

CONTENTS

PREFACE	ix
ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS	xiii

INTRODUCTION THE CORPUS OF MESOPOTAMIAN ANTI-WITCHCRAFT RITUALS

1. ANCIENT MESOPOTAMIAN WITCHCRAFT BELIEFS	
1. "That man is bewitched ..."	1
2. <i>The Nature of Witchcraft</i>	2
3. <i>The Stereotype of the Witch</i>	4
4. <i>Witchcraft and Other Sources of Evil</i>	6
5. <i>Witch Trials and Witchcraft Accusations</i>	7
2. DIAGNOSTIC, THERAPEUTIC AND PHARMACEUTICAL TEXTS CONCERNED WITH WITCHCRAFT	
1. <i>Character and Formats of Anti-witchcraft Texts</i>	8
2. <i>Scope and Organization of the Present Corpus</i>	10
3. ASPECTS OF THE COMPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE TEXTS	17
4. WITCHCRAFT THERAPIES: TYPICAL ELEMENTS, STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONALITY	
1. <i>Ceremonial Rituals</i>	20
2. <i>Prescriptions</i>	24
5. INTRODUCTORY NOTES ON THE PRESENTATION OF THE TEXTS	24

TEXTS OF GROUP ONE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR UNDOING WITCHCRAFT (ANA PIŠERTI KIŠPĪ)

1.1 A MIDDLE BABYLONIAN COLLECTION FROM BOĞAZKÖY <i>KUB 37, 44 (+) 37, 46 (+) 37, 47 (+) 37, 49 (+)^{??} 37, 48 // KUB 37, 43</i>	27
1.2 FRAGMENTS OF A COLLECTION COPIED BY A HITTITE SCRIBE <i>KUB 37, 51 (+) 37, 53 (+) 37, 99</i>	40
1.3 A RELATED FRAGMENT FROM BOĞAZKÖY <i>KUB 37, 52</i>	43
1.4 FRAGMENT FROM BOĞAZKÖY WITH VARIOUS PRESCRIPTIONS <i>KUB 4, 60 + KBo 36, 38</i>	44
1.5 AN ANA PIŠERTI KIŠPĪ RITUAL <i>KUB 4, 99 // KBo 9, 47 // BAM 317 // KAR 275 // KAL 2, 43 (+) 44 // VAT 12153</i>	46
1.6 AN ANA PIŠERTI KIŠPĪ FRAGMENT FROM AŠŠUR <i>BAM 206</i>	53
1.7 AN ANA PIŠERTI KIŠPĪ U MĀMĪTI PRESCRIPTION FROM AŠŠUR <i>BAM 197</i>	56
1.8 AN ANA PIŠERTI KIŠPĪ PRESCRIPTION ON FRAGMENTS FROM AŠŠUR <i>KAL 2, 42 // BAM 161 // BAM 436 // BAM 282</i>	60

TEXTS OF GROUP TWO

PRESCRIPTIONS TO BE USED FOR BEWITCHED PERSONS (*ŠUMMA AMĒLU KAŠIP*)

2.1	OLD BABYLONIAN <i>ŠUMMA AMĒLU KAŠIP</i> PRESCRIPTIONS <i>BAM 393</i>	65
2.2	A COLLECTION OF ANTI-WITCHCRAFT THERAPIES FROM BOĞAZKÖY <i>KUB 37, 55 + KBo 36, 32 // KUB 37, 9 // BAM 140 // KAL 2, 43 (+) 44 //</i> <i>BAM 208 // AMT 85/1 (+) 86/1 // Th 1905-4-9, 92 // CTN 4, 124</i>	67
2.3	A COLLECTION OF ANTI-WITCHCRAFT THERAPIES FROM NINEVEH <i>AMT 85/1 (+) 86/1 // K 6586 (AMT 85/1) (+) AMT 85/3 (+) 29/9 (+) 82-3-2, 103 (+)</i> <i>Sm 1960 // KUB 37, 56 // KUB 37, 55 + KBo 36, 32 // BAM 208</i>	83
2.4	FRAGMENTARY PRESCRIPTIONS AGAINST WITCHCRAFT <i>BAM 208</i>	99
2.5	<i>ŠUMMA AMĒLU KAŠIP</i> PRESCRIPTIONS WITH SYMPTOM DESCRIPTIONS <i>BAM 205 // 81-7-27, 73 // KAR 70 // STT 280 // K 9451 + 11676 + Sm 818 + 961 //</i> <i>BM 68033 // LKA 144 // BAM 207 // BAM 320 // SpTU 1, 9</i>	101

TEXTS OF GROUP SEVEN

UŠBURRUDA TEXTS

7.1	A SUMERIAN UŠBURRUDA INCANTATION FROM THE OLD BABYLONIAN PERIOD <i>VS 17, 31</i>	115
7.2	TABLET 63 OF THE CANONICAL UŠBURRUDA SERIES <i>BAM 438 // BAM 437</i>	117
7.3	TABLET 53 ² OF THE CANONICAL UŠBURRUDA SERIES <i>BM 128037</i>	122
7.4	TABLET 22 ² OF THE CANONICAL UŠBURRUDA SERIES <i>CT 51, 194</i>	124
7.5	UŠBURRUDA WITHIN THE THERAPEUTIC SERIES <i>K 3661 //² AMT 44/7</i>	126
7.6	RITUALS AGAINST ENEMIES: THE INCANTATION <i>KÚR-KÚR BÍL</i>	129
	7.6.1 <i>The Incantation Kúr-kúr bíl</i>	
	7.6.2 <i>KAL 2, 14</i>	
	7.6.3 <i>KAL 2, 13</i>	
	7.6.4 <i>KAL 2, 34</i>	
	7.6.5 <i>K 8107</i>	
	7.6.6 <i>A 2720 + 3022 (with KAL 2, 30 and 31)</i>	
	7.6.7 <i>STT 256</i>	
7.7	UŠBURRUDA AGAINST DEPRESSION <i>BAM 443 + 444 + K 6240 + 16808 + 81-2-4, 393 // K 15055 // KAR 92 //</i> <i>VAT 14183 //² BAM 445 // AMT 35/3 // BAM 434</i>	150
7.8	AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF UŠBURRUDA <i>HEILMITTEL</i> -RITUALS <i>K 8079 (+) 8112 + 9666 (+) 8162 + 10357 (+) 8933 (+) 10358 (+) 11243 (ABRT 2,</i> <i>18) (+) 12936 // Th 1905-4-9, 72 + 73 // K 13718 // Sm 275 + Rm 329 (+) Sm 352 //</i> <i>80-7-19, 146 + K 10559 + 11993 + Sm 1330 // K 10341 // Rm 252 // K 9467 //</i> <i>KAL 2, 10 // KAL 2, 11 // CBS 1720 // PBS 1/2, 120 // TCL 6, 49 // RA 22, 154-56 //</i> <i>SpTU 4, 140 // Sm 756 // KAL 2, 36 // 81-7-27, 140 // BM 38635 // BM 38013</i>	159
7.9	AN APOTROPAIC UŠBURRUDA RITUAL <i>PBS 1/1, 16 // BM 45419</i>	200

7.10	PRESCRIPTIONS AND DRUG LISTS FOR UŠBURRUDA	204
7.10.1	<i>BAM 434–36 with duplicates</i>	
7.10.2	<i>BAM 90</i>	
7.10.3	<i>BAM 190 with duplicates</i>	
7.10.4	<i>BAM 430 and BAM 431</i>	
7.10.5	<i>AMT 48/2</i>	

TEXTS OF GROUP EIGHT

CEREMONIAL RITUALS FOR UNDOING WITCHCRAFT

8.1	PIERCING FIGURINES OF WARLOCK AND WITCH <i>BAM 214 // K 3196 + 3344 // KAL 2, 22 (BAM 334) // KAL 2, 23 (LKA 156)</i>	246
8.2	BURNING THE WITCHES' FIGURINES AND PASSING WITCHCRAFT ON TO OTHERS <i>KAL 2, 25 (LKA 157) // KAL 2, 24 (LKA 154 + 155) // K 3394 (ŠRT pl. 7) + 9866</i>	256
8.3	BURNING THE WITCHES' FIGURINES BEFORE ŠAMAŠ AND PURIFYING THE PATIENT <i>SpTU 2, 19 // KAL 2, 28 // K 3360 + 8019 + 9149 + 14202 + 14734 + Sm 1143 // PBS 1/2, 133 // K 3379 + Sm 1178 (+) K 2585 // PBS 10/2, 18 // Sm 1115 // UET 7, 119 // LKA 158 (KAL 2, 29) // Bu 91-5-9, 143 + 176</i>	270
8.4	RITUAL BEFORE ŠAMAŠ WITH STANDARD INCANTATIONS FOR BURNING FIGURINES <i>KAL 2, 8 (KAR 80) // K 431 + 1853 + 6262 + 6789 + 11260 + 13358 + 13813 (+) 3000 (+) 6996 (+) 7201 + 10819 (+) 9216 + 17321 // Bu 88-5-12, 95 // K 10245 // KAL 2, 15 // VAT 11567</i>	293
8.5	A COLLECTION OF ANTI-WITCHCRAFT RITUALS BEFORE ŠAMAŠ <i>KAL 2, 15 // KAL 2, 8 (KAR 80) // K 431 + 1853 + 6262 + 6789 + 11260 + 13358 + 13813 (+) 3000 (+) 6996 (+) 7201 + 10819 (+) 9216 + 17321 // Bu 88-5-12, 95 // IV R² 17 + K 5326 + 16854 // Ki 1904-10-9, 108 // KAL 2, 20 // VAT 14215</i>	306
8.6	ANTI-WITCHCRAFT RITUALS ADDRESSED TO MARDUK AND IŠTAR <i>AMT 22/1 + K 3648 + 15966 + Sm 1280 // K 431 + 1853 + 6262 + 6789 + 11260 + 13358 + 13813 (+) 3000 (+) 6996 (+) 7201 + 10819 (+) 9216 + 17321 // BAM 232 // STT 129 + 262 (+) 130 (+) 134 (+) 135 (+) 328 // K 2493 + 7102 + 9081 + 10352 (+) 8965 // K 5088 + 6918 + 11307 (+) 10353 + 11159 // LKA 58 (+)[?] VAT 13960 // K 10722 // K 15445</i>	318
8.7	BURNING THE WITCHES AND SENDING THEM TO THE NETHERWORLD	336
8.7.1	<i>The Library Version: BAM 231 (+)[?] KAL 2, 26 (+)[?] KAL 2, 27 // BAM 332 // CBS 1498 // RIAA 312</i>	
8.7.2	<i>The 'Memorandum' Version: K 888</i>	
8.8	ANOTHER CASE OF BURNING AND SENDING TO THE NETHERWORLD <i>K 3292 + 7788 + 7798 + 17984</i>	353
8.9	FRAGMENT OF A RITUAL BEFORE ŠAMAŠ <i>Sm 1923 // KAL 2, 58 (+)[?] KAL 2, 59 (LKA 161)</i>	355
8.10	FRAGMENTARY RITUAL PRECEDED BY DIAGNOSES <i>K 10203 + 11590</i>	358
8.11	FRAGMENT OF A DIAGNOSTIC SECTION <i>K 12765</i>	360
8.12	REPELLING THE SORCERIES OF AN ADVERSARY IN COURT <i>VAT 35</i>	362
8.13	RITUAL AGAINST AN ADVERSARY BEFORE IŠTAR <i>IV R² 55/2 // BM 66627</i>	365
8.14	FORCING BACK A BEWITCHED HUSBAND <i>STT 257</i>	372

TEXTS OF GROUP NINE

ANTI-WITCHCRAFT INCANTATIONS WITHIN *BĪT RIMKI* AND RELATED TEXTS

- 9.1 THE AKKADIAN ŠAMAŠ PRAYER OF THE SECOND HOUSE OF *BĪT RIMKI*
K 2563 + 2820 + 2821 + 2843 + 5750 + 9601 + 10537 + 16716 // K 2368 + 9830 +
11661 + 11768 + 20281 (+) 13305 (+)² IV R² 23/3 (+) DT 120 // Sm 94 // *PBS* 1/2, 129 //
STT 76 // *STT* 77 // BM 123376 375
- 9.2 A PARALLEL TO THE SEGMENT OF *BĪT RIMKI* CONTAINING THE *MAQLŪ* AND *ŠURPU* CYCLES
PBS 1/1, 13 // Sm 635 + 1188 + 1612 // K 15234 (+) 16344 387
- 9.3 A PARALLEL TO THE *MAQLŪ* CYCLE SEGMENT OF *BĪT RIMKI*
SpTU 2, 19 // *SpTU* 4, 139 393

TEXTS OF GROUP TEN

RITUALS AGAINST *ZIKURUDŪ* AND OTHER SPECIAL TYPES OF WITCHCRAFT

- 10.1 FRAGMENT OF A COLLECTION OF *ZIKURUDŪ* THERAPIES
AMT 44/4 + *KMI* 76a 399
- 10.2 *ZIKURUDŪ* BEFORE URSA MAJOR, THE WAGON STAR
PBS 1/2, 121 403
- 10.3 VARIOUS RITUALS AND PRESCRIPTIONS AGAINST *ZIKURUDŪ*
BAM 449 (+) 458 // *BAM* 454 (+) 455 (+) 467 // Sm 1304 // *SMEA* 30, 245 no. 27 407
- 10.4 VARIOUS PRESCRIPTIONS AGAINST *ZIKURUDŪ*
K 2351 + 5859 + 8184 + *AMT* 13/4 + *BAM* 460 // *BAM* 454 (+) 455 (+) 467 // *BAM* 453,
BAM 452 416
- 10.5 A FRAGMENT WITH *ZIKURUDŪ* THERAPIES
BAM 464 423

TEXTS OF GROUP ELEVEN

RITUALS IN CASE OF EVIL OMENS INDICATING WITCHCRAFT

- 11.1 A CREAKING DOOR ANNOUNCES WITCHCRAFT
UET 7, 125 // *KAR* 298 // K 9873 + 79-7-8, 240 // K 2481 425
- 11.2 A SACK OF WITCHCRAFT AND FUNGUS UNDER A STONE
STT 254 // A 3471 430

TEXTS OF GROUP TWELVE

DIAGNOSTIC TEXTS

- 12.1 'CUTTING-OF-THE-THROAT', HATE-MAGIC AND 'SEIZING-OF-THE-MOUTH'
STT 89 434

BIBLIOGRAPHY 444

CONCORDANCES 452

REGISTERS

1. *Botanical and Mineral Substances Used in the Prescriptions* 468
2. *Incantation Incipits* 474
3. *Words Discussed* 477
4. *Selected Texts* 478

COPIES OF CUNEIFORM TEXTS pl. 1

COLLATIONS pl. 129