

The Enuma Elish

Otherwise known as

THE SEVEN BABYLONIAN TABLETS OF CREATION

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THE FIRST TABLET

Before the Heavens had been named
Before the Earth below had been named
None but

APSU

The All-Father, Oldest of Beings
And

MUMMU-TIAMAT

Mother who bore them,
Existed.

Their Waters merged into One;
There were no fields or marshes
Before any GODS came into being.
The Powers had no Names
Their Destinies had not been Fixed.

The GODS were then created
Within the Waters of APSU-TIAMAT.

The GOD LAHMU
and the GODDESS LAHAMU
Were born Shining
And given Names.

For Aeons they grew,
They grew in age and stature.

Then ANSHAR
and KISHAR
were in turn born,
As were Other GODS.

They existed and grew many years.

ANU was born of
ANSHAR and KISHAR
Surpassing ALL the GODS,
ANU surpassed even his Father
ANSHAR.

ANU in turn begot
NUDIMMUD, the IMAGE of Himself
Who was greater than Himself
And All Others.

NUDIMMUD (EA) was Wise
And deep in Understanding
He was THE ONE WHO SPEAKS

He was very Strong
Greater in Strength than even his Father
And ALL the GODS.

The GODS created
the DIVINE BROTHERHOOD.

TIAMAT, their MOTHER
Became troubled by her Children
The GODS.

Her Still Depths became agitated
By all their Actions.

APSU could not calm the GODS,
TIAMAT became angry.
Her Children,
The GODS
Had become overbearing.
She could not stand
Their clamor.

She Gathered Herself Together,
Preparing to Act.

At this, APSU,
Father of All the GODS,
Summoned MUMMU
His Servant.

Saying to him,
“O MUMMU, My Servant
You who are Part of my Being
Let us go to TIAMAT.”

They gathered together with TIAMAT,
They discussed
their troublesome Children –
The GODS.

APSU said to
the Great GODDESS TIAMAT,

“They have destroyed our Calm.
By day I find no Peace;
By Night I have no Rest.
I will make an END
Of their Troubling Ways,
I will Sweep them AWAY.
There will be Mourning,
Then Peace will return!”

TIAMAT heard these words
And was angry
Raging before them
She Cried,

“What?
Shall WE destroy That
Which WE have CREATED
And NURTURED?
Leave our Children Alone
They will Destroy themselves.”

MUMMU answered this
Saying to APSU,

“Destroy them!
Then will you find Peace
By Day and by Night.”

Hearing this
APSU grew glad
For this was what he had been Thinking.
He embraced MUMMU,
He sat him upon his knee
Kissing him.

Together they further Plotted
Against the GODS.

But
The GODS Overheard their Plans
And began to lament their Fate.

HE WHO UNDERSTANDS ALL:
The Wise One,
The Great One,
EA who Knows ALL THAT IS,
Perceived the Plot.

He countered it
With a Powerful Spell.

Then did WAR rage
Between EA,
Defender of the GODS;
And his Father APSU,
And his Brother MUMMU.

Until,
With Magic
EA put his Father APSU to Sleep
And then Bound MUMMU,
Taking his POWER as his Own.

EA overcame them both,
Dividing APSU
Into CHAMBERS
And fixing their Position.

Within
One of the CHAMBERS
EA then rested
Naming the Shrine

“APSU”

And that Place became his Holy Shrine.
EA and DAMKINA,
His Wife,
Lived here in Power
And Joy.

In this CHAMBER OF DESTINIES
Was conceived the Greatest God.

Here in the Heart of APSU
MARDUK was Created.

Son of EA and DAMKINA,
Nursed by Goddesses
He was Glorious!

His eyes sparkled
With the Power of Ages.

EA was proud of him
And filled with Joy.
He Gave to him the
DOUBLE GODHEAD.
Exalted was MARDUK.

He was Perfection Incarnate.

His Power was beyond conception,
He had Four Faces,
When he Spoke
Fire blazed forth.

He heard ALL THINGS.

He saw ALL THAT WAS.

He was
the GREATEST OF ALL THE GODS.

EA said to him,

“My Son the SUN!
You are the SUN of the Heavens.”

Meanwhile,
TIAMAT Was Upset.

Those of the GODS
Who sided with TIAMAT
Said to Her,

“When the GODS Slew your Husband
You did NOTHING.
The Peace you Embodied
Has been Disturbed.
Remember APSU,
And Remember
The Conquered MUMMU.

You are ALONE!
Avenge them.
Let us have Peace.
If you care for us,
Let us Fight Them.”

TIAMAT, hearing this
Was swayed.
She answered them:

“Let us beget MONSTERS to fight them
We shall do Battle
Against the GODS.”

These Plotters
Gathered Together with
TIAMAT,
Planning the GOD'S Destruction
Night and Day.

They formed a War Party,
Then they marched with TIAMAT.

They set up a Battle Line
Shrieking Curses.

UMMU - KHUBUR (TIAMAT)
MOTHER OF ALL
Created Invincible Weapons.
She spawned
Huge SERPENTS
With large sharp fangs
And bodies filled with Poison
Instead of Blood.

They were Grim Monstrous SERPENTS
Hideous to look upon.
She filled them with Brightness,
She made them Mighty,
So all who saw them would be Terrified
And fall before them.

She unleashed the VIPER,
The SNAKE and the GOD LAKHAMU
The WHIRLWIND, The LION,
The SCORPION MAN,
And the
HORNED BEAST.

The Host of TIAMAT
Also carried the THUNDERBOLT,
Which spared none
And Slew without Mercy.

None could resist the Might
Of TIAMAT.

So She Created these
Eleven MONSTERS.

Among the Firstborn of the GODS,
Her Firstborn Son
Collected together Her Company.
This GOD, KINGU,
She Set on High
Making him War Chief and Bearer
of the FIRMLY GRASPED WEAPON –
The THUNDERBOLT

She arrayed him in Majesty
Saying,
“I have uttered the SPELL for you,
I have made you
Great in the ASSEMBLY
Of the GODS

I have placed the KINGSHIP
In your hands!
May the ANUNNAKI
Praise you!”

She gave him the
TABLETS OF DESTINIES,
Fastening them
To his chest, saying;

“Your Commands
Will be TRUTH;
Whatever you Order
Will come to pass.”

She raised him to the Highest Place
Making him Ruler of
ALL THE HEAVENS
And FIXER of the DESTINIES,
Of all those with TIAMAT,
His Sons

They praised KINGU
Saying;
“Your Command
Will quench the FIREGOD MARDUK!”

KINGU said;

“You will have
Glory in Battle
You shall be Mighty
And do Great Deeds!”

THE SECOND TABLET

TIAMAT
Finished the MONSTERS
She had been Creating
To set upon her children the GODS.

She did this Evil deed
To avenge the Murder of APSU.

All these Things
Were told to EA,
He was filled with Dread
And sat in Silence.

After a time
His Anger abated,
And he went to his Father ANSHAR.

Before his Father,
He repeated all he Knew
Of TIAMAT'S Plot
Saying,

“TIAMAT, our MOTHER,
Hates us
She has formed a War Party
And Rages Against us.
Many have Joined with
Her Even some of your Children!
They All march
With the Host of TIAMAT,
Making Plots against us
Night and Day.

Fuming and Raging,
They threaten us with Battle.
They set the Battle Array
Uttering cries of defiance.

UMMU-KHUBAR,
Who has given birth to All,
Has created the
ULTIMATE WEAPON –
Giving birth to SERPENTS

The SERPENTS are Merciless
And Vicious,
With venom instead of blood,
They are terrible to Behold.

She filled them with Power,
Causing ALL to Fear them
So they
Would be Invincible
Destroying ALL
Who stand against them.

She Throws Against us
The VIPER, The SNAKE,
The GOD LAKHAMU,
The WHIRLWIND,
The LION, The SCORPION MAN,
The STORM WIND,
The FISH MAN,
And the HORNED BEAST.

They also
Have the THUNDERBOLT
Which Destroys ALL!

Her Allies
Are irresistible,
As are the Eleven Monsters
She has Created.

She has also made KINGU,
Her Firstborn,
Chief of ALL
And Leader of the Hosts

Into Battle
He carries
The WEAPON
And he is the Master of It.

He Sits upon Her THRONE
And She has Filled him
With Her Power
And Her Spells.

KINGU,
Has replaced APSU
As the Husband of TIAMAT
And the Lord
Of ALL the ANUNNAKI.

She has even Fastened
The TABLETS OF DESTINIES
Upon his chest.

Then KINGU,
Having been given Control

Of ALL the Heavens,
Fixed the Destinies of the GODS,
His Sons.

Then
He told his Followers
That he would Quench MARDUK
The GOD of Fire
Exhorting them
To War
And the Great Deeds
Of Battle!”

When ANSHAR
Heard these Words
Concerning the Hosts
Of TIAMAT,
He was very Troubled.

After a time
He Spoke to EA,

“Mighty Warrior!
You Vanquished APSU
And also MUMMU
Killing them both
Go forth
And Slay KINGU
And the Hosts of TIAMAT!”

EA,
Who knows ALL THINGS,
Knew he could not Defeat
KINGU and the Hosts of TIAMAT.
He explained this to ANSHAR.

Hearing these Words
ANSHAR turned to the GOD ANU
For Help,
Saying,

“Destroying
Our Enemies will be difficult
O My Warrior
They are Mighty
And possibly undefeatable

Go before
TIAMAT.
Calm Her down;
Negotiate with Her;
If She Will not listen,
Tell Her You Represent US.

So may Her Wrath
Be abated!”

ANU
Heard his Father
And went straight away
To where TIAMAT
And Her Hosts were.

He Spied out Her Might,
Then
When he Faced Her
He was Withered
By Her Wrath.

ANU
Could not Prevail
Against TIAMAT.
He could not Calm Her.

He returned to ANSHAR
Speaking to him,

“Her Might
Overpowered me,
I am not able to Defeat Her
Or Calm her down.”

Hearing this
ANSHAR was upset.
He Lowered his eyes;
He turned pale.

He faced EA,
And he Stood Before
All the Assembled ANUNNAKI
Who sat worried
And Mournful
They said,

“Nowhere
Is there a GOD
Who can Defeat TIAMAT!
TIAMAT
Will Destroy ALL who try.”

Lord ANSHAR
Gathered Himself together
And
Speaking Forcefully
Said,

“He Whose Strength is Mighty
Shall be our AVENGER –
The Great Warrior
MARDUK,
The HERO!”

Then EA
Called MARDUK
To his HOLY PLACE.
He came
And EA Spoke to him
From his Heart,

“O MARDUK,
Listen to what
Your Father Says,
You are a Son
To make me Proud –
Come,
You are Summoned
By ANSHAR.

Stand before ANSHAR
In your Power and Glory
You will banish
His Fears.”

Hearing this
MARDUK rejoiced.
Lord MARDUK was Proud
Of his Fathers Words.

He presented himself
Before ANSHAR.

ANSHAR looked upon MARDUK
And was filled with Relief
And Joy.
ANSHAR kissed MARDUK,
His Fears were Dispelled.

MARDUK said to ANSHAR;
“ANSHAR, Your Will
Will Manifest through me;
What you Command
Will Come About.”

“I will Accomplish
What you
Desire.

What Being is this
Who opposes you?”

“TIAMAT,
A Goddess
Who Attacks you with Weapons.”

“ALL Father, Be Happy
Rejoice!
With your Power
I will Tread
Upon the neck of TIAMAT.”

ANSHAR
Replied to MARDUK
Saying;

“My Son
Subdue Her with the HOLY SPELL
Attack Her
In your STORM CHARIOT.
They will not resist you.
Repel them!”

MARDUK

Was filled with Joy at these Words
And he said to ANSHAR;

“Great Lord,
Proclaimer of Destinies,
If I Am to be
Your HERO,
Call Together
The Assembly of GODS
And Proclaim Supreme
My Destiny.

Then
When this has happened
Within the ASSEMBLY HALL,
UBSHUKINNA,
Let MY Command
Be obeyed by ALL
Instead of Yours;
Give me
Control of Destinies,
Let My Commands
Be neither Changed
or Thwarted.

Let my WILL
Be Supreme.”

THE THIRD TABLET

ANSHAR
Spoke to his Advisor,
GAGA,
And said to him,

“O GAGA,
My Adviser who
Always pleases me,
I am sending you
To LAHMU and LAHAMU.

You are Tactful,
And skillful with Speech.

Your Divine Fathers
Created you
Before me!
Summon the GODS here.
Let them Feast
And drink Wine;
Let them Gather
To grant Power
To their Hero MARDUK.

Go now GAGA
And present yourself
Before them.

Tell them
I sent you
In order to inform them
That TIAMAT Hates us
And Plans to Kill us

Many GODS
Rally about her;
Even some of their Children
Are in the War Party.

She has Birthed
Monstrous SERPENTS
Filled with Venom
And
Filled with Her Power
Which creates Fear
In All who behold them,
None may oppose them.

She has also created
Eleven Monsters
The VIPER,
The SNAKE,
LAKHAMU,
The WHIRLWIND,
The LION,
SCORPIO MAN,
The STORM WIND,
FISH MAN,
And
The HORNED BEAST;

They also have
The THUNDERBOLT Weapon.

KINGU,
Who TIAMAT
Has taken as her Husband
And who she has made
War Chief

Carries this Weapon.
She has set him
Above ALL,
And She has given him
Her blessings
And the Power
Of Her Spells.

They claim that
KINGU
Will vanquish The Fire GOD
And
Conquer All
With his
WEAPON of POWER.

ANU was sent,
But he Failed.

Then MARDUK
Was called.
Indeed,
He is truly our HERO.

But
In order that MARDUK
Might have the Power
To kill TIAMAT,
He wishes
An ASSEMBLY of the GODS
So that he might
Be declared
Supreme Maker of Destinies
And Commander of All.

So,
I Summon ALL you GODS
To come promptly
And give MARDUK

Supreme Power
So he might Destroy our Foes!”

GAGA
Took this message
With great speed
Until
He stood before the Lords
LAHMU and LAHAMU,
His Divine Parents.

He bowed
In respect before them
Saying to them,

“It is ANSHAR
Your Son
Who sends me
With an urgent Message
For you
It is this,”

Then GAGA
Repeated the Message
He had been given
By ANSHAR.

He described
The threat of TIAMAT and her followers

He talked of the
Vile SERPENTS
And the MONSTERS
TIAMAT had brought into being;
And of TIAMAT’S
New Mate and Lord
KINGU,
And the THUEDERBOLT
He carried.

Also,
He told of ANU'S failure,
And of the New HERO,
MARDUK,
Who needed
The Supreme Power
Which only
The ASSEMBLY of the GODS
Could give him
In order
That he might slay
TIAMAT

And
After his message
Was finished
GAGA said;

"Now hurry:
Gather Together the GODS
And grant MARDUK
The Power he Needs
So he can put a swift end
to our enemies."

When LAHMU and LAHAMU
Had heard these words
They cried out
in Alarm,
As did all the IGIGI,
The GODS.

They said,
"How Strange
Is this Threat from TIAMAT!
We will never understand
Her Ways."

Then LAHMU and LAHAMU,
And All the GODS,
Prepared to leave
on their Journey.

All these Great GODS
Who controlled Destinies
Came before ANSHAR.

They entered the ASSEMBLY HALL
Named UBSHUKINNA.

They kissed one another in greeting
And talked together
As they sat down
to the Feast.

They ate Festival Bread
And they drank much Wine,
They sipped Intoxicating Nectar
Through Straws.

They were filled
With intoxication

As they drank
They became languid
And Joyous

For MARDUK
Their Defender
They Fixed a Decree
And Granted him
Supreme Power

The Fourth Tablet

The ASSEMBLY of the GODS
Created for MARDUK
A Majestic DAIS.

He was Seated
Upon the
THRONE OF RULING.

In his presence
The GODS
Praised him
Saying,

“You are Honorable And Great
Before ALL GODS.

You
Are LORD OF LORDS;
Your Utterances are TRUTH
And Fixed as the Heavens.

From this day forward
Your Every Command
Will become manifest;
You shall Raise Up
Or Cast Down
At Will.

All you Say is TRUTH;
None shall doubt this,
No one shall disobey you.

The Power of the GODS,
The Power of their Shrines,
All flows
From your Shrine.

O Great GOD
MARDUK,
You are Our Avenger.

We grant to you
Control of the
UNIVERSE.

You Reign Now,
You shall advise us,
You will be exalted
In War.

Lord,
Grant Mercy to those
Who Trust you.

Destroy the GOD of EVIL
Obliterate its SOUL.”

Then
A Sacred Standard
Was brought forth
And the GODS
Pronounced a Decree
Unto MARDUK, the Firstborn,
Saying,

“You Shall be Above
ALL GODS,
Destroy TIAMAT
And Recreate the WORLD.

Speak the WORD –
And the Standard
Will be Gone.

Speak again,
And it reappears.

MARDUK spoke the WORD –
And the Standard was Gone.
Again he spoke the WORD,
And the Standard was There again.

When the GODS saw This,
They were Amazed
Saying,

“MARDUK
Is Truly King”

They gave him
The SCEPTRE,
The THRONE,
and the ROYAL POWER.

They gave him the Perfect Power
‘Destroyer of Foes’
Saying,

“GO,
Destroy TIAMAT.
Let Winds
Take her Blood Underground.”

The GODS gave this Decree
For the Great LORD (Bel).

They set him
On the Path to Peace and Glory.

He strung
And readied his BOW,
He Slung his SPEAR,
And Grasped his WAR CLUB.

The LORD
Unleashed The WIND STORM –
His Mighty WEAPON

He readied his CHARIOT;
And he Harnessed
Four Monstrous Horses.
These Powerful Horses
Pawed the ground,
Chomping their bits,
Foaming,
And eager to take off.
They were Huge
And Mighty Beasts
Skilled in warfare.

MARDUK mounted his CHARIOT
And was Transformed
Into a Raging Tempest

Power and Glory
Surrounded him
As a Halo

He set forth to Conquer,
Flying to where TIAMAT Dwelled.

All the GODS
Watched him Apprehensively;
All his Forefathers,
The GODS.

MARDUK, the LORD,
Watched TIAMAT
and Figured out
The Plan of KINGU,
Her Mate.

MARDUK fixed his GAZE
Upon KINGU.

KINGU staggered;
His will was Blasted,
He became Paralyzed.

His followers,
The GODS about him,
Were stunned when they saw this.

TIAMAT Screamed
And Raged.
Savagely she cried out
saying,

“You take the place
Of the cowardly GODS
Who fear to Fight me!”

The LORD
MARDUK
Invoked the WIND STORM,
His Mighty WEAPON.

He threw it
At Mad TIAMAT
Saying,

“You have created Wickedness –
Inciting Children
To revolt against their Fathers,
The GODS.

Ready your Troops
Now
Let You and I Fight!”

On hearing this
TIAMAT
Became Mad with Rage,
Screaming
Over and Over Again.

The Ground She stood upon
Shook and Split open,
She Invoked Her Magic.

Her Troops
Grew restless for Battle.

TIAMAT and MARDUK
Approached each other
As did their Armies.

MARDUK
Cast his NET at Her,
Attacking Her
Also with his WINDS.

TIAMAT
Opened Her Mouth
To Devour him.

Then
He sent his WINDS
Into her Maw.
The WIND STORM
Filled Her Insides,
Churning them.

Then
Did MARDUK Strike
Splitting TIAMAT open
With his SPEAR.

He Disemboweled Her,
Cleaving her HEART –
Thus did he Kill Her.

He stood upon Her Body
In Victory;
BOW and ARROWS at his side,
Lightning
Flashing about him,
His Body
Covered in Flames.

He enclosed Her Body
In his NET,
No Part of Her could escape
The Power of his Four WINDS:
The WIND of the SOUTH,
The WIND of the NORTH,
The WIND of the EAST,
And the WIND of the WEST.

Thus did he Hold
The NET of ANU close to him.

His was the Power
Of the EVIL WIND,
The STORM,
The SCORCHING BLAST,
The FOUR WINDS,
The SEVEN SPIRITS OF THE WIND,
The TYPHOON and the
MIGHTY WIND.

He Ordered
The SEVEN SPIRITS OF THE WIND
To Change the Parts
of TIAMAT.

TIAMAT'S Army
Ran in Terror.

Yet
Even as they ran
MARDUK Gathered them up
In his NET,
Destroying their Power
And holding them
Captive.

They cried in grief
And Fear.

The Eleven CREATURES
TIAMAT had Created
MARDUK subdued
And cast into Chains.

KINGU,
MARDUK Crushed
Disgracing him before ALL.

He took for Himself
The TABLETS OF DESTINIES
From KINGU,
And Sealed them
Upon his breast

His Victory was Complete

His Enemies
Were like the Dirt
Beneath his feet

He had succeeded
Where ANU had failed!

He chastised his fallen Enemies
And then
He returned to the carcass
Of TIAMAT.

He cleaved Her skull,
He slit her Arteries,
And he ordered the NORTH WIND
To carry Her Blood beneath the EARTH.

All the GODS
Who followed MARDUK
Rejoiced
And showered Him with
Gifts.

He continued
To Work on the carcass
Of TIAMAT.

He cunningly
Split Her Body
Into two pieces:
The Top part
Became the new HEAVENS;
The Lower part
Became the EARTH below.

He happily examined his Work.

Then he returned
To the Shrine of EA,
His Father

He reordered the DEPTHS also.

He established his Shrine,
ESHARA,
In the Heavens.
Thus he Appointed the PLACES
Of ANU, EA and
HIMSELF.

The Fifth Tablet

MARDUK

Organized the Universe
And Gave the GODS
Their STATIONS.

He Set Up
The STARS of the ZODIAC.

He Fixed the YEAR And its Limits.

He Set Up
Twelve MONTHS,
Giving to Each
Three STARS.

He Appointed
NIBIR
To Oversee the BOUNDARIES,
So that all would
Be JUST.

Then,
He Defined
The Offices of Himself
And EA.

He Opened the GREAT GATES
Under Heaven
And Earth.

He made a TUNNEL
On each side.

He Fixed
The ZENITH of Heaven.

He Gave Power
To the MOON GOD NANNAR,
Giving him
The NIGHT
And the MEASUREMENT
Of NIGHT and DAY.

Each MONTH
MARDUK granted Him
A CROWN
Saying,

“Each MONTH
You will wax Fourteen DAYS,
You will wane Fourteen DAYS.
And you will be
CROWNED
On the Last DAY.”

Thus
MARDUK Instructed Each GOD
In turn,
Furthering
The Organization Of the Universe.

The GODS
Observed the NET
Of Creation,
The Craft of his BOW.

And ALL
That had been Done
By Him.

ANU
Lifted up
MARDUKS BOW.

Before ALL the GODS,
ANU
Kissed the BOW
And
He Named it
LONG WOOD
And
BOW STAR IN HEAVEN.

Thus
It was Fixed
In the Heavens,

Proof
Of the Might
Of MARDUK.

THE SIXTH TABLET

The Praise of the GODS
Spurred MARDUK
To keep Creating
Works of Great Skill.

He told EA
His Plans,

“I will
Solidify BLOOD
Into Matter.

I will Create a Creature
Named MAN.

He will do
All the Work of the GODS,
So that the GODS
May be Free.

The GODS
Will be Divided
Into two Groups,
Though they
Will be equally Worshiped.

EA Said,
“For
The GOOD of ALL the GODS
One must Die,
So that MAN
May be Created.

We must ASSEMBLE
To choose
Who this will be.”

MARDUK
Assembled together
ALL the GODS
With Grace and Speed
Saying to them;

“What I Say
Is Always TRUTH.

Some did oppose me;

Who was responsible
For this Strife?

Who aroused TIAMAT
To fight me?

Let the one responsible
For these crimes
Be Sacrificed;
My AX
Will wipe away
His Treachery!”

The IGIGI,
The Great GODS, Answered He
Who was LORD of ALL Saying,

“It was KINGU
Who did these things!”

Then they Bound KINGU
In Chains
And Brought him
Before EA.

His Throat
Was cut,
And from his BLOOD
MAN was created
In order
To serve the GODS.

Thus
The GODS were
Set Free.

Work
Was assigned to MAN.

ALL the GODS
Praised MARDUK,

“O MOON GOD,
You who Created
Our Beauty
What can we offer you?

We shall build a Temple
To Outshine All others;

We
Shall have a big Festival;

The Future
Will be
For JOY!”

MARDUK upon hearing this
Shone like
A clear DAY,
Saying,

“I shall Make Rise
A Mighty Empire
And a Mighty Shrine.”

The GODS
Worked upon this.

The TEMPLE
Grew as High
As a Mountain
And its Top
Pierced Heaven!

It was
The ZIGGURAT PIERCING HEAVEN

Within the ZIGGURAT,
Shrines
To MARDUK, EA and ANU
Were Created.

The ZIGGURAT
Was Completed,
It stood GLORIOUSLY
Before them ALL.

With HORNS upon its bottom
and HORNS
Upon its Top

After The GODS
Had finished
E SAGILA

And had made
Their own SHRINES,
They Gathered Together
From ALL Places
In BAR MAH,
The Assembly Place
They had Created.

MARDUK placed the GODS
Upon their THRONES
Saying,

“BABYLON
Shall be your Home
No One
Shall Destroy
This CENTER of POWER.”

The GODS
Held a great Feast
To Consecrate E SAGILA.

Then they Issued
Proclamations.

The Seven GODS of FATE
Were Given THRONES,
And EA and ANU
Were Given Honors.

Then MARDUK
Set UP His BOW
Above ALL.

ALL the GODS
Then Spoke Together
Vowing
To forever remain Faithful
To MARDUK,
And to Control the Destiny
Of MAN.

Then they said,

“MARDUK is the Highest Divinity,
He is our SUN
Exceedingly Bright
And Full of LIFE.

His Works are Perfect.

His Destiny
Was assured by ANU.

His Power
Is the STORM WIND
Which saved ALL the GODS
In their Time of Peril.

May the GODS
Walk in his Brilliance
Forever.

THEN
MARDUK Gave us MAN
To do our Work!
He is the FARSEEING GOD.

He has made
ALL the GODS Happy.

He is MARUDUKKU,
The Soul of His Land.

He is King
Of the Protecting Heart;
Slayer of the Serpent.

His HEART is Wide,
Mighty is his BODY.

He is KING of the GODS
Of Heaven and Earth.

We will Obey Him
And Work With Him
Beyond
ALL other GODS
Of Heaven and of Earth.

His Rule we will Praise.

When we are Sad
Or Troubled
We will look towards Him.

He has appointed
The IGIGI and the
ANUNNAKI;
The GODS of Earth
and of Heaven.

Power
Flows from Him
To the GODS;
May He
Protect their SHRINES.

ASAR LU DUG is the Name
Which ANU gave Him;
LIGHT of the GODS.

He is ALL REALITY,
Savior
Of ALL the GODS
In their Time of Peril.

ASAR LU DUG,
The GOD who Made MAN
Is also his Name.

He Makes
ALL to Live
By his WORD.

LAKHMU
Praises the Name of MARDUK;
LAKHAMU
Praises the Name of MARDUK;
And ANSHAR
Praises the Name
Of Supreme MARDUK.

Everyone
Proclaimed the Greatness
Of the Lord MARDUK Saying;

“Our Son
our HERO and Avenger
We will Exalt you
Forever in Praise”

Then they Praised
His NAMES
In the Sanctuary
Of MARDUK

THE SEVENTH TABLET

O ASARI –
Giver of Fertile Fields;
Appointer
Of the Cycles;
Of Farming and Nature;
GOD
Of Crops and Gardens.

O ASARU ALIM –
Chief of the COUNCIL;
The Clever Ruler;
Chief
Of ALL the GODS.

O ASARU ALIM NUNA –
Light of His Father
Who has Set the Course;
Of EA, ANU and
Himself,
He who goes Forth
As a Fountain.

O TUTU –
Creator Of New Life;
Supplier of All Needs;
When TUTU Chants a Spell
ALL Know Peace,
None
Can attack TUTU successfully.
He is Above ALL,
None of the GODS
Are Like Him.

O TUTU –
Who is ZI UKKINA,
Life of ALL the GODS;
Establisher of the HEAVENS;
He Fixed their Courses.
Never
Shall He be Forgotten.

O TUTU who is ZI AZAG –
Possessor of Divine Power;
GOD of Good Wind;
Lord of Grace
And Beauty;
Giver of Plenty who creates
Abundance;
In Times of Peril
We have felt his Benevolence,
May the GODS Praise Him

O TUTU who is AGA AZAG –
MEN praise you,
God of Magickal Power.
You who make the Dead to Live Again.
He felt Compassion
For the GODS
So he Created MAN to Labor,
He Lifted the Yoke of Labor
From the GODS;
He Grants ALL Things;
His Words
Will never be forgotten by MAN.

O GOD TUTU who is the GOD
MU AZAG –
Let them sing a Hymn to Him,
Who by his Spells
Has Destroyed All the EVIL ONES.

O GOD SHAZU –
The Wise Heart of ALL GODS;
He who Searches Inward
And who Banishes EVIL;
Comforter of ALL GODS,
Master of ALL.
He controls the Beginning
And the End
Of ALL.

As Warrior His Name
Is NIBIRU –
He who Seizes TIAMAT in the Middle;
He Determines
The Courses of the STARS in the
HEAVENS;
He Herds
The Company of the GODS,
They are His Flock.
He will ALWAYS
Vanquish TIAMAT,
And Split Her into two.

Among
Those MEN who Are To Come,
Let these WORDS
Ring Throughout Eternity Because
MARDUK has Created
The HEAVENS and the EARTH.

Father BEL,
Who is the Lord MARDUK,
Proclaims His Name,
“LORD of the LANDS.”

All the GODS repeat this!
EA Hears
And his HEART is
Glad.

EA Proclaimed this,
“MARDUK IS AS EA,
He Shall Have ALL
Of my Magical Powers;
He shall Bring to Fruit
My Teachings
By his Title;
‘FIFTY NAMES’.”

The Great GODS
Sing his HYMN Fifty Times,
They Praise
His GOING.

Let ALL repeat
His HYMN of NAMES,
Let the Wise Men Contemplate.

They shall be passed on
From Father to Son.

All who hear them
Will be Blessed.

Let MEN find Joy,
Peace and
Security,
In MARDUK the Lord of GODS.

His WORDS are TRUTH.
No GOD
Has ever thwarted His Command;
Those who Challenged Him
Faced his WRATH

His HEART is Large;
His Mercy is Great.

He Dispels
Sin and Wickedness.

Let ALL Praise MARDUK,
LORD of GODS and MEN!