

Enuma Elish Tablet V

1. He created the stations for the great gods;
2. The stars their likeness(es), the signs of the zodiac, he set up.
3. He determined the year, defined the divisions;
4. For each of the twelve months he set up three constellations.
5. After he had def[ined] the days of the year [by means] of constellations,
6. He founded the station of Nibiru to make known their duties(?).
7. That none might go wrong (and) be remiss,
8. He established the stations of Enlil and Ea together with it.
9. He opened the gates on both sides,
10. And made strong lock(s) to the left and to the right.
11. In the very center thereof he fixed the zenith.
12. The moon he caused to shine forth; the night he intrusted (to her).
13. He appointed her, the ornament of the night, to make known the days.
14. "Monthly without ceasing to go forth with a tiara.
15. At the beginning of the month, namely, of the rising o[ver] the land,
16. Thou shalt shine with horns to make known six days;
17. On the seventh day with [hal]f a tiara.
18. At the full moon thou shalt stand in opposition (to the sun), in the middle of each [month].
19. When the sun has [overtaken] thee on the foundation of heaven,
20. Decrease [the tiara of full] light and for (it) backward.
21. [At the period of invisibility] draw near to the way of the sun,
22. And on [the twenty-ninth] thou shalt stand in opposition to the sun a second time.
23. [...] omen, enter upon her way.
24. [...] ap]proach and render judgement.
25. [...] to violate.
26. [...] } to me."

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As [Marduk] hears [the word]s of the gods.

Colophon

Fifth tablet (of) Enuma Elish.

Palace of Ashurbanipal, king of the world, king of Assyria.

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