

A STRAY TABLET FROM HAFT TÉPÉ

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This record of large cattle, which is in the possession of a New York City antiquities dealer, is of unbaked clay and measures 57 x 35 x 26 mm. The use of the ideogram EŠŠANA shows that it was written in an Elamite scribal milieu. Since the small portion of seal impression on the left edge of the tablet appears identical to the clearer sealing of Athibu, governor of Kabnak, visible on the photograph of one of the several hundred tablets excavated at Haft Tépé¹, it is likely that this piece too was inscribed at that site. The present piece contributes a new year name — of king Tepti Aḥar(?) — probably referring to a cultic foundation².

- obv. 1. 46 GU₄ šà *I-še-pi-il-ti-ir-ra*
2. 30 GU₄ šà *Ta-aš-ri-ti*
3. ŠU.NIGÍN 76 GU₄ *pi-ḥa-at*
4. *At-ta-Na-pir*

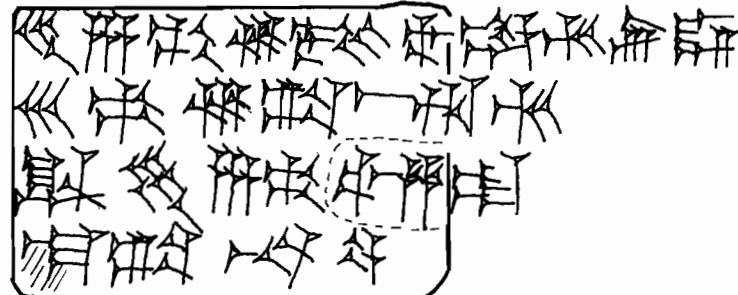
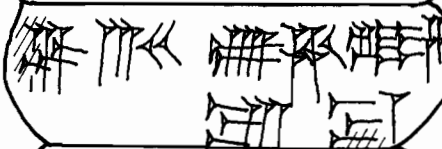
lower

- edge 5. šà EŠŠANA *ú-ḥa-as-sà-*
sú-ma
rev. 6. *a-na ṭup-pi GAL šà EŠŠANA*
7. *ú-ri-id-du-šu*
8. *ITI A-da-ri*
9. 6 UD *is-su-uḥ*

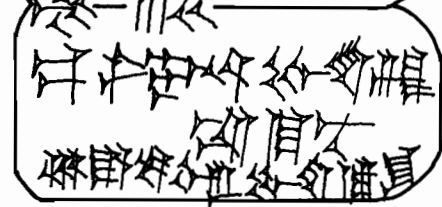
¹ HT 38 — see E.O. NEGAHBAN, «Die elamische Siedlung Haft Tepe», *Antike Welt* 8, 1977, 42-48, Abb. 15. The text was published by P. HERRERO, *DAFI* 6, 1976, No 6 and Fig. 19b.

² J.J. GLASSNER compares the date of HT 90 (= P. Herrero, J.J. Glassner, no 83): [... UD *is?-su?-]uḥ MU x [...] / [...i]š-ku-nu [...(?)].*

Obv.

Lower
Edge

Rev.

Upper
Edge

57x35x26mm

upper

edge 10. MU EŠŠANA

11. G¹ŠKAK I-na-bu-ub-la

iš-ku-nu

12. Šà E-te₄-el-bu-ub-lu-šu46 oxen of Išepiltirra, 30 oxen of Tašrītū³ — total: 76 oxen, administrative

³ This personal name is also found in line 2 of the text cited in note 1, as well as in HT 5: 5; 41: 4; 135 (= P.H., J.J.G., no 118): 1'; 333 (= P.H., J.J.G., no 54): 2, according to J.J. Glassner.

responsibility of Atta-Napir which the king investigates⁴ and adds to the royal cumulative record (lit. «big tablet»).

Month of Addaru; the sixth day passed⁵; the year of the king placed the cone(?) of Ina-bubla⁶.

Of (i.e., written by?) Eṭel-bublušu.

⁴ Cf. CAD H 125.

⁵ See CAD N/II 10s, and cf. Herrero's discussion of the use of this formula in texts from Haft Tepe, *DAFI* 6, 1976, 113.

⁶ J.J. Glassner informs me that this personal name also appears in HT 4 (= P.H., J.J.G., no 15): 6; 15: 2; 27 (= P.H., J.J.G., no 65): 6; 296 (= P.H., J.J.G., no 8): 4. lower