/2 KÙŠ e SI<sub>4</sub> 'x' [...]  
 25' [x x x] AN ZA AN UTAḫ [x x x x x x] DIR AN ZA SAG GE<sub>6</sub> GÍR ina ULÙ GÍR-GÍR ina ZALÁG sin [...]



- 26' [Night of the 16th, last part of the night,] the moon was .... Geminorum [...] Night of the 17th (and) the 17th, .... [...] Night [...], clouds were in the sky; lightning flashed; last part of the night, the moon was [...]
- 27' [...] last part of the night, the moon was [...] Mercury was 3 cubits above  $\alpha$  Scorpii; clouds crossed the sky. Night [...]
- 28' [...] last part of the night, the moon was 'x' cubits in front of [...] Night of the 21st, last part of the night, the moon was 1/2 cubit in front of  $\gamma$  Virginis [...]
- 29' [...] ..., a little rain shower. The 22nd, very overcast; in the afternoon, lightning, thunder, [...]
- 30' [...] cloudburst, a little PISAN DIB; last part of the night, Venus was 14 fingers above Jupiter [...]
- 31' [...] Night of the 24th,] very overcast, rain shower; last part of the night, the moon was 1/2 cubit in front of  $\alpha$  Librae [...]
- 32' [...] .... Night of the 25th, clouds were in the sky; lightning flashed continuously in the south and east [...]
- 33' [...] .... Night of the 27th, last part of the night, the moon was 1 cubit behind  $\theta$  Ophiuchi; clouds were in the sky. The 27th, [...]
- 34' [...] so that the sandal was removed. Night of the 30th, overcast, rain shower'. The 30th, clouds crossed the sky. That month, the e[quivalent ....]
- 35' [...] At that] time, Jupiter was in Libra; Venus was in Libra, at the end of the month, in Scorpius; the 14th, Mercury's [...]
- 36' [...] .... receded .... fingers .... [...]

'Rev.'

1' - 4' (traces)

- 5' [Month X, the 1st (of which followed the 30th of the preceding month), ....] (traces)
- 6' [...] stood [nn] cubits to the west; in [...]
- 7' [...] clouds were in the sky. Night of the 8th, beginning of the night, the moon was [...] in front of  $\alpha$  [Tau]ri [...] .... [...]
- 8' [...] crossed the sky. Night [of the 9th, beginn]ing of the night, the moon was [...] below  $\beta$  Tauri [...] (traces)
- 9' [...] clouds [...] .... [...] clouds crossed the sky. Night of the 12th, overcast .... [...]
- 10' [...] .... The 13th, sunrise to moonset: 10° 10'; clouds, I did not watch. [...] Night of the 14th, [...]
- 11' [the moon was] 2 cubits [...]  $\theta$  Leonis [...] Night of the 16th, last part of the night, the moon was] 2/3 cubit [in front of  $\gamma$ ] Virginis. The 16th, in the afternoon, [...] Night of the 18th,
- 12' [...] cu]bits; last part of the night, the moon was .... [...] Night of the 18th, overcast; slow rain [...]
- 13' [...] .... The 19th, very overcast [...] .... [...]
- 14' [...] .... rain shower, lightning [...]
- 15' [...] cubits. Ni[ght ....] rain shower. Night of the 24th (and) the 24th, [...]
- 16' [...] .... measured; the sun rose in a "box"; Mercury's [first appearance] in the west [...]



- 17' [...] last part of the night, Venus [...] The 28th, in the afternoon, clouds were in the sky. That month, the equivalent (of 1 shekel of silver was): barley, [...]
- 18' [...] qa; da[tes,] 2 pān [...] Jup[i]ter was in Scorpius; Venus was in Sagittarius, at the end of the month, in Capricorn [...]
- 19' [...] receded 1/2 cubit; 35 was the *na* (gauge); the 19th (and) the 20th, the water rose 4<sup>1</sup> fingers [...]
- 20' [Month XI, (the 1st of which was identical with) the 30th (of the preceding month), [...] clouds were in the sky. Night of the 2nd, clouds were in the sky; beginning of the night, Mars [...] [...]
- 21' [...] Night of the 4th, beginning of the night, the moon was 4 cubits below  $\alpha$  Arietis. The 4th, gusty wind [...]
- 22' [...] strong gusty wind, cloudburst, PISAN DIB. The 6th, overcast, rain PISAN DIB. Ni[ght] [...]
- 23' [...] overcast<sup>1</sup>, rain shower; around the 8th, when Jupiter became stationary to the east, [it became stationary in Scorpius<sup>1</sup> [...]
- 24' [...] [...], last part of the night, rain, a little PISAN DIB. The 9th, in the afternoon, clouds crossed the sky. Night of the 10th, clouds<sup>1</sup> [...]
- 25' [...] Venus was 1 cubit [...]  $\gamma$  Capricorni. The 12th, moonset to sunrise: 7° 30'; clouds, I did not watch.
- 26' [...] the s]un rose in a "box". Night of the 14th, sunset to moonrise: 1° 40'; last part of the night, the moon was
- 27' [nn] cubits [in front of  $\gamma$  Virginis [...]] [...] a cloud-bank lay in front and [...] of the sun, rain shower. Night of the 17th, last part of the night, the moon was
- 28' [...] below [ $\alpha$  Librae [...]] [...] The 18th, Mercury's last appearance in the west in Pisces; I did not watch. Night of the 19th, last part of the night,  $\alpha$  Scorpii entered the moon; clouds were in the sky. The 19th,
- 29' [...] Ni]ght of the 20th, clouds were in the sky [...] The 21st, clouds [...] Ni]ght of the 22nd, clouds crossed the sky, a little rain shower, gusty wind. The 22nd, clouds were in the sky, gusty south wind.
- 30' [...] clouds were in the sky. The 25th, in the afternoon, clouds crossed the sky, strong gusty wind, rain shower. Night of the 26th, overcast; beginning of the night, rain shower.
- 31' [...] clouds were in the sky. Night of the 29th (and) the 29th, clouds were in the sky. That month, the equivalent (for 1 shekel of silver was): barley, 1 kur; dates, in the beginning of the month, 2 pān [...]
- 32' [...] At that time, Jupiter and Saturn were in Scorpius; Venus was in Capricorn, at [the end of the mon]th in Aquarius; on the 18th, Mercury's last appearance in the west in Pisces, I did not watch; Mars was in Taurus.
- 33' [...] + 8 was the *na* (gauge); the 7th<sup>1</sup> and 8th<sup>1</sup>, the water rose 1 finger; [...] the 9th and 10th, the water receded 8 fingers, 29 was the *na* (gauge); the 12th, the water rose 4 fingers, 28 was the *na* (gauge); the 14th and 15th, the water rose 1/2 cubit, 25 was the *na* (gauge) [...]



- 34' [Month XII, the 1st (of which followed the 30th of the preceding month), . . .] clouds were in the sky. Night of the 2nd, last part of the night, clouds were in the sky. The 2nd, overcast; in the afternoon, rain shower. Night of the 3rd, the moon was 1 1/2 cubits behind  $\gamma$  Tauri . . . . [ . . . ]
- 35' [ . . . . Night of the 4th, beginning of the night, the moon] stood 2/3 cubit in front of Mars to the west. Night of the 5th, beginning of the night, the moon was 1 [cubit] in front of  $\gamma$  Geminorum [ . . . ]
- 36' [ . . . . clouds] were in the sky. The 6th, clouds were in the sky; in the afternoon, heavy attack of locusts. Night of the 7th, beginning of the night, clouds [ . . . ]
- 37' [ . . . ] . . . . Night of the 9th, beginning of the night, the moon was 2 cubits above  $\alpha$  Leonis, the moon being 1/2 cubit back to the west; clouds [ . . . ]
- 38' [ . . . . Night of the 11th, beginning of the night,] the moon was 1/2 cubit behind  $\beta$  Virginis; first part of the night, Mars was 1 1/2 cubits below  $\beta$  Tauri; last part of the night, [ . . . ]
- 39' [ . . . ] clouds were in the sky; in the afternoon, attack of locusts. Night of the 13th, moonrise to sunset: 6°, measured (despite) clouds . . . .
- 40' [ . . . ] . . . . 53°? ni[ght . . . ]
- 41' [ . . . ] . . . .
- 42' [ . . . ] . . . . last part of the night, the moon was in [front of . . . ]
- 43' [ . . . ] . . . . Jupiter [ . . . ]
- 44' [ . . . ] . . . . [ . . . ]

#### Date

The date of this text is easily established by several planetary summaries.