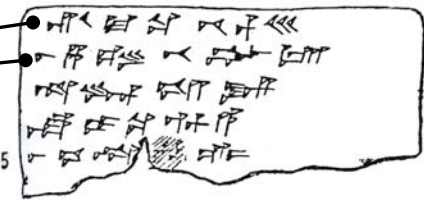
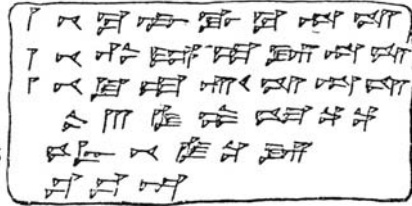


P type

name p

MDP 9, 11

60<sup>BE</sup>ba-ag-ráb-ba du-iš  
60<sup>BE</sup>tí-ya-ad-da du-iš  
60<sup>BE</sup>ma-ad-ri-iš du-iš  
PAP 180 ku-uk-tu<sub>4</sub> BABBAR.BABBAR  
kur-mán<sup>BE</sup>ku-ud-da-ka<sub>4</sub>-ka<sub>4</sub>-na  
hu-ma-ka<sub>4</sub><sup>BE</sup>pár-síp  
<sup>AS</sup>za-am-pè-gir-ip  
du-uh-iš-ta  
ITU ŠE UD DIRIG  
<sup>AS</sup>šat-tù-[...]um



MDP 9, 94:1-r14

[product(s)] [proper name] du-iš (×7)  
1 ku-uk-tu<sub>4</sub> KI.MIN<sup>BE</sup>ma-da du-iš  
[product(s)] [proper name] du-iš (×4)  
PAP 12<sup>BE</sup>pu-hu sa-ma-tip<sub>e</sub>  
[products]  
PAP 13<sup>BE</sup>pár-síp za-am-pe-[gìr]-ip du-[iš]

MDP 9, 238:3

[products] [<sup>BE</sup>]iš-pu-gur-da [<sup>AS</sup>z]am-pe-gìr-ra du-iš

MDP 9, 49:1'

[...] <sup>BE</sup>pár-síp <sup>AS</sup>hu-ri-ip

MDP 9, 187:1-r3

[products]  
PAP <sup>BE</sup>ba-ag-ba-du du-iš  
[products]  
[PAP] <sup>BE</sup>mar-su-un-da du-iš  
[products]  
PAP <sup>BE</sup>mi-ti(?) -lak-šar du-iš  
[products]  
PAP <sup>BE</sup>na-ma-ad-da  
[product]  
<sup>BE</sup>man-du-uk-ku  
PAP 5 <sup>BE</sup>pár-síp <sup>AS</sup>da-at-ti-ya-na-ip  
[product] <sup>BE</sup>ba-ak-si-en-da



MDP 9, 121:1-4

[products]  
PAP <sup>BE</sup>za-man-du-iš\* pár-sir-ra  
\* Hinz & Koch 1987: ha-du-iš < Old Persian \*āduš.

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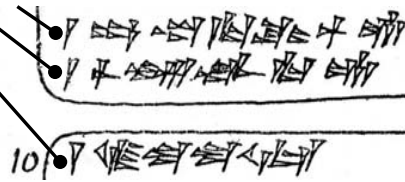
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MDP 9, 47:11-17

60 ku-uk-tu<sub>4</sub> <sup>AS</sup>a-a-pír-ip-pè  
<sup>BE</sup>[pár]-sir-ra\* DUMU bar-ru  
...  
PAP hu-ut-tuk-ki li-ip-ka<sub>4</sub>  
kur-mán<sup>BE</sup>ku-ud-da-ka<sub>4</sub>-ka<sub>4</sub>  
ITU ŠE UD <sup>AS</sup>šu-šu-un  
\* Cf. li-ib-ba-li-kaš-ra-pè-ra or it-ra-a-a-pè-ra in MDP 9, 97.  
MDP 9, 119:7: <sup>BE</sup>hu-ban-nu-kaš DUMU bar-ru  
MDP 9, 282:7: bar-ru DUMU te-[...]  
Neo-Elamite seal from Susa (Amiet 1973: 29, No. 32)  
pár-sir-/ra / DUMU kur-/lu-iš-/na

MDP 11, 307:8-13 (legal text)

<sup>DIŠ</sup>nap-du-ur DUMU bar-ru  
<sup>DIŠ</sup>pár-sir-ra taš-šup  
<sup>DIŠ</sup>ki-li-li KI.MIN  
<sup>DIŠ.d</sup>ŠIMUT-un-ri-ri  
<sup>DIŠ</sup>ki-ti-ik-ka<sub>4</sub>  
PAP 5 gi-nu-ip



MDP 9, 246

[products]  
PAP 2<sup>BE</sup>ku-du-[...]  
[products]  
PAP <sup>BE</sup>ba-ag-ba-du  
[products]  
[PAP] <sup>BE</sup>ir-da-[...]  
[products] [...]  
[products] [...]  
[products] [...]  
PAP 6<sup>BE</sup>pár-s[ip] <sup>AS</sup>da-at-ti-ya-na-ip(?)

S type

proper name name r

O type

[product] [name] p-ip-pè

MDP 9, 166, passim

uk-ku-r[a-ap ...]  
x KI.MIN ...  
x KI.MIN <sup>AS</sup>ša-la-ip-pe  
x KI.MIN <sup>BE</sup>pár-sip-ip-pè  
...  
3 ki-mal-tam<sub>e</sub> <sup>AS</sup>ša-la-ip-pe ...  
2 ša-mar-ráš <sup>BE</sup>pár-sip-ip-pè ...

Glossary

<sup>AS</sup>: determinative for places.  
BABBAR.BABBAR: adj. 'white'.  
<sup>BE</sup>: determinative for people.  
d: determinative for divinities.  
DIRIG: intercalary (month).  
<sup>DIŠ</sup>: determinative for people (like <sup>BE</sup>).  
duhšta: vb. 'have received' | [action]  
DUMU: 'son'.  
duš: vb. 'received' | [action]  
ginup: n. plur. 'witnesses'.  
humaka: vb. 'have been withdrawn (from the warehouse)' | [action]  
huttukki: exact meaning unknown, 'manufactured object(s)'.  
ITU: 'month'.  
kimaltam: n. 'spoon' (?) | [product]  
KI.MIN: 'ditto'.  
kuktu: n. 'overall' | [product]  
kurman: exact meaning unknown, 'under the responsibility (of)', originally perhaps 'by hand (of)'.  
lipka: vb. 'have been deposited (in the warehouse)', literally 'to be present' | [action]  
-na: genitive suffix (in genitive relation to the preceding word).  
PAP: 'total', used as grouping marker for the preceding items.  
puhu: n. 'boy(s)'.  
ša(u)marraš: n., a kind of valuable vessel | [product]  
ŠE: 12th month.  
taššup: n. 'people'.  
UD: 'day'.  
ukkurap: n. 'shield' (?) | [product]

בְּנֵי שֵׁם עֵילָם וְאַשּׁוּר וְאַרְפַּכְשָׁד וְלוֹד וְאַרְם: [Genesis 10:21]

Shem, the third of Noah's sons, had five sons, who inhabited Asia as far as the Indian Ocean, beginning at the Euphrates. Elymus had for his descendants the Elymaeans, **ancestors** of the Persians ("Ελυμος μὲν γὰρ Ἐλυμαίους Περσῶν ὄντας ἀρχηγέτας κατέλιπεν). [Josephus, *Jewish Antiquities*, I 143]

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### Abstract

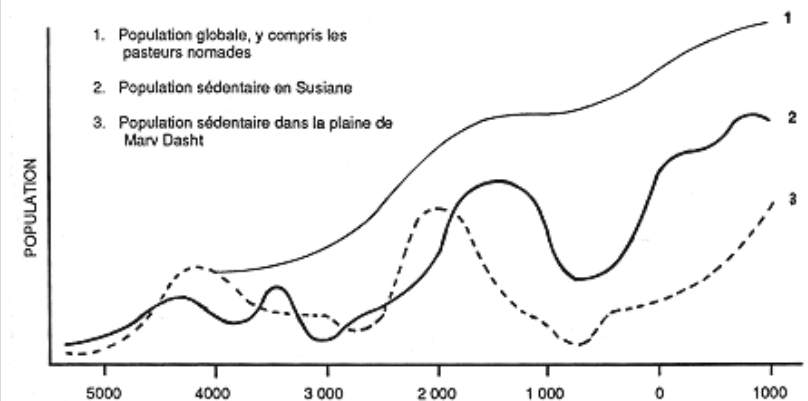
References to Persians before the Achaemenid period are known not only from Mesopotamian sources: as gentilic designation, 'Persian' occurs at least 11 times both in singular and plural form (Elamite *pār-sir-(ra)* and *pār-sip*) in the neo-Elamite administrative tablets from the Acropolis of Susa (V. SCHEIL, MDP 9). In 6 occurrences, the plural form is in concord with people named after a locale; in another occurrence the singular form singles out an individual; in 2 occurrences it seems to mark items as of Persian kind. Often some proper names are related to these occurrences, and most of them are clearly Iranian. According to R. ZADOK (*Beiträge zur Namenforschung*, n.F. 18 (1983)), even the name of the most prominent superintendent (designated as *kurman*) of the administration, *ku-ud-da-ka<sub>4</sub>-ka<sub>4</sub>*, might be Iranian. However, the most striking insight is not the presence of Persian people in neo-Elamite sources, but the evidence for their relationships with the administrative apparatus both as individuals and as a group. Unfortunately, the dating of the tablets is much debated (W. HINZ: 685 BC; F. VALLAT: first quarter of the 6th century BC; G.G. CAMERON: coeval to Cyrus the Great and Cambyses) and the exact meaning of the technical language of administration is still unclear.

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Model of demographic development in south-western Iran from 5th to 1st millennium BC (after Miroshedji 1990: 63, fig. 4).  
Curve No. 1: global population, including nomadic groups; curve No. 2 (thick): sedentary population in Susiana; curve No. 3 (dashed): sedentary population in the Marv Dasht plan.



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