Exact selected artifact

British Museum K 1349 • CDLI P393884 • ORACC Q006570



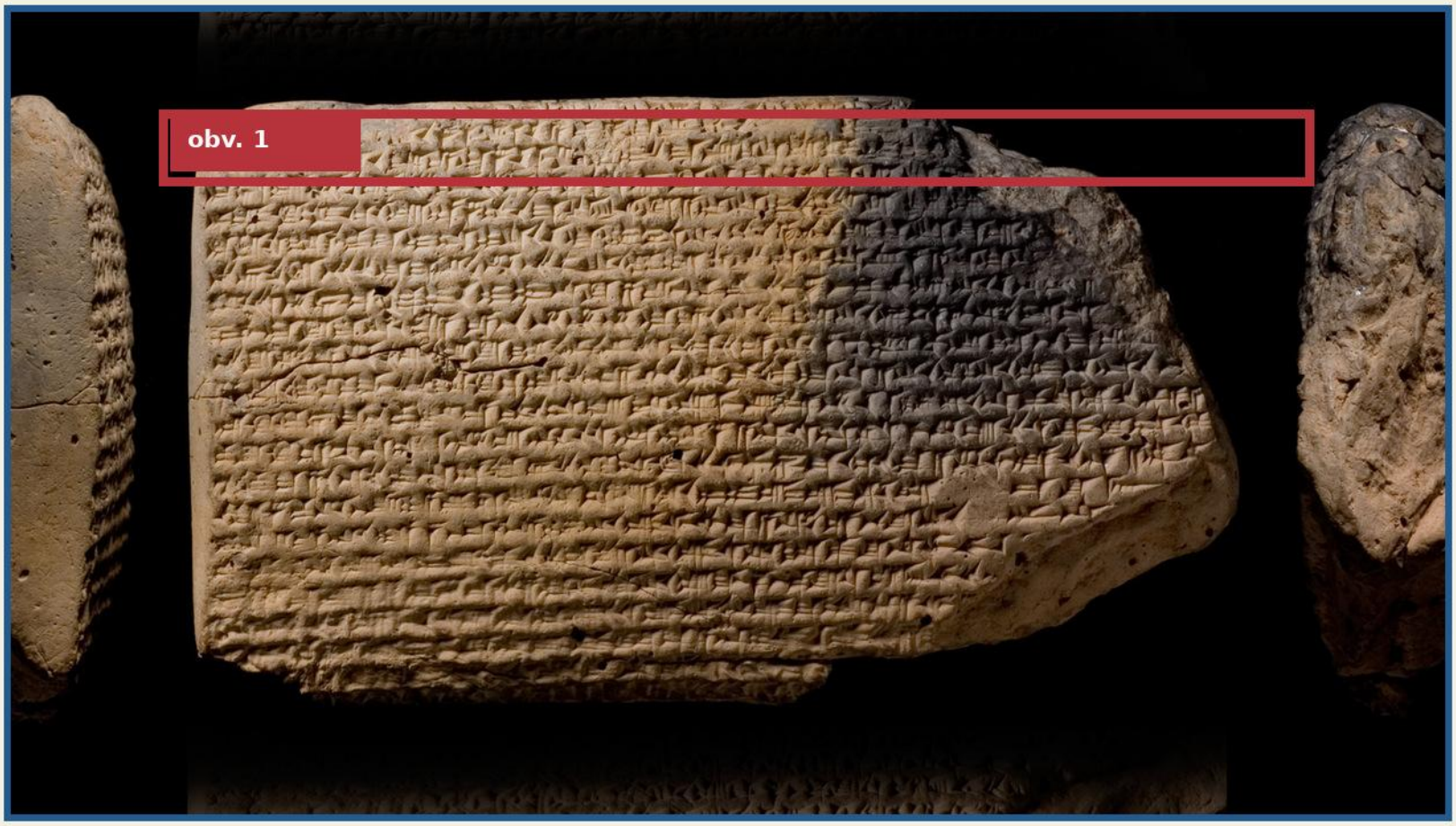
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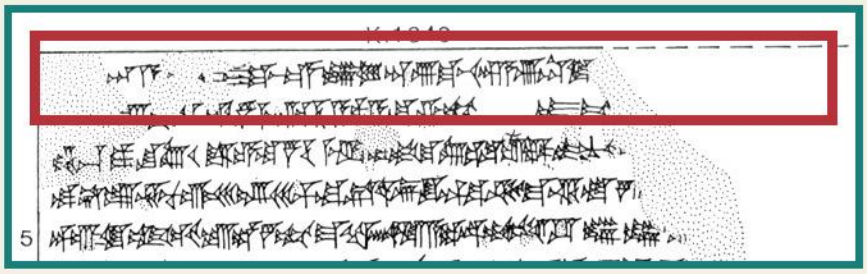
ORACC names Q006570 as Sargon II 89, exemplar 001, Aššur Charter, source K 1349 and CDLI P393884. CDLI independently identifies the same Neo-Assyrian tablet from Kuyunjik/Nineveh.

Visual class: exact_selected_artifact. The 1883×3591 CDLI composite photograph was opened at original resolution; obverse, reverse, edges, fracture, and wedge survival were inspected.

Exact line 1 alignment

Photograph plus identifier-locked K.1349 line drawing





o 1 [a-na] {d}a-šur KUR-i GAL-e LUGAL KIŠ {d}NUN.GAL u {d}a-nun-na-ki [...]

Published sense: “[To] Aššur, the great mountain, king of all the Igīgū gods and Anunnakū gods ...”

The opening preposition is restored; the Anunnakū spelling is unbracketed. The exact photograph confirms the row, and the exact K.1349 copy supplies its numbered line map.

Claim limit: whole-line survival is exact-object visible; sign values and translation remain edition-guided. No isolated sign-cluster or pixel-level fresh collation is claimed.

Image-to-text evidence table

Visible, restored, operative role, confidence, and visual limit

Exact object	K 1349 / P393884; Q006570 exemplar 001
Image location	Obverse line 1, top row of the main obverse view
Edition text	[a-na] ... LUGAL KIŠ {d}NUN.GAL u {d}a-nun-na-ki [...]
Working sense	Aššur is king of the Igīgū and Anunnakū gods
Photo-visible	Complete first-row locus and surviving wedges
Line-art visible	K.1349 exact-object copy labels and preserves line 1
Restored	Opening [a-na] and following break; not the Anunnakū word
Role	Divine-authority frame for the charter; not operative tax administration
Text class	exact_line_art_or_squeeze_visible; photo-supported, edition-guided
Confidence	High identity, locus, unbracketed status, and edition control
Visual limit	No isolated-sign box or independent word-level decipherment

From divine authority to civic exemption

Frame, operative clauses, human agency, and inference kept separate

Obv. 1	Aššur is addressed as king of the Igīgū and Anunnakū gods. The un-restored divine-group term establishes the charter’s hierarchy frame.
Obv. 3–6	Aššur is the authority without whom judgment is not completed or decisions canceled; the text also invokes an oath that is not broken.
Rev. 31–34	Aššur’s citizens had not known state service or corvée. Shalmaneser V imposed those burdens and is said to lose his reign under divine anger.
Rev. 35–40	Sargon links scepter, throne, and crown to restoring exemptions from service, corvée, levy, herald proclamation, and quay/ferry dues.
Corpus result	The tablet joins divine hierarchy to public law and labor/fiscal privilege. Sargon and officials execute policy; the Anunnakū do not.

Corpus support and limits

What K 1349 can and cannot carry

Supports

- An un-restored Anunnakū spelling on an exact photographed tablet.
- Aššur’s authority over an organized divine group.
- Judgment, oath, kingship, civic status, and labor/fiscal exemption.
- A public-law dossier with an exact-object line map.

Does not prove

- That the Anunnakū imposed or lifted corvée.
- That they built the tablet, temple, or city.
- Extraterrestrials, Nibiru, spacecraft, genetics, or machines.
- Independent word-level decipherment from pixels alone.

Daily improvement: tag ‘divine authority frame’ separately from ‘operative human clause,’ and require an identifier-locked line drawing before mapping dense tablet rows.