

**“To survey the land, he left his city”**

# **Mapping ancient Mesopotamia from cuneiform inscriptions**

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# Plan

Intros

Literary pieces

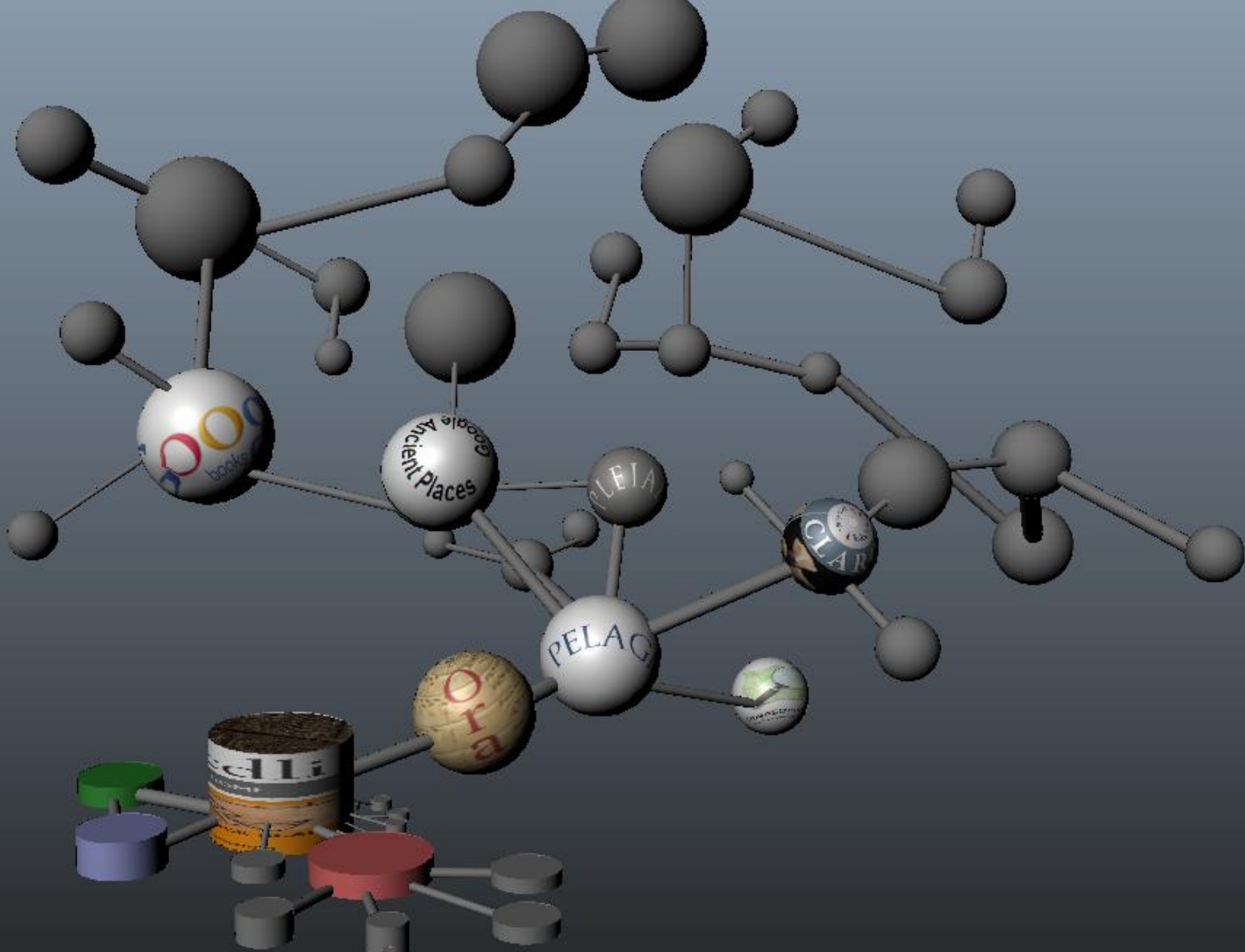
Mapping the world

Agade

# LOD, SW and KR



- Digitization and online publication
- Machine readable
- Enrich data from external data-streams
- Infer implicit knowledge from explicit facts







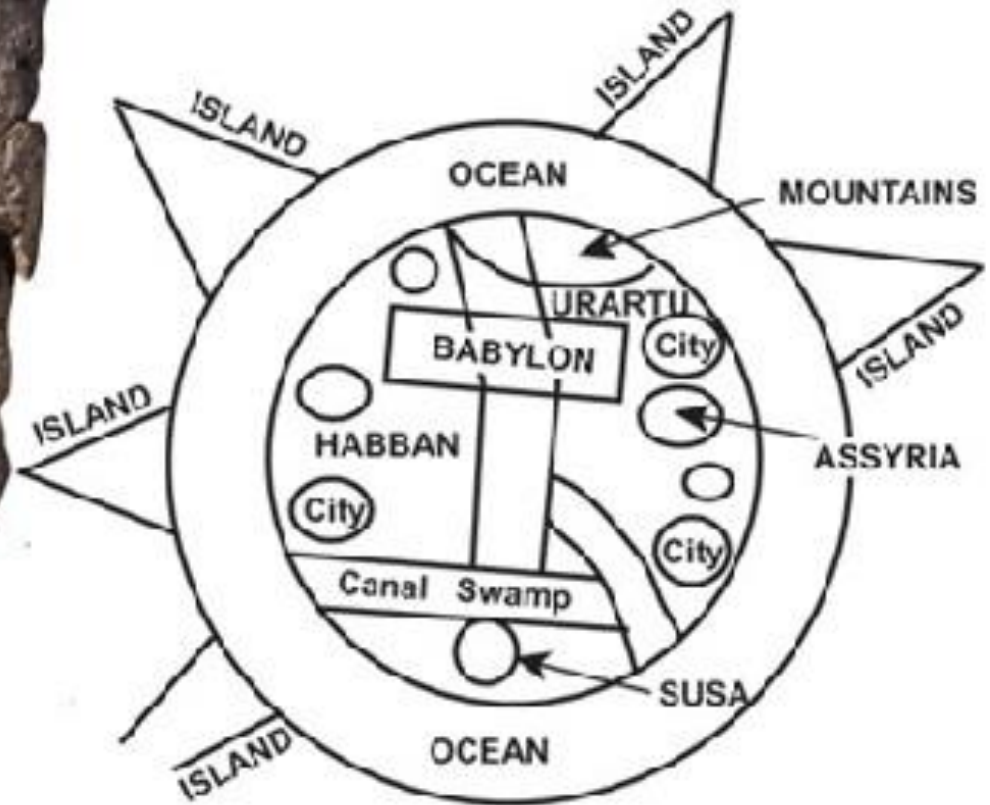




The donkey of **Anšan**, the bear of **Marḥaši**, the cat of **Meluḥa**, the elephant of the eastern mountains, bite off Euphrates poplars as if they were leeks. [Proverbs: from Nibru: c.6.2.1]

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"Let the lands of **Meluḥa**, **Magan** and **Dilmun** look upon me, upon Enki. Let the **Dilmun** boats be loaded with timber. Let the **Magan** boats be loaded sky-high. Let the magilum boats of **Meluḥa** transport gold and silver and bring them to **Nibru** for Enlil, king of all the lands." [Enki and the world order: c.1.1.3]

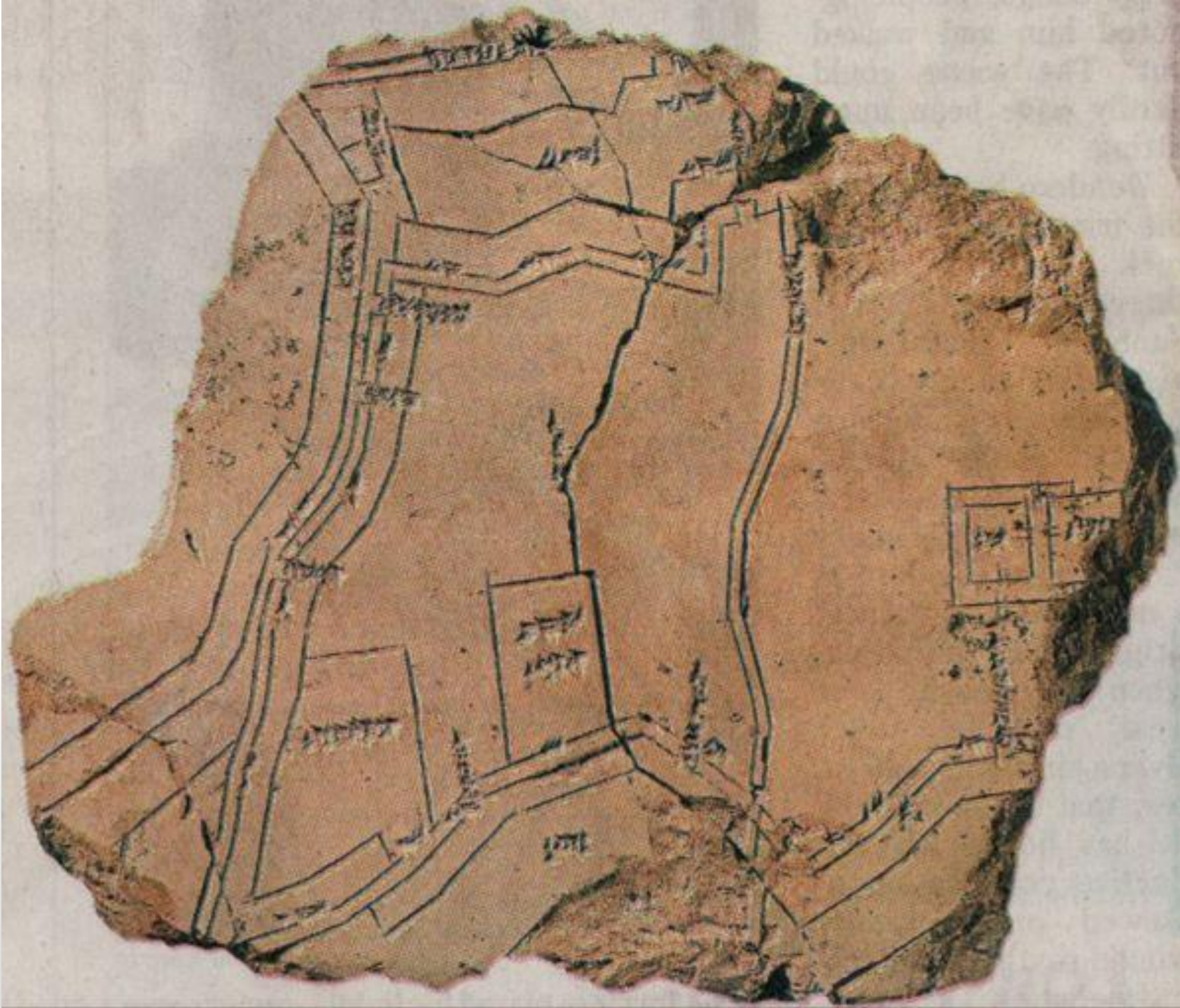


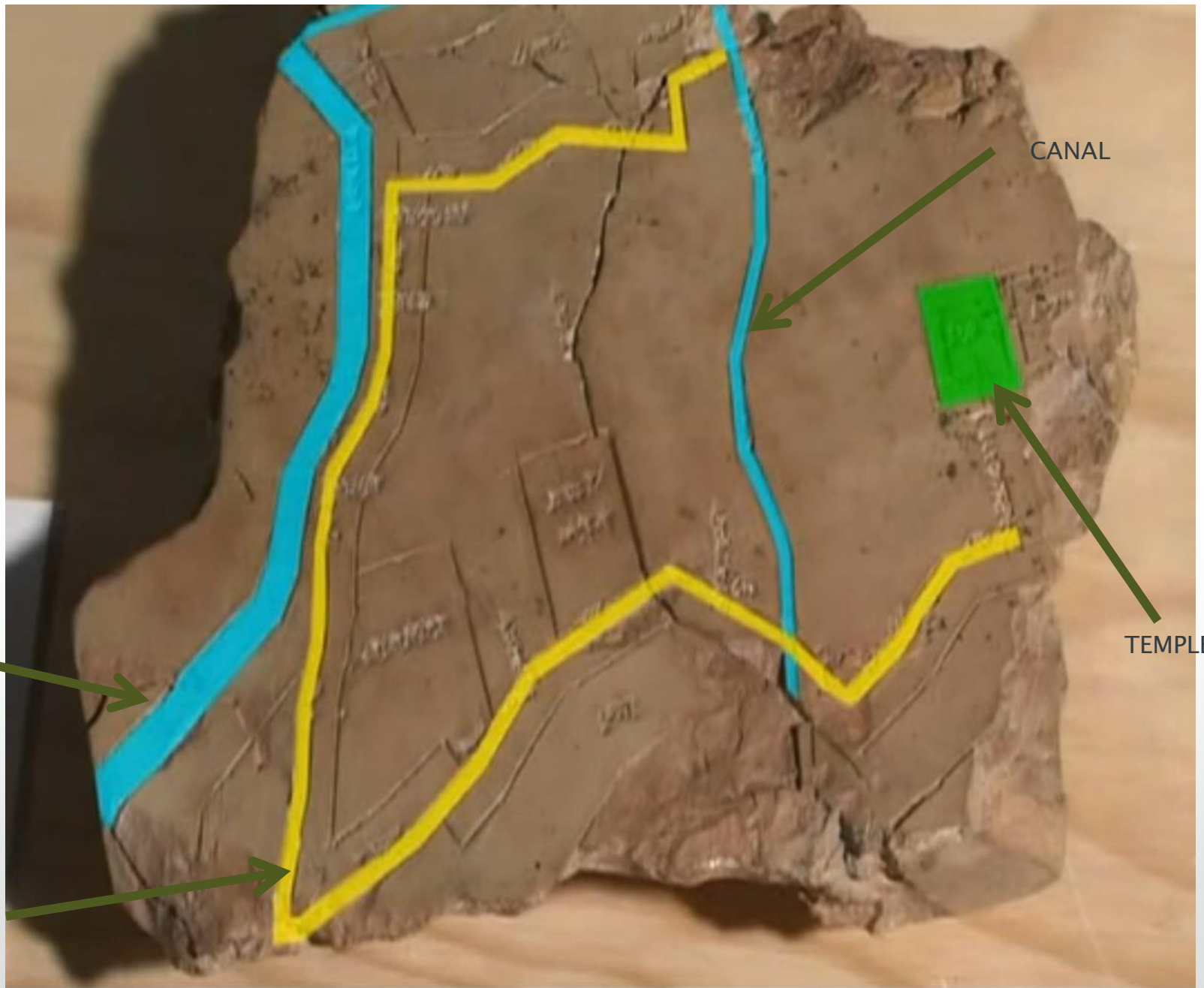


The citizens of **Unug** and **Kulaba** rejoiced and followed him with one accord. He lined up his élite troops.

35-39. After departing from the **temple of Iškur**, on the fourth day he set up camp in **Naĝsu** on the **Surungal canal**, and on the fifth day he set up camp at the **shrine at Ili-tappê**. He captured Ur-Ninazu and Nabi-Enlil, generals of Tirigan sent as envoys to **Sumer**, and put them in handcuffs.

40-50. After departing from the **shrine at Ili-tappê**, on the sixth day he set up camp at **Karkara**.





CANAL

TEMPLE

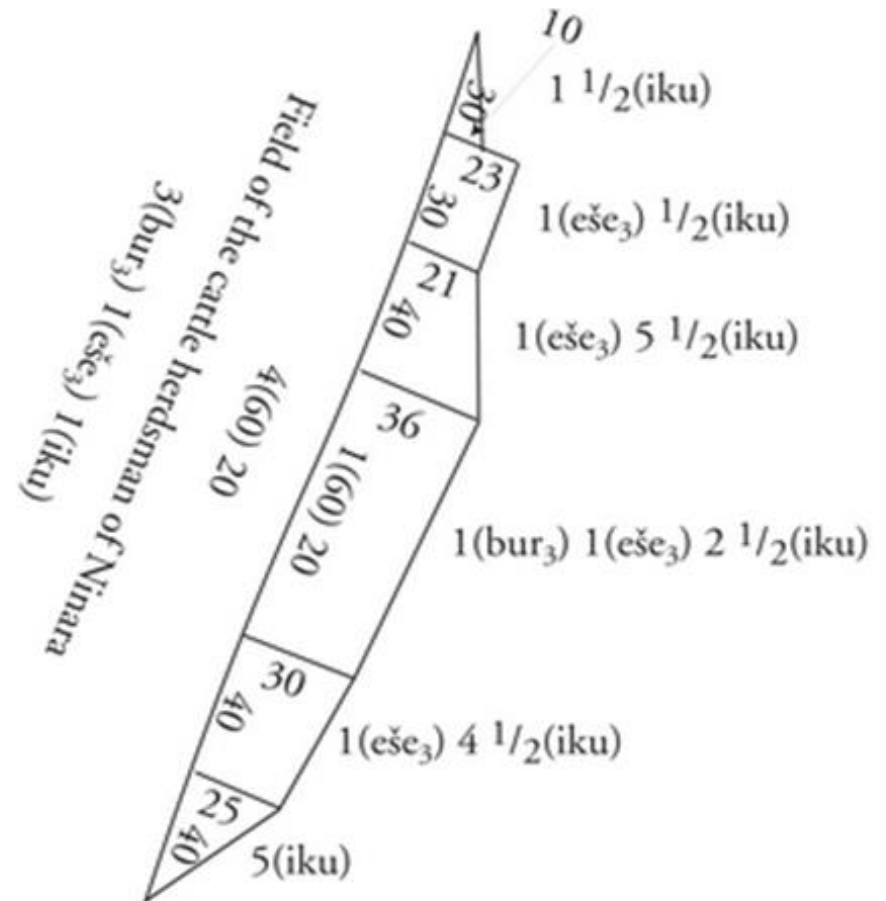
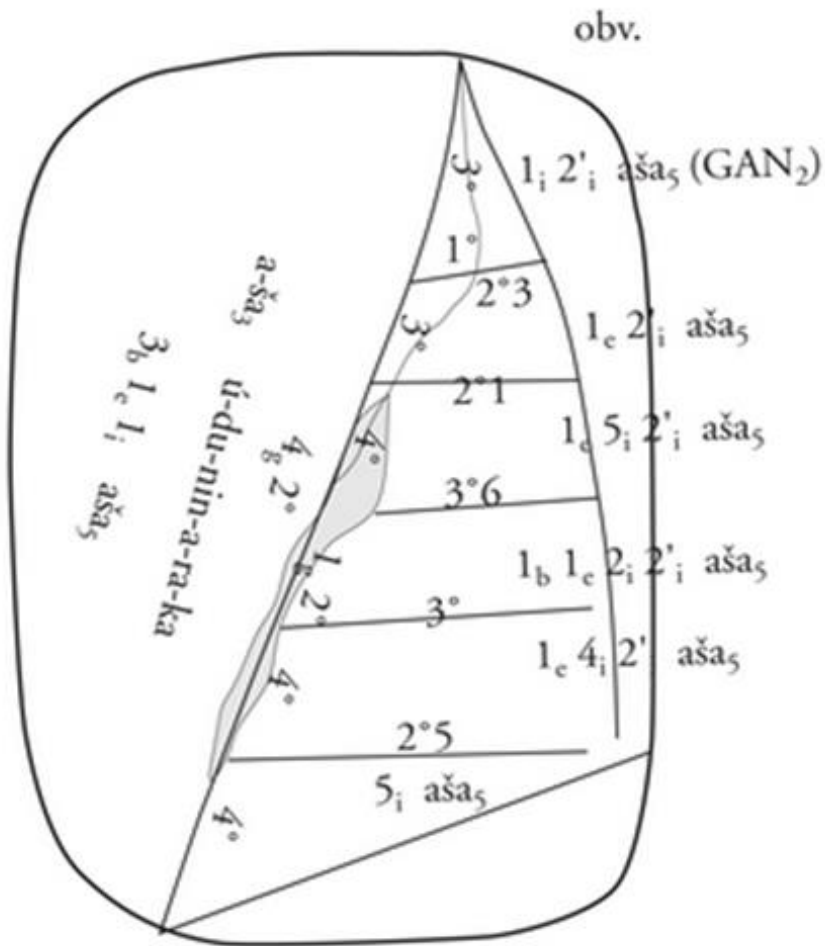
EUPHRATES

CITY WALL



“In my city I dug a canal of abundance and named it the **Keše-kug canal**; in Urim, I dug a canal of abundance and named it the **Keše-kug canal**. I named it the **Pabi-luh canal**, a lasting name worthy to be praised. The watercourse of my city is full of fish, and the air above it is full of birds.”

Ur-Namma the canal-digger (Ur-Namma D): c.2.4.1.4



“Its king, the shepherd Naram-Suen, rose as the daylight on the holy throne of Agade. Its city wall, like a mountain, reached the heavens. It was like the Tigris going to the sea as holy Inana opened the portals of its city-gates and made Sumer bring its own possessions upstream by boats.

The highland Martu, people ignorant of agriculture, brought spirited cattle and kids for her. The Meluhans, the people of the black land, brought exotic wares up to her. Elam and Subir loaded themselves with goods for her as if they were packasses.

All the governors, the temple administrators, and the accountants of the Gu-edina regularly supplied the monthly and New Year offerings. What a weariness all these caused at Agade's city gates!”



# Thank you

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