

## Reading Notes - Enuma Elis

- Tablet 1
  - **Read: lines 1 - 110:** the birth of the God's; the annoyance of Tiamat and Apsu with their clamor; the killing of Apsu by Ae / Nudimmud; the birth of Marduk from the marriage of Ae and Damkina. Marduk grows to be greater than his father, he is endowed with two heads and can see in four directions. Anu makes four winds for him and he annoys Tiamat with them.
  - Lines 110 - end: The annoyed Gods go to their mother, Tiamat, and together plot to fight against Anu and his clan of God's. The God Hubur among them, gives birth to all sorts of monsters, vipers, dragons, great-lions, scorpion-men to help them do battle. Qingu is made the chief among them, he is given the *tablet of destiny*.
- Tablet 2
  - Ae hears of the matter and tells his father Anshar. He asks Ae to fight Tiamat and the other gods, but he can not. Then, Anshar asks Anu to battle Tiamat, but when Anu goes and sees what Tiamat and Qingu have done and all the beasts they have made, he admits that he is not up to the task. Anshar is speechless and is left staring at the ground! After pondering the matter, he summons Marduk and Marduk agrees to battle Tiamat. However, his price is that he becomes the supreme leader of the Gods.
- Tablet 3
  - Mostly retelling of what happened to other characters in the story.
- Tablet 4
  - Lines 1 - 19: Because of his willingness to battle Tiamat, Marduk is made first among the Gods
  - **Read: lines 19 - 28** - Marduk is crowned and demonstrates his power
  - Lines 32 - 85 Marduk then proceeds to battle Tiamat. He gathers his weapon, the four winds, Tiamat cries out when she sees Marduk. Marduk convinces Tiamat to do one-on-one combat with him.
  - **Read: lines 85 - end** - Marduk wins and steals back the tablet of destinies. He cuts up Tiamat and assigns Tiamat and other God's their places in the sky.
- Tablet 5
  - **Read: 1 - 14:** Marduk orders the sky and time
  - Line 15 - end: creation of clouds and mountains, water spinging up from the deep, establishment of Babylone on the earth as the counter part of heaven.
- ~~Tablet 6~~
  - **Read: line 1 - 34:** Marduk creates the savage-man
  - Line 35 - 65: Marduk arranges the Gods and stars and he has them build a shrine where he will dwell - Babylon.
  - lines 66 - 90: the other Gods setup their shrines and are seated.
  - **Read: lines 110 - 120:** the responsibilities of the the human race to Marduk.
  - Lines 121 - end: the first of the 50 names of Marduk
- Tablet 7
  - The remaining 50 names of Marduk