

Preface

The texts in this volume were to a large part known to A. Sachs, but only in a few cases had he prepared transliterations. Errors should therefore be attributed to me. I made my transliterations from the original tablets or from the copies in LBAT, and then collated them with the originals again or with photographs.

The datable texts are arranged by the "Goal-Year", the undated ones by museum number.

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