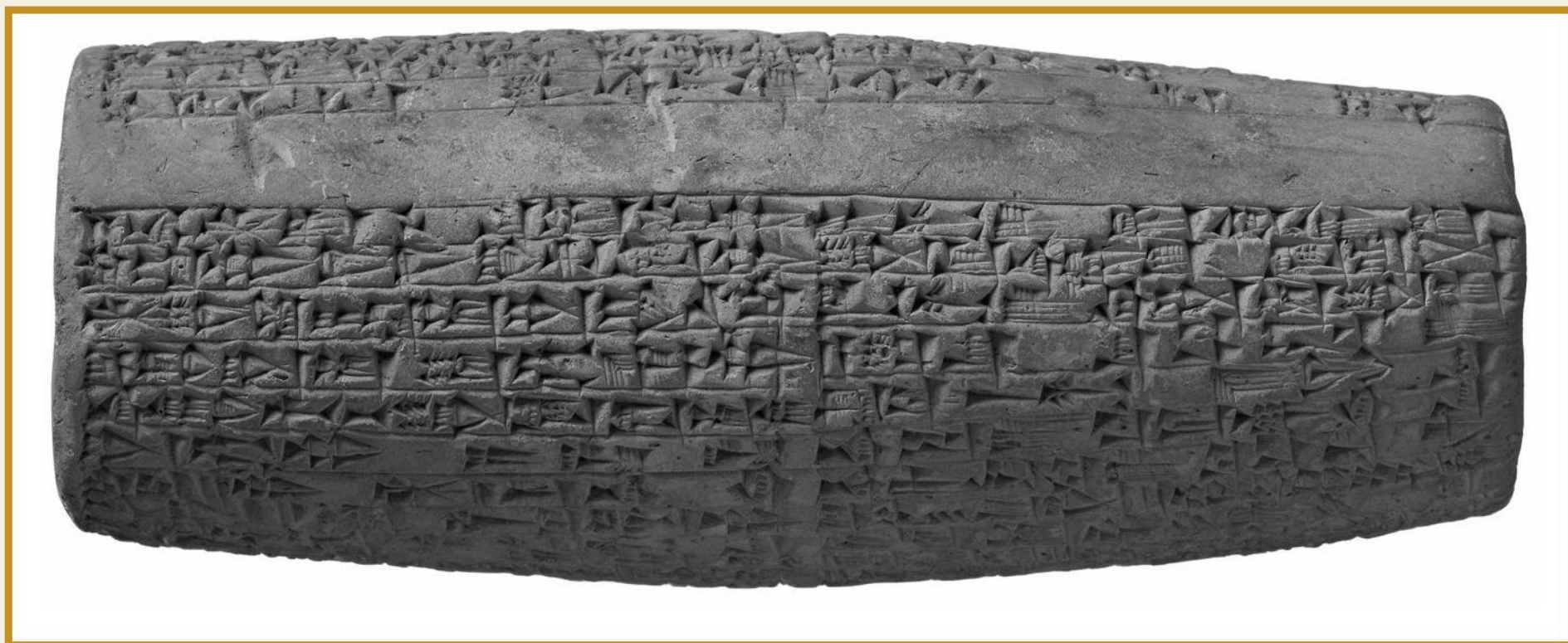


Exact selected artifact

VA Bab 2971 • BE 43242 • CDLI P518910 • Q005399 exemplar 1



Identity controls

RINBE figure 7 captions VA Bab 2971 as Nabonidus 2 exemplar 1. Its catalogue gives excavation BE 43242. CDLI P518910 independently records VA Bab 02971, BE 43242, Q005399, and the same exemplar designation.

Visual inspection

Barrel-shaped clay cylinder; ruled two-column inscription; sharply preserved wedges across the central visible face, with curvature and shadow toward the lower edge. The opening lines of column I survive on this exact exemplar.

Exact-photo claim: the official edition photograph verifies object identity, layout, preservation, and the survival of column I line 7. ORACC/RINBE control sign values, Akkadian grammar, and translation.

Exact photograph-to-text alignment

VA Bab 2971 / P518910 • column I lines 1-8 • core line i 7



Defensible line locus

Column I begins immediately below the blank inter-column band. Counting its ruled rows places i 7 in the red whole-row zone. RINBE's master text follows this complete exemplar and prints i 7 unbracketed: ru-ba-a-tì {d}a-nun-na-ki, 'princess of the Anunnakū gods.'

The row and its wedges are photograph-visible. This panel does not draw a speculative word box or claim a fresh pixel-level sign collation; normalized sign values and translation remain edition-guided.

Classification: photograph_visible at whole-row survival level; exact object and line locus independently visible, word recognition edition-guided.

Image-to-text evidence table

Photograph, edition, damage, restoration, and claim limits kept separate

Exact image	VA Bab 2971 / BE 43242 / CDLI P518910 / Q005399 exemplar 1; RINBE figure 7 photograph
Image location	Column I opening below the inter-column band; ruled row i 7; whole-row zone highlighted
Edition text	i 5 na-mi-ir-ti be-le-et da-ad-mi; i 6 ša-qu-tì i-gi ₄ -gi ₄ ; i 7 ru-ba-a-tì {d}a-nun-na-ki
Working translation	‘Radiant lady of the settlements, most exalted of the Igīgū, princess of the Anunnakū.’
Photo-visible	The exact i 7 row, wedge field, and unbroken preservation are visible; no speculative word box
Unbracketed signs	All signs in i 5–7 are unbracketed in ORACC/RINBE; the Anunnakū phrase is not restored
Damaged signs	None in the core i 7 phrase; unrelated variants and later damage do not supply it
Restored/composite	None in i 7. Exemplar 1 is complete and the master text follows it; no parallel supplies the term
Evidence class	photograph_visible at row-survival level; normalized reading and translation edition-guided
Confidence	High identity, row locus, survival, unbracketed status, and edition reading; no independent fresh collation
Exact limit	Supports Ištar’s rank among the divine collective; does not show the Anunnakū acting, building, or transferring technology

Rank, ritual maintenance, and rebuilding

Q005399 keeps divine hierarchy separate from human royal work

i 1-15	Ištar is supreme, warlike, radiant, exalted among the Igīgū, and princess of the Anunnakū; her radiance covers heaven and earth.
i 16-32	Nabonidus presents himself as reverent, attentive to divine will, and responsible for regular offerings and sanctuaries.
i 33-ii 9	Emašdari’s foundations and brickwork had collapsed; alkali damage, desolation, and ceased incense motivate the repair.
ii 10-19	The king clears the site, locates the old foundation, lays foundations, raises the superstructure, and completes the temple.
ii 20-31	A prayer asks Ištar for favor, vigor, enduring name, and continued royal provision for her cult place.
Corpus result	Strong exact-line evidence for differentiated rank within the divine assembly and for the human institution that maintained Ištar’s temple.
Critical limit	The Anunnakū appear in a title. They do not perform the masonry, reveal a machine, or describe extraterrestrial origin.

Corpus support and limits

A rank-and-institution witness, not a technology narrative

Supports

- An unbracketed Anunnakū spelling on an exact photographed object and a defensible line row.
- A differentiated divine hierarchy: Ištar is 'princess' among the Anunnakū and exalted among the Igīgū.
- Divine authority linked to offerings, sanctuary care, old-foundation recovery, brickwork, and temple continuity.
- A useful institutional pattern: royal human labor maintains a cult center framed by divine rank.

Does not prove

- Extraterrestrials, Nibiru, spacecraft, genetics, mining machines, or recoverable advanced technology.
- That the Anunnakū built Emašdari; Nabonidus is the stated repair agent.
- A neutral administrative report; this is royal temple-building ideology and prayer.
- A full independent photo decipherment; word recognition remains controlled by the scholarly edition.

Daily improvement: a curved cylinder photograph can support a defensible whole-row locus when the complete exemplar controls line order, but sign-level boxes remain forbidden unless an exact copy or clearly readable cluster supports them.